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Nursing program regroups

DACC to seek accreditation's restoration

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

Doña Ana Community College officials sent out letters Wednesday, Aug. 15, to reassure students still in its nursing program the loss of accreditation doesn't mean they can't find work or can't stay in the program.

The week before, DACC was informed the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) had withdrawn its accreditation of the nursing program.

For DACC President Margie Huerta, it is a frustrating action because the nursing program had made great strides in improving the rate of students passing the state's nursing exam, as well as finding jobs for all the program graduates.

The very high demand for trained nurses, however, is a contributing factor to what Huerta said was the biggest problem leading to the accreditation denial – to have held onto accreditation, the program would have needed to add four more full-time instructors to the current faculty of six full-time instructors.

As experienced certified nurses, however, the instructors are as much in demand as the new nurses, Huerta said.

"They can make much better salaries, of course, working in hospitals," Huerta said.

To help institutions such as DACC recruit more teaching nurses, the Legislature has established a fund to help offer better pay, but the economic downturn forced lawmakers to not replenish it fully in order to meet other needs in the state, she said.

Officials weren't totally surprised by the NLNAC action. Following an on-site visit in April, the college was aware of the possible future loss of accreditation, but

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Garrett's hearse returned home

Sheriff to display lawman's last ride

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

The hearse that carried Pat Garrett – the most famous lawman of the Old West after killing Billy the Kid – to a cemetery on what was then the edge of Las Cruces, has returned home.

On the morning of Saturday, Aug. 11, a dedicated crew of history buffs and members of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department traveled to Pinos Altos, N.M., to pick up the antique, horse-carriage hearse from a small museum.

The 118-year-old wooden hearse, draped in protective cloth and secured to a sheriff's vehicle trailer, made its way down state roads until arriving that afternoon at the Doña Ana County Government Center on Motel Boulevard.

The black hearse – with open glass panels for casket viewing – was gingerly taken off the trailer and rolled into the Sheriff's front door, where it was parked in the center of the department's Historical Museum of Lawmen.

Garrett's hearse now joins the museum's exhibits that includes a desk likely used by Garrett and a warrant ledger that includes the name of the man who admitted killing him,

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Members of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department carefully guide the antique hearse that once held Pat Garrett's body onto the sidewalk in front of the department's museum Saturday, Aug. 11, following a more than 100-mile transport.

New impact fees still set to start in 2013

City Council also not eager to increase old fee for parks

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

Although the Las Cruces City Council work session Monday, Aug. 13, was about park impact fees, there was also some discussion about the city's new fees for major roads and drainage set to begin January 2013.

With the housing market still sluggish, Councillor Miguel Silva asked if the fees – which have already been put on hold once – could be delayed until the economy improves.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the city's legal advice is to not delay it twice or risk having the fees challenged, which would begin the process of determining the fee structure all over again.

For a new single-family home, the new impact fees will charge \$1,056 for roads and \$438 for storm water control. There are various fee amounts for apartments and businesses.

In terms of the park impact fees, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Johnston said the current fee of \$800 per unit has been in place for a long time and the council will need to decide to renew it June 2013.

The fees are meant for the city to create new parks in developments. Johnston said the fund currently only has \$1.4 million, while there are \$40 million in recommended projects.

Councillor Gill Sorg said he sees many parks being used by a lot of residents with some better

maintained than others, but the parks are not evenly distributed throughout the city. Although the city is behind in providing more parks, Sorg said his District 5 on the East Mesa is very lacking in parks.

Councillor Nathan Small said some of the better parks in Las Cruces – Young Park, for example – were created with the help of federal funds. With less federal money available, the current fee doesn't generate enough funds to develop nice parks, he said.

"The \$800 fee right now is offering us the worst of both worlds," Small said. "We need to find other mechanisms."

Councillor Greg Smith said the city should still look at a quality

of life referendum in which voters could decide if they want to increase their property taxes to provide more money for parks.

Silva said he was concerned about the quality of park maintenance, but Johnston said the impact fees cover only creating parks, not their upkeep. Johnston said his park maintenance has been trimmed in recent belt-tightening by the city.

Police report

At the work session, the council heard a report from the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) that was hired to review the police department's handling of use of force and other community

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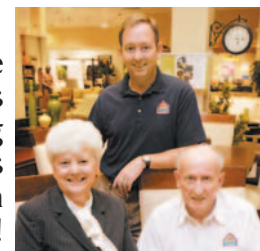
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Celebrating opening the Hatch DACC campus

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Hatch Mayor Pro Tem and state Rep. Andy Nuñez talks about how it took three years to open a satellite campus of Doña Ana Community College in Hatch at the ribbon cutting of the Hatch Center Wednesday, Aug. 15.



DACC President Margie Huerta cuts the ribbon for the \$2.5 million satellite center on the campus of Hatch Valley High School.



Seated are state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, Hatch Valley High School students Shelby Wilkie, Guillermo "Willie" Herrera Jr., Corina Serna and Reyna Angel. Wilkie and Herrera sang the national anthem and Serna and Angel spoke about their experiences as dual-credit students and encouraged their peers.

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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Going to the movies

White Sands International Film Festival opens five-day run at Allen Theatres' Cineport 10

On Wednesday, Aug. 22, the eighth annual edition of the White Sands International Film Festival (WSIFF) begins a five-day run in Las Cruces.

This is the fourth year for the eclectic event to be held in Las Cruces. Thanks to the generosity of Russell and Larry Allen, who have volunteered to host the festival at their luxurious Cineport 10 theater inside Mesilla Valley Mall, Las Cruces has the opportunity to view a wide variety of film productions throughout the weekend.

The festival opens Wednesday with a 6:30 p.m. special screening of "Bringing up Bobby." The movie stars actor and superstar model Milla Jovovich. In the film, she portrays a European ex-convict who has relocated to Oklahoma to raise her son Bobby, portrayed by Spencer List. List is scheduled to attend the screening and will share his thoughts about the movie and will participate in a question-and-answer dialogue with the audience following the screening.

Movie buffs will be pleased that the festival is filled with almost 100 short and feature-length films. Readers can view the complete schedule and movie vignettes in the official WSIFF program in this week's home-delivered Bulletin, or they can pick up a copy of the magazine at more than 300 single-copy locations throughout Las Cruces.

Each day on Thursday through Saturday, films will be shown among four theaters at the Cineport 10.

Wednesday through Friday, WSIFF board members will host VIP evening events following the screenings. The Opening Night Party will be Wednesday from 9 to 11 p.m. at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces. Thursday night, the Filmmaker Social and Sponsor Party will be held from 9 to 11 p.m. at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. The Friday night party will be hosted at St. Clair Winery and Bistro and will feature the presentation for the Lifetime Achievement Award to familiar character actor Jeffrey Tambor.

Saturday night, Aug. 25, will feature the awards ceremony in Downtown Las Cruces at the Rio Grande Theatre. Following the presentations to the winners, the Awards After Party will be celebrated on Main Street in front of the theater.

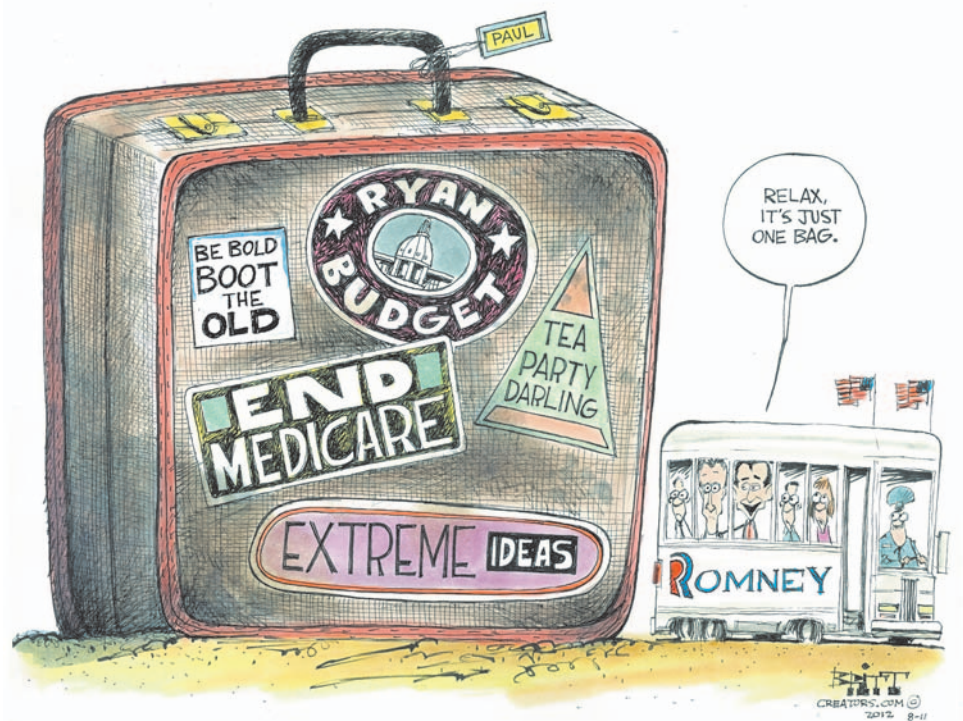
Starting at noon on Sunday, the award-winning films will be shown consecutively through 8 p.m. at Theater 1 at the Cineport 10. Concurrently, two other movies will be screened in Theater 2, "The Hired Hand," featuring Peter Fonda, and "Juárez: Stages of Fear."

Individual and all-session tickets will be available to the public. The all-session passes are a good deal for only \$75 each and are good for all five days.

The best deal for movie fans is a VIP all-session pass that can be purchased for \$175. The VIP passes also allow admission not only to all the viewings, but also include the opportunity to attend the private receptions that will be held each night Wednesday through Saturday. Student passes are available for \$30.

In addition to the movies, workshops will be held Thursday and Friday afternoon at the Black Box Theatre. Topics will be independent filmmaking and screenwriting. A workshop titled "Performing Your Life" will be hosted by Tambor at the Rio Grande Theatre at 10:30 a.m.

WSIFF is truly a unique event for Las Cruces. Seldom do we have such an opportunity to showcase our city to as many film professionals as we will see during the festival. We encourage all readers to come out to the festival and support the arts and filmmaking in southern New Mexico. See you at the movies.



Letters to the Editor

A slippery slope

Fermin-Fermon Torres (Las Cruces Bulletin, Aug. 3) is both right and wrong on the tea party flag incident.

Yes, an apology would be great, but there is no possibility that the tea party treasurer would notice us and so do.

Yes, I agree that the tea party float was an insult to those who know anything about the Southwest's full history. It is an insult to the celebration of American Independence from Britain – a desecration of what America and the Fourth of July mean to many.

Where I disagree is on the tea party's rights. As crazy and hateful as some of their ideas may be, and as dangerous to the USA they may be, tea partiers have every right to say and project them. So do Nazis.

The courts clearly have ruled in favor of even extremists regarding political speech (and marches) under the First Amendment. A City of Las Cruces attempt to disallow such, per se, would not stand. However, if the parade judges had disallowed the float on the grounds it did not fit the guidance given to potential parade applicants, it becomes a different question.

The judges flubbed it big time. A float not fitting the guidelines for the parade getting the prize as best float is a travesty – and now, "...a national disgrace."

Yes, hatred sucks. But getting into political speech banning begins a long, slippery,

downward slope where this country must not go.

The city has said it will review parade and award guidelines for the future. We'll see.

Jerry Nachison

Pack rats dissed

I have to comment on the "Of mice and men" column in the Aug. 10, Las Cruces Bulletin by Scott Svenheim. It is the epitome of misinformation.

Svenheim says pack rats can spread hantavirus, which is a dangerous disease. That is not true. Hantavirus is only spread in New Mexico by the deer mouse group Peromyscus.

Pack rats do have some species of fleas that are capable of carrying the plague, but not hantavirus. They also have kissing bugs living in their middens, which can deliver painful bites to people. Middens often have fleas as well.

Svenheim also says pack rats are the cause of 25 percent of the fires in the country. That is beyond ridiculous, since pack rats don't even live in most parts of the country. They are found almost exclusively in desert areas, which wouldn't be much of a threat in lots of areas.

You don't need to call a pest control company. You can catch pack rats in live traps and relocate them away from your house. Never use or allow a pest control company to use poison baits for pack rats. The poison baits are far more dangerous than the rodents.

Richard Fagerlund

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New Mexicans stuck with party-led redistricting

FBI agent found mutilated carcasses result of natural causes

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



So the cost of redistricting the U.S. House, state legislature and the state Public Regulation Commission this year was more than \$8 million dollars.

Some of us had predicted \$10 million so we got off easy considering what a litigious, polarized, uncooperative, out-to-get-each-other society we have these days.

The call has gone out for an independent redistricting commission appointed by the public. Forged about it. That would take politicians of good will. It ain't gonna happen.

Yes, some states have independent redistricting commissions. Those are states with initiative and referendum provisions written into their constitutions.

The story is that Congress wouldn't allow initiative or referendum in New Mexico's constitution because it didn't want laws "made in the street." They trusted only the governor and Legislature. Too bad they can't see how that's been working out.

Congress did not trust New Mexicans to make laws in the street. But they trusted Arizonans. They were whiter, more southern, less Catholic and spoke mainly English. So Arizonans passed an independent redistricting commission back in their good government days a decade or so ago.

Two commissioners were chosen. They chose a third. And they drew all the redistricting maps. Gov. Jan Brewer didn't like them, so she fired the chairwoman of the commis-

sion, whom she had no power to appoint or remove. The resulting court suits, confirming the governor's lack of power, cost millions.

Interestingly, the Republican contention in Arizona was that the districts weren't competitive enough. It just depends on whether you are in the majority.

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FBI Special Agent Ken Rommel died July 28. He led a storied life. In World War II, he was part of the Army's 503rd Parachute Infantry, which made the famed jump on Corregidor leading to the recapture of the island off the Bataan Peninsula.

In the late 1970s, when mysterious cattle mutilations were being reported throughout northern New Mexico, U.S. Sen. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt asked for an investigation into what was going on.

Rommel, then retired, was hired by the district attorney's office to head the investigation. Rommel's report was decisive and controversial. The mutilations were all naturally caused.

...
Lt. Gov. John Sanchez is traveling again. Soon after he and Gov. Susana Martinez were elected, the governor sent Sanchez on a tour of the state to identify small business complaints around the state. Many thought at the time that Martinez was largely trying to keep Sanchez out of her hair while she set up her government.

That suspicion became greater when Sanchez announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Martinez quickly appeared at a Heather Wilson Senate fundraiser the following day and announced that she was stripping Sanchez of any duties not prescribed by the state constitution.

Since the only duty she had assigned him was the statewide tour and that had been completed, Sanchez didn't have much to do other than sit at home and wait for a call to fill in during one of her El Paso trips.

But now Sanchez is planning a statewide tour on his own. Rumors are his political ambitions are not over. Diane

Denish did the same as lieutenant governor. Maybe Sanchez's trip will turn out better.

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Speaking of those who never give up, former state Sen. Joe Carraro is running for his old seat again. This time, he will be an independent. The seat currently is held by Republican John Ryan.

Democrats likely would prefer the colorful Carraro to staunch conservative Ryan, whose wife, Veronica Gonzales, is cabinet secretary of Cultural Affairs. Maybe some Democrats might help Carraro. But independents have great trouble raising money.

And Ryan can get everything he needs from Susana PAC and the governor's other political funds. It would be fun seeing Carraro perform on the floor of the state Senate again. But it just isn't going to happen.

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Something better than a requiem for the lost ones

Returning college students deserve a boost

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



They are still alive. Some have even prospered. Not many. Most know they lost but not how much. These educational statistics are spouses, children and parents. One moment they have the whole world in front of them. Suddenly, their world has a not so rosy future.

Personally, I do not know how they feel since I graduated from college. Years ago, though, I taught in a community college where I played a role out of "Star Wars." "Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi; you're my only hope."

While I am not a Jedi Knight, "The Force" in education is life changing. For many community college students, it is their only and last hope. Most are fragile and have failed repeatedly in academic settings. If I make them strong, they and their children live entirely different lives. Alas, often before I could, their closet of ghosts intervened and they were gone.

In New Mexico, nearly 60 percent of students who start college do not finish. That is on top of the 35 percent of students who do not graduate from high school. The New Mexico workforce is full of citizens who did not get a high school diploma or college degree. At least there is the GED route for high school dropouts.

Those who start college and do not finish are injured in three ways: first, their time in college could have been spent doing something more productive for their lives. If they joined a company two years earlier, they would advance those two years instead of starting at the first step years later. Second, student loans they took out to attend college must be paid back, but without the earning power of a college degree.

Finally, in the time of my parents, having a year or two of college was a plus. That is no longer true. On a résumé, if a person attended college but did not finish, it is a minus.

One thing that does not hurt is finishing college later rather than four years after high school. The person finished and has the degree. This makes me wonder why there is not a huge

effort in New Mexico to recover students who have left college without earning a degree.

Mind you, many former students left college with a bad taste in their mouth so the effort to get them back in school would have to be extraordinary. Singing the college fight song will not do it. But increasing the population of citizens who have college degrees would be well worth the extraordinary effort.

Colleges have three missions: degrees, research and community service. The most visible mission is degrees. There is an inverse relationship of persistence to ease of entry for college students. The easier it is to get into college, the more often fragile students will get in and not finish.

Personally, I like when New Mexico colleges take a chance on students that Harvard would not. Some students surprise us and get a degree, often as the first member of their family to get a degree, but not the last.

New Mexico colleges all try to keep fragile students in college. But I do not know of any effort to recover the lost ones. That should become a major effort

in New Mexico, where colleges develop new methods to address the barriers for these fragile students to complete their degrees.

In the past couple of months, I have helped a couple of students considering returning. In the case of one student, I went with them to see what barriers there were and to help out. The jury is still out if this student will actually be in college this fall.

What I experienced would preclude most former students from returning. Sad. Even I was discouraged in the effort. How can we retool the colleges to develop a mission to get those former students to finish? It would be time and money well spent by colleges, perhaps funded by their endowments.

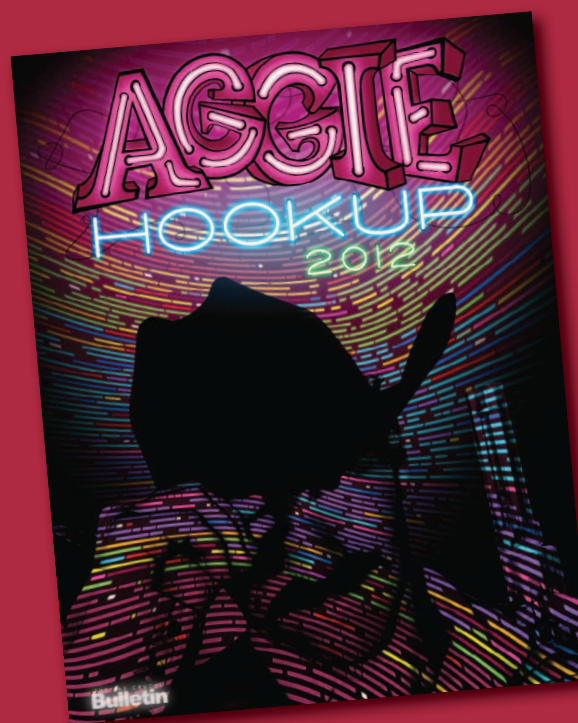
The colleges need this revitalization. Remember, if the colleges can get these students to graduate, they might enthusiastically join their alumni associations and, dare I say it, they might buy football and basketball tickets.

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Guest Column

Higher education is a great investment

Universities need continued support

By **Barbara Couture**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



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The cost of higher education is currently a hot topic of conversation among both local and national leaders.

The recent decision by Congress to maintain low-interest rates for student loans will help prevent the escalation of student debt load, allowing students to continue their education. While we are pleased to see action that will help keep a college education more affordable, we must continue to look for ways to improve access for our students.

In today's economy, a college education leads to more employment opportunities and greater personal income. A New Mexican with a bachelor's degree will earn on average \$16,807 more per year than someone with only a high school diploma.

The unemployment rate for Americans with a college degree is about half the national average and, in our state, more than 90 percent of recently surveyed graduates from New Mexico universities indicated that they were employed.

What do we need to do to ensure that the benefits of a college education are available to all citizens who want to pursue a degree? Instead of falling into an atmosphere focused on a lack of resources, we need to create an atmosphere of "investment," in which state leaders see the tremendous value of investing resources – scarce as they may be – in higher education.

Of course, our higher education systems can be more efficient and each university in our state is working hard to be resourceful with limited dollars. At the same time, we know that our state needs to continue investing in post-secondary education so we can improve the overall earning potential of our students and grow the economy of our state.

A national review of state investments in higher education shows per-student funding for public universities fell during the past five years by more than 20 percent in 17 states and decreased by 10 percent in an additional 15 states. This in large part is why tuition has increased so dramatically during this period.

At New Mexico State University, approximately 72 percent of our students come from New Mexico. Investments that allow NMSU

the resources to recruit, retain and graduate more students in our undergraduate and postgraduate programs will in fact guarantee more success for the state.

It will be these graduates who will become the entrepreneurs of the future, start the companies of the future, and have the high-paying, high-skilled jobs that give companies in New Mexico and outside of New Mexico the confidence

to invest in the state because a strong work force will be here. Our state needs to put more funding into higher education to keep tuition affordable and help our research universities – the University of New Mexico, NMSU and New Mexico Tech – remain world class.

We're up to the challenge. For the past several years, our chief goal at NMSU has been student graduation. We put into place activities that will encourage our students to make graduation top of mind as soon as they enter the university.

Freshman retention programs have been instituted that are designed to engage every freshman and ensure that they are returning to us in their sophomore year. Improving our transfer programs is another top priority so we can assure students who come to us as juniors that they can graduate in two years.

Recognizing that many New Mexico students are the first in their families to seek a four-year degree, NMSU offers many support services. Our goal is to help these students stay in college until they earn a baccalaureate degree by providing mentoring, tutoring, cultural activities, computer loans and study-skills workshops.

When faced with economic stress, it is challenging to put more money into future investments. However, historical evidence suggests that the risks are low when it comes to investing in higher education. We are pleased that Congress made the right decision to maintain low-interest rates on student loans. We also need our state leaders to continue supporting higher education as they did last year.

The decision to increase funding for higher education, after a period of declining investments, was a welcome action. We applaud that effort and say "Let's do it again."

Barbara Couture is president of New Mexico State University.

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Letters to the Editor

Why I vote Democrat

I vote straight Democrat with rare exceptions although I once took pride with splitting my vote. Not anymore.

The far right conservative Republicans, energized and supported by the elite rich's bottomless pockets, are nearly in total command and close to taking full control. The tea party zealots added more fervor to their mission of dismantling social programs that have leveled the playing field for the poor and help create a middle class. This November, I, along with millions, will vote Democrat and take back our country.

My motivation for supporting my party stems from lifelong experiences. I consider myself a party activist who was inspired by icons like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy, Ted Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama – the embodiment of my ideals.

They made it possible, for me and those around me, to attain the American Dream. We reaped the benefits of a socially compassionate political party's efforts that produced equal economic opportunity, public education and a government helping hand in the areas of transportation Social Security, Medicare, parks, dams, housing, etc.

Labor standards to protect our workers became law after they were established with the blood sweat and tears of organized labor – unions made acceptable and protected by laws fostered by Democrats.

I experienced poverty and hunger after my father died in a mine accident during the Republican Great Depression. His death was attributed to a lack of safety rules – safety standards that were later addressed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The New Deal provided employment for my widowed mother under WPA. The GI Bill paid for my college education and made it possible for me to progress from an underground miner to a professional career.

All my children were raised during times of plenty and realized satisfactory lives – most engaged in professional careers with the help of government grants and loans, but primarily through jobs available in a robust economy.

I witnessed continuing progress with improving the lives of women, gays and lesbians

and minority groups.

I basked in the freedoms of speech, religion, travel to anywhere we please, and all the rights and privileges bestowed under the constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I am no chicken little but all of this is under attack by the far-right-influenced politicians.

Maury Castro

Election is crucial

With the general elections just around the corner and two major political parties vying to gain points by outshining each other, it should remind us of what columnist Lee Pitts said years back: "Washington is like a feed lot auction yard where politicians, instead of bovines, are sold to the highest corporate bidders. The stench, however, remains the same."

Indeed, many have already determined which political party will best represent the interest of the American communities and which one will represent the interests of the rich and famous or the infamous.

Do we wish to return to the days of old when Americans struggled to make ends meet, where bigotry, racial and social injustices, hunger and despair prevailed? Or shall we continue with the struggles to make this an advanced civilized nation where citizens do not have to bow their heads in shame of a disorganized, intolerant society made up of a dysfunctional Congress, rich corporate giants and banks who outsource their money and our jobs to other countries to avoid paying their fair share of taxes?

Have we become a nation based on greed, political ideologies, fundamental dogma, hypocrisy and an economy pumped up on wars and rumors of wars?

Those of us hitting the streets to register and educate local citizens of their right to vote hear comments such as "I don't vote because my vote doesn't count." It shows a nation not well informed of a sound political system.

But perhaps the most disturbing signs are the individuals who need it the most, such as unregistered poor families with children, the unemployed, students, the sick and the aged without IDs who will not be allowed to vote.

Surely, for better or worse, the November elections will determine which way the nation will go.

Fermin-Fermon Torres

BaxterBlack



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Praise where praise is due

If there are any heroes in the abandoned/neglected/abused horse quagmire, it is the BLM Wild Horse Program.

The "Unintended Consequences" of Wild Horse Annie's dreams have taken the pendulum of reasonable "wild horse" management to the extreme.

No one who personally contributes his money or time toward the care of these animals doubts that, but many have been caught in a trap of their own making.

One of the most obvious contributors to the demise and destruction of the status and value of the horse, wild or tame (remember they are both domestic animals), are the animal rights groups. Their leader is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

They are stumbling through the nightmare of this continuing horse-abuse landscape of their own creation, lurching like a 35-ton money-sucking tick.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is routinely bashed and criticized by both those who favor horse slaughter and those who don't. The BLM, by law, is allowed to run a limited number of horses on federal lands.

The horse slaughter advocates have always accepted this premise. Most of the animal rights, anti-slaughter advocates do not understand why overrunning the range with horses is bad for both man and beast.

The animal rights groups and their supporters have declared it "illegal, immoral, and abusive" to sell unadoptable wild horses to slaughter plants. But they are of no help

when the BLM has to thin the range herd.

The HSUS, whose revenue in 2010 was \$148 million, does not offer to feed, treat, care for or house the unwanted horses. The politicians who support HSUS (and I assume are supported by), take no responsibility either; like Rick Santorum, (Pa.), Sen. Mary Landrieu (La.) and Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico. What's worse is they offer no help and impede those who are trying.

So, the BLM pays ranchers to keep the unwanted horses in feedlots or pastures for the rest of their lives. Horsemen watching the BLM knows what has transpired was never Wild Horse Annie's dream. To see the carnage that has happened to the horse in our country due to HSUS and their allies would make her sorely grievous.

I have deliberately connected the wild horse problem with the privately owned horse abuse crisis because their plights are entwined and laid at the feet of the same people. But my admiration goes out to those who continue to try to hold back the tidal wave of "unintended consequences:" the horse rescuer, local humane societies, ranchers, farmers, deputies, vets, knowledgeable politicians and the good horsemen and women working for the BLM.

They are like the thousands and thousands of workers still bogged down in the aftermath of Katrina. They work while their foes continue to pour buckets of water over the levee, blind to the legacy they have created.

Black may be contacted through his website at www.baxterblack.com.

It's still not too late to register.



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Coming Up

Peace caravan visits Saturday

A caravan representing a bi-national coalition including more than 100 U.S. civil and human rights organizations will meet with Las Cruces and area residents and supporters from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at Klein Park, 151 N. Mesquite St. The visit is part of the group's cross-country tour from Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego to Washington, D.C.

The caravan will be led by Mexican poet Javier Sicilia, who emerged as a leader of the Mexican Movement for Peace with Justice & Dignity (MPJD) after his son Juan Francisco was killed in prohibition-related violence last year.

The Caravan for Peace seeks to end the failed war on drugs that has left more than 60,000 dead in Mexico in the last five years, and resulted in more than 500,000 Americans behind bars for drug offenses.

Local and national organizations supporting the caravan include the League of United Latin American Citizens, the NAACP, Alianza for Mexican Immigrants Seeking Asylum, Citizens United for Rehabilitation, Border Action Network and the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities.

For more information, call Maury Castro at 541-6099, Stephan Jones at 526-5636 or visit www.caravanforpeace.org or <http://caravanaxlapaz.org>.

GOP women meet Aug. 24

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The program will include the Republican candidates for state representative and county commissioner. Lunch is \$8.25 and reservations are required by noon Monday, Aug. 20.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Anna Mae Evans at 524-4232 or 635-9174.

Model airplane club meets

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club (MVMAC) will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Rawson's Self Storage, 1103 N. Solano Drive. Anyone interested in the sport of model flying is invited to attend.

MVMAC members fly electric or fuel-powered airplanes, helicopters, gliders and jets. Instruction is available. An Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required to fly with the club.

For general information, call Jim Caldwell at 680-8195. For information concerning electric-powered model flight, call John Womack at 522-0785.

For membership, meeting, flying field and future event information, visit www.mvmac.org.

Cross country challenge set

The Oñate High School Cross Country Booster Club is sponsoring the OHS Cross Country Desert Challenge 5K race beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, on the track behind OHS.

Registration will be from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the day of the race. Registration can also be done online at www.2012onatecrosscountry.shutterfly.com. Pre-registration ends Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Entry fee is \$15 per person. Race T-shirts are an additional \$5. Prizes will be awarded in separate age categories.

For more information, call Davie or Kelly Salas 650-3362.

Toys for Tots Scramble Aug. 25

The fifth annual Toys for Tots Cactus Scramble Golf Tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road. Pat Campbell Insurance hosts the annual event with all proceeds to benefit the Las Cruces Toys for Tots Chapter.

For more information, to sign up a team or provide a sponsorship, call 524-8642.

Steam power is subject of talk

Mechanical engineer Floyd Adams will lead a discussion of steam power at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History's Science Café at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Steam brought in the railroads, made possible the grand Santa Fe depot in Las Cruces, and was the power that propelled transportation in our area for half a century. The steam automobile was championed by many a century ago, so where is steam in the scheme of today's technology?

Sigma Xi's Science Café is presented by the Scientific Research Society, in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History.

Anyone needing accommodations for a disability to enable them to fully participate in this event may contact the museum 48 hours before the event at 647-4480.

For more information, call the Museum of Natural History 522-3120.

Butterfly Flutterby is Aug. 18

The Asombro Institute for Science Education will host the 10th annual Butterfly Flutterby at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 18. Park visitors can learn about butterflies and participate in activities such as "monarch migration" and face painting. Doña Ana County Extension Service Master Gardeners will be in attendance to answer questions about attracting butterflies to yards and gardens. Admission is \$2.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces. From Interstate 25 in Las Cruces, head east on U.S. Highway 70. Take the Mesa Grande Road exit (at Oñate High School). Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road and continue straight for 6.4 miles. Turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign and follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead.

For more information, call 524-3334 or visit www.asombro.org.

Chilaquile fundraiser set Aug. 18

VFW Post 3242 will be having a "Legacy Life" fundraiser from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at 2001 N. Mesquite St. The post will be serving chilaquiles, rice and beans. Donation is \$6.

For more information, call 527-0443.

Hearing examines border issues

Congressman Steve Pearce will attend a hearing from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Allen Theatres Cineport 10 in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. The featured speaker will be Zack Taylor, vice-chairman of the National Association of Former Border Agents. Other speakers include Doña Ana County Sheriff Todd Garrison, Manion Long and rancher Dudley Williams.

For more information, call 373-5689.

Mesilla parade seeks entries

The Town of Mesilla is accepting entries for its Diez y Seis de Septiembre Parade, to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, along Avenida de Mesilla. This year's parade theme is "100 Years of Statehood."

Organizations, businesses, schools, bands, spirit squads, antique vehicles, specialty units and other groups are welcome to join the parade. There is no entry fee.

The parade is held in conjunction with the annual Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta, which is from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Mesilla Plaza. The holiday celebrates Mexico's independence from Spain.

Parade trophies are awarded in the following categories: Best Float, Best Band, Best Spirit Squad, Best Overall Entry and Most Creative Entry.

The parade will begin in the Mercado area at Calle de Mercado and Avenida de Mesilla, and will end at Four Points Gin located at Union Avenue and Avenida de Mesilla. The parade route is approximately a mile long.

The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 4. For more information or an entry form, call Ashley Echavarria at 524-3262 ext. 116. Entry forms may also be downloaded at www.mesilla-nm.us.



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Growing up on farm inspires space 'Story'

Future shuttle astronaut displayed mechanical talent at an early age



Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part story.

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

Story Musgrave had more than one screw loose.

"Without gravity," Musgrave said in the April 1994 AARP Bulletin, in a story titled "Shaman of the Space Program," "the screws just dance. As soon as you touch anything, the screws are dancing. And they dance their way out into space."

Aboard STS-61 in December 1993, Musgrave's fifth of six shuttle flights, he ventured out on three spacewalks to repair the Hubble Telescope. "Using a power tool, Musgrave had to remove 20 screws securing an electronic connector, change the unit and put the screws back," the AARP Bulletin said. As the screws floated off, he repeatedly grabbed after them with his bulky gloves.

"Terrible thing to have to catch something that small," Musgrave said, "but I caught them. All but one. I was missing one at the end."

Musgrave, born on Aug. 19, 1935, grew up on a 1,000-acre dairy farm in Berkshire County, Mass. In a 1997 oral history recorded at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, he described how nature and the land formed "the very foundations of my approach to space." Musgrave was only 3 years old when he began venturing into a forest in the area.

"I was totally at home and intuitive. You couldn't get me lost in a forest even at night, and so, I was really comfortable with that entire world and at the age of three I didn't know too much," he said.

At night, he told the AARP Bulletin, he would "lie down on my back on a plowed field and look at the stars," in spite of not having "any idea what a star was." The vista, and his curiosity, filled him with "awe and wonder."

During the day, Musgrave eschewed books and relied on his intuition. At 5, he was driving a tractor; in the oral history he laughingly referred to "free labor" on the farm.

"I became a magician with machinery," Musgrave said. "I could fix anything. ... If I could visualize the function, I knew what was broke."

He was in his mid-teens when he soloed in "an airplane" after, he said, "I taught myself to fly. I didn't have any instruction ... I'd drive this airplane" – what he called a "tail dragger" – all over this field, get going faster and faster."

Musgrave never graduated high school. He joined the Marine Corps in 1953, trained as an airplane mechanic and went to Korea.

Lacking a diploma kept him from flight school. He realized, he said in the oral history, that without an education, "I wasn't going very far." For the first time, books piqued his interest, initially aircraft technical manuals.

"Visualization and just going out to the airplane was not quite enough," he said. "And so, I got interested in college, and went on to college. I didn't know what to study; I had no idea. But, I had to kind of beg my way into college."

"I studied math because I like numbers. Turns out I was good with numbers."

According to "Who's Who In Space: The First 25 Years" (G.K. Hall & Co./1987), Musgrave earned a bachelor of science in mathematics and statistics at Syracuse University. A job at Eastman Kodak "building mathematic(al) models of business problems" followed, Musgrave said in the oral history.

By 1966, "Who's Who In Space" said, Musgrave had earned an MBA in operations analysis and computer programming at UCLA; a bachelor of arts in chemistry from Marietta College; an MD from Columbia University; a master of science in physiology and biophysics from the University of Kentucky; and, a master's in literature from the University of Houston.

He was serving a surgical internship at the University of Kentucky Medical Center when, the AARP Bulletin documented, "NASA dropped its requirement that all astronauts be recruited from the ranks of military test pilots."

"It just struck me like a bolt of lightning," Musgrave said. "There it is, I thought. I found my calling."

He felt his education, as well as life's experience, made him an ideal candidate.

"You cannot be a good space worker unless you're grounded in machinery and tools. It is impossible," Musgrave said in the oral history.

In August 1967, NASA named Musgrave a scientist-astronaut. He was in a class of 11.

"All were extremely qualified, and standing out academically above all of them was Musgrave," David J. Shayler wrote in "Skylab: America's Space Station" (Praxis/2001). Yet they hadn't been test pilots.

On their first day, Deke Slayton, one of the original Mercury 7 astronauts, and now head of the Astronaut Office, "informed them that the program had no room for them, and that if any of them wanted to fly, they would wait a long time to be assigned a seat. Slayton was presenting them with a chance to leave."

Not one of the 11 took him up on his not-so-subtle offer.

"I didn't know I was an outsider," Musgrave said in his oral history.

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“I became a magician with machinery. ... If I could visualize the function, I knew what was broken.”

STORY MUSGRAVE,
astronaut



NASA photo

Massachusetts native Story Musgrave flew six times on the space shuttle program.

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Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta answers questions from reporters about the nursing program's loss of accreditation Monday, Aug. 13, in a nursing classroom.

DACC

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hoped the commission wouldn't take away the accreditation just yet.

"It was really the number of full-time faculty that hurt us," she said.

In her letter, Huerta praised the efforts of the current faculty and students.

"We are disappointed about this decision, and because of the confidence we have in our faculty, the program curriculum, resources and outcomes," she wrote. "We are taking steps toward accreditation. Our plan is to submit our candidacy information form immediately."

Huerta vowed to keep students and the public informed of the process and tried to reassure former students of the program.

Any nursing student graduating from DACC from April 1997 through July 30 are still certified and have a great variety of employment opportunities available to them, Huerta said.

"The most important thing for nursing students is to pass the state exam and be licensed," Huerta said during a press conference Monday,

Aug. 13. "The accreditation was voluntary."

Because of news reports about the accreditation loss, Huerta said she is concerned some students may think the program is shut down, but that is not the case as there are 109 students still enrolled in the nursing program.

Huerta said she is actively trying to recruit more full-time faculty and lawmakers have already offered to help secure more funding for the salaries.

Of the 21 associate degree nursing programs approved by the New Mexico State Board of Nursing (NMBON), only 11 are accredited by the NLNAC, Huerta noted in her letter.

Tracy Lopez, DACC Nursing Program director, also sent a letter to students. She assured them that they would not lose financial aid because of the accreditation change and talked about efforts to get regional hospitals to still hire nurses from the program.

"Rest assured we are doing what we can to ensure you are able to complete your final semester and enter the nursing profession with as many options as possible," Lopez wrote.

Huerta said the accreditation loss does not reflect the quality of instruction.

"It is a very rigorous program," she said.

Impact fees

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complaints.

After holding a series of forums, PERF found that people see current Chief Richard Williams as being more visible in the community and has improved communications. Most residents feel safe, PERF reported, and that the department is using proactive procedures for handling use of force incidents. The report

praised the department's efforts to be more transparent, including the posting of crime statistics on its website.

Miyagishima said he was proud of Williams and the improvements he's made in the department.

Smith agreed, saying it was good to hear experts confirm improvements he believed he was seeing in the department.

Councillor Olga Pedroza said she wanted to meet with Williams to work on ways to more aggressively fight gang activity.

CrimeStoppers



Las Cruces Fire Department photo

Playground equipment at Lions Park, 701 W. Picacho Ave., was damaged by an intentional fire Aug. 5. The damage was discovered Sunday, Aug. 5, and Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for tips on those responsible.

Playground damaged

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for setting fire to playground equipment at an area park.

At around 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, Las Cruces firefighters were dispatched to Lions Park, 701 W. Picacho Ave., where playground equipment was burning on the southwest corner of the facility. Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze, but not before it caused

roughly \$15,000 in damage.

No injuries were reported.

If you have any information as to who may have started the fire you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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Molina gives out school backpacks



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 Youths living in the Highland Park Apartments were happy to see Molina Healthcare's Dr. Cleo Wednesday, Aug. 15, for the distribution of 80 backpacks filled with school supplies. Tony Martinez, supervisor of Molina's community outreach, learned of the needs at the Section 8 housing complex for families as part of being on the board for the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

School news

Register now for ELL training

The Las Cruces Public Schools Dual Language Enrichment and Migrant Education Department will conduct Saturday trainings during fall 2012 and spring 2013 for LCPS elementary and secondary teachers to receive training on English Language Learner (ELL) strategies.

Sessions will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on dates to be determined. Participating teachers will receive \$15 an hour for attending sessions. Teachers can register at http://lcps.k12.nm.us/Departments/Prof_Dev/register/register.asp.

For more information, call the Dual Language Enrichment and Migrant Education Department at 527-5881.

BEST robotics returns

New Mexico State University's Engineering New Mexico Resource Network through the College of Engineering is offering middle- and high-school students the chance to compete in a robotics competition that would have them designing and building a custom remote-controlled robot.

BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) Robotics is a national robotics competition that provides student teams the chance to develop a robot and compete against each other in a six-week challenge. This year's competition will focus on space applications for robotics. More than 400 students from across the state and El Paso participated last year.

The deadline for teams to register is Aug. 31. The competition will be held at the NMSU main campus kickoff is Saturday, Sept. 8; Mall Day is Saturday, Oct. 13; and Game Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20.

There is no cost to schools or students who participate in the NM BEST Robotics challenge. For more information or to register, visit <http://enr.nmsu.edu/best/index.shtml>, or call Tracey O'Neil at 646-7852.

Motorists reminded to watch out

Police also offer safety tips for students back in school

As students and teachers begin a new academic year the Las Cruces Police Department is reminding motorists to be on the lookout for more young pedestrians and bicyclists, and to be particularly cautious when traveling through school zones or near bus stops.

- The basic back-to-school safety tips for motorists:
- Obey all traffic laws and speed limits, especially the 15 mph limit in school zones.
 - Stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
 - Watch for and obey signals from school crossing guards.
 - Be alert and watch for children near schools, bus stops and in school parking lots.
 - Do not pass other vehicles in school zones or at crosswalks.
 - Do not change lanes in school zones.
 - Do not make U-Turns in school zones.
 - Do not text or otherwise use a cell phone unless it is completely hands-free.
 - Unless licensed to do so, do not use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.

- Police also offer these safety tips for students:
- Parents of younger students who ride a school bus should consider escorting their children to and from their scheduled bus stop.
 - Children should not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for, or leaving, a school bus.
 - Students who ride the bus should follow all safety rules and avoid distracting the driver.
 - Students who walk should do so in pairs, or groups, and follow safety rules for pedestrians.

- Cross streets only at crosswalks and follow the directions given by school crossing guards.
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Even mid-week, there is a steady flow of customers to the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market Wednesday, Aug. 15. The market is full of people and entertainment Saturday mornings on Downtown Main Street.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

No. 1 ranking depends on votes

People get to pick their favorite farmers markets

Last year, the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market ranked No. 1 in the country in an online contest.

The contest is back this year and supporters of the twice weekly Downtown Main Street market want to see it remain dominant in large category markets in the Farmland Trust's "America's Favorite Farmers Markets" contest.

To help, people can vote for the market online at www.farmland.org/vote through midnight, Monday, Sept. 3.

The America's Favorite Farmers Markets contest is hosted each year by American Farmland Trust (AFT). The online contest is a nationwide challenge to see which of America's farmers markets can rally the most support from their communities. At the end of the contest, medium-, small- and boutique-sized farmers market will win the title of "America's Favorite Farmers Market" for 2012.

"Taking the top spot in America's Favorite Farmers Market in the large category came at the perfect time for Las Cruces," said Peggy Miller, acting Farmers & Craft market coordinator. "Coming after a 40-year history, the community support was deeply appreciated. The market sends a big thank you to its loyal customers."

The market began in 1971 from a small association of local farmers interested in selling their produce directly to the community. As the city went through an urban renewal process, it evolved to include more of a pedestrian center, creating a perfect location for a Downtown community farmers market.

Approximately 250 vendors

participate in the market on Saturdays and about 50 on Wednesdays. Given New Mexico's long growing season, the market runs throughout the entire year.

Its location on Main Street in Downtown, amidst government buildings, City Hall and other major employers, means hundreds of people pass through the market area on Wednesdays, thousands on Saturdays.

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market is more than just a place to find tasty produce from local family farmers. It also serves as a social hub for area residents. Unlike many markets in the country, Las Cruces allows pets to accompany their owners. The local animal service center has space at the market to promote pet adoption as well.

In current, difficult economic times, the fact that the market takes part in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and senior nutrition programs is increasingly important for many residents. The city and market receive a large part of what the state makes available for these programs. Las Cruces also works with the local farmers' movement, and promotes local food systems. The city participates in local food summits to help educate people about the importance of the local food economy.

"Vendors and customers alike are proud of our market," Miller said. "They all hope to continue the market's No. 1 status as America's Favorite Farmers Market. Please remember to vote before midnight on (Monday) Sept. 3."

Visit www.farmland.org/vote to vote for the Las Cruces market.

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Vince Gill coming for fundraising golf event

C4CR, Tough Enough seek sponsorships

Bulletin Staff Report

Vince Gill is coming to Las Cruces Friday, Aug. 31.

Instead of playing his trusty Fender Telecaster, however, the country singer and guitarist will be wielding a golf club.

The inaugural Cowboys for Cancer Research/New Mexico State University Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink golf tournament, featuring special guest Gill, will be Aug. 31, at the New Mexico State University

be singing, but he'll be playing golf with us."

Tournament organizers are planning a 7:30 a.m. opening ceremony that will include the national anthem and bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace." Later in the day, more than 500 golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter as one of the tournament's many fundraising efforts.

"We're gong to do the ball drop right about noon, as the morning golfers come in and before the afternoon golfers leave," said Denny Cal-

houn, C4CR co-executive director.

"The response to the first-ever C4CR golf tournament is a wonderful example of how the Las Cruces business community embraces the work the Cowboys and the NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink volunteers are doing," said TETWP Co-chair Laura Conniff. "We are so excited and grateful, and playing golf with Vince Gill is going to be a lot of fun."

"We really want to thank Vince Gill for taking his valuable time



Musician Vince Gill will be playing golf, not music, when he comes to Las Cruces Friday, Aug. 31, to participate in the inaugural Cowboys for Cancer Research/New Mexico State University Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink tournament. Flights are filled, but C4CR is seeking businesses and organizations interested in sponsorship opportunities.

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LAURA CONNIFF, Tough Enough to Wear Pink co-chair

Golf Course.

"It's our first tournament and we're really excited," said C4CR President Kevin Davis. "We enjoy when our group and the TETWP volunteers share an event and we're really excited that a celebrity like Vince Gill is coming to Las Cruces to tee it up in our inaugural outing. He won't

houn, C4CR co-executive director. "There will be a bull's-eye on the course, and we're selling 500 golf balls for \$10 donation each. It's a 50/50; Cowboys for Cancer Research and (NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink) get half the money and the person whose ball drops closest to the bull's-eye gets

to come and Barbara Hubbard for arranging for him to be here," Calhoun said.

This year marks the 30th anniversary for C4CR, and Calhoun credited Bryan Foster, dining manager at the NMSU Golf Course, for initiating the idea of a golf tournament.

"Bryan said, 'I'd like to check into

having a golf tournament,'" Calhoun said. "He came back and everybody said it looks positive, he even had people who asked to sign up. It's amazing how quickly it has filled.

"We thought we'd just have one morning flight of 30 teams and keep it small the first year. But we put out word on Facebook and filled 30 teams in less than 24 hours. Bryan talked to the people at the course and they said, 'OK, you can have it all day.' So we added afternoon flight."

While the playing flights are filled, sponsorships opportunities are available. Businesses, individuals and organizations can sign up for several sponsorships.

"We're looking for hole sponsors, title sponsor, lunch sponsor, dinner sponsor, longest drive, closest to the pin, silver sponsors – there's a bunch of opportunities," Calhoun said.

Sponsorships range in price from \$150 to \$5,000.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact C4CR at 526-6028 or at www.cowboysforcancerresearch.org. Those interested in donating \$10 for the ball drop can go to Horse N Hound Feed N Supply, Southwest Abstract and Title, the Bank of the Rio Grande, the NMSU Golf Course or from any C4CR committee member.



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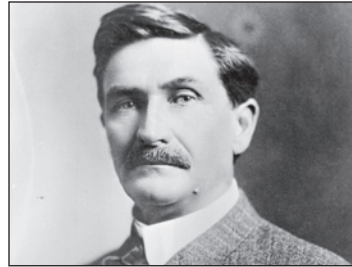


Pat Garrett's hearse is transferred from a Pinos Altos arts museum Saturday, Aug. 11, by members of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department and local volunteers onto a transport trailer. The hearse was driven to Las Cruces, which was its home more than 100 years ago.

Photos for the Las Cruces Bulletin by Bob Gamboa



Cal Traylor is all smiles when the hearse is successfully secured for travel.



This is the one of last portraits taken of Pat Garrett, published in the 1907 book, "The Story of the Outlaw" by Emerson Hough. A year later, the famous lawman would be found slain.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
The hearse is set into place at the sheriff's department museum.

Last ride

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Wayne Brazel.

"Finally," is the only word that Cal Traylor said summed up his feelings about his efforts to get the hearse back in Las Cruces.

The hearse was originally owned by the Woman's Improvement Association (W.I.A.), a group that incorporated in 1894, but it is not clear exactly when the hearse was acquired or where it was made, most likely by a blacksmith. Traylor said there are records that indicate the women's group may have already had the hearse when it filed for incorporation.

There are records, however, around that time that the hearse was stored at the Amador livery stables, which later became the Amador Hotel. Traylor said there is a document detailing Don Jose Martin Amador's concern the hearse was stored so close to a wooden water barrel, which was the only source of water for fighting a fire in the stable.

Although Garrett had been the Lincoln County sheriff when he killed "The Kid" in 1881, he would spend time with the Texas Rangers before being called to Doña Ana County in 1896 to investigate the disappearance of Col.

Albert Jennings Fountain and his youngest son Henry.

Garrett's appointment was to help give him credibility in the courts, because the suspects in the disappearance were deputies with ties to the powerful judge, lawyer and politician Albert Fall. Garrett was elected as Doña Ana County Sheriff the following year and two years later tried to secure conviction for two of the three believed assassins of the Fountains. But the two men were acquitted.

Throughout this period, Garrett's reputation was assaulted in what Traylor describes as anonymous "poison pen" letters in the territorial press, likely orchestrated by Fall. Much of the mythology about Garrett's boozing and gambling comes from this campaign, Traylor said.

"He probably was a social drinker, but I've never seen any credible evidence he was a boozer," Traylor said.

In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt, a friend of Garrett, appointed him customs collector in El Paso, but he wasn't reappointed. Garrett continued to live in El Paso, but he also had two ranches in Doña Ana County, one that was the family home and the other deeded to his son, Poe, who had been crippled by polio. Poe Garrett had leased the ranch to Brazel, but the deal went sour and Pat Garrett was trying to

help his son remove Brazel in a confrontation that led to Brazel shooting Garrett in the back of the head. Brazel reported the killing to authorities, claiming it was self defense, saying Garrett was trying to shoot him with a shotgun over his shoulder.

Even as the W.I.A. hearse was carrying Garrett's body to the Odd Fellows Cemetery, members of Garrett's family disputed Brazel's account and believed that Garrett had been ambushed by W.W. Cox, who bonded Brazel out of jail and paid for his lawyer, Fall, who would later successfully defend Brazel against a charge of murder in Garrett's death.

The W.I.A. hearse would continue taking residents of Las Cruces to their final rest – for an \$8 fee – until Tommy Graham opened his mortuary in 1912 and converted a Buick into a motorized hearse.

Sold to Hal Cox, the old wooden hearse – with its top removed – became a farm wagon, until 1935. It was sold to a Silver City antiques dealer Frank Tatsh, who restored it for his small Pinos Altos museum.

Traylor, a former president of the Doña Ana Historical Society, became interested in Garrett's story after Jeff Isaacks told him that as a boy he heard the shots that killed the lawman.

The fate of the W.I.A. hearse became one of the mysteries around Garrett's death until

Traylor heard about it being stored in Pinos Altos. Traylor said he heard the museum was rarely opened, so it bothered him that people didn't get much contact with this piece of history.

When Tatsh's son recently put the hearse up for sale, Traylor jumped at the opportunity and spent the past several weeks trying to find some way to transport the large, heavy hearse safely back to Las Cruces and a museum to display.

Those issues cleared themselves when Traylor contacted Jim Beasley, curator of the Sheriff's Department museum.

Beasley said he hopes having the hearse at the museum will help draw more visitors to the little-known museum filled with historical artifacts.

"It means a lot to us," Beasley said. "We pride ourselves in being very educational, especially for children."

Traylor said the hearse is also a connection for many of the area's original settlers to their ancestors.

Bob Gamboa, who helped Traylor in the effort, said he believed "Pat Garrett's hearse" will become an attraction for tourists.

"It's wonderful to have a piece of our history come back to Las Cruces when so much has been lost over the years," Gamboa said.

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Election 2012: House of Representatives District 39

Name: Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez

Party: Democratic

Age: Prefers to leave blank

Political experience: Former mayor of Bayard and chairman of the Grant County Commission

Professional background: Journeyman electrician, small consulting business

Education: Licensed, trained electrician, bachelor's degree in business accounting from Western New Mexico University

Family: Three grown children, four grandchildren

Organizations, affiliations: A Vietnam veteran, a member of several veteran organizations

Original hometown or where born: Grant County, longtime resident of Bayard

Amount of time lived in Bayard: Since 1977

Hobbies: Spending time with grandchildren

What do you believe are the key issues?

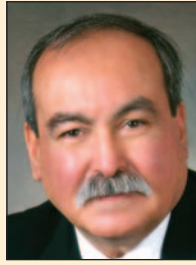
- Water, especially issues with the Arizona Compact
- Education
- Health care

How will you approach solving these issues?

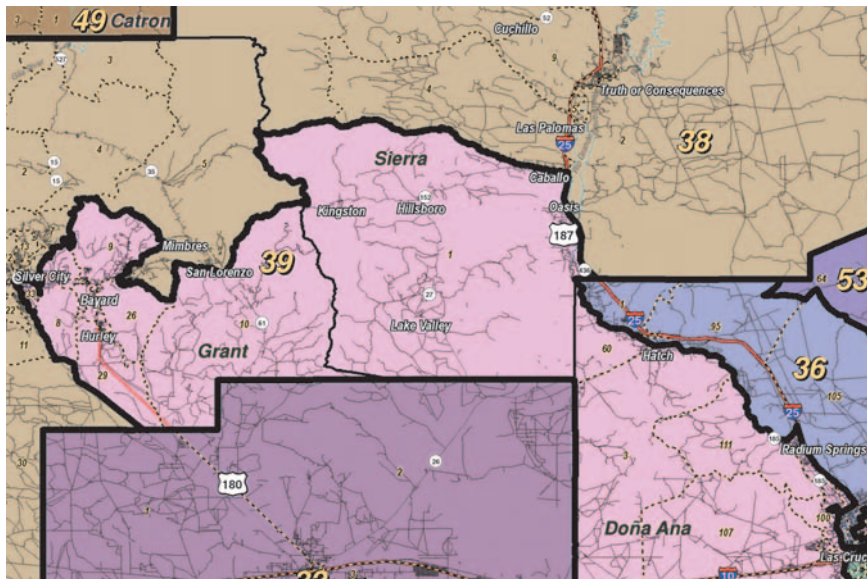
We need to conserve water while protecting water for New Mexico. We need to protect teachers and give students the best tools. We need to ensure that everyone who needs health care gets access to it, especially seniors and children.

Why are you the best candidate?

I am experienced and will work for needs of my constituents. I've worked my way up from the bottom and will be a voice for rural communities.



MARTINEZ



These are the new boundaries for District 39 in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez is the incumbent, but the district now includes areas such as portions of Doña Ana County currently represented by state Rep. Terry McMillan. The new district includes Grant, Sierra and Doña Ana counties.

Name: John L. Zimmerman

Party: Republican

Age: 68

Political experience: Previously ran for county commission

Professional background: Missile testing project engineer at White Sands Missile Range, 42 years in the Navy

Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration from New Mexico State University

Family: Wife Mary with six grown children

Organizations, affiliations: American Legion, Military Officers Association of America



ZIMMERMAN

Current residence: Picacho Hills

Original hometown or where born: Roswell, but moved to Las Cruces in 1967

Hobbies: Golf, basketball, exercise, grandchildren

What do you believe are the key issues?

- Overhaul the tax code to promote economic growth
- Require photo ID at polls, stop issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants
- Improve education by stopping social promotion

How will you approach solving these issues?

Our tax code is driving businesses to other states. I feel very strongly about respect for the law, which is why I'm against anything that supports illegal immigration.

Why are you the best candidate?

I don't look at the effects of a problem, but the causes to find a solution. I am not a "rubber stamp" for anyone and I do my homework.



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Election 2012: House of Representatives District 33

Name: Bill McCamley
Position seeking: House Representative District 33
Party: Democratic

Age: 33

Political experience: Former Doña Ana County Commissioner, served as chairman

Professional background: Small business owner, works for ROJO Ink, as well as working with the New Mexico Rural Development Council

Education: Bachelor's degree in history from New Mexico State University and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University

Family: Single

Organizations, affiliations: None

Original hometown or where born: Las Cruces

Amount of time lived in Las Cruces: Since my family moved here when I was 14

Hobbies: Soccer, cooking

What do you believe are the key issues in this race?

- Job creation
- New economic opportunities
- Ethics reform

How will you approach solving these issues?

It's important to attract new ventures to southern New Mexico, such as Sapphire Energy and Virgin Galactic, while supporting efforts by NMSU and White Sands Missile Range. We need to have targeted tax incentives to attract new businesses. As for ethics, we need to get money out of the election process and increase transparency.

Why are you the best candidate?

I will work my tail off. I will listen and keep an open mind. I will make decisions based on the best interests of everyone, not just myself.



MCCAMLEY

Name: Angelina "Angie" Paz Carver
Position seeking: House Representative District 33
Party: Republican

Age: 57

Political experience: First run for elected office

Professional background: Local business owner, professional family nurse practitioner with experience as a clinical instructor, Navy veteran

Education: Bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington and master's degrees in nursing and nurse education from the University of Texas at El Paso and post-master's studies at the University of Virginia

Family: Husband Keith and four grown children

Organizations, affiliations: New Mexico Pediatric Society, Sigma Theta Tau

Current residence: Las Cruces

Original hometown or where born: Las Cruces

Hobbies: Working with at-risk youth

What do you believe are the key issues in this race?

- Education
- Health care
- Small business

How will you approach solving these issues?

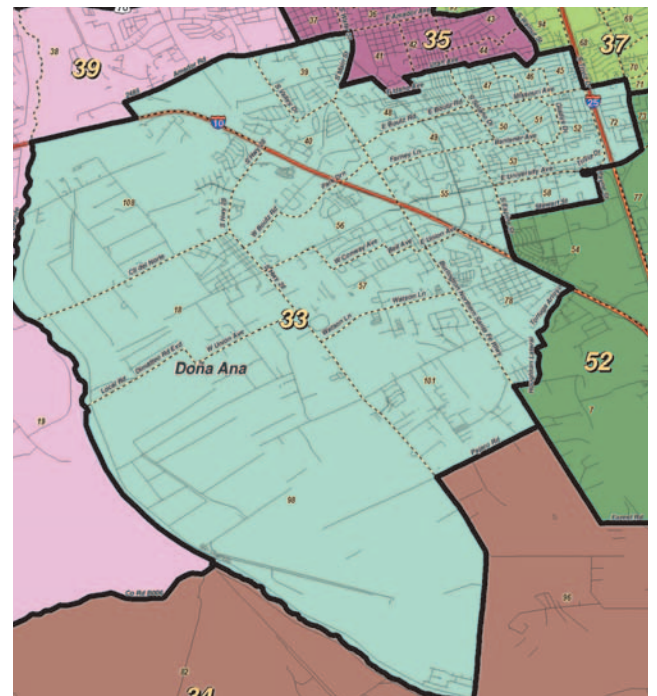
Identify learning problems with children before they enter school. I am tired of seeing the state ranked 49th in child poverty. We have to work for the future of our children. Medicaid coverage needs be extended to age 22 for poor students going to college. Tax incentives should be targeted for small businesses.

Why are you the best candidate?

I am an entrepreneur and a small business owner, I am in health care and I can do it. I am working to help families succeed.



CARVER



These are the new boundaries for District 33 in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Wilson adds local woman to team

Heather Wilson, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, announced that Las Cruces resident Kathryn Hansen will lead Women for Heather in Doña Ana County.

"I became acquainted with Heather Wilson while she served New Mexico in the U.S. Congress and was very impressed by her attentiveness to matters of importance to all New Mexican citizens, not just those in her district," Hansen said. "I admire her intelligence, her straightforward approach to dealing with issues and her strong interest in defense and national security matters."

Hansen has served as the chief operating officer of New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center since 2005. Prior to joining the Arrowhead Center, Hansen was employed at the Physical Science Laboratory of NMSU for more than 20 years. She worked in several technical and managerial positions, including director of business development. Hansen also served for several years as a corporate officer and board member of the Science Education Alliance Inc.

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Ags aim for post season



Jim Hilley
Deflections

The good news for New Mexico State University volleyball coach Mike Jordan is that his team has been picked as the favorite in the Western Athletic Conference for the 2012 season.

Jordan, however, doesn't sound all that comfortable about the favorite mantle.

"I think we are one of the favorites," he said. "Idaho returns a lot of players from last year's team and a couple of other teams are going to be solid, but I like our chances this year."

Jordan said the Aggies will have more depth on the front line this year – as long as they aren't bit by the injury bug that has claimed some middle hitters in the last couple of years.

"There's some good competition going on," he said.

The bad news is that Jordan won't have much time to bask in pre-season accolades, as the Aggies have scheduled another tough pre-conference slate.

"You have to make the assumption that we don't win the conference tournament championship and win the automatic bid," Jordan said. "We made that assumption when we scheduled. We have to schedule teams that are high in the RPI and hopefully get some wins."

"The hard part of that is we are doing this all in the first few weeks of the season."

The early part of the Aggies' schedule includes Northern Illinois, which was in the top 20 in RPI last year, and Wichita State and North Dakota State – both top-50 teams a year ago. All three played in the NCAA tournament last year, Jordan said.

It doesn't get any easier.

"We come home, we host Cincinnati, who was 20th in the RPI last year," Jordan said. "Northwestern is a good solid Big 10 team, and Drake."

The Aggies will play Mountain West Champion Colorado State on the road, as well as Pepperdine – an Elite-8 team last year – and Florida International (FIU).

"FIU always has a solid team," Jordan said. "Then of course we have UTEP and UNM on the road this year."

With added depth this season, the Aggies may be able to pull off some of those high RPI games.

Jordan said he doesn't expect the unsettled situation in the WAC conference to have much of an impact on volleyball.

"Obviously we lost a great team in Hawaii, but we replaced a couple of teams that have been struggling a little bit with some pretty good teams in Texas State and I think Denver has a nice team – Texas San Antonio, they're all solid, so I still think it's a good league," he said.

"I don't know what is going to happen a year from now, when all those guys leave, and who's going to join us, but I don't think it is going to affect us much. I think we will be a contender year in and year out."

'Eyes on the prize'

NMSU strives to stay focused during summer's 'dog days'

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

With fall football practice entering the "dog days of summer," New Mexico State University coach DeWayne Walker said it is important to keep his team focused and their "eyes on the prize."

"We try to be positive and have a lot of team building meetings," Walker said Wednesday, Aug. 15. "We remind the guys they are doing this for a reason, and the reason is to be ready on Aug. 30 and the games that will follow."

Walker said coaches are getting a feel for what the team's strengths and weakness will be this season.

"I think things are coming along pretty good, but you never know until you actually line up and play that first game. The guys are working hard, and the coaches are seeing a lot of good things and things that aren't so good. We are getting them corrected, and we are taking it one day at a time," Walker said.

The fourth-year Aggie coach said he is excited about having quarterback Andrew Manley back out on the field, but he is not expecting any miracles.

"He's been good at times, and at other times he has to get coached up like everybody else," Walker said. "He's definitely good to have out there."

Meshing with the receivers will be key to Manley's season, and Walker said the passing offense has had some good days. Earlier in the week Walker said the Aggies' passing attack may be better than last season.

See **NMSU** on page A21



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Aggie running back Akeelie Mustafa and cornerback Cameron Fuller work against each other at New Mexico State University football practice Friday, Aug. 10.

Trojans must reload offense for '12

Three vie for Mayfield quarterback slot

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The last time Mayfield had this few returnees on offense, it was Michael Bradley's first year as head football coach.

With only one starter back on that side of the ball in 2006, the Trojans managed to reload and finished with another state championship – the second of three in a row.

Guard Alex Guzman is the only full-time returning starter on offense this year, and like 2006, the Trojans have three quarterbacks competing for playing time – seniors Andrew Serna and Elijah Perez and sophomore Kavika Johnson.

"I imagine we'll use more than one," Bradley said. "They have different skills, but they can all run and pass."

Mayfield is piecing together its offensive line this month and the coaching staff has several prospects to work with, including Devonte Weeks, Martin Tarango, Andres Borunda, Shane Tiemann, Raymond Fierro, Jesus Meraz and Tyler Whitlock. Weeks was a standout

defensive player last year and will also start on that side of the ball.

"That's where it all starts," Bradley said. "You have to have a good offensive line."

Perez – if he's not at quarterback – will see playing time at running back, along with senior Marcus Inglemon. Receivers include Brandon Thelen and Casey Peace, and the fullbacks are Narcisco Gonzalez and Andrew Flores.

"The door is open," Bradley said. "We're still looking for starters. We don't want a lot of both-ways starters, so we're looking for kids to step up."

Bradley said the Mayfield offense will be similar to what the Trojans have done in the past despite the many new faces.

"We're not going to change everything because of the personnel," he said. "We're still getting to know the kids and what they can do."

Mayfield may lean more on its defense this year, where six starters return. They include Weeks at defensive tackle, Gonzalez at defensive end, Joel Franzoy and Santiago Miranda

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey

Senior Andrew Serna will likely see time as Mayfield High School quarterback.

White shuts out Crimson at the Aggie soccer scrimmage

Photos by Zak Hansen

The New Mexico State soccer team held a Crimson and White scrimmage in preparation for the 2012 season, and the White team won 3-0.

The White squad didn't waste time attacking, and scored the first goal of the match in the eighth minute, when senior forward Yolanda McMillion found senior forward Cassie De Leon on the right side.

"Overall, I think it was good," head coach Blair Quinn said. "I was pleasantly surprised. We had been struggling in the last couple days to put the lines together. The defending line was playing well by themselves, the midfield line, the forward line, they each were playing well by themselves, but they weren't playing well together yet and connecting."

The White team increased its

lead to 2-0 in the 24th minute, when sophomore forward Jenae Cambra took advantage of a throw-in. In the second period, junior midfielder Mary Kate Koziol tacked on a third goal for the White crew in the 62nd minute.

"I thought, especially in the first half, the White group was really well-connected," Quinn said. "The midfield was outstanding. Those three - Elise (Nordin), Mary Kate (Koziol) and Daisy (Hernandez) - are very good together. They were getting more options out of the forwards and finding things to get in, and we scored a couple great goals, and a good one at the beginning of the second half."

The Aggies open the regular season at Boise State in the Holiday Inn Classic, Friday, Aug. 17, in Boise, Idaho.



Aggie midfielder Elise Nordin dribbles the ball as Miranda Valdez defends.



Daisy Hernandez leaps into the air after the ball.



Lauren Cope and Vanessa Thomas both slide for the ball Friday, Aug. 10, at the New Mexico State University Soccer Complex.



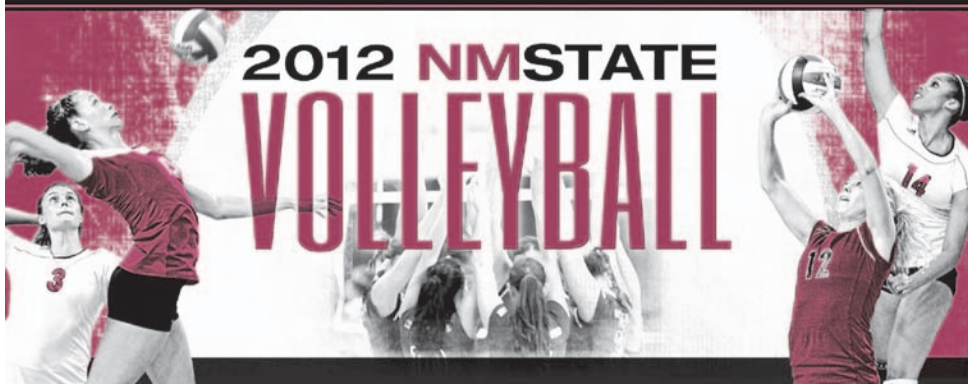
Katelyn Smith and Cope battle for possession of the ball.



Courtney Irwin kicks the ball downfield just ahead of Smith.



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4-H rodeo results listed

Youth from around state compete at fairgrounds

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Four Doña Ana County youths won All-Around Awards during the July 28-29 4-H State Rodeo held at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

The county All-Around winners were: Lindsey Wilken, senior, 56 points, and Jocelyn Massey, novice, 57, first place trophy saddles. Jordan Morris, senior, 51 points, second place trophy breast collar. Bailey Massey, novice, 46 points, third place trophy vest.

Other All-Around winners from around the state were:

First place, Baylee Henderson, junior, Sierra

County, 65 points. Second place, Shaci Marr, novice, Otero, 58, and Jake Smith, junior, Catron, 63. Third place, Derek Runyan, junior, Grant, 47.5 points, and Cordell, Davis, senior, Grant, 47.

Doña Ana 4-H youths who won All Around Daily Buckles were:

Jocelyn Massey, novice, 34 points; Morris, 28; Bailey Massey, 25, and Wilken, 25.

County youths All-Around Event Buckle winners were:

Break-away roping, Brewen Middagh, novice, 5.09 points. Barrels, Bailey Massey, 18 points, and Morris, 17.8. Flag race, Jocelyn Massey, 7.5 points. Ribbon roping, Baylee Massey, 7.5 points. Goat tying, Morris, 10.7 points.

NMSU

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"Like anything else in training camp, some days are really good. Other days you have to put it past and make your corrections and move on to the next day," Walker said.

"I think (Kemonte) Bateman and (Austin) Franklin and some of the other receivers have had some good days as well."

While Walker has said he would like to red-shirt sophomore quarterback Travaughn Colwell, it is too early in the season to determine if it will work out that way.

"We are just going to get through camp and kind of see where we end up week in and week out," Walker said. "That will kind of take care of itself."

With defensive lineman Donte Savage back after losing a year due to academics, and Alexander LaVoy moved to the defensive end position, Walker said the Aggies will be stronger up front on defense.

"We are definitely more athletic with those two guys at end," he said. "(linebacker) Trashaun Nixon brings some athleticism, (strong safety) George Callender does also. We feel like we are definitely bigger and more athletic on defense."

"I think we have more depth at the tackle position," Walker said. "I really feel like we've kind of beefed up the middle of our defense."

Walker has several Las Cruces players on his roster, and they will get an opportunity to compete for the Aggies this season.

"We'll know more about that as the season progresses, but these kids are working hard like anybody else, and everybody's going to get an opportunity. We are evaluating these guys through camp to see who our best players are."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
DeWayne Walker directs the Aggies.

Paying tribute to Crooks

Kelsey Crooks earned friendship and respect



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

When I heard that Kelsey Crooks had died, the first thing I thought of was a conversation I had with him and David Bonney poolside in Miami. Bonney was a men's basketball walk-on, and we were in South Florida to play Florida International. The two were updating me on the current (2002) phrases used by young people of the day, since "23 Skiddoo" was a little dated.

It wasn't a meeting with a deep introspective view of the world, it was about music and girls and whose pro team was better, etc.

I have had several other memories come back since, like the fact that Crooks always wore an old Cubs hat that looked like it had been chewed up by someone's Pekingese or our differing musical tastes.

That poolside conversation remained with me because it was just three guys having fun – not separated by age or perceived status within the athletic department.

Crooks was easy to talk to, regardless of the subject. He never declined giving an interview and always gave you some good material even in less than favorable circumstances.

By the time he was a junior, he had established himself as a legitimate Division I starter at small forward. He was a prototype for that position. He could knock

down a three in the course of running the offense, he had the quickness and agility to guard players his size, and when he had a bigger man to mark his quickness normally led to turnovers for the Aggie cause.

The one clear game memory was in the Pan American Center, the Aggies were leading by a point and had Chris Jackson at the line for a one-and-one. Six seconds remained, and the Aggies needed this game against North Texas.

Jackson missed, but Crooks skied to spear the offensive rebound and dribbled out the final seconds, sealing the victory. It clearly was the play of the game, but was just one of several things Crooks did during his Aggie career to help his team win.

He played his upper division ball for a pair of Aggie Hall of Famers. At Oñate High School, his coach was Richard Robinson, and at NM State, Lou Henson was his mentor.

He came from a family with an Aggie athletic history – his dad, Jack, played football for the Crimson and White in the early 1970s.

Now at 31 years old he is gone, reminding us of how quickly life's candle burns down.

You can pay your tribute to Crooks at a memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Oñate High School.

Crooks earned his bachelor's degree at NM State and earned the friendship and respect of everyone he came in contact with.

Mayfield

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at linebacker, and Inglemon and Thelen in the secondary. Safeties Perez and Seth Bayles also saw some action last season.

"We have a lot of tradition here at Mayfield and I think these kids will respond," Bradley said. "We have decent size and decent speed this year. We've had a very good first week of

practice. We're hammering away. It's a process."

The Trojans, who finished as the state runner-up last season to Cleveland, open the season Thursday, Aug. 30, at El Paso El Dorado, followed by another Thursday road game at El Paso Franklin Sept. 6, and a home game Friday, Sept. 14 against a highly touted Carlsbad team.

"We have a lot of questions on offense," Bradley said. "And we have to answer them quick, because we're starting off with three really tough games."



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Onthegreen

Growth, LCCC, technology, loss: random thoughts

Too few courses?



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

In case you haven't heard, the sport of golf, along with the rest of the country, is struggling to make it through a recession.

Although, as I remember, people weren't spending \$30 a plate for restaurant dinners or half their discretionary household budgets on Twitter accounts during past recessions.

According to published data, the golf business lost more than 1 million golfers between 2009 and 2010. In an article in the February issue of SI Golf, the developer of Oregon's Bandon Dunes Resort, Mike Keiser, had this to say: "The counter-

vailing trend is that baby boomers number 80 million and will be going to more leisure activities, including golf. That's a huge number for the next 14 years. That big clump starts to retire this year, and it's already affecting Mexican real estate, for one, and retirement communities in the Southwest and the South, both of which will probably be adding courses soon."

When I read that, I practically flipped, not about boomers moving to Mexico, but about new golf courses. I don't know what Mr. Keiser has been smoking, or whether it's from Mexico, but I do know this: Almost 1,000 golf courses have closed over the last four years (including some muni's), and more are destined to do so. And Keiser says the industry will be adding courses?

I don't think so

I have attended the PGA Golf Show in Orlando for the past 15 years and every year it amazes me how out of touch golf industry leaders are with the general golfing public. They're certainly in touch with the tour pros and celebrities (like Alice Cooper), but not the everyday schmos that chop it around burned out grass. The fact is that golf takes too long, is too expensive, and is too slow.

Younger people, even middle-aged folks these days, would rather manage their Face-

book page, Twitter the world, check out their latest apps and endlessly text their friends than tolerate a five-hour round of golf. Who knows what the boomers are doing?

Some need not apply

While I'm on the subject, golf-industry gurus have been on a big push for the past dozen years trying to do what they call "grow the game." That very phrase is simply a euphemism for upping the gate and boosting revenue.

As I think about the implications of growing the game, I realize that sometimes I'd like to shrink the game. In fact, there are a number of individuals I would not like to see take up the game, and others I'd rather see quit the game.

Let's take golfers who play at a snail's pace without regard for anyone else on the prop-

erty. We don't need sandbaggers, cheats, whiners and sour losers playing golf. I would rather not see cretins in cutoff jeans and wifebeater shirts taking up space on finely mowed greens. The idiots who fail to repair their divots and ball marks, while molesting the circular cup rims are not welcome in my view. The dim-wits who are miserly tippers and disrespect or otherwise hassle the cart girls can find

an outlet other than golf for brutishly wasting their time.

The regular golfers with whom I play prefer to understand golf as a genteel game played by courteous ladies and gentlemen who dress and behave in a socially proper manner and who follow golf etiquette closely. If growing the game means sleeping in your car in the muni car-park, putting a ball in the starter's rack and dealing with bozos, leave me out.

Country club set happy at last

Last weekend, I played in the annual Phil Woods two-man tournament at Sonoma Ranch. Phil, local owner of Fairway Golf, has been doing the two-man scramble at Las Cruces Country Club, but now most of the LCCC golfers are playing at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Other LCCC golfers dispersed to Red Hawk, New Mexico State

University, Picacho Hills and White Sands. The no-handicap scramble was won by Justin Dahrling, head PGA pro at Sonoma, and his partner Ernie Ortiz with a score of 63. After that stellar round, Ortiz, a 22 handicapper and Navy veteran, was heard to remark, "Yeah, I even contributed."

It seems that the LCCC golfers are settling into their new digs and even beginning to enjoy the longer, wider Sonoma Ranch Golf Course with much bigger greens than they were used to at the country club. One former LCCC member told me "Some of our handicaps went up at first when we started to play here, but now they're coming down as we're more comfortable with this place."

Everyone I talked to in the country club crowd had nice things to say about Sonoma Ranch. But it is evident they miss the intimacy of the old place.

"There were longstanding groups that played at set times like 10 a.m.," said one fellow who played at the country club for years. "You could just show up at whatever time those groups played every day and get a game. I miss that. But you know, maybe we'll get that back one day."

Technology saves the day

After several surgeries, injuries (it's not easy getting older) and golf lessons, I have begun playing respectable golf lately. So, I decided to do an experiment.

My inspiration was an article I read a few months ago in Sports Illustrated about how the game has changed in the past 30 or 40 years, how equipment has changed it and whether the Tour needs to throttle back gear.

Next to a picture of a classic wooden driver the caption read, "Less forgiving equipment, like persimmon drivers, would separate the truly skilled players from the rest of the pack on Tour."

So, I went out to the garage and found two clubs I used to play with in the 1970s; a driver and a three wood, both First Flight persimmon clubs, and still beautiful. Then I found a 7 iron from the 1960s, which was a blade my father used. I took all three clubs to the golf course and tried to hit with them.

I did the best with the 3 wood (a real wood, not a metal wood), but I was 30 yards short of my Callaway RAZR 3 wood. I could only hit the 7 iron 130 yards; some 20 yards short of my current club. I couldn't hit the driver within 40 yards of my TaylorMade Rocketbalz driver and not as straight. I blame the much smaller wooden heads, the older stiff steel shafts and the fact that the woods are two inches shorter than my shafts now.

Graphite shafts and 460 cc driver heads are what a friend of mine calls "money." Clubs that feature "game improvement" are wonderful things. Thank you, technology.

Ace in the hole

Congratulations to Bob Logeifeil for a hole-in-one on No. 8 at Picacho Hills Country Club on Wednesday, Aug. 8. I was there; I saw the shot. It was a seven iron to a 151-yard hole with the flag as close to the center bunker as you can get. It wasn't one of these shots that caroms off a ball-washer and hits a rake before slamming into the flagstick and into the hole. No, Logeifeil's shot was as good "as seen on TV."

Logeifeil has been playing masterful golf for close to 70 years and that was his 19th career ace. Hope you get many more, even if it does cost me a few bucks.

We'll miss you, Dan

On Aug. 2, we lost a good friend and golfer when Dan Dolan passed.

Dan was a graduate of Marquette Law School and was an Army veteran serving in the Army JAG Corps. Dan was a full-time practicing attorney here in Las Cruces for part of the last four decades. He was respected by all he knew, including church and civic groups, the legal community and the golfers he played with. He was a three-time club champion at Picacho Hills, and finished as runner-up several other times. I had played many rounds with Dan, and I speak for every other golfer that knew Dan, that he was the consummate gentleman on and off the golf course.

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. Contact Blanchard at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.



“Everyone I talked to in the country club crowd had nice things to say about Sonoma Ranch.”

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Ags favored in volleyball

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The Western Athletic Conference volleyball coaches have selected New Mexico State University as the favorite to win the WAC regular-season crown in 2012.

The coaches also voted on the preseason award winners, and Aggie sophomore outside hitter Meredith Hays was the pick for WAC Preseason Player of the Year.

NMSU received eight of the 10 first-place votes with Idaho earning the other two. The Aggies earned 79 total points, followed by Idaho with 67. The University of Texas-San Antonio was picked to finish third with 58 points, followed closely by Utah State in fourth with 57 points and Texas State in fifth with 52. Denver was picked sixth with 43 points, while San Jose State was selected seventh with 34 points. University of Texas-Arlington, Seattle University and Louisiana Tech rounded out the poll with 27, 18 and 15 points, respectively.

"Preseason polls don't mean much," NMSU coach Mike Jordan said. "No one is going to give us points and wins, we've got to go out and earn them."

NMSU placed the most players on the preseason All-WAC team with three, while Idaho, UTSA and Utah State had two apiece. Joining Hays on the preseason team are teammates Lauren Loerch and Desiree Scott, Idaho's Alex Sele and Allison Walker, UTSA's McKenzie Adams and Whitney Walls, Utah State's Shay Sorensen and Joselyn White, Denver's Faimie Kingsley, San Jose State's Alex Akana and Texas State's Amari Dearthoff.

Hays was a 2011 first team All-WAC member as a freshman and the 2011 Freshman of the Year. She is only the second Aggie ever to

earn that honor. She led the WAC and ranked 18th in the nation in both kills per set (4.42) and points per set (4.94). Hays also led the WAC with 500 kills on the season.

Scott played in 98 sets as a sophomore last season, ranking second on the team in blocks per set (0.78) and third in total blocks (76). She was a perfect six kills on six attempts during a sweep of Utah State on Oct. 1, 2011.



HAYS

Loerch, a cousin of former Aggie great Stevi (Adams) Maytubby, comes to NMSU as a transfer from California. She was a part of the 2010 Bear team that reached the NCAA National Championship match against Penn State.

The 2012 season begins the weekend of Aug. 24 with all 10 teams in action. The 2012 WAC

Volleyball Tournament, hosted by UTSA, will be held Nov. 19-21, at the Convocation Center in San Antonio, Texas, and will include the top eight teams in the regular-season standings. The championship match will be televised live on ESPN.

The NMSU volleyball team hosts its annual Alumni Match, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, in the Pan American Center. Admission is free.

The NMSU volleyball team's annual First Serve Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Tickets are \$45 for an individual or a table near the front seating six guests and two Aggie volleyball players is \$400.

Kyle Doperalski will be the emcee and coach Jordan will talk about the upcoming season and introduce the Aggies' new players.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 646-7714.

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SportsSchedule

Centennial High School

Tuesday, Aug. 21 . Volleyball Anthony High School..... 6 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24 Girls Soccer Oñate High School (JV)..... 6 p.m.
Volleyball At Eunice Volleyball Tournament..... TBA



Las Cruces High School

Tuesday, Aug. 21 . Boys Soccer Deming High School 5 p.m.
Girls Soccer Deming High School 5 p.m.
Volleyball Eastwood High School 5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24 Girls Soccer at Hobbs High School 4 p.m.
Boys Soccer at Hobbs High School 6 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Tuesday, Aug. 21 . Volleyball Franklin High School 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24 Boys Soccer at Rio Rancho High School 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer Rio Rancho High School 4 p.m.



Oñate High School

Tuesday, Aug. 21 . Volleyball at Clint High School 6:30 p.m.
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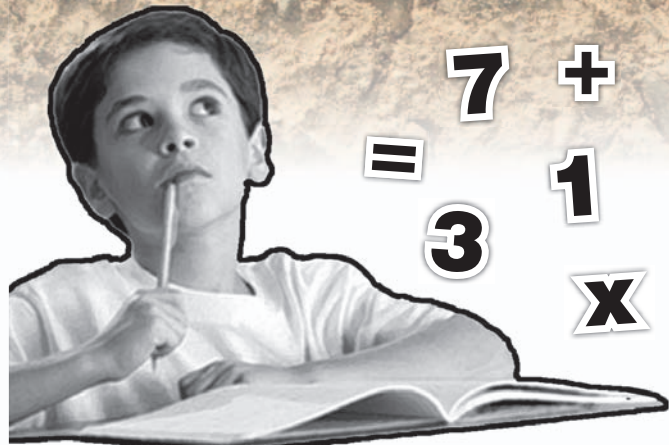
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In the news

NMSU regents to meet Monday, Aug. 20

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Center on the Las Cruces campus.

A closed executive session will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 20, in Room 2 of the Educational Services Center on the Las Cruces campus to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters in accordance with sections 10-15-1 H (2), (7), and (8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Copies of the agenda for the regular meeting will be available at NMSU's Zuhl Library no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting and also will be posted on the university website at nmsu.edu/Administration/regents_meeting.html.

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Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Contact the Office of the Regents' Chief of Staff at 646-2356 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Chávez elementary's open house draws many

César E. Chávez Elementary School had more than 600 parents and community members in attendance at its registration and open house event Aug. 10, said teacher James Dickerson.

"The staff cooked up hot dogs for this event," which was "a big hit with parents, students and staff," said Dickerson. The César E.

Chávez Elementary Parent Teacher Organization was on hand to help sign up new members for 2012-13, he said.

"We are very grateful to Albertsons for their help (with the open house)," said César E. Chávez Elementary Principal Carmen Gallegos-Marrujo. "We were very happy with the turnout and are eager to start this new year."

Teachers: Register now for ELL training

The Las Cruces Public Schools Dual Language Enrichment and Migrant Education Department will conduct Saturday trainings during fall 2012 and spring 2013 for LCPS elementary and secondary teachers to receive training on English Language Learner (ELL) strategies, said LCPS Assistant Director of Instruction for Dual Language Enrichment and Migrant Education Programs Roberto Lozano.

Sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on dates to be determined, said Lozano.

Participating teachers will receive \$15 an hour for attending sessions. Teachers can register at http://lcps.k12.nm.us/Departments/Prof_Dev/register/register.asp.

The workshops will allow elementary and secondary teachers to learn and practice instructional strategies for ELLS based on new Common Core State Standards and New Mexico World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA – an educational consortium that includes New Mexico and 28 other states) English Language Development standards, said Lozano.

"Participants will also focus on specific classroom subjects to maximize instructional strategies to address the needs of ELLS," he said.

For more information, call the Dual Language Enrichment and Migrant Education Department at 527-5881.

Tea party meets NAACP



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Tea party members Tom Cooper and Harvey Baldwin explain to the local chapter of the NAACP Thursday, Aug. 9, why they didn't consider it offensive to post a Confederate flag on its float at the Electric Light Parade July 3, which won top honors. Baldwin said the flag is part of New Mexico's history and he sees the flag as a symbol of rebellion against an oppressive government. NAACP members said they see the flag as symbolizing slavery and bigotry.

Tresco Tots shop with a cop



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Walmart shopping carts were full after a morning of shopping for school supplies Saturday, Aug. 11, to help some 50 children with developmental disabilities have school supplies ready when classes started this week. At the check-out lane are: Stephanie Salazar of Tresco Tots; Analisa Martinez, Tresco; Miguela Abeyta, Tresco; Diego Torres, 6; Bianca Powers, 5; Andres Nevarez, president of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, which conducted fundraising for buying the school supplies; and Lupe Strose, Lilian Ruiz, Norma Casaco and Aurora Alvarez, all of Tresco.

Cookin' men at work

Honey Pearson starts up the gumbo while Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima grills his chicken yakatori in the kitchen of the Las Cruces Convention Center Saturday, Aug. 11, for the Men Who Cook fundraiser for the Mesilla Valley Hospice.

This year, judges also deemed the following as best in the cooking event. Appetizers went to Philzy's Caribbean Cream of Pumpkin Soup, Phil San Filippo, Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau. Side dish went to Glace and Kondoal, Dustin Wagner, Native Air-Air Methods Corp. The Bacon, Onion, and Apple Stuffed Pork Loin by Jeff Hughes, Sapphire Energy, won best main dish. Grant Buck and the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces won the dessert category for peanut butter and jelly flavored ice cream.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1912

• A proposal in the U.S. Senate to fund the transport of 257 Apache Indian prisoners of war to Mescalero N.M. from Fort Sill, Okla., was defeated. Sens. Fall and Catron of New Mexico and Smith of Arizona, opposed the project. Sen. Fall declared many of the descendents of the families massacred by Geronimo lived in the area.

• The Farrah brothers were planning to build a new building on Main Street adjoining Sam Bean's new building. The Farrahs said they planned to construct a 600-seat theater with equipment for Vaudeville acts and moving pictures. The theater was predicted to be open around Thanksgiving.

75 years ago

1937

• Joe Nahm was the new store manager of the local United Dry Goods store, coming to Las Cruces from Dalhart, Texas. Nahm had formerly managed the Popular Dry Goods store in Las Cruces and said it was "just coming home" for him. Nahm said he would make store improvements and carry a "finer" grade of merchandise.

• J.R. Potts of Oklahoma purchased the Valley Ice Co. of Mesilla Park for \$4,935. The plant had belonged to the estate of J.W. Crowdus.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing "Silent Barriers," and "Man of the People." Coming up on the bill was Robert Taylor and Elizabeth Stanwyck in "This is My Affair."

50 years ago

1962

• Maj. Gen. J. Frederick Thorlin, commanding general at White Sand Missile Range, announced Col. John C. Bane as his chief of staff, the second highest position at the range.

• Las Cruces American Legion Post No. 10, the New Mexico baseball champions, was headed to Las Vegas, N.M., to play some of the finest Legion teams from around the country. Coach Jim Bradley said he would not set a starting line-up until he had seen some of the other teams.

25 years ago

1987

• A proposed takeover of Las Cruces Safeway supermarkets by Furr's grocery chain would give the supermarket giant 47



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A student at New Mexico State University uses a pay telephone on the campus in the 1970s. They don't make telephones like they used to.

percent of the Las Cruces market. The Federal Trade Commission approved Furr's takeover of all 59 of the Safeway stores in the company's El Paso Division. Furr's already had two stores in Las Cruces in addition to the company's Save 'N' Gain outlet.

• The event schedule at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University campus would be unaffected as workers replaced the roof after it was damaged by a fire. The cause of the \$300,000 blaze was determined to be a worker's propane torch.

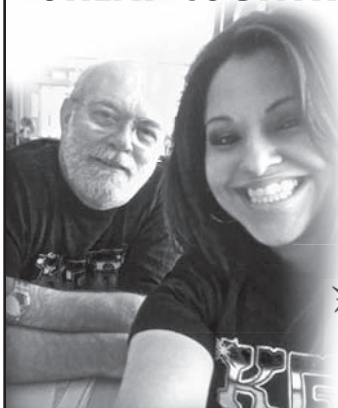
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WSMR signs pact with universities

Roberto Osegueda, vice president for Research and Economics at the University of Texas at El Paso; Daniel Lopez, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology president; Robert Frank, University of New Mexico president; New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture; and outgoing White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. John Ferrari sign an agreement Wednesday, Aug. 15, to build stronger partnerships. Ferrari turned over WSMR command to Robert Carter Thursday, Aug. 16, until its new commander arrives in mid-September.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



CAFé gives annual report



Rev. Nancy Anderson gives an overview of the finances for Comunidades en Accion y de Fé (CAFé) at the group's annual assembly held Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the First Christian Church. CAFé is an organization of religious groups in southern New Mexico who advocate on issues based on consensus positions taken by its members, such as calling for the passage of mortgage reform legislation.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Bank of the Rio Grande starts new era

Familiar faces guide bank

By **Richard Coltharp**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For more than 20 years, the Bank of the Rio Grande has operated in Las Cruces. Now, with new ownership and guidance from some new but familiar faces, the bank begins a new era.

"We want our customers to see us as advisers," said Mike Cheney, the bank's southern New Mexico president. "We don't want to tell you what to do, we want to learn about you. We want to say, 'Let's brainstorm. Let's talk about it.' We want to work with people and help them accomplish their dreams."



CHENEY

Cheney is also on the bank's board of directors, and known to Las Cruces as a former banker at Wells Fargo and as chairman of the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

Another recognizable local face, former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, is also on the board. Carruthers, the dean of NMSU's College of Business, is one of only three members of the 11-member board whose career is not focused fully on banking.



CARRUTHERS

"This is one of the strongest boards I've been involved with, and I've been on a lot of boards," said Carruthers, who attended a board meeting Tuesday, Aug. 14. "The board is steeped in banking and I think that bodes well."

Bank of the Rio Grande will continue to operate from three existing locations in Las Cruces: Downtown at 421 N. Water St., on the East Mesa at 3500 Northrise Drive and on the university corridor at 2535 S. Telshor Blvd.

"We have the community covered well," Cheney said. "Our location on Northrise is well suited with the new Walmart, Jack in the Box, restaurants and other businesses going in right there. We're proud to have been the first bank in that area."

"With that site and Downtown, there's a synergy in those two locations we can be part of"

There may be more locations coming elsewhere. "There's a desire to expand beyond this community," Carruthers said. "We're looking at three or four other sites."

Those would be in addition to the newest location, which recently opened in Albuquerque.

"We've invested a lot of equity in the company," Cheney said. "We're in a very strong capital position. We've already grown with a loan office in Albuquerque."

The new configuration of the bank's ownership is strengthened by a partner bank, Capital Bank of El Paso.

"Bank of the Rio Grande (already) had a good reputation for service to customers," Cheney said. "It's a valued property, but we plan to bring more technology. We have the capital to be able to do that."

"We offer strength and stability and we look to be progressive. One thing we'll offer customers is speed. We've already had loan approvals on sizable deals in five days. That's the way we want to be."

Carruthers believes Bank of the Rio Grande customers can have an experience such as the one he and his business partners had with a venture years ago.

"Not one, but two, community banks took a chance on us," Carruthers said. "I have a great deal of affection for community banks. Community banks I would characterize as those where decisions are made in the bank. It doesn't have to be sent to San Francisco, or New York City or Minneapolis. We won't have to go to corporate headquarters on a \$2 million loan."

"That goes back to my history. If we had counted on national banks, we wouldn't have gotten our loans."

Part of being a community bank is ensuring the bank is part of the community, Cheney said.

"We're really paying attention to the team we're building," he said. "We have a mixture of existing members plus new people. We have all different kinds of levels of community involvement."

"One of my mentors once told me you can't have a strong community bank without a strong community."



— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Members sought for Las Cruces Utilities Board

Qualified applicants are being sought to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces Utilities. The Utilities Board provides strategic policy direction to City-owned water, wastewater, gas and solid waste utility systems.

TO QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, AN APPLICANT MUST:

Be a registered voter and a Las Cruces utilities customer for at least a year prior to appointment.

THE APPLICANT CANNOT BE:

- an elected official,
- have been appointed to public office,
- be a current City employee,
- be a contractor or consultant, or
- have a contractual relationship with the City for the benefit of the Las Cruces utilities.

Applicants must also have technical expertise in one or more of the following fields: banking and finance, business, economics, engineering and related utility management.

The objectives of the Board include providing greater public access and participation in utility issues; ensuring more independent oversight and accountability for utility policy decisions; allowing for more time to focus on utility matters and less political influence in business-decision making; setting City utility rates based on a utility cost-of-service methodology; setting water and wastewater development impact fees in compliance with City's Development Impact Fee ordinance; and developing long-range and strategic policy recommendations to the City Council.

People interested in applying for the Utilities Board should call the City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115. The TTY number is (575) 541-2182.

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— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Members Sought For Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. Interested applicants must be representatives of the real estate, development or building industries, including businesses that finance, underwrite or lend money for real estate, development or building purposes, and cannot be an employee or official of the City, County or other governmental entity.

The Capital Improvements Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity in accordance with the Las Cruces Development Impact Fee Ordinance and shall:

- Advise and assist the City in adopting land use assumptions, which include a description of the service area and projection of changes and land uses, densities, intensities and population in the service area over at least a five-year period;
- Review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion for which impact fees may be assessed, and file written comments;
- Monitor and evaluate implementation of the capital improvements plan;
- File annual reports with respect to the progress of the capital improvements plan and report to the City through its city manager any perceived inequities in implementing the plan or imposing impact fees;
- Advise the City of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan and impact fees; and
- Advise the City regarding growth management strategies.

Applications can be picked up at the city clerk's office inside City Hall at 700 N. Main St. For more information, contact the city clerk's office at 541-2115.

The TTY number is (575) 541-2182.

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Senior Activities

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Programs at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., are for those age 50 and older. Membership is free and required to participate in classes and activities.

Munson Center offers a variety of classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Some classes offered are: beginning jewelry, clay works, china painting, stained glass, creative writing, Spanish, woodcarving and quilting.

For registration information, call 528-3000.

STRENGTHEN ABDOMINALS

Strengthen Abdominals class is from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Las Cruces Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop in.

Registration with Senior Programs is required. Suggested donation is 50 cents for seniors, \$2 fee for those under 60.

60+ SENIOR ACQUATICS CLASS

Senior Aquatics classes for seniors age 60 and older are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Aquatics Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Participants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration with senior programs is required. Suggested donation is \$1.

HEALTH INFORMATION BENEFITS COUNSELING

Resource Center staff provides a free information and referral service to those age 50 and older on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, housing, food stamps and more at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3301.

THE VOYAGERS 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:

- **Pinos Altos:** Friday, Aug. 24, day trip. Cost: \$35, includes lunch.
- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18. Motor coach, nine days and eight nights. Cost: \$1,080 single, \$810 double.
- **Canada/New England cruise:** Oct. 10-20, 11 days and 10 nights. Cost: Inside cabin \$2,250, outside cabin \$2,420, balcony cabin \$2,700.
- **Australia/New Zealand cruise:** March 4, 2013, 13 days, 12 nights, inquire at Voyagers office.
- **San Antonio, Texas:** May 5-11, 2013. Cost: \$620 double, \$800 single.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto:** Sept. 23-26, 2013, four days, three nights. Cost: \$1,647 double. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

60+ T'AI CHI CLASSES AT MUNSON CENTER

T'ai chi classes for seniors age 60 and older are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop in.

Registration with Senior Programs is required. Suggested donation \$1.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers age 55 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.

Participants need to bring their driver's license, a pen or pencil and the correct change, if paying with cash. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive the discount.

Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis. The next available class is from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

For more information, visit www.aarp.org or call 505-830-3096.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

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

The following class is held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays 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 Las Cruces 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
- **Aqua Fit:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Aqua Zumba:** 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays
- **Relax and Stretch:** 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays
- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
- **Indoor Cycling:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-2782.

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 541-2550.

50+ SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

The 50+ Singles Saturday Morning Club meets at 9 a.m. the first and third Saturday of the month at Furr's Family Dining, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Cost of the breakfast buffet is \$6.69.

The club is intended as a way for singles age 50 and older to meet new people.

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.

50+ BINGO

The Parks & Recreation Department is offering free bingo from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for individuals age 50 and older who are registered members of Senior Programs, at the following date and location:

- **Aug. 22,** Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Mesilla Park. Seniors must present their Senior Programs ID cards. For more information, call 541-2550 or 541-2553. The TTY number is 541-2772.

GOING SOLO 50+ SINGLES

Singles age 50 and older are welcome to join Going Solo Singles. The group is a way to meet new friends, enjoy dining out, monthly potlucks and game nights.

For more information, call Judy at 522-6543.

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SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 528-3000.

AQUATICS CENTER CLASSES ADDED

The Parks & Recreation Department is expanding its class offerings for the second level fitness area of the Regional Aquatic Center,

1401 W. Hadley Ave. Classes will include Tai Chi, Lunch Break Yoga, and an afternoon Zumba Gold class. Class descriptions and schedules are as follows:

- **Tai Chi:** This Tai Chi Chuan choreography will improve body mechanics for safe and efficient movement. Participants will learn to concentrate with gentle precision on the alignment of knees, hips, spine, shoulders and other joints while receiving a low impact workout. Tai Chi is offered in eight-class sessions. Classes will be held from 5 to 5:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost for this class is \$30 per session. Register in advance at the Regional Aquatic Center.

- **Zumba Gold:** This class takes the Zumba formula and modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant, as well as those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. Zumba Gold classes will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$2 per person per class.

- **Lunch Break Yoga:** This class is a perfect mid-day energizing and tension-releasing yoga class designed to help get through the rest of a busy day. Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat, towel and water. Classes will be held from noon to 1 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$2 per person per class.

Cost is \$1 per person for individuals ages 60 years and older for both Zumba Gold and Lunch Break Yoga. Participants must be members of Senior Programs with current ID cards issued by the Munson Senior Center and must present those for each activity.

For more information, call the Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782. The TTY number is 541-2772.

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 541-2550.

WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for women ages 50 and older 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 541-2550.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Garduños in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. for more information, call Jan at 522-7133.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Faith at 382-5200.
- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association - New Mexico Chapter has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

AARP MEETS EACH MONTH

AARP meetings are held at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Meetings offer people over the age of 50 interesting guest speakers, light refreshments and a chance to socialize. For more information, call Sue Lundgren at 382-0733, or email galileo915@centurylink.net.

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Students, teachers invited for contest

Patriotism is essay topic

The Veteran of Foreign Wars is again sponsoring essay contests for middle school and high school students and a recognition contest for K-12 teachers.

Thursday, Nov. 1, is the entry deadline for both student contests and the teacher award.

The contests are:

- **Patriot's Pen Essay Contest for Middle School Students.** Local winners will receive \$25 to \$100. The national winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond. Essays must be 300 to 400 words in length. The theme is "What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers."
- **Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition for High School Students.** Local winners will receive \$25 to \$100. The national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship. The theme is "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?"
- **National Citizenship Education Teacher Award for Teachers, Grades K-12.** Local winners receive \$200. National winners and their schools each receive \$1,000. The award recognizes classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education.

Entry and nomination forms and contest brochures are on the LCPS website at http://lcps.k12.nm.us/z-articles/VFW_Contests.asp, or visit the LCPS homepage at www.lcps.k12.nm.us and click on the black VFW logo under The Chalkboard: School and Community Resources, near the bottom of the page.

Last year's local and statewide contest winners were

- **Citizenship Education Teacher Award:** Local and statewide winners – elementary: Eileen Gilbert, a third-grade teacher at Tombaugh Elementary School; middle school: Kathleen Guitar, a sixth grade teacher at Vista Middle School.
- **Patriot's Pen essay contest:** Local and statewide winners – first place: Chloe Keller; second place: Donna Resendez, both of Sierra Middle School; third place: Priscilla Montoya, La Academia Dolores Huerta. Keller also won a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond for finishing in 27th place in the VFW's 2011-12 National Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. She was sponsored in the national competition by VFW Post 3242 and Ladies Auxiliary of Las Cruces.
- **Voice of Democracy Scholarship:** VFW Post 3242 (local) winners – first place: Samantha McGuinn; second place: Ryan Burkett, both of Las Cruces High School.

For more information, contact Len Hampton at 527-9046 or mixedcompany2@hotmail.com. Visit www.vfw.org/Community/Programs.

Sustainability summit set Saturday

Group will launch initiative to involve entire region

Elected officials, business leaders, community activists, educators, clergy and the general public will meet at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave., Saturday, Aug. 18, for an all-day summit to launch a sustainability initiative that "envision[s] connected communities and coordinated growth for the entire region."

The summit, co-hosted by Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett and Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas, will feature a keynote speech by Dr. Frank Zamora, as well as a working lunch in Pioneer Park and an afternoon plenary session.

The summit is the first official event tied to a \$2 million sustainability grant awarded to Doña Ana County by the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities, which includes participation and support from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Attendance is limited. To RSVP, send an email including your name, title and community affiliation to regionalsummit@donaanacounty.org.

For more information, call Doña Ana County Public Information Director Jess Williams at 525-5801.

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MICHAEL PAUL FRIETZE

June 29, 1951 – August 10, 2012

Michael Paul Frieze, 61, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2012. Mike, as he was fondly known, was born June 29, 1951 in Las Cruces to Miguel (Mike) and Inez Frieze. He was a veteran of the United States Marines where he served our country honorably and was a drug and alcohol counselor (LADAC) with many years of faithful service. Mike enjoyed the outdoors, sports and martial arts where he was a Kwan Jang Nim (Grand Master) in Hapkido with a 6th degree black belt, but his passion was for his family and friends. Mike will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Frieze of Las Vegas, Nevada; parents Mike and Inez Frieze of the family home; brothers Ronnie Frieze and Mark Frieze and wife Jeannette; sisters Patsy Gonzalez and husband Ruben, Barbara Frieze and Celina Frieze all of Las Cruces. Mike is also survived by many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.



A visitation will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012 at Getz Funeral Home with a prayer vigil to follow at 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral. Mike's funeral mass to celebrate his life is at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, 2012 also at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral. The US Marines and the Devil Dogs of Las Cruces will provide military honors.

The honor of being a pallbearer goes to his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike's honor to: New Mexico Addictions Education Network and can be mailed to 314 West Madrid Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 575-526-2419.



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DEATH NOTICES

KING

Joan Cynthia King, 78, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, August 6, 2012 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

DONAGHE

Joan Amanda Donaghe, 74, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

SAYRE

Mark E. Sayre, 63, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday Aug. 6, 2012. He was born May 14, 1949 in Marshall Town, Iowa to Edgar and Phyllis Sayre. He served our country honorably with the National Guard and had been a Sales Representative with Ping Golf with many years of faithful service.

He is survived by his loving wife Margo of the family home; children Brett, Natalie and Kara, his six grandchildren and other extended family members.

At Mark's request cremation will take place and memorial services to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

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DR. LINDA JEAN DUNLAP CADENA

August 11, 1961 – August 8, 2012

Dr. Linda Jean Dunlap Cadena was born August 11, 1961 and called to her heavenly father on August 8, 2012.

She was unlike anyone else and could instantly fill any empty space in our lives with her comforting way and her grace. We were blessed in her presence.

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Linda's family received her love, peaceful spirit and plentitude of life just by being around her and became accustomed to that way of life.

Linda taught us which road to follow, and to keep our eyes on the Lord, always understanding the surety and reward of her faith in Jesus Christ.

It's beautiful to see that much of the excellence that we see in ourselves and one another is a part of her that she left within us. Our hope is that for those that did not get to know her, this gives you a glimpse as to how special our Linda was.

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Linda we thank you for giving of yourself and for loving us unconditionally. You leave us with a legacy of great examples on how to be a wonderful wife and mother. You never judged anyone harshly but rather you were forgiving and loved anyone just as they were. We are especially thankful for your patience,



comforting way and compassion for your husband Rolando and your seven beautiful children.

She wasn't an angel; she is the daughter of the Most High. She didn't leave us; she is expectant for our reunion. She wasn't taken from us, rather called ahead of us to return home.

She prayed and prayed for the well being of her kids and for me, now she is glorified, well and at rest. Thank you for the love you

gave. "Gracias por el amor que me das."--- Rolando.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bennie Dunlap. Linda was survived by her husband Dr. Rolando Cadena and her seven children, Clair, Abram, Isaac, Ryan, Matthias, Lucas and Eliana. She was also survived by her mother Betty Dunlap and sisters Sarana Placker (husband Roy), Becca McCarty (husband Stanley), Karen Bishop (husband Daren), Camille Hernandez (husband Patrick), as well as her brother Charles Dunlap and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Mesilla Park Community Church with Pastor Dennis Diaz officiating.

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VAQUERA

Leticia Vaquera, 46, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at her home.

Services will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 8 a.m. in the San Miguel Church. Cremation will follow. Arrangements by La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

LIBBY

Stephen Libby, 66, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Monday, August 13, 2012 at his home. At his request cremation will take place and a Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

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MITERA

Barbara Mitera, 73, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2012 in El Paso, Texas. At her request cremation will take place and services will be held at a later date.

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LANIER

Emily April Lanier, 27, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2012 in El Paso, Texas. Services are scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 2 p.m. in La Paz - Graham's Chapel.

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Neighbors We've Lost

LAMBERT

Cheryl Ann Lambert, 54, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012. She was born June 6, 1958 in Springfield, MO to James and Johnnie White. Services took place at Temple Baptist Church with Pastor White and Pastor Max Perkins officiating. Burial was at Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

FERRIER

John Ferrier, 55, passed away Monday, August 13, 2012. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

RHINEHART

Steven Joseph Rhinehart, 61, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012. He was born Feb. 18, 1951 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to William and Glenna Rhinehart. He had been an educator with the Las Cruces Public School System with many years of faithful service. Steven also volunteered and gave freely of his time to Memorial Medical Center. He is survived by his loving wife Debbie, son, William and daughter, Stephanie and her husband, Tobias.

At his request cremation will take place and memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Getz Family Crematory, 575-526-2419

STROMBERG

Anthony D. Stromberg, 46, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2012.

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RODRIGUEZ

Guadalupe Guerrero Rodriguez, 73, of Fairacres, New Mexico, entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

Those left to mourn her passing include her loving husband, Luis Rodriguez Sr. of the family home; a son, Luis Rodriguez Jr. (Cheryl); two daughters, Lorena Holguin (Mario), Gladys Chairez (Jaime); three brothers, Jose, Manuel and Rafael Guerrero; a sister, Elena Lozoya. Other survivors include five grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held in the Basilica de San Albino in Mesilla, New Mexico. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, where she was laid to rest.

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FRIETZE

Roberto L. Friezte, 84, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2012. He was born in Mesilla on December 17, 1927.

Beto is survived by his wife, Eliza, daughter, Teresa Victoria and her husband, Eric Sanchez, and grand daughters, Marilissa & Sophia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Josefa; brothers, Albino, Fred, Angel and Tiburcio, and sisters, Victoria and Emma Lou.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass will be held at 9 a.m., Monday, August 20, 2012 at the Basilica de San Albino in Mesilla. A reception will follow immediately after the Mass at Yanez Hall, also in Mesilla.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite charity.

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BROOKS

Ernestine Holman Brooks 75, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, went to be with her heavenly father on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. She was born March 3, 1937 to Ernest Holman & Pearl Warren Holman in Fort Worth Texas. Her funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2012 at Bethel Second Baptist Church with Rev. Greg Arthur officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419



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NMSU eatery revamped

Taos Restaurant debuts new look and food

As New Mexico State University Aggies return to campus next week, they will notice that the windows of Taos Restaurant are covered and that there is noise coming from behind its doors.

A \$3.7 million renovation is nearing completion, with stone going up on the walls and tile on the floors.

Demolition of Taos Restaurant and the kitchen area in Corbett Center Student Union started the day after the spring semester ended. Everything at Taos is being replaced, from the flooring, tables and chairs, to the lighting, grills and decor.

"We had challenges with the building infrastructure we had to overcome during the summer," said Julie Weber, interim director of Corbett Center Student Union and director of Housing and Residential Life at NMSU. "But, we are committed to bringing the highest quality dining facility and food service to the students of NMSU. It will be worth the wait."

The changes and new state-of-the-art features will make Aggies feel right at home.

"We are very, very student focused and want the new atmosphere to help promote a sense of pride in being an Aggie," said Shelly Duran, Sodexo resident district manager. "We bring a sense of community the campus maybe hasn't seen in the past."

The first change that returning customers will likely notice once Taos opens, other than the new Aggie decor, is the large, circular Asian and Mediterranean-inspired chef-run station, near the entrance to the restaurant. Customers will be able to select their fresh meats, veggies and sauces, and the chef will prepare the food in front of them. Seating will be available at this station so patrons may fully enjoy the experience of having their meal prepared before them.

Student food preferences have changed with a trend toward more vegetarian and vegan choices, as well as varying levels of gluten intolerance or other specific dietary restrictions. Only vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free foods will be prepared at The Wild Mushroom, where all of the foods will be clearly labeled. The vegan and low-glycemic index chocolate pudding should not be missed, nor should the vegan French toast or zucchini pasta, all sampled during a recent behind-the-scenes look at the construction progress and new food menu.

"It's our attempt to create healthier options for the students – vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free," said Executive Chef Clint Kifolo. "It's going to help us help the students to be more health conscious and nutrition aware. The cliché of food service dining is hamburgers, cheeseburgers, pizzas – all of the fattening stuff. We're trying to do it a little bit better."

Duran says that Kifolo has taken the time to meet with students and their families to discuss specific food needs. He is not only happy to accommodate them, but also shows them around the kitchen while they visit.

"We love having those kinds of conversations with students," Duran said.

The new pizza station will feature a theater of hand-tossed crusts, along with calzones and Chicago-style deep-dish pizza.

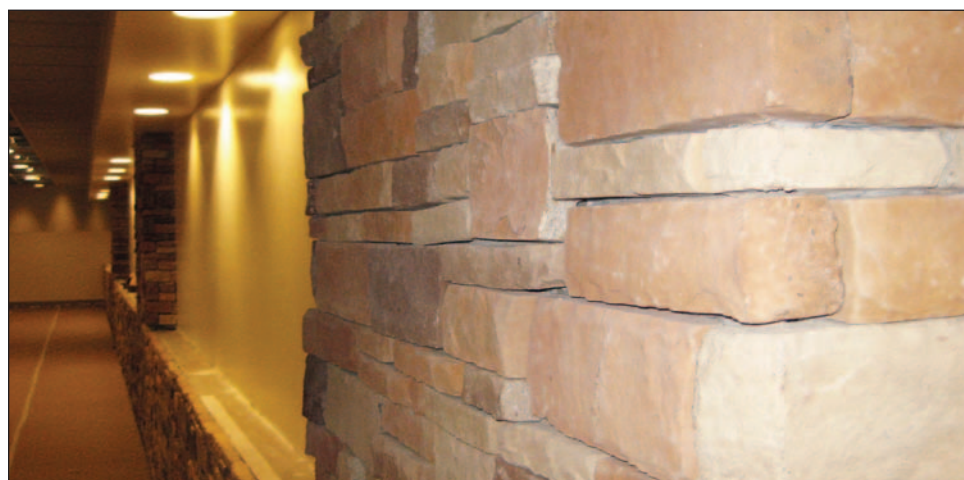
The hydration station, which has been popular at other Sodexo-served schools, is a new feature that will help keep diners cool. The water can be infused with the flavors of lemons, limes, oranges and cucumbers.

The pasta bar, salad bar, bakery and international stations will all return, but a new feature on the salad bar will have soup lovers rejoicing – a deconstructed soup bar where components of various soups will be available for customers to assemble their own.



Workers made major renovations to the Taos Restaurant in the Corbett Center Student Union this summer at New Mexico State University. The \$3.7 million in renovations included new stone work.

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What fuels the Southwest?



Richard Coltharp
That's the Way of the World

What makes America tick? There's no single answer, and that was confirmed to me last week when I took an eight-day tour of three states and 39 counties. Economics was not the purpose of my journey; I traveled by car to visit family and friends in Tulsa, Okla., and Fort Worth, Texas.

The purpose was to have fun and celebrate life. The soundtrack of the trip was Paul Simon's "Graceland" album, which is 25 years old this summer. As the lyric on the title track says, "My traveling companion is 9 years old ..." and she was, my youngest daughter, Avalon.

Though she did not know it, she was an economic critic. Passing through the near ghost town of Hope, N.M., she asked, "What's this place?"

"Hope," I said.

"They better have hope," she said. "They don't have much else."

While I could envision myself living in the wide open spaces and the quiet of Hope, I had to agree with my daughter that the town's best days were probably behind it.

The same could be said for a lot of the small towns we passed through: Duran, N.M.; Gail, Texas; Stroud, Okla. The drought had taken its toll on much of the area. Folks in Oklahoma – after 13 straight days of 110-plus-degree heat – were saying without a trace of irony, "It's only supposed to get up to 105 today." Fires had taken 200 homes in Mannford, Okla.

Yet there were plenty of signs of hope out there.

In the small cities of Shamrock, Texas, and Artesia, N.M., on a Tuesday and a Monday, I had to go to three hotels to find an open inn. That means folks are traveling and working.

The fortunes of many of the areas we visited are strongly tied to the oil and gas industry. We ventured through a good chunk of the Permian Basin. This is purely anecdotal, based on a dozen or so trips the past eight years through eastern New Mexico, but I saw a great deal more oil and gas field activity than I ever have in Lea and Eddy counties.

Interestingly, the best gas prices I encountered during my whole journey

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Tourism targets region

Branding to enhance CVB marketing push

By **Alta LeCompte**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces is about to be branded – as a tourist destination.

A branding project currently under way, with the help of consultants, is one of the first initiatives of the new fiscal year for the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Branding identifies what is distinct about a product – in this case the city.

The Las Cruces brand will be promoted through a logo, slogan, symbol and other means to show how the city is different from competitors.

Since the economic impact of conventions, leisure travel and sports totaled more than \$6 million in 2011, branding is a big deal.

Branding the city as a destination will form the foundation for other initiatives CVB's annual report outlined for the new fiscal year. These include:

- Attracting more young travelers and gearing the community up for the opening of Spaceport America
- Growing tourism during Halloween and the December holidays, as well as midsummer and midwinter down times
- Confining the primary tourism target market to a radius of 200 to 300 miles to make better use of a tight budget. Traditional and social media advertising will focus on package deals and special promotions
- Directing national efforts toward those who can drive traffic in quantity – event planners, group tour operators and travel writers
- Assessing film industry policies, including the use of city property

The branding initiative began the week of Aug. 6, when a facilitator conducted a focus



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Las Cruces Convention & Visitors staff includes, front row, Stephanie Montoya, media; Andrea Lawrence, tourism sales manager; and Ed Carnathan, sports sales. Back row, Rochelle Miller-Hernandez, convention sales; Jennifer Bales, senior sales manager; Philip San Filippo, executive director; and Christina Bejarano, administrative assistant.

group with about 10 leaders from every sector of the local community except the hospitality industry. During the week of Aug. 13, representatives of the hospitality industry are giving their input during a second focus group.

"The first one was a great group," said CVB Executive Director Philip San Filippo. "We will see if they agree on their priorities."

"Once we define what our brand is, we will put our heads together with our advertising agency and decide how we want to communicate it outside the community."

Once that happens, outsiders will be invited to react.

"It's an exciting process," San Filippo said.

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Ybarra balanced for success

Mayfield grad to join UNM community of Daniels Scholars

By **Alta LeCompte**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield High School 2012 graduate Dominique Ybarra is packing a lot of love into her last week before college.

"I've been spending a lot of time with my brother and sister," said Ybarra, a Mayor's Top Teen and Daniels Scholarship awardee. She's leaving Friday, Aug. 17, for the University of New Mexico, but siblings Samantha, 14, and Andy, 15, won't be making the trip to Albuquerque to see her off.

They'll already be back in their Las Cruces classrooms, Ybarra explained.

"School always comes first," Ybarra said.

She said the siblings have been going on outings together this summer. Family and friends will

celebrate her journey with a traditional dinner before she leaves home.

"I told them I'll be back for Thanksgiving," she said.

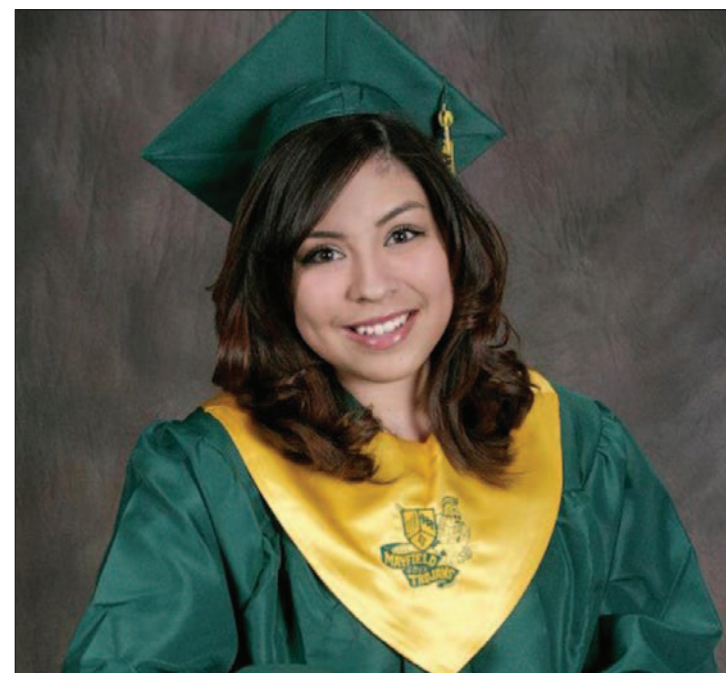
Ybarra will attend college with financial assistance from the Daniels Fund, established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels.

During his lifetime, Daniels personally mentored, encouraged and advised the people he helped.

Mentoring a way of life

Ybarra knows the value of mentoring, which has helped her complete high school while juggling multiple demands on her time and inner strength.

She credits her mentors with giving her the support she needed. See **Scholarship** on page B2



Dominique Ybarra, Mayor's Top Teen and Daniels Scholarship recipient, is saying good bye to her family and heading for Albuquerque to study nursing at the University of New Mexico.

Scholarship

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to hold down a 4.0 while working, helping raise her siblings and giving to her school, church and community.

Ybarra herself became a mentor long before she was aware of the role she had stepped into.

"As the child of a single mom who worked full time and the eldest of three, I had to take on a lot of responsibility," she said.

Her full life outside the home included volunteering in the nursery at Church on the Rock and working at Andele! Restaurante and later at Caliche's on Valley Drive. As a junior, she danced with the pom team.

"We were such a close knit group," she said. "We had sleepovers and binged on junk food. We went dancing together. I like to fit in some time for relaxing."

She was active on the Renaissance Committee at Mayfield, an organization that expresses appreciation to students and teachers for outstanding academics or service.

As a Mayor's Top Teen, she was visible in the community inspiring other teens. With some of her fellow Top Teens she answered phones for a KRWG fundraiser and helped out at a Barnes & Noble book sale. At a banquet in their honor, she got to meet the entire group.

Preparing for college

Support already is in place for her continuing success.

As a Daniels Scholar, she attended a college prep program this summer at Johnson & Wales University.

"The speakers were so inspiring" she said. "They had done things I couldn't imagine. They made me realize I have no excuse not to succeed. Just hearing about their values such as honesty and integrity makes me want to be a better person."

At UNM, she will be part of a close-knit community, the Daniels Scholar Success Program, known for its commitment to community service. She also will be part of a living and learning community with apartment-style living for four girls in each suite.

Ybarra plans to study nursing.

Although she is interested in pediatric nursing, she wants to explore all the specialties.

She's eager to get involved in campus activities as well.

Ybarra plans to work during the semester, preferably on campus "so my employers will know school always come first."

To stay grounded when the academic pressure mounts, she is taking a Pilates class.

Details

Bill Daniels' legacy Student leaders receive needed support

Dominique Ybarra of Mayfield High School was one of three Las Cruces and 38 New Mexicans to receive a Daniels Scholarship this year.

Jennifer Hu of Las Cruces High School High School and Renee Romo of Oñate High School also were awarded a Daniels Scholarship, which covers college expenses not met by other scholarships.

Cable television pioneer Bill Daniels established the program to assist promising students who demonstrate strength of character, leadership and a record of accomplishment in giving back to the community.

The Daniels Fund dispensed a total of more than \$13 million in scholarships in 2011.

Since 2000, the fund has given more than \$428 million dollars in scholarships and grants to causes that include substance abuse, education, disabilities, amateur sports and programs for the homeless and disadvantaged.

Aspiring to success

School has always been a haven for Ybarra.

"I do school really well," she said. "It's been the most consistent thing in my life and the thing I can control."

During her high school years, she experienced some difficult times. Her biological father died on Father's Day in 2011. She felt guilty because she hadn't called him that day.

"I almost reached a breaking point," she said. "Everything was going wrong."

She shared her concerns with her teachers, including her doubts about whether her dream of college could be attained.

"I was shocked to find out I had received the Daniels award," she said. "I had no idea what teacher had nominated me. I thought it was my Renaissance teacher, so I asked her and she said Ms. (Kim) O'Byrne beat her to it.

"They're both amazing ladies. I had four or five really influential people who were there to support me. I could go up to them with any problem and they were always there to help me."

Another industry I got to experience firsthand is road construction.

Thanks, I'm sure at least in part, to the last of the government stimulus money, nearly every county I traveled through was undergoing some sort of road remodeling project. That may be good for construction companies, but I sure didn't appreciate the traffic slowdowns and hassles.

Lots of wind turbine farms are now up and running in the most logical of places, out in the middle of nowhere, on prairies where there's nothing around to stop the wind. We saw lots of uses of solar panels on homes, businesses, billboards and portable construction signs.

Despite the drought, there were still lots of signs of agriculture, especially in the seemingly endless cotton fields of west Texas. Cattle didn't seem quite so endless, but there was

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Sip and dine in Las Cruces

Food and wine likely will be featured in upcoming promotions.

San Filippo said research has shown unique cuisine is a major factor in 30 percent of travelers' choice of destinations.

"I think it's very marketable for Las Cruces," San Filippo said. "Plus, we have the only chile pepper institute in the world and a growing wine industry that can provide a unique experience."

More than 20 national travel writers will arrive here Wednesday, Aug. 22, to "taste the flavor of the area," he said.

The visit planned with Geiger & Associates public relations firm will provide opportunities for writers to visit attractions, play golf, hike and learn about the region's signature crop at the Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University.

A restaurant passport to attract foodies and wine fanciers should debut in November, he said.

Another component of the foodie program is a salsa-rating sheet, which he said lends itself to social media.

As a boost to social media, the CVB also is organizing a cadre of student ambassadors who will gather photos for social media.

Go regional

"In the past five or six months, we have tried to define what we can and can't do with a finite amount of money," said San Filippo, who joined CVB mid-year as its new executive director.

CVB has an annual budget of \$1.9 million financed by the city's lodgers tax. It competes with the likes of Albuquerque, funded for \$6.4 million, and Tucson, Ariz., \$6.6 million.

Commenting on the regional focus of Las Cruces' tourism outreach, he said: "We can't be everywhere."

A prime target is northern New Mexico, where efforts already are producing results.

The city recently hosted a meeting of more than 800 attendees from the Municipal League of New Mexico. It was one of the largest groups to meet here, and this is the first time the organization held its event in Las Cruces, San Filippo said.

Sports draw big numbers

Sports play a huge role in attracting tourists to Las Cruces, San Filippo said. The city last year hosted 24 sports events, three of them national, for a total economic impact of \$1.4 million.

"We found that because of our location and facilities we are able to attract good regional and sometimes national sporting events," he said.

"Our parks have great facilities where we can consolidate activities in one area, making it easy to hold events.

"Almost every weekend, if we're not hosting a major convention, there's a sporting event going on," he said. "And what's good about it

still a lot of activity.

Another community without a lot of obvious hope was Carrizozo, N.M., where one of the worst rumors I've heard in 2012 was confirmed.

The Outpost Bar & Grill right on U.S. Highway 54, with its famous "Ho-Made Chile" sign, and the home of (in the opinion of me and many) the world's greatest green chile cheeseburger, is no more.

There is a For Sale sign in the window, so if anyone wants to move to Lincoln County and pick up that mantel, opportunity awaits. In the meantime, however, we have a vacancy for

that kids bring their parents."

Sporting events help fill hotel rooms during the off-season, but unlike corporate conventions, they require local people to assist on event days.

To encourage community support, as well as to provide advice on possible events that could be brought here, the sales department has formed a nine-member sports council that includes city and public school officials, restaurateurs and NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston.

Tourism indicators rise

Key tourism indicators continued to grow in Las Cruces in the fiscal year ending June 30 in spite of a lethargic economy.

Lodgers tax receipts rose 8 percent to reach a record high, and convention fees 13 percent, according to the CVB's annual report.

The convention department booked and assisted 58 conventions with an economic impact of more than \$6 million, while leisure travel and sports generated an impact of more than \$1.4 million.

More than 49,000 visited for sports and leisure travel, meetings and conventions.

San Filippo said there is room for improvement in the hotel occupancy rate, which is 51 percent. That rate rose 3 percent during the year.

Staff seeks off-season business

The sales department will focus on filling the rooms during the slower summer and winter season. The department will work to increase sales at Halloween and during the December-January holiday season.

According to the annual report, the sales department has noticed an increase in inquiries during the holidays. To capitalize on the interest, the sales department this year will develop special packages and itineraries designed to brand Las Cruces as a holiday location.

A pilot program begun this summer to encourage family visits during the summer will expand.

The Very Important Kid (VIK) program offered hotel and restaurant discounts, family tourism information and fun souvenirs.

VIK is part of a campaign to position the city as a family friendly destination in preparation for capturing the leisure travel market expected to grow in connection with the opening of Spaceport America.

CVB sales staff will aim to increase the daily hotel rate, now at \$72.37 and \$3 lower than the previous year, by 5 percent.

CVB builds structure for growth

In addition to bringing a new executive director onboard, CVB tweaked its operations behind the scenes to enhance future growth.

While the sales department will continue to have three specialties – conventions, leisure and sports – sales will become one unified department. The marketing department will complete a similar restructuring.

At the same time, CVB is encouraging local collaboration to take Las Cruces tourism to the next level.

Fuel

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were right here in Las Cruces. I paid \$3.13 a gallon the day I left, and the closest I found to that was \$3.34 in Yukon, Okla., home of Garth Brooks.

Brooks, as you know, threw the javelin on the track team at my alma mater, Oklahoma State University. He also did some things with a guitar, for which his name is emblazoned on the Yukon water tower that looms over Interstate 40.

In Tulsa, I visited with an old friend, who is doing construction and carpentry. Several of his clients are in the oil business, including the one for whom he is working on a \$140,000 kitchen remodel. Clearly, not everyone is hurting in this economy.

the title (or at least my title) of the best green chile cheeseburger experience in the Land of Enchantment.

Fort Worth is now home to an In-N-Out Burger. The California-based hamburger stands have been creeping westward the past few years and are entrenched in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz. I didn't realize, however, they had leap-frogged New Mexico altogether and made it to central Texas.

I did have my In-N-Out standard, the Double-Double Animal Style. Good, yes, but light years from the Outpost.

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



US Bank

Construction continues on the newest branch of U.S. Bank, which will be at the corner of Lohman Avenue and Foothills Drive.

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Aug. 10	Target expansion	2451 E. Lohman Ave.	575-5899
Aug. 3	Las Cruces Orthopaedic Associates	675 Avenida de Mesilla	525-3535
July 27	Museum of Nature & Science	411 N. Main St.	532-3369
July 20	The Haciendas At Grace Village	2802 Corte Dios	647-4752
July 13	Loma Heights Elementary	1600 E. Madrid Ave.	527-5934

Our numbers

As of 4:18 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 14

\$6 million
Estimated 2011 economic impact of conventions in Las Cruces

58
Conventions held in the city last year

24
Visiting sports events booked

13 percent
2011 increase in Lodgers Tax

300,000
Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau website visits in 2011

Source: Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau

Gas update

Monday, Aug. 13

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have risen **8.1 cents per gallon** in the past week, averaging **\$3.37** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 5.4 cents per gallon** in the last week and stands at **\$3.67** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Aug. 13**, were **5.0 cents per gallon lower** than the same day one year ago and are **11.8 cents per gallon higher** than a month ago. The national average has **increased 24.8 cents per gallon** during the last month and stands **5.7 cents per gallon lower** than this day one year ago.

1. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.13
2. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.15
3. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road and 1260 El Paseo Road	\$3.22
4. Valero	2695 W. Picacho Ave, 1305 El Paseo Road, 1401 E. Lohman Ave.	\$3.24
5. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$3.24

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Tuesday, Aug. 14

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$89.80	Southwest
Atlanta	\$217.60	US Airways
Austin	\$176.80	Southwest
Chicago	\$240.60	Frontier/UA
Dallas-Love	\$188.80	Southwest
Houston	\$183.30	Southwest
Las Vegas	\$106.10	American
Los Angeles	\$137.80	American
Phoenix	\$96.10	United
San Antonio	\$96.10	United
New York City	\$198.60	United
Washington, D.C.	\$176.60	American
San Diego	\$157.50	United
London	\$1,410.74	United
Paris	\$1,726.90	British Air
Rome	\$1,604.29	British Air

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Aug. 22-29 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.23305 in U.S. dollars
0.8110 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.07583 in U.S. dollars
13.188 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.01268 in U.S. dollars
78.8499 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar
\$1.0082 in U.S. dollars
0.99187 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as of Aug. 14



Market snapshot

For the week of Aug. 6-10, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	13,096.17	13,207.95	111.78	0.9	8.1
Nasdaq	2,967.90	3020.86	52.96	1.8	16

Strong: Financials, consumer discretionary

Weak: Telecommunications

Source: http://briefing.com



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Jimmy John's will bring its sandwiches to Las Cruces this fall.

Jimmy John's plans to locate near NM State

Franchise touts 'no fake stuff' in specialty sandwich repertoire

Jimmy John's, a sandwich shop chain that does business primarily in college towns, is set to open in late fall at 985 E. University Ave., according to spokeswoman Mary Trader.

The chain promotes itself as offering "no fake stuff."

"The ingredients are best in class and they only use real Hellman's Mayo, Grey Poupon Mustard and genuine French and seven-grain baked fresh breads," the company announcement stated. "The whole muscle meats, cheese and vegetables are sliced fresh in-house every day. Nothing is delivered pre-sliced. Ingredients contain no additives or vegetable-based

fillers. The turkey is real turkey."

Fast, limited delivery is another hallmark of Jimmy John's, founded in 1985 in a converted garage near Eastern Illinois University by 19-year-old Jimmy John Liautaud.

To increase awareness of his first sandwich shop, Liautaud went directly to his potential customers by personally passing out hundreds of sandwich samples on the streets, in college bars, laundromats and dormitories.

Jimmy John's expanded throughout college towns and across the Midwest, eventually building a national brand and one of the fastest-growing franchises in the country.

Also coming to Las Cruces in the near future is Jason's Deli, due to open in late November at 3845 E. Lohman Ave., Pat O'Boyle, co-owner of the Coastal Deli Inc. franchise group announced in July.

A Dunkin' Donuts is expected in 2013, according to Business Week.



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A construction crew renovates the building at 510 S. Main St. for Positive Energy Solar, which plans a grand opening in October.

Positive Energy Solar moves to South Main

Green remodeling revives building

There is new life in a previously vacant building in Downtown Las Cruces.

Positive Energy Solar has hung its sign at 510 S. Main St., next to the Wells Fargo Tower.

"We're excited to be part of revitalizing Downtown Las Cruces," said Positive Energy CEO Regina Wheeler.

Positive Energy Solar opened its doors in Las Cruces in 2007 when local founder, Mark Westbrook, started operating the company out of his home.

Westbrook, a North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners solar installer and licensed journeyman electrician, sold, designed and installed the systems with his business partners, also NABCEP-certified installers.

By 2009, Positive Energy had hired more certified installers, a designer and an office manager to meet the growing demand for

solar and moved to a warehouse office space at 2050 W. Hadley Ave.

"More and more people are realizing that they can eliminate their electric bill and make a great investment with solar," Westbrook said.

Once again, Positive Energy has outgrown its office, having hired more local professionals to meet demand.

"Our customers are delighted and our employees are excited to be providing the highest quality, best value installations in Las Cruces," Westbrook said.

The new office at 510 S. Main St. will have a showroom, warehouse and office space.

"We look forward to hosting everyone in Las Cruces at our grand opening in October," Wheeler said. "We invite everyone to come and see the remodeled building, meet the Positive Energy Solar team and enjoy food and refreshments."

Chile time!

Roasting season returns

Photos by
Richard Coltharp

Lilly Ana Jaquez and Dan Gonzales wait in line for chile roasting at Albertsons at 1285 S. El Paseo Road Wednesday, Aug. 15. The day was Gonzales' birthday and he said his wife was going to make chile rellenos for his birthday dinner. What kind of chile did Gonzales get? "The only kind," he said. "Hot!"



Oscar Robles of Albertsons lights a roaster full of 40 pounds of fresh green chile.

41st Hatch Chile Festival comes to town Sept. 1-2

Gonzalez named this year's event queen

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Hatch will live up to its reputation as the Chile Capital of the World when it celebrates its 41st Chile Festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1-2, on Labor Day Weekend.

The festival will open with a parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. Other Saturday events will include opening ceremonies at the airport, country music by the Cadillac Kings at 12:15, 2 and 4 p.m. and Folklorico Dancers at 1 and 3 p.m.

Sunday's events will include music by the Yarbrough Band at noon and 2 p.m., the Las Cruces High School Mariachi Band and country music by Ransom at 3 and 4 p.m.

This year's Chile Festival Queen is Genesis Gonzalez, daughter of Yvonne Torres and James Gonzalez.

She is a senior at Hatch Valley High School where she is active in science, mathematics, robotics technology, cheerleading and student council. She won second place in the SMART Best Robotics Competition.

She also earned the high school Character Counts Award.

After graduation she plans to study forensic science and criminal justice at New Mexico State University.

- The princesses are:
- Selina Duran, daughter of Socorro Ramirez and Steve Duran, a senior at HVHS. Her interests include art and marine science. After graduation she plans to move to California to study marine biology.
 - Loren Franzoy, daughter of Mark and Donna Franzoy, also a senior at HVHS.



Genesis Gonzalez, 2012 Hatch Chile Festival Queen

Her interests include shooting, reading and country music. She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society, an FFA Chapter president, a certified lifeguard and swimming instructor and varsity volleyball and softball player. She plans to attend medical school to specialize in trauma to graduate as an emergency room physician.

The nearing of the green

Growers, consumers ready for harvest

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Chile lovers here have a saying: "If you get your chile before August, it ain't Hatch chile – and Hatch is the chile capital of the world."

Mesilla and Hatch Valley chile growers are harvesting or getting ready to harvest green pods, and food markets are setting up their grills to roast green pods to break the outer skin for customers.

Biad Chili Co. of Mesilla Park started harvesting green chile on Monday, Aug. 13.

"The quality looks good for all varieties," manager Chris Biad said. "The Big Jim and Joe Parker, two of our most popular mild green varieties that we raise for freezing, are putting on good sizes."

Most of his green chile is grown in the Las Cruces and Hatch areas.

The New Mexico State University Chile Pepper Institute, under the direction of Paul Bosland, has developed varieties of New Heritage chiles, based on authentic seeds. Biad is growing some of the New Heritage chiles with success.

"Bosland got a hold of some of the original Big Jim and 6-4 seed and developed them into varieties with improved flavor," Biad said.

The Biad company also has contracts with growers in Texas, Arizona and Mexico to grow red paprika chiles to be sold for use in food coloring.

Jimmy Lytle, who grows chile in the Salem area, said his crop is a little behind development.

"We've got the pods, but they're not mature yet," he said. "We expect them to be ready for harvest late this week."

He also runs a retail store, the Hatch Chile Express.

Dickie Ogaz said he is having the same problem – slow maturity. He is selectively harvesting some chile, but mostly for his road-side stand.

"We don't sell in large volumes at the stand, but we have to have some chile to sell now for our longtime customers," he said.

Jerry Franzoy has started his chile harvest and is having mixed results, he reported.

"The quality came out pretty good where the (May 8) hail hit," Franzoy said. "But I'm having problems in some fields with salty soil."

Salty soil is a term used by farmers for mineral buildup in soils that can stunt plant growth.

One explanation for late maturation is traced back to a cold April that delayed plant emergence, according to Doña Ana County Extension Service horticulturist Jeffrey Anderson. He also expects overall chile acreage to be down.

"There is the lack of surface water to irrigate and there's more risk in growing chile," he said. "People are turning more to cotton, corn silage and pecans. And there's the chance to rotate their fields."

New Mexico chile growers harvested 68,850 tons of chile last year, up slightly from 66,600 tons in 2010. Harvested acres totaled 9,500, and the leading counties were Luna, 3,190, and Doña Ana, 2,050, the National Agricultural Statistics Service reported.

Precipitation at record low

High temperatures linger in Mesilla Valley

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the drought continues to be locked in, the Mesilla Valley has fallen behind its annual precipitation at a record rate, state climatologist Dave DuBois said.

The precipitation since Jan. 1 has been 2.58 inches, 64 percent of normal, or 1.44 inches below the average for the calendar year, the lowest on record, DuBois said.

And the South Pacific El Niño climate pattern, which could bring rain, hasn't committed itself.

"El Niño conditions are expected to drive in during this month or September," DuBois said. "The water temperatures in the South Pacific

are evolving to promote an El Niño pattern. But we'll know more when we get into it. Not all El Niños are the same."

A strong El Niño can bring rain and snow into the western United States.

The most recent rain has fallen in western New Mexico.

Rain during July didn't help the annual precipitation figures, 1.14 inches or .39 of-an-inch less than average.

The area received nine showers, but all less than an inch.

The biggest shower was July 4, with .36 of-an-inch, DuBois said.

The region also had 26 days during July with temperature readings of more than 90 degrees.

Business Briefs

LIBRE to host job creation panel

The LIBRE Initiative will host the "More Jobs, More Liberty" panel and policy luncheon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St.

LIBRE is focused on educating Hispanics – one of the communities most affected by unemployment – on how economic liberty spurs job creation.

Community leaders and local business owners will initiate the conversation, providing real-life examples on how regulations impact their local business.

Lt. Gov. John Sanchez will give the keynote remarks.

The LIBRE Initiative, New Mexico Business Coalition and Americans for Prosperity have partnered to make this event possible.

For more information on the event, call David Montes at 202-6395.

Three-year sustainability initiative kicks off

Elected officials, business leaders, community activists, educators, clergy and the general public will meet at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave., Saturday, Aug. 18, for an all-day summit to launch a sustainability initiative that aims to connect communities and coordinate growth for the region.

The summit, co-hosted by District 1 Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett and Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas, will feature a keynote speech by Dr. Frank Zamora, as well as a working lunch in Pioneer Park and an afternoon plenary session.

The summit is the first official event tied to a \$2 million sustainability grant awarded to the county by the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities, which includes participation and support from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

The funding will be invested over the course of three years in a coordinated effort to bring agencies and political entities together for shared planning initiatives and growth strategies.

Attendance is limited. To RSVP, send an email with your name, title and community affiliation to regionalsummit@donaanacounty.org.

Housing official honored by state association

Art Jirón, chairman of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA) Board of Commissioners, was recently chosen as the Commissioner of the Year for the New Mexico

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NM NAHRO).

Jirón was first appointed by the mayor to serve as a commissioner in August 2009. He was elected as the vice-president in 2011. In January, he was elected to the position of the chairman of the MVPHA Board of Commissioners.

Jirón was nominated as NM NAHRO Commissioner of the Year by Valerie Huerta "because of his support for MVPHA and NM NAHRO."

"He goes the extra step to understand how the Housing Authority works and educates himself on how it is managed," Huerta said. "He is supportive of staff, and meets with them to familiarize himself with various housing programs that the board is responsible for overseeing."

"His enthusiasm for NM NAHRO and the services that his Housing Authority provides is contagious."

Vipond, Conway transfer to Steinborn Inc. Realtors, Mesilla

Steinborn & Associates Real Estate has announced Estelle Vipond and Lisa Conway have transferred to Steinborn Inc. Realtors, Mesilla.

"When Lisa Conway came back to the states a few months ago and renewed her license, we decided to join forces with Donna Thomas at Steinborn and be a team of three," Vipond said. "I really liked the idea that Steinborn had between 40 and 50 percent of the market share and that 73 percent of their listings are sold in house. This is a big benefit to my clients as so many more agents, almost 100, would be seeing my listings on a regular basis."

"I'm really loving the Mesilla office of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, and my business has definitely picked up."

Before starting her real estate career eight years ago, Vipond had been a florist for 16 years and owned Friendly Flowers here in Las Cruces. She was drawn to real estate because of the ability to help people sell their home and find them their next property.

"After a two year absence from Las Cruces, and travels that took us to Guam, Abu Dhabi, Bali and the Philippines, we are happy to be back in Las Cruces, our home," Conway said.

"I am glad to be working again in real estate and partnering with Estelle and Donna out of the Mesilla office. I look forward to seeing old friends and helping folks with buying or selling their home," said John Hummer, owner/qualifying broker of



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Steinborn & Associates Real Estate. "We are very proud to have both Estelle and Lisa join our team. They are both excellent Realtors and represent the very best attributes of our company and industry."

Steinborn Inc. Realtors is the largest real estate firm in southern New Mexico with an independent residential division, a commercial division affiliated with TCN Worldwide and a property management division managing more than 300 properties.

Save the date

FRI. 8/17

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Libre Initiative presents "More Liberty, More Jobs" Roundtable and Luncheon, Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St. Keynote speaker is Lt. Gov. John Sanchez. Lunch is catered by Santa Fe Grill. Event is free. For information or to RSVP, email david@thelibreinitiative.net or call 202-6395.

TUE. 8/21

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Legislative Roundtable, Columbus Conference Center at America's Best Value Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. For information, call 524-1968.

11:30 to 1 p.m. Farm Bureau Primetimers, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Ruth Christopher of Citizens Bank will report on credit, lending and interest policies for production agriculture. Lunch by Dickerson's Catering for \$10. For more information, call John or Povy Bigbee at 233-4820.

WED. 8/22

11:45 a.m. Advertising Federation of Las Cruces monthly meeting, Columbus Conference Center at America's Best Value Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Terri Wyatt of Sunland Park Race Track and Casino will discuss the facility's new marketing strategy. Meeting includes lunch and costs \$15 for members, \$18 for guests. RSVP by Friday, Aug. 17, to 647-4676 or adfedlc@gmail.com.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Small Business Workshop, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call 524-1968.

THU 8/23

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call 524-1968.


WED. 8/29

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Networking Mixer, at Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Mesilla. For more information, call 323-1575.

FRI. 9/7

9 to 11a.m. "How to Help your Business Recycle More" workshop for area businesses, GreenWorks Building, 125 N. Main St. Free. For more information, call the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce at 323-1575.

If you have business events or meetings you'd like to publicize in the Las Cruces Bulletin Business section, email them to business@lascrucesbulletin.com or call Richard Coltharp at 524-8061.



The Children's Garden Child Development Center

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All children in attendance will be offered the same meals with no physical segregation of, or other discriminatory action against any child because of race, color, age, national origin, sex or disability. If you feel you have been discriminated against, write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). Children who are members of FDPIR food distribution program in Indian reservation or food stamp households are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

FREE MEALS				REDUCED PRICE MEALS			
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$14,521	1,211	280	1	\$20,665	1,723	398
2	19,669	1,640	379	2	27,991	2,333	539
3	24,817	2,069	478	3	35,317	2,944	680
4	29,965	2,498	577	4	42,643	3,554	821
5	35,113	2,927	676	5	49,969	4,165	961
6	40,261	3,356	775	6	57,295	4,775	1,102
7	45,409	3,785	874	7	64,621	5,386	1,243
8	50,557	4,214	973	8	71,947	5,996	1,384
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 The Children's Garden at Valley, 650 S. Valley Dr.
 The Children's Garden at Court, 1195 E. Court
 The Children's Garden at Missouri, 2305 Missouri
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Leading Learning Communities can benefit local education

Grant will enable project to start in Doña Ana County

With help from a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM), parents throughout Doña Ana County will soon have access to leaders focused on the education of their school-aged children.

Paul Gutierrez and Rocio Benedicto of Fronteras Education Inc. received a grant for \$405,442 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for Leading Learning Communities, a project

created to empower low-income families by improving family educational and economic trajectories through the implementation of community engagement and mobilizing. The project will run from June 1, 2012, through July 31, 2014. As a partner, the CFSNM will manage the funds and provide fiscal and business education.

"We are currently recruiting leaders that are already working in the community," Bene-

dicto said. "These leaders are working in the community and developing relationships with the families we are targeting."

Leading Learning Communities is using the county health centers to find promoters of health that currently meet with families of school-aged children regarding their education, as well as other established programs and organizations.

"We are tapping into their already established resource, as well as looking into other organizations that have access to people in the community that provide leadership," Benedicto said.

Leading Learning Communities was based on the Families In Schools program Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors, a program that strengthens the leadership and advocacy skills of parents with children ages five and younger.

The curriculum is based on popular education and draws on the real-life experiences of participants. The mission of Families In Schools is to involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong success.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

The CFSNM provides opportunities for both organizations and donors by managing special funds, establishing permanent funds and creating endowments.

"Our partnership with the Community Foundation is one which allows us to utilize each other, especially when it comes to a start-up

For more info

For more information on the Leading Learning Communities, contact Rocio Benedicto at 644-5476 or rocio.benedicto@gmail.com.

project like this," Benedicto said.

Leading Learning Communities will have its first training Sept. 19-21 and will recruit through August.

While Gutierrez and Benedicto created the program, they want the acknowledgment to go to the men and women who will be serving as leaders.

"They will be the ones on the ground bringing the community around education," Benedicto said.

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, Ph.D., at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 South Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

“As a partner, the CFSNM will manage the funds and provide fiscal and business education.”

Tenure important to foster educational excellence

System ensures continued U.S. dominance



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Next week will see the return of students to New Mexico State University.

The dorms open Sunday, Aug. 19, and instruction begins Thursday, Aug. 23.

One of the things you can count on is students at NMSU will receive a world-class education. Indeed, NMSU, like most American universities, is first rate.

I know this from first-hand experience. I've taught in Mexico, India and Taiwan. Each time these foreign universities were considered premium within their national educational systems, yet NMSU is a superior university to any of these, despite the fact most observers would rank NMSU as an average American university.

So just what is it that makes even average American universities superior to their foreign counterparts?

A large part of the answer is the university tenure system. Tenure is the process of determining which junior faculty are to be granted a continuous contract, thereby becoming senior faculty. Tenured faculty have a strong presumption of continuous employment and can only be fired for cause.

There is a lot of misunderstanding in the general public about how exactly tenure works. People seem to think tenure allows lazy people an easy life. Tenure actually does the reverse. Most universities are state-operated institutions, subject to the same sort of political abuses that led to civil service protections for most state employees.

Just as you want to insulate a MVD employee from being fired for political reasons, so too do you want to protect a faculty member.

But there is a problem. The efficiency of a secretary or an office worker can be evaluated relatively easily. Six months should be adequate to determine incompetence. Not so for a university professor.

Faculty undertake work on projects that are highly technical. Evaluation is done through peer review, a time consuming process. Six months simply isn't enough

time to evaluate an academic. So, instead of the normal probationary period typical of other civil servants, faculty are subject to a five-year review process, during which we can be fired at any time.

Moreover, once tenure is granted, it doesn't mean we can't be fired for the same things that could lose an office receptionist their job. Embezzling, failing to show up for work or failing to perform your duties adequately can be grounds for dismissal. But what you can't be fired for is expressing a professional opinion on a topic related to your expertise.

For people in disciplines such as economics, this means we can express our opinion on political issues without fear of retaliation.

I don't vet my columns with my department head or anyone else. Most disciplines, however, are not concerned with political issues in the public view. Still, what may seem like the least controversial discipline to an outsider can generate heated passions among its practitioners.


Tenure protects faculty from retaliation from others in their discipline, such as a department head who may disagree with them. It allows the free expression of ideas in an environment free of retaliation.

Of course, for most faculty, tenure protection is never invoked. After all, faculty members are highly skilled workers. They are the key resource of the university. In most cases, the problem is retaining faculty, not how to get rid of them. Here is where tenure is most valuable. It is a tool for hiring and retaining qualified faculty. I would not have even applied to NMSU had NMSU not been advertising a tenure track position all those many years ago, for example.

Where the American tenure system is most valuable is in attracting foreign academics. It is a tool that allows the U.S. higher education system to attract the best and the brightest from overseas to our shores, hence, helping us to maintain our global comparative advantage.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He has been tenured in the department of economics since 1993. The opinions expressed here may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Chris can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.

“People seem to think tenure allows lazy people an easy life.”




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Outsourcing is a no-brainer

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Jim Spence
Business Matters



According to former President Bill Clinton, the entire ad campaign regarding Bain Capital, Mitt Romney, and so-called "outsourcing" is based on falsehoods and ignorance.

Clinton said what Romney did when serving at Bain was "good work." What Clinton hasn't explained are the positive aspects of outsourcing.

Let's do that now. In places such as Chattanooga, Tenn., outsourcing is considered a very good thing. Why? Outsourcing has created thousands of jobs in Chattanooga. The German manufacturer Volkswagen built an outsourced plant there a few years ago. In doing so, Volkswagen provided employment for thousands of Americans. Surrounding businesses in Chattanooga have also experienced a sustained economic tailwind as they provide services and supplies for the plant.

There have been outsourced Toyota plants in Kentucky for many years. Recently, Toyota announced plans to build an additional plant near Tupelo, Miss. Ironically, it is there where Toyota will make the anti-outsourcing progres-

sives' favorite vehicle, the beloved high-mileage Prius.

Japan's Nissan opened its Smyrna, Tenn., plant more than 25 years ago. South Korea's Kia Motors recently opened its very first U.S. plant in West Point, Ga. In Tuscaloosa, Ala., the community benefits every day from Hyundai's outsourced plant built there instead of somewhere in South Korea. In Spartanburg, S.C., the German automaker BMW decided it had found an ideal place to set up an outsourced shop several years ago. There is a new Honda plant in Lincoln, Ala. Honda found the same advantages in outsourcing a plant to Alabama that Hyundai did. Recently, Nissan built yet another plant in Canton, Miss. Alabama also attracted Mercedes-Benz to outsource jobs to the state. There are many other examples.

There is additional good outsourcing news for Americans. More than 1,000 automotive-related manufacturers provide many billions in payroll dollars to Americans each month as a result of decisions by foreign companies to outsource jobs from other countries to right-to-work states in the southeastern portion of the U.S.

Democrats prefer to pretend we can't compete and outsourcing never works in favor of America. Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz recently suggested that if the federal government had not "saved" General Motors and Chrysler, the U.S. auto industry would have died. She conveniently ignored all the new plants in right-to-work states.

What the federal government did with GM and Chrysler was rescue labor unions

that can be counted on to be huge fundraising sources for Democrats. Unfortunately, it was these same labor unions that staged a series of outrageous work stoppages over the years while demanding ridiculous work rules and unsustainable wages. The overpriced, low-quality products made by closed auto union shops were rejected in the competitive marketplace. It was union greed combined with dumb management that led GM and Chrysler into bankruptcy.

Republicans don't seem to know quite how to communicate properly to dispel the myths regarding outsourcing.

This summer, the GOP has chosen to be content with denying all of the false outsourcing accusations by the Obama campaign without pointing to the absurdity of their economic assumptions.

The real story of outsourcing isn't the bogus attacks on Romney and Bain Capital. It shouldn't serve as a smoke screen for union greed in job-starved America. Outsourcing should always be the story of how truly competitive American workers are winning in states such as Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi.

In all right-to-work states American citizens are allowed to successfully compete in the marketplace and outsourcing is a blessing not part of a political blame game.

Jim Spence is the portfolio manager at federally registered investment advisory firm Spence Asset Management Inc. Based in Las Cruces, the firm was named national Midcap Manager of the Year by Emerging Manager Monthly for 2011.

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Home sales up 14 percent

Foreclosures, short sales still drag down prices

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection



The number of new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums closed during the first seven months of this year is up 14 percent over last year, according to statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

During the same period, the total dollar volume of the closed sales rose by 9 percent.

Local Realtors say lower prices and historically low mortgage rates are motivating buyers to purchase.

A great example of that observation lies with a Las Colinas area home that sold in 2007 and resold this year. Back in 2007, the 1,400-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in question sold for \$149,000. The same home, now owned by a bank, resold last month for \$105,000.

During the first seven months of last year, area Realtors sold 628 new and existing homes with a total dollar volume of a little more than \$115 million. This year, local brokers booked a total of 714 sales with a dollar value of just over \$125 million – a \$10 million increase.

Bank-owned and short sale transactions are keeping downward pressure on prices, with distressed properties accounting for one-third of this year's existing-home sales.

A short sale is when a lender agrees to accept a sales price that's less than the amount owed on the property. Most of this year's gains have come in the existing-home market as buyers opt to purchase older, larger homes over newer, more expensive models.

This year's average price of \$175,468 represents a decline of \$7,831, or approximately 4 percent, from the \$183,176 average price reported during the first seven months of 2011.

This year's \$145,450 median price, where half sold for more and half sold for less, fell almost \$12,000, or 8 percent, from the \$157,450 median price posted a year ago.

Where do we go from here? Realtors I've spoken with are optimistic that sales during the remainder of the year will continue to exceed last year's levels, but caution that the high percentage of distress sales will limit price increases, at least through the end of the year and possibly into the spring.

Are they correct? We'll just have to wait and see.

See you at closing.

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association's Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

All New & Existing Homes 2012				All New & Existing Homes 2011			
Month	No. Sold	Average Price	Median Price	Month	No. Sold	Average Price	Median Price
Jan.	68	\$190,531	\$151,000	Jan.	60	\$175,869	\$157,750
Feb.	82	\$167,150	\$146,500	Feb.	76	\$172,465	\$152,105
March	105	\$174,586	\$135,000	March	97	\$187,609	\$163,670
April	110	\$161,500	\$140,000	April	94	\$176,587	\$146,891
May	111	\$180,437	\$148,960	May	90	\$191,211	\$159,500
June	119	\$184,909	\$153,000	June	114	\$185,665	\$151,000
July	119	\$171,468	\$145,000	July	97	\$187,661	\$169,800
Totals	714	\$175,345	\$145,450	Totals	628	\$183,176	\$157,450

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors 8/13/12

In Good Company: *Artsy* Photographer opens studio

Shoots bring out clients' 'inner artist'

By **Alta LeCompte**
 For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In a little studio on Avenida de Mesilla Vivian Frieze photographs newborns, high school seniors, dignified executives and bubbly brides.

The setting at Artsy includes the usual backdrop, lights and white umbrellas, as well as distinctively Vivianesque props.

She would, however, prefer to meet her clients for a shoot in the Organ Mountains, on the banks of the Rio Grande River or in a quaint corner of old Mesilla.

Little kids and high school seniors are the most fun to photograph, she said, because they're the most creative.

"I try to capture their craziness," she said.

Beyond the studio – in the magical world of Photoshop – she can digitally superimpose a different background to suit her clients' fancy and then design products to help them celebrate a special event.

High schoolers treated like royalty

In senior pictures, a young woman may stare into the camera's eye as though issuing a challenge or she may put on angel wings and look wistfully out over folded hands. It's up to her – with a little coaching from Frieze.

"The name for the business came because I often ask, 'Can I get a little artsy with you?'" Frieze said.

She said no two senior pictures are alike.

When the shoot is over in early fall and photos have been selected, Frieze gets creative again, designing collages, books and portfolios for her young clients. In spring, they return for cap and gown shots and Frieze designs graduation announcements that capture their style.



Vivian Frieze's photo and design studio, Artsy, is now open at 416 Avenida de Mesilla, but she welcomes the challenge of shooting anywhere her clients request.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Artsy extends beyond the lens

A veteran of the corporate world, she takes executive portraits and provides a range of services from business cards for business beginners to complete ad campaigns for corporations.

"Artsy offers most of the services an ad agency would, but at a fraction of the cost," Frieze said. "We will combine all our photography, graphic design and media buying skills in order to help you reach your target market."

She said Artsy does small print runs of up to 500 for short run postcards, flyers, temporary

business cards and posters. She outsources larger runs to a printer who meets the studio's standards.

Services include advertising designs, menus, brochures, bookmarks, banners, catalogs and calendars, as well as notepads, presentation folders, store displays, vehicle graphics, window decals and trade show graphics.

Artsy does a lot of work for New Mexico State University special events, Frieze said.

"You can't just do one thing," she said. "In

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summer I do more business and commercial work."

Senior pictures, political materials and holidays all have their slot on the calendar. December and January and then June and July the traffic slows and she spends more time with family.

Publisher ditches corporate commute

Frieze designed her own major in journalism, photography and graphic design at NMSU.

After graduating, she worked in radio advertising sales and as a telephone directory publisher.

From 1996 to 2000 she was the publisher of an apartment guide for Prime Media.

"It became too much about the money," she said. "I commuted to El Paso for six years. Now, I have literally a seven-minute commute."

She started a photography franchise business in Las Cruces in 2001, but the company went bankrupt in 2002, and she returned to the drawing board to design her own future.

Later she ventured out on her own with Artsy, which has moved several times in Mesilla and Las Cruces. For a time, she ran the business out of her home.

Frieze opened at the current location in June.

"It's nice to be back and actually have a store front," she said.

"My hours are any time you need me."

“ The name for the business came because I often ask, ‘Can I get a little artsy with you?’ ”

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Profile

Edward Avalos: A Washington voice for NM family farmers

USDA official oversees marketing, regulations

By **Alta LeCompte**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Edward Avalos learned the importance of integrity and hard work as a youth picking onions and chiles in the Mesilla Valley.

He took those values to Washington D.C., in 2005 as U.S. Undersecretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

A proponent of farm markets, he visited the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market Saturday, Aug. 11, while on a working vacation in his hometown.

While in Las Cruces, he also had an opportunity to promote personal values at the New Mexico Fatherhood Alliance forum at the Corbett Center Student Union on the New Mexico State University campus.

Avalos gave the keynote address to an audience that included members of federal and state agencies that support the alliance, as well as parents of teens.

He spoke about President Obama's message on the importance of fathers assuming responsibility, but Avalos' message was personal.

"I told them the story of my father. His father died when he was 6, so he didn't have the privilege of a dad to lean on and look to for direction,"

Avalos said in an interview Monday, Aug. 13.

"He only had a fourth-grade education. His primary language was Spanish, but he gave me the ethics, the values to be successful."

His family worked on a farm in the Shalem Colony area owned by the Simpson family.

"I really appreciate that I had an opportunity to grow up on a family farm," he said.

Avalos said his parents both had a very strong work ethic and values, which they communicated to him.

"My father taught me the value of a handshake, what it meant to give your word," he said.

He told the audience he quickly learned when he became a father that kids really don't care about the latest clothes and toys.

"What they really want is your time," he said. "I always made it a priority to spend time with my kids."

They hunted, fished and participated in soccer, basketball and scouting together.

"Just going outside and tossing a baseball together means more than going on a cruise," he said.

Doing right bears fruit

During his first professional job with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Avalos made connections that still work for him as he supervises marketing and regulatory programs for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

He spent five years in Amarillo as a marketing specialist. "I didn't know then, but the knowledge and experience I gained there was tremendous for my career," he said.

He broadened his knowledge base to encompass cattle feeding, meat packing plants and commodity farming.

The knowledge he gained complemented his experience in New Mexico with specialty crop production.

"To this day, I have very good rapport with Texas feeders, raisers and the national

organizations that represent them, the U.S. Cattlemen's Association and the National Growers Association."

During his tenure with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Avalos experienced the personal benefit of keeping one's word.

In 1978 he spent several weeks in Mexico gathering data on potential Mexican markets for U.S. agricultural products for a USDA study.

"While I was gone, Texas had a new secretary of agriculture, so I had a new boss," he said.

His new boss took him aside and asked, "Why are you going to waste your time when you know your study is going to sit on a shelf in Washington, D.C.? Nobody is ever going to read it."

"We had a commitment to the USDA and to our stakeholders, so with the help of a team of folks who believed like me, I finished the document on my own time," he said.

Someone — then Arizona secretary of Agriculture Robert Toberman — read and used Avalos' data.

When Toberman was named New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture in 1980, he remembered Avalos' name and invited him to join the department as a marketing specialist.

New Mexico offers opportunity

The job brought him back to NMSU, where he worked for the state agriculture department and also earned a master's degree in agricultural education and extension in 1984. He had graduated from NMSU in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in agronomy.

"When I started college, I was working as a janitor," he said. "On the second semester of my freshman year, I started working for Safeway and continued working there all through college."

When he returned to campus as a member of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, he was challenged to spend about half his time developing markets for New Mexico agricultural products in Mexico and to divide

the remainder of his time on domestic products and value added opportunities.

"The first thing I did was to find out what New Mexico had to sell and then try to understand the marketing channels to Chihuahua and enhance what was already in place to help the producer," he said.

The connections he made continue to play an important role in his personal and professional life.

"Tomorrow I am going to meet with Chihuahuan cattlemen," he said. "We are going to have comida on a ranch and they are going to prepare asado for old times' sake," he said.

Avalos encourages local growers

Pining for a gordita and eager to celebrate his mother Eva Avalos' 87th birthday, Avalos was happy to spend some time in Las Cruces this month.

He welcomed the opportunity to walk around the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, where old friends and associates were eager to talk with him.

"It's fun to go hang out," he said, citing another benefit of farmers markets.

In fact, Avalos visits a different market almost every weekend, hitting the circuit in Fredricksburg, Woodbridge and Vienna, Va., as well as Washington, D.C., when he's at the capital.

"It's important to support farmers' markets because they are direct marketing for farmers and keep agricultural land in production while allowing consumers access to fresh, healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables," he said.

The markets create a space where consumers and producers can meet one-on-one, he said.

Avalos said there are almost 8,000 such markets nationwide, a 10 percent increase from the previous year.

"Twenty years ago, there were 1,500," he said.

The markets play an especially important role in northern New Mexico because they keep land in production, assuring that residents will retain water rights.

Avalos said he oversees two programs that have a direct impact on farm markets and agriculture in New Mexico.

One is the Farmers Market Promotion program, which provides funding to states to develop, expand and enhance farm markets.

The other is a specialty crops block grant program to enhance competitiveness.

"The largest single accomplishment as USDA undersecretary of agriculture is that I have brought the voice of the countryside, the farmer, the rancher to Washington," he said.

"Every one of my agencies directly impacts on the producer. I always reach back to my knowledge of farmers and ranchers. I look at the possible negative impact on producers when we are writing regulations, and I have gotten others in the department to think about the stakeholder in the community."

Avalos said he applied for the federal post after several friends asked him to so. He hadn't previously been aware of the position.

"I thought after 30 years in New Mexico it was time to do something different, and I thought I could contribute to the administration and to the agricultural community nationwide," he said.

"(Agriculture) Secretary (Tom) Vilsack and President Obama selected me."

“ My father taught me the value of a handshake, what it meant to give your word. ”

ED AVALOS,
U.S. Undersecretary
of Agriculture

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• New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
• New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau

Education

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• New Mexico State University bachelor's degree in agronomy in 1974 and master's degree in agricultural education and extension in 1984

Family

• Mother Eva Avalos
• Sister Terri Singh and husband Jerry Singh
• Children Alexandra Terrel, Megan Skinlo, Russell Avalos



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20124444	Optimum Roofing and Construction	Molly E. Molloy	Reroof	405 Keathley Drive	\$8,900	\$80
20124446	Optimum Roofing and Construction	Mark A. and Theresa M. Westbrook	Reroof	441 El Molino Blvd.	\$11,500	\$96
20124451	Pinetop Construction	Linda S. Jackson	Reroof	692 Rouault Ave.	\$7,000	\$69
20124501	E. and R. Roofing Co. Inc.	Miguel Soto Estrada	Reroof	5342 Pettes Blvd.	\$2,100	\$40
20124523	Efrain Dominguez	Arturo H. Castillo	Reroof	1733 N. Mesquite St.	\$5,000	\$57
20124525	B and L Roofing Inc.	Steven L. and Darlene D. Hernandez	Reroof	2716 Cheyenne Drive	\$7,000	\$69
20124531	GS Roofing	Bonnie Thompson	Reroof	1345 Kilmer St.	\$9,142	\$82
20124552	Javcar Corp.	Donaciano A. and Henrietta Morales	Reroof	2614 Crestview Drive	\$6,900	\$68
20124565	Ovidio S. and Valerie L. Fernandez	Lucinda Lee Beltrand	Reroof	3225 Sundown Road	\$3,800	\$50
20124568	Ricardo B. Chavarria	Ricardo B. Chavarria	Reroof	1123 S. Alamo Ave.	\$2,800	\$89
20124570	B and L Roofing Inc.	Roger L. Orr	Reroof	2480 Sunridge Drive	\$6,000	\$63
20124573	Paul A. Jaramillo	Paul A. and Kathleen F. Jarmillo	Reroof	4500 Pinnacle View Drive	\$3,500	\$48
20124443	Sweetwater Homes LLC	K. B. and Elizabeth J. Chang	New/Res	7410 Sierra Luz Drive	\$180,236	\$4,725
20124445	L and M Construction LLC	Evans Realty Holdings LLC	New/Res	4316 Hopi Court	\$204,426	\$4,766
20124457	The Floyd Group Inc.	Floyd Group Inc.	New/Res	5185 San Carlos Court	\$145,632	\$4,666
20124486	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Logos Development Inc.	New/Res	4003 Monte Luna Court	\$169,740	\$2,948
20124507	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes Inc.	New/Res	5489 Sombra Azul St.	\$155,636	\$2,924
20124521	GL Green & Associates LLC	GL Green & Associates LLC	New/Res	4097 Demos Ave.	\$387,614	\$5,079
20124536	Enchanted Desert Homes LLC	Andrew J. and Julie A. Porietis	New/Res	4332 Yavapai Court	\$205,082	\$4,767
20124542	Netsolar Construction LLC	Sierra Norte Development Inc.	New/Res	3638 San Clemente St.	\$365,352	\$4,870
20124543	Netsolar Construction LLC	Sierra Norte Development Inc.	New/Res	3602 San Clemente St.	\$256,496	\$4,855
20124557	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sunwest Homes Inc.	New/Res	4123 Crianza Way	\$186,960	\$4,736
20124558	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ken Thurston Development Corp.	New/Res	5059 Kensington Way	\$130,052	\$4,639
20124560	Hakes Brothers Construction, LLC	Hunt Dos Lados LLC	New/Res	3006 Dos Vistas	\$152,274	\$2,918
20124576	Victor and Adriana C. Romero	Victor and Adriana C. Romero	New/Res	6415 Pecan Court	\$123,000	\$1,649
20124413	S and S Quality Builders LLC	Lowell H. And Phyllis I. Long	Res/Add	1510 Pebble Beach Road	\$7,000	\$69
20124516	New Mexico Earth Works	Train Hollis	Res/Add	1000 Hess Terrace	\$13,000	\$104
20124534	Sun View Builders	Patrick Beckett	Res/Add	2120 S. Solano Drive	\$40,000	\$239
20124478	Spirit View Homes	Reggie and Elaine H. Theus	Res/Alt	2364 Tuscan Hills Lane	\$1,500	\$41
20124433	Southern Comfort Builders	Evans Realty Holdings LLC	Rockwall	4316 Hopi Court	\$1,568	\$78
20124434	Southern Comfort Builders	GL Green & Associates LLC	Rockwall	4066 Bella Sierra Court	\$2,695	\$135
20124458	E and R Contractors	Hunt Dos Lados LLC	Rockwall	3910 Agua Caliente St.	\$1,568	\$78
20124459	E and R Contractors	Hunt Dos Lados LLC	Rockwall	3907 Agua Azul Court	\$2,940	\$147
20124483	Southern Comfort Builders	Westmoreland Enterprises LLC	Rockwall	4748 Zenos Place	\$2,352	\$118
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20124549	E and R Contractors	GL Green & Associates LLC.	Rockwall	4052 Demos Ave.	\$2,597	\$130
20124550	E and R Contractors	Richard T. and Brandy K. Webster	Rockwall	4317 Tewa Court	\$1,000	\$50

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5	35,113	2,927	676	5	49,969	4,165	961
6	40,261	3,356	775	6	57,295	4,775	1,102
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Eggplant, art and more at the Downtown Farmers Market

Photos by Alta LeCompte



Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market visitors Zac, 9, and Ashley, 11, on Saturday, Aug. 11.



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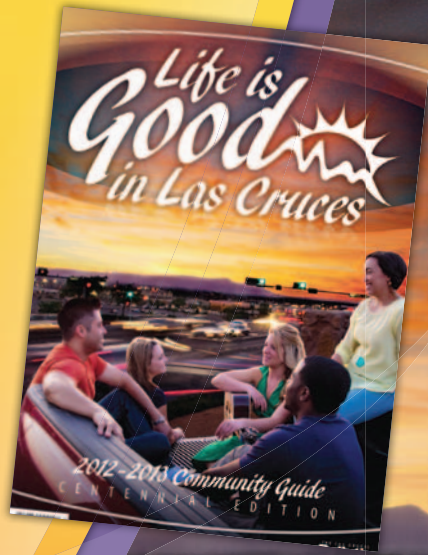
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to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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By Electronically filed
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WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 24th day of July, 2012.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Nancy Heavner
(SEAL)
Deputy

Pub # 12176
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00859

BOKE, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor in interest by merger to BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DENIS ROMERO and SYLVIA C. ROMERO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO DEFENDANT DENIS ROMERO:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on April 6, 2012, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5147 Emerald Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 16, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE IV-A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2138, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE

OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 9, 1990, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 16, PAGES 315-318, PLAT RECORDS,

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendant Denis Romero is hereby notified that he has until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendant choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendant.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

JAMES A. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 12177
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 6, 2012, Joel A. and Yolanda Tellez, 2917 Hwy 28, La Union, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-15146-POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14061-POD 1, located on land owned by Rudolfo B. Maldonado within the NE1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 21, T27S, R03E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-15146-POD1 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 160 ft. below ground surface with 18-inch casing located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 16, T27S, R03E on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,517,408 Y=346,653 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the diversion of 33.75 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 7.5 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. SW1/4 of said Section 16 and Pt. NW1/4 of said Section 21. Wells LRG-14061-POD 1 and proposed well LRG-15146-POD1 are located approximately 1,200 ft. and 1,100 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection of Mercantile Ave. and NM Hwy 28, La Union, NM. Well LRG-14061-POD1 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2)

Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12178
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 11, 2012, Morris Real Estate Appraisal Services on behalf of the Estate of Richard C. Cauble, PO Box 1119, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered LRG-15142 POD 1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-665 located within the SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19' 56.06"N, 106° 49' 15.134"W NAD83, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 300 feet with 16-inch casing to be located within the NW1/4 of projected Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19' 41.16"N, 106° 48' 49.2"W NAD83, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 46.43 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and within the NW1/4 of projected Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-15142 POD1 is located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 0.45 mile east-southeast of the intersection of Burke Road and Road Runner Lane. Well LRG-665 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2)

Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12179
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 18, 2012, Raymond V. Barela Jr. and Carol D. Flores, 805 Granada St., Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-15321 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well, LRN06-0001, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 23' 12.752"N, 106° 49' 42.664"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant and drilling a new well, LRG-15321 POD2, to a depth of 150 feet with 4 inch casing to be located within NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 1 East NMPM, and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 23' 12.997"N, 106° 49' 42.869"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household use as described by Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-006-1003 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site for proposed well, LRG-15321 POD2, is located in northern Las Cruces, approximately 0.24 miles north northwest of the intersection of Doña Ana Rd. and W. Thorpe Rd., and is further described by the property address of 805 Granada St. Well LRN06-0001, will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of

Pub # 12181
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 15, 2012, R-Qued Energy, Inc., 6900 N. Mesa, Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79912, filed application numbered LRG-5117 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by changing the purpose of use of the diversion and consumptive use of 160 acre-feet per annum

of groundwater, declared for dairy and related purposes for the Buena Vista Dairy I facility situated on 59.86 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, from well LRG-5117, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 9' 38.13"N, 106° 39' 44"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant. The purpose of use is to be changed to industrial and related purposes for an anaerobic digestion and composting facility, located within the aforementioned 59.86 acres, in order to transform dairy animal waste into electricity, ammonium products, fertilizer, and compost. The claimed diversion and consumptive use of 160 acre-feet per annum of groundwater will continue to be exercised from aforementioned well LRG-5117, which is located west of Mesquite, NM and may be found at the physical address of 13085 Stern Drive.

Pub # 12180
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 21, 2012, Mark Armendariz, 4122 San Isidro Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-15212-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-15212-POD1, located within the SE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 35, T22S, R01E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-15212-POD2 to a depth of approximately 200 feet below ground surface with 4" casing to be located within SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 35 at approximately X=1,466,689 Y=493,536 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3 acre-feet per annum, or that amount required for beneficial use, of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. The proposed well site is located north-west of Las Cruces, NM and can be found at the physical address of 4122 San Isidro Rd.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12184
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 19, 2012, Jason Richards, 4430 Pineview Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15056-POD1 associated with water right LRG-15330 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-12220, located on land owned by David A. and Susan G. Olguin within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 34, T22S, R01E, NMPM, and instead using existing well LRG-15056-POD1 located within the NW 1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 34 at approximately X=1,460,375 Y=491,423 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by Randy L. and Laura

of groundwater, declared for dairy and related purposes for the Buena Vista Dairy I facility situated on 59.86 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, from well LRG-5117, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 9' 38.13"N, 106° 39' 44"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant. The purpose of use is to be changed to industrial and related purposes for an anaerobic digestion and composting facility, located within the aforementioned 59.86 acres, in order to transform dairy animal waste into electricity, ammonium products, fertilizer, and compost. The claimed diversion and consumptive use of 160 acre-feet per annum of groundwater will continue to be exercised from aforementioned well LRG-5117, which is located west of Mesquite, NM and may be found at the physical address of 13085 Stern Drive.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12195
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 16, 2012, Saul Prieto, on behalf of Mesilla Valley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 295, Mesilla, NM 88046 filed application numbered LRG-15300-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-15300-POD1, located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 36, T23S, R01E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-15300-POD2 to an approximate depth of 180 feet below ground surface with 6 inch casing to be located within NW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 36 at approximately X=1,471,352 Y=461,595 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum, or that amount required for beneficial use, whichever is less, of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes related to a church. The proposed well site is located approximately 0.75 miles south of the city limits of Las Cruces, within the Town of

Pub # 12184
Dates 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 31, 2012, Pete Atencio, PO Box 323, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-13650-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-13650-POD 1 located on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 16, T19S, R03W, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-13650-POD2 drilled to an approximate depth of 70 ft. below ground surface with 12-inch casing located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 16 on land owned by the applicant located within Pt. NW1/4 and Pt. NE1/4 of said Section 16. Wells LRG-13650-POD1 and proposed well LRG-13650-POD2 are located approximately 1,200 ft. southwest of the intersection of W. Hall St. and S. Franklin St., Hatch, NM. Well LRG-13650-POD1 will be properly plugged.

E. Stadjuhar for the diversion of 11.115 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 2.47 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. SW1/4 of said Section 34. Wells LRG-12220 and LRG-15056-POD1 are located approximately 3,400 ft. west southwest along Westwind Rd. and 4,700 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection of Westwind Rd. and N. Valley Dr. Well LRG-15056-POD1 is located at the physical address of 4480 Overlook Ln., approximately 2.3 miles northwest of Las Cruces city limits, NM. Well LRG-12220 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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Mesilla, approximately 230 feet southwest of the intersection of Calle del Sur and La Mesilla Cir. Well LRG-15300-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12196
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 2012

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Pub # 12197
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 25, 2012, Larry Harris, on behalf of the JW and Sammy Jo Sharp Family Trust, 2813 Spitz St., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-11326-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11326, located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 15, T22S, R01E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-11326-POD3 to an approximate depth of 300 feet below ground surface with 16 inch casing to be located within SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 15, at approximately X=1,462,231 Y=507,870 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 453.69 acre-feet per annum, or that amount later determined by the Third Judicial District Court, of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the EBID, for the irrigation of 100.82 acres of land, owned by the applicant and located within Pt. NE1/4, Pt. NW1/4, Pt. SE1/4 and Pt. SW1/4 of said Section 15. Proposed well LRG-11326-POD3 and existing well LRG-11326 are located approximately 1,440 feet and 4,440 feet, respectively, northwest of the intersection of Barela Dr. and Pedro Madrid Rd., approximately 1 mile northwest of Doña Ana, NM. Well LRG-11326 will be properly plugged.

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Pub # 12198
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2012-64
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOANN MAY MASTERS, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 107 Puesta Mirador, Santa Teresa, NM 88008 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

/s/ WAYNE L. MASTERS
Personal Representative
107 Puesta Mirador
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

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Pub # 12199
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

No. 2012-0178
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FELIX RODRIGUEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 813 Eduardo St., Anthony, TX 79821 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/ LETICIA RODRIGUEZ
Personal Representative
813 Eduardo St.
Anthony, TX 79821

JOHN E. KEITHLY

Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Pub # 12200
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CASE NO: CV-12-879
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES NEW MEXICO, Plaintiff,

v.

**MARCOS PORRAS, SR.;
CERAMIC TILE and
NATURAL STONE, LLC.;
ARIZONA TILE, LLC; and
INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Stipulated Judgment issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 16, 2012, in the above entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff had a judgment against the Defendant Marcos Porras, Sr., and Ceramic Tile and Natural Stone, LLC, and the amount of the judgment is \$397,481.52, together with interest at the rate of 18% per annum, from and after July 6, 2012, and by which judgment I am among other things commanded to sell all of the lands described in said judgment which real estate is to be sold in this foreclosure sale is more particularly described in the Judgment in said cause and hereafter described.

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of September, 2012 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. in the front of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, I will in obedience to said Judgment sell the following described real estate to wit:

TRACT 1

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 14, of GRANDVIEW SUBDIVISION, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on June 3, 1908 in Plat Book 3, at Page(s) 45, records of Doña Ana County.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 706 E. Amador Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

And
TRACT 2

A tract of land situate North of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico located in the SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 3East, N.M.P.M. and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of the tract herein described whence a point on the northeast corner of Section 23, T.26S., R.3E., bears the following two courses and distances;

N.89°50'50"E., a distance 663.40 feet and N.0°08'10"E., a

distance of 1644.80 feet;

Thence S.89°50'48"W., 659.87 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

Thence N.0°05'30"E., 198.00 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described;

Thence N.89°51'04"E., 659.95 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

Thence S.0°06'50"W., 197.95 feet to the southeast corner of and place of beginning.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 2030 Anthony Drive, Anthony, NM 88021.

together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy Plaintiff's Judgment in the amount of \$397,481.52, together with interest thereon to the date of sale in the amount of \$12,153.24, together with all costs of said sale.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid, and to whom said amount shall be paid, said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds provided however that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or a part of its Judgment.

DATED this 1 day of August, 2012.

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,
By /s/ Stephen Hosford
Special Master
P.O. Box 420
Arrey, NM 87930-0420
(575) 644-6068

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
We hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Sale was mailed to:
Michael F. Menicucci, Esq.
Brinton Scott, Esq.
Calvert Menicucci, P.C.
8900 Washington NE, Suite A
Albuquerque, NM 87113
Attorneys for Arizona Tile, LLC
on this 1st day of August, 2012.
/s/ William L. Lutz

Pub # 12201
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 12-0110
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CECILE M. JORDAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in car of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed the Probate Court of Doña

Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Marjorie K. Brouhard,
Personal Representative

DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub # 12202
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the regular meeting of the Solid Waste Authority Board held Thursday, July 19, 2012, the tipping fee rates were increased in order to meet current and future expenses of the South Central Solid Waste Authority.

The new rate at the Transfer Station for vehicles utilizing the scale system will be \$33.80 per ton.

The new rate at the Corralitos Landfill for commercial vendors utilizing the landfill will be \$28.30 per ton.

The new tipping fee rates will take effect Saturday, September 1, 2012.

Pub # 12205
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2012 - 65
Judge Arrieta

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMIE A. STULL, SR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ann F. Stull has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., P.O. Box 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837.

DATED this 26th day of July, 2012.

/s/ Ann F. Stull
Personal Representative

Pub # 12206
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2012 - 61
Judge Martin

In the Matter of the Estate of EARL R. TAUTE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that Hazel L. Taute has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., P.O. Box 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2012.

/s/ Hazel L. Taute
Personal Representative

Pub # 12207
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00510

BOKE, N.A., A National Banking Association d/b/a Bank of Oklahoma, as Successor in Interest by Merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**DANIEL FLORES; ZULEMA
FLORES; CIT GROUP
CONSUMER FINANCE,
INC.; TEXAS WORKFORCE
COMMISSION; MIDLAND
CREDIT MANAGEMENT,
INC.; and UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA (IRS),
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 5, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4971 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 22, Block 18, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE V-A, AMENDED, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 2496 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 2, 1994 and recorded in Book 18 pages 23-26, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 25, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$91,689.53 and the same bears interest at 8.500% per annum from June 22, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,622.78. The Plaintiff and/

or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12208
Dates 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-00946

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

**PHILLIP HUGH ROBLES
AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF PHILLIP
HUGH ROBLES, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 21 in Block numbered C of Rincon Mesa Subdivision, Phase 3, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rincon Mesa Subdivision, Phase 3, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 2, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 210-211.

The address of the real property is 4935 Chesney Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address

is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 21, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$161,398.06 plus interest from June 1, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-03436_FC01

Pub # 12212
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00587

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

M&T BANK, Plaintiff,

v.

HORTENCIA M. CHAVARRIA AND VICTOR CHAVARRIA, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 1 in Block A of Capistrano Estates, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana, New Mexico on September 29, 2003 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 441-443, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 4100 Capistrano Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 10, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$268,444.42 plus interest from June 11, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed

herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM12-00525_FC01

Pub # 12213
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-200900355

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY TRUST 2004-2, Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT GUTIERREZ, OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT ANTHONY GUTIERREZ, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lots 1, 2, 3 AND 4, Block 2, GRANDVIEW ANNEX SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 354, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 3, 1948, and recorded in Book 6, Page 71, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1502 Arizona Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 27, 2010 in the above entitled and

numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$40,161.06 plus interest from November 11, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 10.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-01023_FC01

Pub # 12214
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201200677

METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

ROGER HOLT, RBS CITIZENS, N.A. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROGER HOLT, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 2, Block B, THE PATIOS AT SAN MIGUEL, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 8, 2004, in Book 20 Page(s) 785-787 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1304 Golf Club Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 11, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$184,486.17 plus interest from May 31, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufac-

ured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-00759_FC01

Pub # 12215
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2010-00291

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMC3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC3, Plaintiff,

v.

NICHOLAUS WILLIAMS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS), OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICHOLAUS WILLIAMS, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 15 in Block D of Sandhill Center Heights, Phase 2, located in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña

Ana County, New Mexico on January 24, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 122-123 of the Plat records.

The address of the real property is 1156 Gunsight Peak Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 12, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$192,713.25 plus interest from May 17, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys

disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-04041_FC01

Pub # 12216
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2011-02895

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

v.

REYLYNN GARCIA PISANO AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REYLYNN GARCIA PISANO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 85 in Block 1 of the Pines Unit 8, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said the Pines Unit 8, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 21, 2006 in Plat Book 21, folio 531-532.

The address of the real property is 2312 Stone Pine Drive,

Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 16, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$114,115.99 plus interest from July 5, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201200876

**FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JOSEPH E. PERRAULT AKA
JOSEPH PERRAULT AND
VICTORIA ANN PERRAULT,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 6, Block 6, Mesa Village Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 6, 1976, in Book 12 Page(s) 39-40 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5909 Holman Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012-7052. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 16, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$112,254.89 plus interest from May 23, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its

judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-00894

**BOKE, N.A., A
NATIONAL BANKING
ASSOCIATION D/B/A
BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
BY MERGER TO BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**CYNTHIA L. FARGO,
FAIRWAY VILLAGE
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL INC. AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
CYNTHIA L. FARGO, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 47, FAIRWAY VILLAGE PHASE III, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 7, 2003, in Book 20 Page(s) 269-270 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1501 Fairway Village Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 10, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$245,017.23 plus interest from June 10, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master

Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-01043

**BOKE, N.A., A
NATIONAL BANKING
ASSOCIATION D/B/A
BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
BY MERGER TO BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**JUSTIN SHERWOOD AKA
JUSTIN REY SHERWOOD
AND AMY SHERWOOD AKA
AMY LYNETTE SHERWOOD,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

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A tract of land situate Southeast of Rincon, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Sections 27 and 28 T19S, R2W, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract J-19 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set on the North right of way line of U.S. Highway 185 for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the 1/4 corner common to Sections 27 and 28 T19S, R2W, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distances: N. 77° 53' 29" W., 122.57 feet; thence S.27° 45' 34" E., 503.26 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the North right of way line of U.S. Highway 185, N 20° 40' 07" E., 863.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the South right of way line of the Rio Grande Canalization Project for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence along South right of way line of the Rio Grande Canalization Project, S. 72° 52' 00" E., 282.08 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 31° 00' 19" W., 887.48 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of U.S. Highway 185 for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of U.S. Highway 185, around the arc of a curve to the let, having a radius of 1482.69 feet, through a central angle of 4° 44' 17", with an arc length of 122.61 feet, and whose long chord bears N. 73° 09' 12" W., 122.57 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.000 acres of land, more or less.

The address of the real property is 28510 N Hwy 185, Rincon, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not

represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 12, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$408,937.09 plus interest from July 6, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM12-00859_FC01

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201250

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO CHASE HOME FINANCE
LLC SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER WITH CHASE
MANHATTAN MORTGAGE,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**IRMA P. RIVERA AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
IRMA P. RIVERA, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lots 16, 17, 18, Block 1, J.A. GUSTAFSON SUBDIVISION, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 21, 1939, and recorded in Book 6 at page 19 of the plat records.

The address of the real property is 1028 Organ View Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 13, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$46,086.46 plus interest from July 2, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S
COURT**

No. JQ-2012-19
Judge: Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ex rel. CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of A, Z., I. E.,
and H. E., Children, And
Concerning, Stacy Carreras,
Eric Estrada and Domingo
Jimenez, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

**TO: Domingo Jimenez,
Respondent.**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused A.Z., a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Linda Burson, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 88004, 575-373-6408

**THIS PROCEEDING
COULD RESULT IN THE
TERMINATION OF ANY
PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU
MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED
CHILD.**

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Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Date: 7/13/12

Clerk of the District Court

By /s/ Peggy Brock
Deputy

Pub # 12222
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S
COURT**

No. JQ-2012-06
Judge: Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ex rel. CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of K. G., J. M.,
children, And Concerning
Keri Gabriel and David Miller,
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

TO: David Miller, Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused K.G. and J.M., children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Linda Burson, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 88004, 575-373-6408

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILDREN.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Date: 7/13/12

Clerk of the District Court

by /s/ Peggy Brock
Deputy

Pub # 12223
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2011-2292
Judge: James T. Martin

**Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**Jack Dean Pickel a/k/a
Jack Pickel; Alameda Land
Investment Corporation, a
New Mexico Corporation,
Defendant.**

**Consolidated with Bank of
the Rio Grande, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

Jack Dean Pickel, Defendant.

Formerly No. CV-2011-9879
(Bernalillo County, 2nd
Judicial District)

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
SALE**

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a real estate mortgage issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on or about the 16th day of March, 2012 in the above-entitled cause, in which judgment the Plaintiff, Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., was awarded a judgment against the Defendants, Jack Dean Pickel a/k/a Jack Pickel and Alameda Land Investment Corporation, in the principal amount of \$580,647.72 (as to Count II), as of February 29, 2012, together with interest accrued to February 29, 2012 in the amount of \$71,114.89, interest accruing after February 29, 2012 at the rate of 18% per annum, for a per diem interest of \$286.35 per day, appraisal fees of \$1,613.44, and late fees of \$272.95, together with all costs of this action and attorneys fees in the amount of \$7,877.36 as set forth in said judgment, and by which decree I am, among other things, commanded to sell the land and improvements thereon described in the real estate mortgage, which real estate is more particularly described in the judgment in said cause and as hereinafter described.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the Plaintiff upon a Promissory Note and Debt Modification Agreements from the Defendant, Jack Dean Pickel a/k/a Jack Pickel, and for foreclosure of the mortgage given to secure said notes. The judgment required the sale of this real estate first.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of September, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said judgment and decree of foreclosure, sell, the following-described real estate, to-wit:

Parcel 10 of Alameda Preserve, as shown on Plat filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 10, 2001, recorded in Plat Book 19, Pages 783-788, Plat Records.

Having a common street address of Northwest Corner of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard and Morningstar Drive, Las Cruces, NM

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to be applied to the Plaintiff's judgment as to Count II of the complaint in the amount of \$653,649.00,

together with interest thereon from February 29, 2012 to date of sale in the amount of \$54,692.85, and attorneys fees and costs in the amount of \$7,877.36.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that the Plaintiff Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A. shall be entitled to bid all or any part of its judgment. Said sale shall also be without warranty as to title, possession or quiet possession, and subject to all prior liens and taxes.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2012.

/s/
JOSEPH M. HOLMES,
Special Master

Pub # 12224
Dates 8/17, 2012

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License to Burritos Victoria, Inc. d/b/a Burritos Victoria at 1295 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 7th day of August 2012.

/s/Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 12225
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License to Kelly Tran d/b/a Pho Saigon Restaurant at 1160 El Paseo Road, Suite D12, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 2nd day of August 2012.

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 12226
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ISSUE WAIVER**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the issuance of a waiver

of the church/school distance restriction for a Restaurant Liquor License to Burritos Victoria, Inc. d/b/a Burritos Victoria at 1295 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the waiver.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 9th day of August 2012.

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 12227
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT**

No. 12-187
Judge Alice M. Salcido

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF JEANNE S. ROSS,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

William M. Ross and Elaine Nelson were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jeanne S. Ross, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Jeanne S. Ross, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Co-Personal Representatives c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2012.

s/ William M. Ross
Co-Personal Representative

s/ Elaine Nelson
Co-Personal Representative

Prepared by:
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(877) 457-7213 facsimile

Pub # 12228
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

Highland Enterprises Inc. an EEO employer (License No. 4460) is requesting quotes from DBE/MBE/WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for the "Leasburg MWDCAs"; that bids at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22nd, 2012. Subcontracting categories requested are Traffic Control, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, and Overhead Doors. Please fax your Quotes to 575-526-0835 Attn: Mike Tracey by 5 pm on Tuesday August 19, 2012. It is understood that any agreement

issued by HEI as a result of this Request for Quote will be prepared on either HEI's standard Subcontract or Purchase Order as applicable, inclusive of HEI's standard terms and conditions. DBE/MBE/WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers are strongly encouraged to respond. For information concerning the project plans, specifications and requirements of the contract, contact Highland Enterprises Inc. at 575-524-3551. Plans may be reviewed at major plan rooms.

Pub # 12229
Dates 8/17, 2012

Notice is hereby given that on July 2, 2012, James Kerner, on behalf of Hacienda Pacific Properties, LLC, 4601 B. Snow Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1705-POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1705, located on land owned by Tim J. and Mary Lou Arend within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 01, T24S, R01E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-1705-POD5 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 400 ft. below ground surface with 8-inch casing located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 07, T24S, R02E on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,475,007 Y=452,563 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the diversion of 76.248 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 16.944 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. NW1/4 of said Section 07 and Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 12, T24S, R01E. Wells LRG-1705 and proposed well LRG-1705-POD5 are located approximately 2,750 ft. north northwest and 1,600 ft. north northeast, respectively, of the intersection of NM Hwy 374 and Snow Rd. The proposed well will be located at the physical address of 4601 Snow Rd., approximately 1.5 miles south of Mesilla, NM. Well LRG-1705 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having

standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights*; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12231
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT**

No. CV-2012-1325
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL
SERVICES, INC. f/k/a
AMERICAN GENERAL
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ARMANDO A. MIRANDA,
Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

**TO DEFENDANT
ARMANDO A. MIRANDA**

You are hereby notified that Springleaf Financial Services, Inc. f/k/a American General Financial Services, Inc., the above-named Plaintiff, has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to collect upon a debt

related to the alleged default on a Promissory Note by you executed in favor of American General Financial Services, Inc. on June 25, 2010. Unless you enter your appearance in this cause within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BY: MARTIN, LUTZ,
ROGGOW, & EUBANKS, P.C.

By: /s/ David P. Lutz
P.O. Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837
(575) 526-2449
(575) 526-0946 (FAX)
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Pub # 12232
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT**

**IN THE CHILDREN'S
COURT**

Cause No.: SA-2012-00033
Judge: Fernando R. Macias

**In the Matter of THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
BRIAN J. MAKI, Petitioner.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

**THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO:**

TO: RYAN NANEZ

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for Adoption of the child born to Ashley Howell on July 31, 2004 has been filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

You are hereby directed to serve a pleading or motion in response to the Petition within 30 days after service of this Notice if you intend to contest this action. Unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition and it shall be treated as a default.

Attorney for Petitioner:

Samuel I. Kane
1018 E. Amador
Las Cruces, NM 88001

WITNESS the honorable
Fernando R. Macias, District
Judge of said Court of

the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of said County, this 30th day of July, 2012.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Deputy /s/ Joe M. Martinez

Pub # 12233
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 2012

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. PB-2012-0067
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT OF James G.
Shook, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Susan T. Shook Hettinga has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, Susan T. Shook Hettinga, at P.O. Box 449, Fairacres, NM 88033, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001.

LAW OFFICE OF MARCI
BEYER

By: /s/ Marci E. Beyer
Attorney for Susan T. Shook
Hettinga
P.O. Box 2845
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2845
Ph: (575) 526-2101

Pub # 12234
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012


**IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. 12-0179

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ROBERT Y.
SAAVEDRA, DECEASED**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that YVONNE VEGA has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons



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BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date/Time
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Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations:
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Copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org

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having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las

Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: August 3, 2012.

YVONNE VEGA
1402 Marchmont Ave.
Hacienda Heights, California
91745

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri, Suite A

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Pub # 12235
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT

CV 12-1678

James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF ROSINA M.
RODRIGUEZ

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Rosina M. Rodriguez,
a resident of the City of Las

Cruces, County of Doña Ana,
State of New Mexico, and
over the age of fourteen years,
has filed a petition to Change
Name in the Third Judicial
District Court, Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, wherein
she seeks to change her name
from Rosina M. Rodriguez to
Rosina Michelle Nuanes, and
that this petition will be heard
before the Honorable James T.
Martin, District Judge, on the
11th day of September 2012, at

the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the
Doña Ana County Courthouse,
Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosina M. Rodriguez
1310 Magoffin Place
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(575) 635-7322

Pub # 12236
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by ALFREDO OLVERA, JOSE C OLVERA & MIREYA MORENO who requests that the Board suspend a total of 3.02 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 9, Twp. 19S, Range 3W, NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map G1-22,23A TR 2, 4 & 5 and transfer them to lands owned by RODNEY SHAYNE & AMANDA FRANZOY located in Section 16, Twp. 18S, Range 4W, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map D-114B, 134B, 135A. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is September 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

Pub # 12237
Dates 8/17, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Case No. 2012-1878
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

Katherine M. Guenther,
Petitioner,

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

GREETINGS: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Katherine M. Guenther, a resident of the city of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen (14) years, by and through her attorney of record, has filed a Petition now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico wherein she has asked the Court to change her name from KATHERINE M. GUENTHER to KATHERINE M. BEYER.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, will hear her petition on the 12th Day of September, 2012 at 03:15p.m. at the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Attorney for Petitioner is Mary W. Rosner, ROSNER FAMILY LAW CENTER, P. O. Box 241, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0241.

Respectfully submitted,
ROSNER FAMILY LAW CENTER
/s/ Mary W. Rosner, #4262
Post Office Box 241
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0241
575-524.4399

Pub # 12238
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-307-2009-00011

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF KAZUKO K.
BARBER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY
PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO:

TO: ALL UNKNOWN
PERSONS WHO HAVE OR
CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN
THE ESTATE OF KAZUKO
K. BARBER, DECEASED,
OR IN THE MATTER
BEING LITIGATED IN
THE HEREINAFTER
MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative (the "Petition") filed by the undersigned petitioner will be held at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on September 11, 2012, at 2:30 P. M. before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the petitioner that:

1. The Court formally confirm the prior order entered on February 16, 2008 and formally probates the Will.
2. The Court formally determines the sole heir, devisee and distributee of the decedent.
3. The Court approve the Waiver of Filing Full Account and Receipt of Distributive Share.
4. The Court declare the estate fully settled and discharge petitioner from further claims or demands of any interested person.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to §45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and seals of this Court.

DATED: August 6, 2012

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
By: /s/ Mary C. Apodaca

EDWARD JONES TRUST
COMPANY
By: /s/ Meara C. Smith,
Trust Officer
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Kazuko K.
Barber, Deceased
12555 Manchester Road
St. Louis, MO 63131
(314) 515-3352

KENNETH C. LEACH &
ASSOCIATES, P. C.
By: /s/ Sara M. Bonnell
Attorney for Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Kazuko K. Barber, Deceased
320 Osuna Road NE, Unit G-4
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87107
(505) 883-2702

Pub # 12239
Dates 8/17, 8/24, 2012

The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for postcards for our "Postcards from the Past" weekly feature. If you have any old postcards that feature Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, bring them to our office at 840 N. Telshor, Suite E Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or call Rachel at 524-8061. We will scan your postcard and return it to you immediately. We will record your name and recognize you for your contribution when the postcard appears in our paper.

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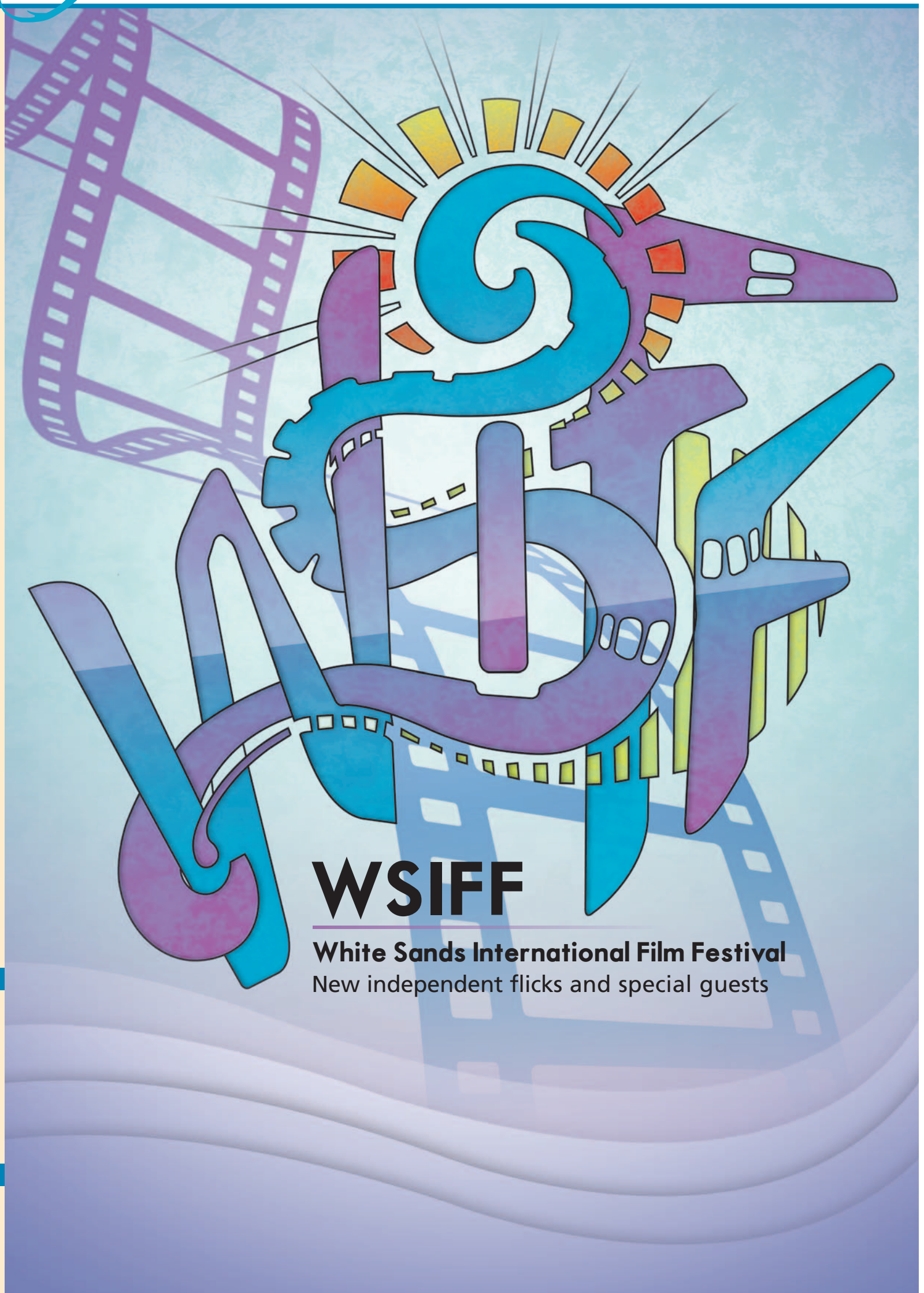
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WSIFF

White Sands International Film Festival
New independent flicks and special guests

Film festival returns to the City of the Crosses

Lineup features myriad of independent films

By Isabel A. Rodriguez
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces will soon be able to experience a taste of Hollywood during the eighth annual White Sands International Film Festival (WSIFF) Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 22-26.

The five-day festival will show 120 independent films, including features, student shorts and documentaries.

This year marks the fourth time the festival has taken place in Las Cruces.

"Our goal is to give a home to independent films," said Ross Marks, artistic director. "Last year we had two films that came into the festival without a distributor, and they were purchased afterward. That helped the festival, it gave us credibility and helps us get more submissions."

The criterion for films submitted to WSIFF is that they must be independent – this typically means they don't have a distributor or were made on a low budget.

"These films are unique, brave, risky – independent in the true sense of the word," Marks said. "It's exciting because the producers don't have the studio telling them what to do. They're typically more artistic."

"The downside is that they don't have the distributor that comes with the studio. Without festivals like these, those independent films would not find an audience."

In addition to the film screenings, WSIFF will also feature a variety of workshops hosted by Jeff Berg, Mark Medoff and Rod McCall.

"Since the festival came to Las Cruces, things have changed and the programming has become much better and more accessible," said Berg, whose workshop will feature a history and tribute to films made in New Mexico.

"The workshop is a continuation of my 'Made in NM' series. I got the idea while doing research for an article I was working on, and began to gather copies of films that were at least in part shot in the state. I selected clips and presented them afterward, talking briefly about the film – where it was shot, historical content, whether it is worth seeing or not, trivia, fun stuff, bits of New Mexico history. This program ... is designed to be fun and educational."

Emmy award-winning actor Jeffrey Tambor, perhaps best known for his role as George Bluth in "Arrested Development," will also host a workshop, which Marks described as part one-man show. Tambor also is being honored with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award.

"(Tambor) is a true character actor," Marks said. "We wanted to give the award to more of a journeyman, and give him recognition for his enormous body of work."

Films will be screened at the Allen Theatres Cineport 10, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

The feature film "Bringing Up Bobby" will kick off the event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22. The film, which marks the directorial debut of actress Famke Janssen, stars Milla Jovovich and Bill Pullman and is the story of a European con artist and her son who find themselves in Oklahoma in an effort to escape her past and build a better future.

Spencer List is the 14-year-old actor who plays Bobby. He will attend the screening of the film, he said.

Marks encouraged people to attend the festival, as it will present a variety of films not found anywhere else.

"We have a lot of good, high-quality films," he said. "The slate this year is the best it's ever been. It's exciting for our community. I hope people take advantage and come out."

"I think it is time for locals to start turning their attention to the smaller or upcoming festivals, such as WSIFF," Berg said. "The better the support, the better the revenue, the better the selection for next year."

Details

White Sands International Film Festival

When

Wednesday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 26

Where

- Cineport 10, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.
- Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Cost

\$30-175

Website

www.wsiff.com



Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima presented Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Val Kilmer with a key to the city at last year's White Sands International Film Festival.

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"Bringing Up Bobby" will kick off WSIFF at the Cineport 10, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Featured artist: *Wanda Fuselier*

Little imagination goes a long way Artist creates sculptures, collages from random items

By **Isabel A. Rodriguez**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

One man's trash is another man's treasure.

That adage could probably sum up the work of local artist Wanda Fuselier.

The Louisiana native, whose exhibit "Recycled Zoo" is currently featured at Mesquite Art Gallery, creates art pieces using objects she finds. The self-described Cajun moved to Las Cruces after visiting friends in the area many times.

Fuselier said her love for art was developed by her parents. Her father painted with acrylics as a hobby. She described her mother as crafty, and said she taught her how to look for good trash that could be reused.

"She taught me how to find money, oddly enough," Fuselier said. "It was a little lesson to look for coins. You train yourself to look for those (coin) shapes. From there it was just always about liking certain materials and collecting them for collages. I have an inventory of stuff."

A background in fine arts and graphic design, Fuselier said, helped mold her style into what it is.

"For me, it's a lot about order," she said. "When I go anywhere outside my house, if I find a piece that looks interesting, I put it in my pocket and take it home. Some pieces will suggest a subject in and of themselves. I'll place the item on my coffee table, and sometimes it'll tell me what it wants to be."

Fuselier's belief about reusing and recycling goes beyond an art medium – it's more of a lifestyle, she said.

"I try not to buy anything," she said. "The only thing I buy is glue, because I don't know how to make it. I only collect things that appeal to me. I don't have a lot of space to store a lot of things."

Even though her art is sometimes three-dimensional, Fuselier said she strives to create portable, light-weight pieces.



"Computer Virus Specimens," "Calligraphy Mouse," "Quagmire" and "Surprise Saddle" are part of Fuselier's exhibit, "Recycled Zoo."

Subject matter and size are important aspects to consider, she said, adding that she wants her art to be easy to transport when people have purchased it and have to carry it out of the gallery.

"People are downsizing," she said. "They have less space for artwork. Smaller pieces are better for more people. The subject matter (of my art) tends to be animals. I like things in nature – a lot of people do. They relate to animals."

"One of the reasons my work is popular is it's priced well. I'm really not interested in wealth, other than supporting my 'glue habit,'" she said. "I like the idea that it's affordable."

While most artists tend to dislike working on commission, Fuselier said it's something she enjoys.

"I like making pieces designed specifically for clients," she said. "Many artists shy away from it because they don't want their creative sparks influenced by outside prodding. I have no problem with it at all. It's great."

Fuselier cited attaching different materials together as the most challenging part of the art-making process. Finding ways that are long-lasting and secure can sometimes be difficult, she said.

Presentation of her art can also sometimes be a challenge, she said, because some pieces are multi-dimensional. In addition to frames for wall pieces, Fuselier also uses vases and stands.

While some pieces from her exhibit at Mesquite Art Gallery have already sold, they've been replaced with new works.

Fuselier earned her bachelor's degree in fine arts and graphic design from the University of Louisiana, with a minor in advertising.

"If you have to work for a living, you might as well enjoy it," she said.



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Shirley Valentine	LC Community Theatre
SAT. AUG 18	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces	COAS Bookstores
SAT. AUG 18	11 A.M.
Story Time	LC Railroad Museum
SAT. AUG 18	11:30 A.M.
Magic Carpet StoryTime	Branigan Cultural Center
SAT. AUG 18	7 P.M.
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A timeless and relevant 'Valentine'

Mazdra is delightful in one-woman theater production

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

For a play written more than a quarter of a century ago (1986, to be exact), Willy Russell's award-winning dramedy "Shirley Valentine" holds up very well.

Ceil Herman made the decision to open the No Strings Theatre Company's current season with this fascinating character study a number of years ago, but, as is the case with many theater projects, it took some time to assemble all of the pieces of this theatrical puzzle.

Herman offered the part of the title character to accomplished and popular local actress Janet Mazdra, who agreed to accept the challenges presented in performing this one-woman tour de force. It took time for Mazdra to not only learn the role, but also to make time in her own busy schedule. We are now the beneficiaries of all this planning.

The play runs at the Black Box Theatre through Sunday, Aug. 26, and is guaranteed to provide you with an enjoyable, thoughtful evening of theater and a bravura performance to top it off. I have a sense this production will be a sell-out and may extend its run.

The point of "Shirley Valentine" is simple and timeless. Each of us has a choice to either live our lives as others would have us, or to make our own decisions and live our lives and dreams as we see them.

What makes this play work so well is that Shirley seems to enjoy thinking out loud and breaking the "fourth wall" of the theater – namely us.

We are privy to her raw, honest and sometimes painful thoughts and memories. The clever way in which Russell mixes up the plethora of Shirley's memories and emotions, provides the tension and brilliance



Humor, drama and breaking the "fourth wall" – not to mention Janet Mazdra's wonderful performance as the title character – all contribute to "Shirley Valentine's" message of following one's dreams.

that warranted the many awards the play has received, and prove why it has found new audiences over the years.

Certain aspects of the plot and character development are timeless, but there are elements of the play which are dated.

For instance, the "salty" language and frequent references to the female anatomy found throughout the script are far less shocking in 2012, especially since Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues" came on the scene in 1996. In today's world, speaking the names of parts of the female anatomy in public is no longer funny or daring in and of itself.

In short order, from the moment the lights

come up, and we watch Shirley easily put away an entire bottle of Reisling, we learn about the deterioration of her 20-year marriage, the "empty nest" syndrome facing her and her husband and the blossoming of the seeds of feminism which have been dormant and unintended for years. When offered a two-week trip to Greece to accompany her feminist friend, she doesn't spend too much time making a momentous and ultimately life-changing decision.

Her struggles, frustrations and journey to Corfu represent the challenges and potential journeys in our own lives. The message here is to follow our dreams. Although without

Details

"Shirley Valentine"

When

- 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 25
- 2:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee Aug. 19 and 26
- 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23

Where

Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Cost

\$10

Contact

523-1223, www.no-strings.org

giving too much plot away, I have to say that the resolution of the play seems very unrealistic.

Mazdra's performance is, in a word, transformative. She nails the Manchester accent to a tee and carries the show as if on air. Hers is one of the most memorable performances I have seen in years. For that reason alone, one needs to see this production.

What I envisioned as a dingy kitchen, reflective of Shirley's state of mind, is far cheerier looking than it needs to be. But to his credit, Peter Herman's set does have a working kitchen in which Mazdra prepares a very yummy looking and smelling plate of "chips and eggs."

The second act, set in Greece, is far more realistic.

In summary, it looks as if the No Strings Theatre Company has another hit on its hands. If "Shirley Valentine" is any indication of the quality of this season's repertoire, I would call and reserve season tickets immediately.

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.

Student films showing at fest

WSIFF to welcome 24 films by aspiring filmmakers from around the world

By **Lorena Sanchez**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Filmmakers breaking into the industry don't start their career with a big feature film – they start short.

The White Sands International Film Festival will premiere 24 student shorts from filmmakers all around the world.

"We had over 100 submissions," said Ross Marks, artistic director of the festival. "This year, the quality of the student shorts was so high we decided to increase the number of selections to premiere."

Students were asked to send in their films for consideration. A committee made the final decision on which would be screened.

"There are not a lot of screening opportunities for student films," Marks said. "We wanted to create that opportunity to give them a chance to come down and meet other filmmakers and the audience. We're creating a breeding ground for the next generation of

filmmakers."

Marks said he considers students creating short films an important springboard for success further down the line.

"The process all begins off the strength of your student short, then you go on to get feature film experience," Marks said.

The student shorts will be screened in three, two-hour blocks with eight to 10 student shorts shown at a time.

"I myself started out as a filmmaker creating student shorts," Marks said. "The best advice I can give students is to take risks. The real world tends to be 'risk adverse.' As a student you have the opportunity to explore your voice as a filmmaker."

Sam Pool, New Mexico State University film student, is hoping to make a splash with his film "The Harp," chosen as a selection in this year's festival.

As a child, Pool said, he made films with friends here and there but didn't seriously considered it as a career until he was looking for a university to attend and found out

NMSU had the Creative Media Institute.

"I originally wrote the script in my screenwriting class about two years ago," Pool said. "About a year ago, I started picking it up again and partnered with my friend, Jacob Bonner, to complete the script."

"The Harp" is about a homeless man living out his last day, the people he meets and experiences, past and present, that have lead him to where is.

As a student filmmaker, Pool said he had never taken part in a production of this magnitude and relished every moment of it.

"I still remember the night we finished," Pool recalled. "It was about 5 a.m. and we were putting up equipment, it really hit me, especially after spending all this time and energy on the project. We couldn't have done it without the community helping us out."

Pool's sentiment echoes what Marks is hoping to achieve by supporting young filmmakers and providing an outlet for their work.

"It's the only way for us to get anything done," Pool said. "Filmmaking is such a huge process and as students we don't have the money. It brings the community together, which is a big plus, and in the end, everyone gets to watch it together and have a good time, a good experience."

After filming wrapped on director Karlem Sizira's student short, "Your Very Own Feast," Sizira said she felt relieved.

"At (Ithaca College) we do smaller films," Sizira said. "This one was probably one of my bigger films."

Sizira's film is about a man named Roy who finds himself going through the motions of his everyday life almost robotically. When he receives a time-capsule message from his younger self about his plans for the future, things begin to change.

"It's awesome (having been chosen)," Sizira said. "It's the first festival we've been chosen for. It's exciting."

Unfortunately, Sizira and her director of art, Mike Blaney, are unable to fly down from New York for the screening, but recognize the significance of the selection.

"If you start to support people at younger age, it is very encouraging," she said. "Knowing people are passionate about what you're doing is very inspiring."

Galleries & Openings

ONGOING

MESQUITE ART GALLERY

will feature the work of Wanda Fuselier during the month of August. Fuselier's "Recycled Zoo Art" is a light-hearted series of collages and sculptures made entirely of found objects. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

GALERIE ACCENTS FINE CUSTOM FRAMING,

will feature the work of renowned local artists Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt and Robert Highsmith. Shufelt is known for his Western graphite drawings, which depict the essence of the cowboy lifestyle. Highsmith, is known for his watercolor paintings showcasing Southwest scenery and landscapes. The gallery is located at 344 S. San Pedro St. Suite. 3. For more information, call 522-3567 or email galerieaccents@yahoo.com.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

will feature "The Art of the Cotton Gin," by Las Cruces photographer Storm Sermay. Her exhibit gives a fresh, new look to old structures in the Mesilla Valley. Cotton gins are the subjects of her photography. The exhibit includes 20 black-and-white photographs. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

NOPALITO'S GALERIA

will feature "Cowboys, Indians and Apple Pie," an exhibit representing the many different settlers and cultures as well as the growth of the nation in order to celebrate the American Southwest. Come witness historic photographs and depictions of the Southwest. The gallery is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 650-5690.

THE EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY

will feature the work of multi-media painter and glass artist Peter de Vries for the month of August. A well-rounded fine artist whose work has encompassed everything from jewelry and animation to glass carving and painting, de Vries is a self-taught practitioner of all things artistic, currently working in watercolor, oils, acrylics, clay board engravings, silver leaf engraving and pen and ink, with occasional forays into glasswork. The gallery is located at 211 N. Main St., south of the theater lobby. For more information, call 523-6403.



"What I See, What I Saw," by McGrath, is an installation composed of 3,000 hand-formed ceramic roses made from raw clay and preserved in wax. The work is currently on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

will feature the work of local artists Jeanne Rundell and Roy Van der Aa during the 2012 fall season.

Rundell's exuberant work in color and form is confined only by the square defined by her canvas and/or the divisions within the canvas. The limited palette and geometric abstractions of Van der Aa's paintings both complement and contrast with Rundell's compositions. Various sized collages are included in this exhibit. Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 to 4 p.m. by appointment. For more information, call 635-2285 or visit www.unsettledgallery.com.

THE TOMBAUGH GALLERY

presents "Retro: The Works of Jeanne Rundell." Rundell moved to Las Cruces in 1975, where she co-founded the Mesilla Valley Pottery and was also one of the founders of the Potters Guild of Las Cruces in 1981. With Las Cruces as a base, Rundell spent the next 30 years traveling the United States exhibiting and selling thousands of artworks in art festivals. This retrospective runs through Friday, Aug. 31.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

hosts David Shaw's "Dance as Motion and Color" exhibit.

This exhibit, which emphasizes color in motion, is Shaw's interpretive photography of dance. These vivid images are captured using slow shutter speeds to enhance the drama of the Danzantes Dance Group performing ceremonial dance in Tortuga.

A portion of the proceeds from Shaw's art sales will be donated to the dance organization.

The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

WEST END ART DEPOT

presents "Opening Invitational," featuring artworks by WE.AD members and supporters, including Matt Begin, Sean Carpentier, Daniel Roberts, SABA and Adi Schwab. The exhibit will run through Friday, Aug. 31.

The gallery is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 312-9892.

THE BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

presents "beautiful," an exhibition of the works of Michael Ponce. This display of paintings and drawings runs through Saturday, Aug. 25. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2155.

ARALIA GALLERY

displays the photographic art of Troy Brajkovich and Ali Keyes, as well as paintings by Wendy Robin Weir, Marj Leininger and Rob Crombie.

The gallery is located at 224 N. Campo St. Hours are from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 650-7543.

DENNIS BELL DISABILITY ARTS, CULTURE & CITIZENSHIP

will host "Belonging Through the Arts" endeavor sponsored by Progressive Residential Services (PRS).

The "Risk" chandelier and

"The Beloved Community" mural were created by local artist Dorothy Zitzler, who incorporated the individual artwork of people served by PRS and fellow community members. The "Risk" and "Beloved Community" projects were co-sponsored by New Heights Faith Community and the Devasthali Family Foundation.

The center is located at 250 S. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-8431.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

will feature two local artists for August. Roxana Quinnell is a mixed-media artist emulating portrait personalities of animals in a combination of pencil and acrylic glazes, which boggles the imagination with their expressions. She holds a bachelor's degree in fine art and education from the University of Montana Western.

Kurt Van Wagner has emerged as an accomplished, self-taught digital artist. His artwork has gained international and local attention.

In addition, the artists of the gallery offer art in many media, including original paintings, fused-glass art jewelry, wood-turning objects, stained glass, photography, pen and ink, mixed media, affordable prints, cards and miniature paintings.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY

is excited that Gail Bleiweiss has returned. Bleiweiss is back from her buying trip to the Baltic States and returned with some incredible amber jewelry, beautiful pendants, rings, bracelets and necklaces created by the best artisans

of Tallinn and Gdansk. Journeying through some of the most beautiful villages surrounding the Baltic Sea, Bleiweiss was not satisfied with the usual tourist stores in the port cities.

Buying in back rooms and out of suitcases, she brought back some remarkable pieces in amber, sterling and gold.

Come see these beautiful pieces that are now available at M. Phillip's Gallery as it continues its successful show "Works on Paper" this month.

The gallery is located at 221 Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

displays "Thinking New Mexico," a celebration of 100 years of New Mexico art. The show runs through Sept. 1.

The gallery is located at 1390 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-2545.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

is displaying several retablos from the university's permanent collection on loan to the library from the University Art Gallery. The artwork is on display in the library dean's office.

A unique artistic tradition of 19th century Mexico, retablos are popular expressions of faith painted on small sheets of tin-coated iron. Retablos were not originally created as art objects, but were functional everyday items used for home worship.

Pilgrims who traveled roadways such as El Camino Real between Mexico City and Santa Fe stopped at shrines along the way, leaving their devotional images behind. This caused the art to move northward into New Mexico.

NMSU holds the largest

public collection of retablos in the United States. From 1963 to 1973, more than 1,700 retablos were donated to the university.

The library is located at 1780 E. University Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 646-2545.

CUTTER GALLERY

presents an art opening titled "Just Friends," featuring Betty Hummer and Virginia Roach.

Hummer and Roach have been friends since the early 1980s when they took an art class together from Jim Mitchers.

Since that time, they have truly been friends, showing their artwork together, traveling to Spain, Portugal and Mexico and continuing to paint every week with a group they established called the Artamonts.

The gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY

displays "The Illuminated Landscape," by David Drummond.

The gallery also will present work from members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter.

The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call 532-9310.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

will display more than 100 pieces of original student art from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools. The gallery is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 525-5801.

PAISANO CAFÉ AND GALLERY

features paintings by Linda Hagen and Mary Zawacki.

The gallery is located at 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-0211.

THETHEATREGALLERY

will feature "PhotoHectography: My Adventures in Mixed Media Art" by Naida Zucker in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre. Zucker's work is a mixed media combination of hectography (gelatin monoprinting) and digital photography to produce one-of-a-kind pieces.

The gallery is located at 430 N. Main St. The exhibit runs through Sept. 2, and will be open an hour before performances and by appointment. For more information, call 523-1223.

AtTheMovies

Girl power can't carry film

Religious struggle presented cynically and awkward

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Lysistrata: There are a lot of things about us women that sadden me, considering how men see us as rascals.

Calonice: As indeed we are!

I was racking my brain, what's left of it, as I watched "Where Do We Go Now," trying to think of the myth that it was probably at least loosely based on. I finally had to cheat and look it up, to find that it was "Lysistrata."

"Lysistrata" was the story of a woman who decided she was sick of war and took it upon herself to convince the other women of a town that the way to make the men stop being idiots was to deny them sex.

Even though the film is billed as a comedy, in no way did I find it very funny. It had its moments, but mostly I found it confusing and rhetorical.

It seems that there is a village in the middle of nowhere, somewhat Las Cruces-like, where the population is evenly divided between Christians and Muslims. There is a lot of polite tolerance, but when violence breaks out, it can be for the smallest of reasons and always leads to bloodshed. It is kind of like a Hatfield and McCoy setting that has gone from Appalachia to Lebanon.

The religious leaders of both sides work hard to keep the peace and grant acceptance, but that's often easier said than done.

The women have had enough of the shooting sprees and take on any number of plots to make the idiot men stop behaving like Neanderthals.

One of the most fun attempts at cooling heads takes place when the women high-jack



"Where Do We Go Now?" directed by Nadine Labaki, is the story of Lebanese women who try and ease religious tensions between Christians and Muslims in their village.

the town's only TV so the men can't watch the news reports of sectarian violence elsewhere.

Another plot involves importing Ukrainian strippers to take their minds off guns and such.

Neither gains much momentum, although the strippers' bus breaks down, and they are stranded and adored by the men, but not enough to keep them out of mischief.

The trouble with the film is that it skips around too much and too soon. Scenes are short, and sometimes the audience is not sure

if we're with the Christians or the Muslims or both. There are also some scenes of heart-breaking violence and minor subplots that don't fit and which are not explained until too late.

Director Nadine Labaki, whose previous film was the well-constructed "Caramel," about the comings and goings of a beauty shop in Beirut, may have mistakenly thought



that audiences would be OK with a sometimes comic turn when someone is shot out of religious misunderstandings.

Perhaps that works for those involved with such conflicts, but as presented here, it feels cynical and uncomfortable.

She does offer some good players (especially the mayor and his wife) and the cast does its very best, even when called upon to do a song and dance routine for no apparent reason. The opening scene of the women slowly marching toward the camera is unique and well shot, but what is the purpose?

A last tragic shooting brings the women to the one last thing that they think will help stop the killings, and I won't be a plot spoiler here, but it is ingenious, in spite of the annoying song that accompanies the plan as the women prepare to go after the men one more time.

"Where Do We Go Now" works in some ways, but not enough. It is a pleasure to see a number of women in strong roles (except the strippers), but it just needs some caramel to help hold it together.

I went, but no one cared. Jeff Berg is now a Santa Fe-based freelance writer and former board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society ... jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Campus dining makeover



Chef Clint Kifolo presented some of the vegan menu items that will be featured at the new Taos Restaurant on the New Mexico State University campus Friday, Aug. 10. Renovations are currently underway, and expected to be completed soon after classes begin Thursday, Aug. 23. Kifolo introduced foods from The Wild Mushroom, a healthy vegan station, including gluten-free French toast, lactose-free chocolate pudding made from avocado and pasta made from fresh zucchini, topped with tomato sauce. The Wild Mushrooms is just one of several new concepts at Taos.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Isabel A. Rodriguez

'Fancy Pants' brings laughs

Hope and Ball are spectacular in their roles

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, is "Fancy Pants" (1950, 92 minutes, rated G).

Powerful matron Effie Floud travels to England with the hope of teaching her uncouth daughter, Agatha (Lucille Ball), to acquire more ladylike manners. At the invitation of her host, Effie offers English butler, Humphrey (Bob Hope), a large salary to come to America and become her butler.

Unfortunately for Effie, she does not know two things – that Humphrey is really Arthur Tyler, a bad American actor, and that hubby Mike has misunderstood her telegram and mistakenly believes Humphrey to be royalty. Agatha's fiancé, Cart Belknap becomes insanely jealous of Humphrey and decides to run him out of town.

"Fancy Pants" is well worth seeing, particularly for fans of the two stars. There are several laugh-out-loud moments, such as Hope's disastrous makeover of Ball, and the final duel between Hope and Cabot. These set pieces are so brilliantly acted and directed that they will make the foundation of any building tremble, due to the unrelenting laughter they evoke.

The performances help sell this material and make it work. In his peak period of 1939-49, Hope was one of the finest screen comedians, right up there with Chaplin, Groucho and W.C. Fields in terms of ability and ease.

His later vehicles were entertaining, but

often ragged and heavy-handed. His work in "Fancy Pants" showcases all his strengths, especially his gift for snappy banter and making the most out of even a minor situation and spinning comic gold out of it.

Opposite the hapless Hope, Lucille Ball's work in "Fancy Pants" is perhaps the best of her career. Her film work was uneven, mainly due to lackluster material, but here she is given a strong character to play, and she does it beautifully. The entire supporting cast is superb and features good work from Jack Kirkwood and Lea Penman, not to mention Bruce Cabot in the type of role he could do in his sleep.

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 \$5 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$2.

The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287.

Yumming it up at Men Who Cook

Photos by Isabel A. Rodriguez



Randy and Debbie Taylor browse the silent auction items at the fifth annual Men Who Cook Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Adryan and Roni Alba and Traci White enjoy the delicious food at the event.



Wendy Boetticher and Junko Jackson-Moore sell cookbooks and other Men Who Cook gear to benefit Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation.



Andy Cordova and Danielle Dismuke sell spirits at the fundraiser.



Aaron Henry Diaz and Scott Gardenhire prepare salmon treats.



Chef Garrett Seward shows off monster cookies.



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Girl Scouts Norma Farrell and Jillian Hughes of Troupe No. 350, sell Men Who Cook merchandise during the event.

The Music Scene

Featured musician: *Chris Churchill*

Professor a man of many bands

And sometimes, they even battle one another

By **Suzanna Lester**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Chris Churchill plays many roles in his life. Currently, a total of five local bands can claim him as a member, utilizing his skills on bass or drums – sometimes both.

By day, Churchill is also an astronomy professor at New Mexico State University. For the past nine years, he has conducted research on what he refers to as, essentially “space farts.”

“My research focuses on galaxy formation and evolution,” Churchill said. “On how galaxies cycle their gas into stars and out of the cosmic web of gas that connects galaxies together across cosmic distances. So yes – galaxy winds, or farts!”

He teaches four classes a year, including Intro to Astronomy, in which he promises to “blow your mind” by the end of each class period.

In another class, one might witness Churchill’s passion “Into the Final Frontier,” where students learn about Sally Ride one minute, exchange “Star Trek” references the next and gush over RUSH’s drummer on coffee breaks.

Churchill is also the proud father of two, musically talented, almost grown-up kids.

Whether they are the product of a rock star or astronomer dad is still up in the air.

“Sometimes they don’t know which dad will materialize,” Churchill said. “It’s fun, though. Once they started getting into music, it was like we were close friends, hanging out and sharing bands.”

“My daughter sings and plays guitar, and my son plays just about every instrument – trumpet, clarinet, trombone, piano, bass and saxophone.”

After being a single dad for six years, Churchill finally found a match made in rock heaven.

“My wife, Wendy, is a Captain in the Army Reserves and serves in the Dental Corp as a dentist,” Churchill said. “She is amazingly supportive of my ‘hobby.’ She puts up with a lot.”

“Music is not a big part of who I am,” Wendy Churchill said. “I never knew that Robert Plant was the lead singer of Led Zepelin. I couldn’t have named one Metallica, Led Zeppelin, Ozzy Osbourne or RUSH song prior to meeting Chris.”

Yet, despite their differences, the Churchills



Musician Chris Churchill stays busy playing in various bands, while also juggling the role of father and husband.

find a balance in their opposite-end-of-the-spectrum lives.

Several times a week, an array of bands practice in the Churchills’ garage, raiding the fridge and making a cacophony of musical racket. Wendy’s not only patient, but has even become an active member in the process.

“(Wendy) also comes to many of the shows and is our photographer. She took several videos of the bands and we put them on YouTube. She really helped us get some new gigs in this way,” Churchill said.

“I’m not sure what it’s like to be Robert Plant’s wife, but it’s easy being Chris,” Wendy Churchill said.

In the last couple of years, much of Churchill’s time spent on his “hobby” has involved projects including two young musical masters.

Matt Dynek, a drummer with impeccable timing, and Mark Klett, a classically trained pianist and face-melting electric guitarist, are both in their early 20s.

This so-far-inseparable trio met while playing in The Daniel Park Band, but after Park, the frontrunner, began touring the country on his own, his band was left to search for a new vocalist to fill the void.

“After going through many vocalists, we finally saw Dustin (Vendrey) fronting his other band, From the Valley. He was incredible, so we asked him to join,” Chris Churchill said.

Since then, the band has taken off.

“We are just getting out this summer, having played El Patio and Hurricane Alley, he said.”

Their song selection is sure to entertain, with covers ranging from Metallica and Coheed and Cambria to Maroon 5 and The Pixies.

The judges have agreed that their sound is prize worthy.

The Players won this year’s “Battle of the Bands” at Graham Central Station against 16 other local bands. Awkwardly enough, Churchill also played that night for his other band, The Vision, back to back.

“So I was competing against myself in these two bands. In the end, The Players won the battle, but just barely,” Churchill said.

“The Players are a cover band, whereas The Vision performed several originals, and originality was one of the judging criteria. Apparently, The Players overcame this handicap for their overall point score,” Churchill said. “But, it was disappointing for the bands who performed their own originals.”

The brainchild of Lee Ruiz, The Vision is an acoustic rock/alternative band. Drummer Chris Melon, picked up Churchill only a couple of months ago. The harder rock sound is brought together by Ruiz’ consistently hearty lead vocals and guitar, along with added guitar work from Guillermo Aldrette.

In addition, Churchill recently began to play bass for The Rein Garcia Band, again reuniting the trio with Klett and Dynek, and with help from Kyla Hollister on vocals.

Next on the roster is The Raggies, a dirty Southern rock band that Churchill claims to play bass or drums for – they’re currently looking for someone to fill in for one or the other.

“This band is a hoot ... I have been playing with them on and off during (the past three) years. The Raggies have played all over New Mexico and El Paso,” Churchill said.

The Raggies’ Jack Kilpatrick graces audiences with lead vocals and guitar, while harmonica player Diamond Dave assists the overall southern vibe.

Finally, Churchill has begun another new venture with the country cover band, Midnight Run.

“This band has just started, we know about five songs” Churchill said.

With his head in the stars, a spotlight on his face and a family at home, one might wonder what it takes to live such a fully saturated, motivated life.

“I was pretty much a long-haired hooligan in high school,” Churchill said.

So, never fear, worried parents – your seemingly directionless teen might just grow up to be a scientist ... and a rock star.

Top 10 singles Tuesday, Aug. 14



- 1 Call Me Maybe**
Carly Rae Jepsen
- 2 Lights**
Ellie Goulding
- 3 Whistle**
Flo Rida
- 4 Wide Awake**
Katy Perry
- 5 Payphone**
Maroon 5
- 6 Somebody That I Used to Know**
Gotye
- 7 Where Have You Been**
Rihanna
- 8 Titanium**
David Guetta featuring Sia
- 9 Home**
Phillip Phillips
- 10 Blow Me (One Last Kiss)**
Pink

Top 5 albums



- 1 God Forgives, I Don't**
Rick Ross
- 2 Number Ones**
Bee Gees
- 3 Greatest Hits**
James Taylor
- 4 Clockwork Angels**
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Where

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www.facebook.com/ThePlayersRock



Centennial Spotlight

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The grand dame of Downtown

Generations of Las Cruces entertained at the Rio Grande

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

She is the grand old lady of Downtown Las Cruces. Inside her walls, residents of the City of the Crosses have eaten mountains of popcorn, quenched their thirst with an ocean of sodas and had their loving liaisons set up for exposure by hectares of hickeys as they watched, or at least glanced, at a galaxy of Hollywood stars parading across the big screen.

She is the Rio Grande Theatre.

In 1925, the owners of Las Cruces Drug Store, C. T. Seale and B. G. Dyne, purchased the Jacoby property and announced their intention to build a two-story theater on the site.

"They probably saw a need for something like a movie theater in Las Cruces at the time," said David Salcido, Rio Grande Theatre manager. "Las Cruces was growing, but didn't have anything like this."

The two pharmacists hired renowned El Paso architect Otto Thurman, who designed the brick-veneered adobe building in the Italian Renaissance style.

On July 29, 1926, the Rio Grande Theatre had its grand opening with a showing of the

silent film "Mare Nostrum," by Vlasco Ivanetz, before a packed house.

"The look outside the theater is the original look," Salcido said. "There have been very few changes to it. The inside has changed quite a bit.

"There was actually an earthquake in early '30s, and a fire that destroyed the auditorium where it had to be rebuilt and renovated."

According to historical material provided by Salcido, the fire was in 1933 and while damage was minimal, the interior was extensively remodeled with a more elaborate design, adding features including paintings on the walls.

"The spaces on the wall ... were covered with white velour tapestries with red velvet festoons depicting historically or culturally significant figures Carlos Rex, Coronado, a Spanish dancer, a Spanish padre, an Aztec chief and a Navajo Indian.

The main drape was turquoise velvet with a gold plush valance and gold satin appliqué and was painted with the figures of caballeros in a falcon scene. There were nine great chandeliers that hung from the main ceiling," the material said.

When the theater opened, it was operated

“They probably saw a need for something like a movie theater in Las Cruces at the time.”

DAVID SALCIDO,
theater manager

When the theater opened, it was operated

by Central Theatres Corp. out of Denver, but within a few years, control was taken over by Fox, which added sound capability. For 70 years, it was operated as the Fox Rio Grande Theatre, though the original owners and their descendants retained ownership.

"The old façade was covered up in the '40s," Salcido said. "That was done as part of the movement toward having marquees and display boxes. The theater wasn't really set up for that. They put a façade that allowed for a marquee and around the pillars out front they put the display boxes. It was like that until the 1990s.

"That's actually what saved the façade, the violins and the florets, those are original. Covering them up allowed them to be protected from the elements," Salcido said.

After Fox stopped operating the theater in the late 1990s, it was operated by Allen Theatres as a dollar theater for several years before it was offered to the Doña Ana Arts Council by the owners – granddaughters of C.T. Seale, Salcido said.

"The grand daughters of C.T. Seale approached our executive director at the time, Heather Pollard," Salcido said. "They came to her and asked her if the arts council would be interested in taking over management of the theater. They voted on it and decided to do so and from then on it was under the management of the arts council."

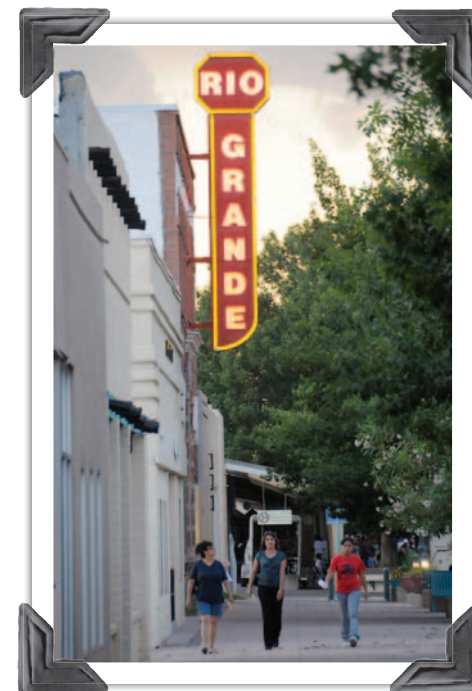
DAAC spent several years raising funds before undertaking the most recent renovation in 2003.

"It took another three years to complete it," Salcido said.

The theater opened again in September of 2006.

"They actually had to extend the back of the theater to add the dressing rooms, the green room, and all that. They had to rip out the ceiling over the stage and build upwards to they could put in the fly system."

Salcido said that even though the theater



Actor Jeffrey Tambor will host the workshop, "Performing Your Life" at the Rio Grande Theatre, during the White Sands International Film Festival Saturday, Aug. 25.

has been renovated to be a performing arts space, it is appropriate that the Rio Grande is still involved in screening films.

"Though it was renovated and has been a performing arts space since 2006, we do still screen a lot of movies," Salcido said. "We have a regular film for local filmmakers called Film Las Cruces on the second Wednesday of every month, and we do regular screenings of locally produced films. Rod McCall's film 'Becoming Eduardo' was screened here and premiered here.

"We've had short films, we've had documentaries, we've had art films all done here."

Actor Jeffrey Tambor will present a 90-minute workshop titled "Performing Your Life," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Rio Grande Theatre, during the White Sands International Film Festival.

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Artists will paint and decorate any manner of shoe – canvas, leather or vinyl – with any medium of paint or material and/or markers for the public.

Painted shoe prices will vary according to complexity and time spent on design.

For more information, contact Casa Camino Real at 523-3988 or bbff@borderbookfestival.com

ARTISTS NEEDED

SumArt and the West End Art Depot will host a new micro loan and mini grant competition for Las Cruces area artists during the Depot Districts Arts Fest. The inaugural event will spotlight innovative concepts for works of art accessible to the community upon completion. Artists in all media will be invited to pitch their concept to a group of audience "investors," each of whom will have contributed at least \$5

to a prize money pool. Investors will select the project to fund based on the concept, feasibility, time frame and whether or not the money will be paid back to fund future projects. Presenters are encouraged to make their pitches as dynamic as possible. The prize estimated to be in the range of \$400 to \$500. Sponsorships for the competition are also available. Artists may download the application at www.sumartfest.org, or email chris@sumartfest.org.

GALLERY OPENINGS

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for fine artists who wish to display their artwork. For information, stop by the Gallery, call 522-2933, or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

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Ben Gabriel
Outdoor Adventurer

As summer begins to cool, New Mexico State University's Aquatics Center is just beginning to heat up, offering many opportunities to engage the community.

NMSU swim school provides swimming lessons for children ages 3 to 17. Divided by ability, participants learn general water safety and swimming skill progressions that enhance learning in a fun and challenging environment. The program offers classes for all skill levels, ranging from preschool to advanced. Classes are offered on Saturdays during the fall.

The Rec Sports Alternative physical education program offers unique indoor rock climbing and swimming lessons to children 5 to 17 years old. Geared to those who do not have the opportunity to participate in traditional physical education programs, participants can gain a wide range of skills both on the climbing wall and in the pool, regardless of skill level.

The Aggie Outlaw Swim Team is a developmental program that offers basic introduction to competitive swimming. The program is for participants ages 5 to 17 interested in building their swimming skills. The Outlaw Swim Team strives to teach the principles of good sportsmanship and establishes a love for the sport of swimming.

The Masters Team offers structured practices to adults 18 and older. Practices are customized toward each participant's goals, so whether you are seeking to improve your technique or participate in a work out that increases your fitness, the Masters Team can accommodate your needs. Practices are offered four times a week.

Individual instruction provides one-on-one instruction that is catered to the participant's needs and goals. Offered in 30 or 60 minute sessions, participants take control over their swimming education by working closely with an instructor to gain the skills and knowledge that helps them accomplish their goals.

For more information on any of the programs, you can contact the NMSU Aquatic Center at 646-3518 or aquatics@nmsu.edu

Ben Gabriel is the assistant director of recreational sports for outdoor recreation at New Mexico State University. The views expressed here are his own and may not reflect the views of the Regents or administration of NMSU. Gabriel can be reached at bgabriel@nmsu.edu.

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Keeping memories alive

Alzheimer's walk is set for Sept. 8

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For more than 10 years, the Walk to End Alzheimer's has been a part of the Las Cruces community.

The walk will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

Each year, the walk, which is the largest, nationwide fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Association, is held to raise awareness about a disease that has been difficult for researchers to pin down.

"It's one of the only diseases without a cure, prevention or ways to slow it down," said Maia Sideris-Dorame, Southwestern Regional Manager of the New Mexico Chapter Alzheimer's Association.

Money raised during the walk goes toward support and research to find the cause, develop treatments and discover a cure for Alzheimer's.

"It also helps sustain our chapter, the programs and services we offer and information



The SunBridge Striders for Northrise raised more than \$6,300 during the 2011 walk, and have plans to top that for this year's walk.

we provide," Sideris-Dorame said.

Funds raised also go toward providing support for loved ones caring for family members with the disease.

The opening ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. with the one-mile walk immediately

following.

"The distance allows all ages to participate including children and seniors," Sideris-Dorame said. "It's definitely a family-friendly event."

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Centennial Spotlight

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A decade of service to LC

MountainView continues to grow

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 2002, MountainView Regional Medical Center made the commitment to Las Cruces to become the second acute-care hospital to offer service to the community.

It was the first time a hospital had put its words into action, after several failed to follow through on previous promises to set up a hospital in the City of the Crosses.

Prior to the opening of MountainView, Memorial Medical Center was the only option residents in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County had for emergency and extensive medical care.

"(MountainView) has certainly improved health care in this part of New Mexico," said CFO Gene Alexander. "Competition tends to bring about innovation and improvement."

To ensure the venture would be successful, MountainView had the Gallup Organization conduct a community survey to gauge the response to a potential second hospital. Eighty percent of respondents supported a new hospital, citing a desire to "increase physician supply and choice," said CEO Denten Park.

"These results led MountainView to later select a key slogan: 'A New Choice for Health Care,'" Park said. "That said, it occurs to me that as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of MountainView Regional Medical Center, we have not only been a new choice, but we have also been blessed to offer many firsts in our community."

MountainView provides a fully staffed, 24-hour emergency care hospital, equipped with a specialized cardiac care unit, women's center, therapy services, center for wound care, imaging services, pediatrics, outpatient services and more.

"We have brought a significant number of physicians to the community since we've been here, which has improved access to health care for the patients and their families," Alexander said.

The hospital also introduced first-time services to the community, including a hyperbaric oxygen chamber to heal serious wounds and damaged skin tissue, and Da Vinci Robotics to perform minimally invasive surgery.

MountainView also received a Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval for hip and Knee
See **MountainView** on page D2



MountainView's sign went up marking the end of construction. On August 21, 2002, MountainView Regional Medical Center treated its first patient.



Construction begins on MountainView Regional Medical Center, after the announcement was made in July 2000 that Las Cruces would be getting a second hospital.

MountainView

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replacement; Chest Pain Accreditation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers; 30 minute pledge to see patients within 30 minutes of their arrival to the emergency room; and a Wall of Heroes to honor individuals who have given their lives so others may live through organ donation.

"We will continue to recruit physicians that will fill unmet specialty needs we have identified," Park said.

In 2011, MountainView's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was upgraded from a level II unit to a level IIB unit, providing more extensive care to babies born prematurely, with illness or infection. With this change came new equipment.

In addition to the level of care provided at MountainView, 35 medical specialties are practiced at the hospital. MountainView provides private care for its patients with 168 licensed beds and private, spacious rooms.

More than 625 of the 839 people working at MountainView are area residents.

Expanding its presence in the community, MountainView Medical Plaza was built in 2002 to offer outpatient services.

"Overall, I feel the quality of – and the access to – health care has improved significantly in the 10 years we've been here," Alexander said.

MountainView has become a permanent fixture in the community over the past decade by continuing to provide support and care to the Mesilla Valley.

"MountainView employees are dedicated to continuously improving the quality of health care we provide Las Cruces," Park said.

Details

Walk to End Alzheimer's

When

- Registration 8 a.m.
- Opening ceremony 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Where

Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

Cost

Free

Contact

647-3868



Bonnie Zeiler, team captain of the SunBridge Striders for Northrise, holds up the trophy her team won for raising the most money of SunBridge teams nationally, during the Alzheimer's Association's 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's walk

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Festivities at the park include a dunking booth, food, drinks and information booths.

Walkers are also welcome to bring their dogs as long as they're on a leash. Those who register in advance can organize teams and get a jump start on fundraising for the cause.

For the past two years, Bonnie Zeiler, director of Alzheimer's services at Village at Northrise, has been team captain of the Sun-Bridge Striders for Northrise. Last year, the team raised more than \$6,300 for the cause, making the team the leading corporate team fundraisers for 2011.

"This year, we've raised more than \$7,300, but we're not done yet," Zeiler said. "We still have so far to go for a disease that affects 5.4 million people. And that number grows every year."

The team has 16 registered members ready to participate in this year's walk.

"The disease is rather insidious," Zeiler said, based on her experience working closely with patients and their families, as have some of her team members.

"We deal with people who have had the disease for such a long time. (Participating in the walk) gives us the satisfaction of knowing that we can give a voice to someone who doesn't have one, by (spreading their message), 'We're here. We matter.'"

The number of deaths from Alzheimer's has increased by 66 percent, which Sideris-Dorame said is what sets this fundraiser apart from all the others. Without the funding and community support for more research, this number will continue to rise.

"The walk is honoring the people with the disease and the caregivers, to thank them for all of their hard work," Sideris-Dorame said. "It's important for the community to back them up, support the association in finding a cure, expanding available treatment and honor those lost to the disease."

In 2011, more than 150 participated in the walk. This year, approximately 250 people are expected to participate in the walk. Anyone can join the walk by registering in advance online or through the Alzheimer's Association, or register the day of at 8 a.m.

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Psoriasis is a chronic, autoimmune disease that appears on the skin. It occurs when the immune system sends out faulty signals that speed up the growth cycle of skin cells. Psoriasis is not contagious. There are five types of psoriasis. The most common form, plaque psoriasis,

appears as raised, red patches covered with a silvery white buildup of dead skin cells. Psoriasis can occur on any part of the body and is associated with other serious health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease and depression. Psoriasis is the most common autoimmune disease in the U.S. with as many as 7.5 million Americans have psoriasis.

Sources: www.nationalwellness.org, <http://healthfinder.gov>, www.psoriasis.org

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Julie Maager
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It's no secret that adopting a balanced and healthy lifestyle is the key to a long and meaningful life. The challenge, for most people, is how to adopt that lifestyle.

Research focusing on individuals 100 years of age and older, such as the information found in National Geographic's "The Secrets of Living Longer," finds that they are routinely engaged in events and activities that strengthen and support each area of the widely used Six Dimensions of Wellness model developed by Dr. Bill Hettler of the National Wellness Institute.

The six dimensions of wellness in Hettler's model include spiritual, physical, social, mental, emotional and vocational well-being.

- **Spiritual well-being** is about finding meaning, purpose and hope in life. In many faith traditions, this means doing our best to love God with all of our hearts, souls and minds. Promoting spiritual well-being can be done through activities such as nature walks, prayer, meditation, worship and Bible studies.
- **Physical well-being** focuses on optimizing physical health through good nutrition and exercise and also avoiding behaviors that may compromise health. Promoting physical well-being means practicing habits that eventually become a lifestyle, such as eating a healthy diet, exercising and scheduling routine physicals.
- **Social well-being** includes building strong relationships with family, co-workers, friends and members of your community. Social well-being is strengthened by participation in social

events, organizations or clubs or simply by visiting with others.

- **Mental well-being** means growing in self-understanding or self-actualization and continually developing and exercising the mind. This can be done by taking advantage of life-long learning opportunities and seeking out new experiences.
- **Emotional well-being** emphasizes the importance of expressing one's self appropriately and coping with stress in a healthy way. The benefits of emotional well-being include having a positive and enthusiastic outlook on life. Participation in yoga, support groups and meditation are a few examples of ways to promote emotional well-being.

• **Vocational well-being** focuses on balancing work and leisure and using your gifts and talents to serve others. A few examples of ways to enhance your vocational well-being include volunteering, teaching/mentoring and community outreach.

“Promoting physical well-being means practicing habits that eventually become a lifestyle.”

In which of these dimensions of well-being do you feel you are strongest? Which dimensions could use some renewing? What can you do to create a better balance of all six dimensions in your life? Start today!

Julie Maager is the marketing coordinator for the Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village. Good Samaritan Society is a not-for-profit provider of senior care and housing services. Good Samaritan is located at 3025 Terrace Drive and offers senior apartments, assisted living apartments, long-term nursing care, memory care, post-surgery/illness rehabilitation care and home health services. For more information, call 522-1362.

Health Briefs

Cottonbloom honors vets

Cottonbloom Assisted Living and Memory Care Community will hold a celebration to honoring World War II veterans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at 5525 Cotton Bloom Court. The event is titled, "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" and will include free lunch, music, entertainment, a treasure hunt and an American Hero's Presentation. Help preserve the legacy of the men and women of the greatest generation and keep their spirit alive forever.

For more information, call 523-0300.

Kickboxing fight benefits Relay

Fighters will test their might and skill by competing for top honors at the boxing and kickboxing competition at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Art Monsivaiz will present the Southwest Kickboxing Association's championship fights benefiting the Relay for Life

of Doña Ana County/Las Cruces. The event will feature a full card of fights, world-class entertainment and door prize giveaways. General admission is \$20, purchased in advance at local Pic Quik locations, World's Gym, Las Comadres Styling Salon and Chinese Kenpo Karate. Ringside tickets are also available for \$25. All ticket sales at the door will be an additional \$5. This is an all ages competition featuring young fighters from 70 pounds to heavyweights at 290 pounds.

For more information contact, 527-4028 or ckkmonsivaiz@yahoo.com

Relay for Life

The 2012 Relay for Life of Doña Ana County/Las Cruces will be held from 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, to 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Ron Gall T-Ball Field, 1800 E. Hadley Ave. The overnight relay event is the American Cancer Society's largest effort to raise funds, awareness and find a cure for cancer. The event honors love ones lost and those who have survived cancer.

There will be live music, entertainment and fundraising throughout the night. Teams will camp out and walk the track all night to demonstrate that "cancer doesn't sleep." The event will kick off with a special military ceremony, survivor's lap, caretaker lap, all-participants lap, team lap and luminaria lap.

Registration is \$10 or free for cancer survivors.

For more information, call 649-0598 or visit www.relayforlife.org.

Las Cruces Fitness and Dance grand opening

The official grand opening for Las Cruces Fitness and Dance will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at 650 Montana Ave., Suite H. Registration for fall dance classes will take place during the grand opening. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. Door prizes include T-shirts, class passes and Pilates DVDs featuring certified Pilates instructor and studio co-owner Kristie Garcia.

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Finding a good home at the Safe Haven pet adoption

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Safe Haven Thrift store manager Ismael Lujan, Jr. arranges marked down dog and cat collars during a pet adoption event Saturday, Aug. 11, at the store.



April Kirker positions a picture of a cat up for adoption on the pet display.

Pet Briefs

Pet adoption, low-cost dog/cat vaccination clinic

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) and its Doña Ana Pets Alive! (DAPA!) campaign are hosting both a pet adoption event and low-cost dog/cat vaccination clinic as part of the Tractor Supply Co. Pet Appreciation Week on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 1440 W. Picacho Ave. Doña Ana Pets Alive! adoptable cats and dogs will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and low-cost vaccinations/microchips for cats and dogs will be administered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The organization's adoptable animals, most of which are at risk cats and dogs rescued from the municipal shelter, are listed at www.petfinder.com. For more information, call APA 644-0505, or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org, www.facebook.com/APALasCruces or www.facebook.com/DonaAnaPetsAlive.

cost is \$10 per rider, which includes lunch at the after-party at the Blue Moon Bar in Radium Springs. The event at the Blue Moon runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and will feature live music by Triple Jack, dancing, prizes, raffles and other activities. Non-riders can attend the after-party for an \$8 entrance fee at the door.

ACTion Programs for Animals is an animal-welfare non-profit organization helping companion animals in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, through programs such as The Pet Food Bank, vaccination clinics and the Doña Ana Pets Alive! campaign. For more information, call 621-4942.

Safe Haven pet adoption

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary will be at Petsmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, with animals available for adoption.

Safe Haven will also have an information booth at the Walmart, 1550 N. Valley Drive, Saturday, Aug. 25, and will be accepting donations from our wish list.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet through Safe Haven should make an appointment with the sanctuary manager by calling 805-5338. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Cruisin' for Critters

The third annual Cruisin' for Critters Charity Motorcycle Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 29. The run benefits Action Programs for Animals. Registration is from 10 a.m. to noon, at Barnett's Las Cruces Harley Davidson, 2600 Lakeside Drive. The



Pet displays include photos of pets currently in need of a good home.



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Katharine Lark Chrisley
Stable Woman

No matter the season, water is life for the horses in your care. A horse can go several days without food and survive but in only a matter of hours in severe heat – a day or perhaps two in the winter – without access to water a horse can die.

It is not only the obvious dehydration that takes its toll on the animal. Horses have long, complex digestive tracts that require proper

moisture to maintain “gut motility.” This is the motion that keeps the contents of the digestive tract from becoming an impacted mass of dry material.

A horse is designed to graze or “browse” on living plant materials, such as grasses, herbs, roots, even bark – and most of these contain moisture. When horses are fed dried grasses as hay or pellets, they require even more water ingestion to moisturize the dried foods being eaten.

Water is used by the body for temperature control through sweating; for dispersion of nutrients through the bloodstream; for the gut motility; to moisturize hooves, skin, eyes, joints, muscles and mucus membranes; and to remove waste and toxins from the body through urine, sweat and feces. Water is the most important nutrient any animal (or human) receives.

Colic is a symptom of several conditions affecting the stomach, large and small intestines, cecum and colon of horses. Impaction colic is often caused by a dry mass of food that has become immovable within the digestive tract. A major cause of this condition is that the horse has not been drinking enough water.

Now, we all know the saying about leading a horse to water, and it can be quite frustrating to provide ample water and have the horse simply ignore it. The basics of horse care dictate that we provide a source of cool water in the summer and slightly warmed water in the winter to encourage drinking.



Hank, an appaloosa owned by Chrisley, proves the old saying, “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.”

My horses consume 45 to 55 gallons of water each, per day right now because of the intense heat. In the winter, that amount can drop to 15 to 20 gallons per horse, per day. It is simply because there is less need for the water in the equine system for cooling and electron/electrolyte transport during cold weather.

The same amount is used by the body for gut motility, no matter the season. In fact, more may be needed for digestion in winter because we feed extra hay to keep the horses warm through internal heat production through digestion.

I always say, “Better dirty water than no

water!” But, truly, horses need clean water in safe containers provided at all times. A horse that is heated by work – in any season – needs to be “cooled out” by walking until his heart rate and respiration are down to normal resting levels and he is no longer wet with sweat. Then, the horse can be allowed six to 10 swallows of water, walked a bit, allowed a drink then walked until it is safe for him to drink his fill.

Drinking a lot of water, especially cold water, when a horse is hot from exercise can “founder” a horse, creating changes in his metabolism that can cause the bones of his hooves to rotate, which causes extreme pain and lameness.

If you use automatic waterers, check them daily to be sure they are working, and if you can place a meter on them to tell how much water is being consumed, all the better.

Salt must also be provided “free choice” for horses in bricks, blocks or even as a loose form in a tray to be certain the water is effectively utilized by the body. Other minerals are also essential – the electrolytes like magnesium, potassium, etc. – and a second source of these in a block or loose form is necessary to good health. Providing the salts will also encourage horses to drink properly.

Proper care of horses is a logical, simple thing when you understand the equine metabolism, instinct and nature. Creating routines helps the horse and the human stay balanced.

Katharine Chrisley is a lifelong horsewoman, equine specialist, instructor and trainer who owns and operates Dharmahorse, a company based upon simple training methods and natural healing for horses and the people who love them. Her “Stable Women Program” connects women and horses. For more information, visit www.dharmahorse.org.

Rabbit cost care and responsibility

Deciding to care for a pet is a big responsibility; it is not a decision that should be made lightly.

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**First year total	\$1,055

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 ** According to Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, director of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, expenses gradually decline after the first year. Expenses rise when pets reach senior ages. Expense varies depending on type and size of the animal.
 Source: www.aspc.org

The health benefits of pet ownership

- **Pets help to lower blood pressure.** A recent study at the State University of New York at Buffalo found that people with hypertension who adopted a cat or dog had lower blood pressure readings in stressful situations than did those who did not own a pet.
Dr. Karen Allen, State University of New York at Buffalo
- **Pets help to reduce stress.** Walking with a pet helps to soothe nerves and offers instant relaxation. Studies conducted worldwide have shown that the impact of a stressful situation is less on pet owners, especially males, than on those who do not own a pet.
Josephine M. Wills, Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition, United Kingdom
- **Pets help to prevent heart disease.** Because pets provide people with faithful companionship, research shows they may also provide their owners with greater psychological stability, thus a measure of protection from

heart disease.

National Institute of Health Technology Assessment Workshop: Health Benefits of Pets

- **Pets help to lower health care costs.** People with pets actually make fewer doctor visits, especially for non-serious medical conditions.
National Institute of Health Technology Assessment Workshop: Health Benefits of Pets
- **Pets help to fight depression.** Pets help fight depression and loneliness, promoting an interest in life. When seniors face adversity or trauma, affection from pets takes on great meaning. Their bonding behavior can foster a sense of security.
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Taking a pet on vacation Ensuring everyone has fun while away

When it comes time to take a vacation, don't forget to invite your family pet along for the ride.

Traveling with your pet adds an extra element of fun to your getaway and means you don't have to make separate arrangements for feeding and boarding your pet while you are gone.

There are also a few things you can do to make sure your pet enjoys your vacation as much as the family. Here are tips to keep your pet happy and healthy during your travels.

- **It's important to eat well, even on the road.** Convenience store snacks only go so far for your family, and a diet filled with heavy meals and sugary snacks can lead to upset stomachs and crabbiness. The same goes for your pets. Brands like Spring Naturals offer wholesome, nutritious dinners made with more real meat, poultry and fish, along with generous helpings of whole fruits and vegetables. Even their treats are made with real meat, whole grains and fresh produce, to help keep your pet feeling healthy and

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- **Don't forget the toys.** Just as you bring games to keep your kids entertained, don't forget to pack something for your pets. Whether you use them for a game of fetch at the rest stop or to give them something to gnaw on during a long drive, Bionic toys are ultra-tough toys engineered to withstand heavy use. And because fewer than 5 percent of dogs outsmart their products, you can rest assured that your puppy's toy will survive the vacation intact.
- **Beat the heat.** It's important to keep your family and your pets well hydrated, especially in hot seasonal temperatures. To keep your dog extra refreshed bring along FrostyBowlz. The bowl's FrostyCore can be placed in the freezer overnight, then simply place it in between the stainless steel bowl

- and bottom tray to keep water cool for up to 16 hours. The core can even act as a cooler pack for your family's foods when not in use.
- **Don't forget the first aid kit.** In addition to bandages, sunscreen and other safety items for your family, it's smart to pack a few emergency resources for your pet, too. Make sure to remember any medication your pet might need during the trip and your vet's phone number. Pet care professionals also recommend always having a muzzle on hand, in case your pet gets injured on your trip. The Company of Animals Baskerville Ultra Muzzle is a great option. It's designed to allow pets to pant and drink through soft, yet durable mesh. Make sure your dog is also up to date on preventative treatments for ticks and other pests before you leave, especially if you plan on spending time outdoors. Also look for the 2 in 1 Flea & Tick Comb from the Company of Animals that fits perfectly on your key chain.

Whether you're playing in the lake or heading out on a long trail hike, having a pet along for your vacation can make your trip that much more enjoyable. By taking these simple steps, you'll make sure your pet has a trip to remember, too.

Searching for a new Smoki NMSU looks for next 'Wonder Dog'

For six years, Aggie football fans at New Mexico State University could count on Smoki the Wonder Dog to retrieve the kicking tee after each Aggie kickoff.

Even when things were not going the Aggies way, Smoki was always there to cheer up the crowd. Now, a search begins to find a new dog to take on the job.

After almost a decade without a dog to retrieve the tee, NMSU will bring back the tradition. Tryouts will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 18, at Aggie Memorial Stadium. The lucky dog selected will be known as Smoki the Wonder Dog II.

In 2002, the original Smoki had to retire because of old age. She had lost her trademark enthusiasm and her eyesight was beginning to go, which meant she no longer could retrieve the tee as effectively. Sadly, Smoki died in April 2005 at the age of 15.

"I knew the time was coming," said Joel Sims, Smoki's owner and trainer. "She had gone out to retrieve the tee and she just wouldn't pick it up."

Despite his best efforts, Sims, an NMSU alum who received his bachelor's degree in 1995 and master's degree in 2000, could not train another dog to take her place. One of the dogs, Lil, had a hard time coping with the loud sounds of the stadium. It was then that he realized how easy Smoki had made the trick look.

Smoki was born in Capitan, N.M., in December 1989. During the following summer, Sims worked with her at his parent's farm in Hatch and found that she responded well to training and was a well-mannered dog.

Sims, a former stunt man who performed

in a couple of movies, including "Buffalo Girls" and "The Lazarus Man," was even able to get Smoki into a movie. She made her Hollywood debut when she played the town dog in "Wyatt Earp" starring Kevin Costner and Dennis Quaid.

One of Smoki's more interesting abilities was being able to open the refrigerator, pick up a can of beer, close the refrigerator and bring it to someone. She would wait for the can to be empty then take it to the recycle bin. This became a very popular trick with Sims' friends. Sims originally got the idea of retrieving the tee when he saw a dog do it for the Houston Oilers. Sims had already taught the part border collie and part Australian shepherd lots of tricks, so he figured she could do that, too. He then had a football player he knew from a weight lifting class introduce him to one of the football coaches. The rest is history.

It was always clear to Sims that Smoki enjoyed retrieving the tee. He said when they would drive up to the stadium she would get excited. He usually had to hold her back right before she would sprint on to the field and pick up the tee. NMSU hopes that their search will produce another dog that is just as enthusiastic as Smoki.

"Everyone loved Smoki the Wonder Dog and enjoyed seeing her run onto the field to retrieve the tee during Aggie Football games," said Debbie Widger, associate vice president for development at the NMSU Foundation. "We can't wait to renew this fantastic tradition at New Mexico State University. It will ensure the legend of Smoki will live on while a new generation of students, alumni and Aggie fans get to see the



Smoki the Wonder Dog retrieves kicking tee during an Aggie football game.

next Smoki the Wonder Dog in action."

Smoki was a valued member of the Aggie community. She earned the status as an honorary official of the Sun Belt Conference after public outcry when a referee wouldn't allow her to perform on the field because of a conference rule about live animals. Smoki was even rewarded with a five-year service award in 2001.

Sims said he is interested to see the new Smoki in action.

"It may take a few practice retrievals, but I think the fans will embrace the new dog just as much as Smoki," said Sims. "It's an honor for the university to continue Smoki's legacy."

Although he does not have any dogs right now, Sims plans to get a dog sometime later in life. He wants to teach it to do tricks, just as he did with Smoki. Sims said he hopes he can train another dog to retrieve the kicking tee and continue the legacy of Smoki the Wonder Dog.

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Survivors celebrated at the Relay for Life fashion show

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Leticia Soto, Cita, Yoli Diaz and Luis Rigales Jr. dressed in their best at the fashion show celebrating cancer survivors and benefitting Relay for Life Saturday, Aug. 4, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. The fashion show and dinner was a fundraising was event organized The Can Clan.



Young cancer survivors Jerry Lee Cochran, Martin Salas and Takota Medina join together for the candlelight vigil.



Gloria Torrez, a seven-year survivor, struts her stuff in an outfit provided by Kohl's.



Cochran, a three-and-a-half-year survivor, soaks up the limelight.

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Time to relax at the WIC breastfeeding week celebration

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Xenia Molinas sits on her mother's lap to get her nails done during the Women's Infants and Children (WIC) celebration of world breastfeeding week, Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Region 5 office. The event offered information on breastfeeding, free food and pampering for mothers and their families.



Salina Garcia holds her 6-month-old son, Richard Felix, while she gets her hair done.



Breastfeeding peer counselors Maria Angeles Umstead Gonzalez and Andrea Camuñez pose together at the WIC event to support mothers who breastfeed and offer information to those wanting to know more.



Jared, Sophia, 6 weeks old, and Monica Cooper sit together as Monica Cooper waits for her turn in the massage chair.



Sister and brother, Mya, 3, and Alonzo Burciaga, 5 months, wait patiently for their mom Belinda Duran to get her hair done, courtesy of Olympian University of Cosmetology, which also offered moms a free manicure and hair styling at the event.

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Getting ready for school at the Backpack Blessing

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Rev. Norm Story speaks to a group of children on how to keep the faith while in school during a backpack blessing held Sunday, Aug. 12, at First Presbyterian Church. The pastor also recites a blessing for the teachers and staff who look after the children.



The group of children brought their backpack and new school supplies to the church for the blessing.



Josefa and Nathan Tchamna listened to Story during the backpack blessing.



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Church News

RELATIONSHIP CELEBRATED
 Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., is now an Evangelical Covenant Church and will celebrate this new relationship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 526-4907 or visit www.sonomasprings.org.

HABITAT SEMINAR
 Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Ed Johnson will hold a seminar for the general public about partnering with the nonprofit at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 621-5792.

ECKANKAR EVENT
 Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free presentation from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 25, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Animals are Souls, Too."

SUCCESS AT UNITY
 The theme for August is success at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, and will be the basis of the 10:30 a.m. Sunday celebrations. On Aug. 19, Rev. Terry Lund's lesson will be titled "You Are Successful." That day will also be a celebration of the group that began the church. Aug. 26 will include a talk that paints the picture of "The Successful Life." For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

PEARCE AT CHURCH
 Congressman Steve Pearce will join Mountain View Baptist Church, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 680-6274.

WOMEN RETREAT
 Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces presents a women spirit retreat Friday through Sunday, Sept. 7-9, at the Sacramento Methodist Assembly grounds near Cloudcroft. Come engage in community building, art, music, dance, crafts, spirituality and fun. Registrations must be postmarked by Aug. 27. For registration material, contact Teri Gillen at terigillen@yahoo.com or Jo Ingle at 523-0442 and leave a message.

ORDINATION CEREMONY
 Las Cruces resident and seminarian Ron Catherson will be ordained to the minor order of Cleric by Bishop Mark Newman at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1809 El Paseo Road. A reception will follow, during which Newman and Bishop Linda Rounds-Nichols will hold a question-and-answer session about the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch. For more information, visit www.churchofantioch.org.

Profile

Daniel McCulloch: Working to improve patient care

New nursing director to oversee staff

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In his almost two and a half years with Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Daniel McCulloch said he never expected to become the director of nursing.

As a student at Doña Ana Community College, McCulloch said he was never quite sure what direction his nursing career would take. His interest in nursing came from "broad opportunities a nursing career provides, there are so many jobs," McCulloch said.

Although it may not have been evident to McCulloch at the time, the fact that he became the assistant director of nursing within a year, allowed for his move to the top.

As Sagecrest's new director of nursing, he has several responsibilities important to the day-to-day operations of the center.

"I oversee all of the nursing staff, hire, screen new employees, provide staff with additional education," McCulloch said.

In his position for three months now, McCulloch said he's adjusting to his new role.

"Some of the challenges I've faced have been acclimating staff to new ideas and new ways of thinking," McCulloch said.

But those challenges are outweighed by the more rewarding aspects of the job.

"Seeing that we've made a difference and



Daniel McCulloch was chosen as the new Director of Nursing at Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center earlier this year.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

improved quality of life for our residents is what I've enjoyed most about my job," McCulloch said.

In his new role, McCulloch not only wants to improve upon the care of his patients, but also has a vision for future of Sagecrest.

"I want to increase our ability to take more

acute residents and strive to deliver a higher level of care," he said. "I'm motivated by the number of positive outcomes we have for our residents."

Another thing McCulloch said motivates him are the challenges the medical field provides.

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"The feeling of success and the ability to not only provide care for our patients, but the teaching aspect, to not only improve the lives of my residents but also my staff," McCulloch said.

Nursing is a challenging field to enter and for those considering it, McCulloch offers a bit of advice.

"For someone to be successful, they need to be accepting of change and dedicated to serving their patients best interest," McCulloch said.

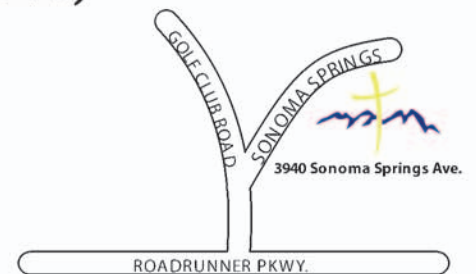
As his career moves forward, McCulloch has some personal goals he is striving to make reality.

"I am looking to improve the reputation of the facility and increase the number of positive outcomes (for the patients) and returning people to the community who are here short term," he said.

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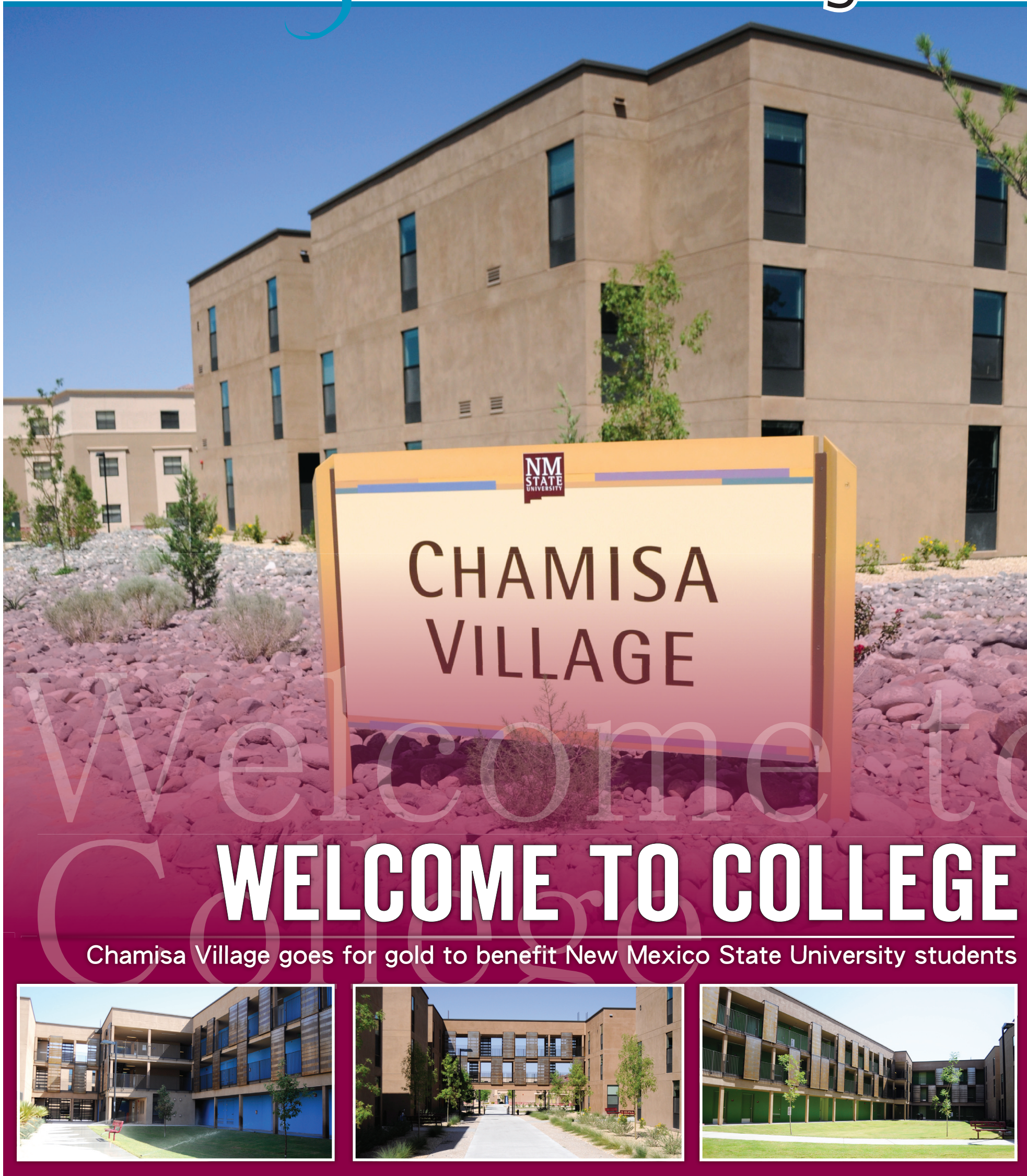
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WELCOME TO COLLEGE

Chamisa Village goes for gold to benefit New Mexico State University students



Featured home: *Chamisa Village*

Photos by Rafael Torres



The blue patio – dubbed “The Smurf” patio by students – is one of the colorful buildings found in Phase II.



At the center of Chamisa Village Phase I and II, finished this year, is the community center and a volleyball court.



Chamisa Village Phase II features several walkovers that offer a view of Tortugas and Organ mountains.



Motion sensors turn on the lights in the bathrooms.



Apartments include an open floor plan, a request of students.



Chamisa Village Phase II consists of two- and four-bedroom apartments.



Energy-efficient appliances contributed to Phase II earning LEED gold certification earlier in June.

Livin' the gold life

New campus apartments meet LEED standards

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's main campus has changed yet again.

During the past several years, buildings have been torn down or remodeled with several new structures coming into formation. When students file back in for move-in day Sunday, Aug. 19, they will notice another new addition to the campus landscape – Chamisa Village Phase II.

Julie Weber, director of the NMSU Department of Housing and Residential Life, said Chamisa Village Phase I – complexes A, B and C – opened in 2007, a year after the university constructed Piñon Hall.

“(Chamisa Village Phase I) was the first new apartment we built since Vista Del Monte was built in the 1970s,” Weber said. “The first year it was opened, it was filled in less than 36 hours.”

With funding appropriated in 2009 for Phase II, NMSU began working with Steinberg Architects of Los Angeles on the project.

Weber said there was a catch – the project had to follow an executive order signed by former Gov. Bill Richardson in 2006 mandating that all state-funded building projects exceeding 15,000 square feet be constructed to LEED silver certification.

“We told our architects this, and their goal was to get gold,” Weber said. “They spent months with us on what we wanted the space to be like and feel like.”

In addition to making the apartment complexes LEED certified, the university wanted it to be a reflection of the students who live there.

“Phase II is different,” said Weber, describing it as state-of-the-art university housing. “We learned a lot from phase one.”

Two of the four buildings of Phase II – E and F – opened in January with G and H opening this month, just in time for returning students. Totaling 114 apartments, both two and four bedrooms, Chamisa Village Phase II officially earned LEED gold certification in June.

“I’m so proud of this complex,” Weber said. “It’s the first LEED gold multi-family housing unit in the state.”

“Also, we didn’t go a dollar over budget. We were actually under budget, and it was completed on time.”

Accessed by NMSU student ID cards only, each of the uniquely shaped buildings features its own patios.

“We wanted to make the patios a lively center, but still be private so students would feel comfortable being out there,” Weber said. “We invested more in landscaping and smaller patios that will be used more.”

Weber said they used desert plantings as well as a reclaimed-water irrigation system. Brightly colored crimson benches with “NMSU” and “Aggies” carved into them are scattered throughout the four buildings, each of which includes elevators and handicap-accessible units.

The buildings themselves are unique. To reach gold status, the buildings were built using energy-efficient materials, including low-e windows, R-19 insulation in the walls, R-30 insulation in the ceilings and white coating roof systems.

“And 92 percent of the construction waste was recycled,” Weber said.

Another unique feature of the buildings is

their colors – blue, green, purple and yellow.

“I told the architect that I like color. All of our buildings are varying shades of brown inside and out,” she said. “We made each patio a different color.”

The efficient materials continue inside the apartments. Walk inside the apartments and the motion sensor lights in the kitchen and living room illuminate the space.

“The lights in here are a lot better,” said NMSU student and Chamisa Village Phase II resident Vanessa Mendez. “It’s brighter for students and there are more windows for natural light.”

The kitchen, which includes energy-efficient appliances, opens to the living room.

“Students told us they liked the open use of space and didn’t want a wall to break up the kitchen and living room,” said Weber, adding that the ceilings range from 9 to 11 feet tall, depending on which floor the apartment is located.

Accent walls reflecting the patio’s color were used throughout the apartments to break up the white space. A wall in the living room includes another new feature – a wire Internet port and wireless router. These were added to ensure that each student had unobstructed access to the Internet.

Weber said the living rooms contain modular furniture, which can be moved, changed and combined in a variety of ways. Each apartment includes a four-piece crimson couch, end table, custom-designed entertainment center and Lizzy chair – a leather lounge chair.

The bedroom furniture is also designed to be versatile. The full-sized bed features a dresser underneath. It occupies only half the space so the rest can be used for storage, Weber said. The desk, shelf and filing cabinet are the same height, so they can be configured any which way.

“We were told that students needed more storage,” said Weber, adding that to accommodate, they got rid of the closet doors and added a recessed feature along the top of the closets. “We also put a lot of money into the closets. Students said they spend a lot of time in their desk chairs, so we chose one with wheels and that was adjustable.”

The bathroom, which features motion sensor lights and exhaust fans, includes a large sink and shower.

“We didn’t do bathtubs,” said Weber, adding that they were rarely used and tended to be more of a hassle than luxury. “We did more countertop and cabinet space. We also added a linen closet – another result of student feedback.”

The bathroom showcases several other green features, such as low-flow toilets, showers and sinks.

“The low-flow showerheads were tested by existing residents and they said they couldn’t tell the difference,” Weber said.

Laundry facilities are placed so they’re shared by two buildings.

Chamisa Village Phase I and II share a community center, which includes mailboxes and houses the housing staff. A volleyball court is also centrally located for all village residents to use.

A grand opening will be held for Chamisa Village Phase II at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, during which NMSU President Barbara Couture and the regents will speak, tours of the apartments will take place and refreshments will be served.



Desert landscaping on a reclaimed water irrigation system was incorporated in the design of the new portion of Chamisa Village.



Benches touting “NMSU” and “Aggies” are used throughout the on-campus complex.

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The tools to survive college

These gadgets are essentials for easy living

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Now that you're entering college, you're technically an adult, responsible for your own life and everything that entails.

While the allure of no longer having a bedtime is overpowering, don't forget about other aspects of adulthood. This includes everything from doing your own laundry to making your own meals.

It's OK, there are tools, gadgets, contraptions

and doohickeys to help you along the way.

The two most important things to look for are gadgets that are easy to use and are multi-functional – the more jobs it can do, the better. Below are a few of the necessities that will help make 2012-13 a great year at New Mexico State University.

1 Swiss Army knife/ Leatherman

The ultimate multi-use tools, it might be

easier to list the tasks a Swiss Army knife and Leatherman can't do. Slim in design, it's a nail file, knife, cork screw and screwdriver, all conveniently placed in your pocket.

The Swiss Army knife was first produced in 1891, and comes in a variety of forms to take on a range of everyday tasks. While the simplest version is a single blade, the most common tools are tweezers, toothpick, corkscrew, can opener, bottle opener, Phillips head and flat head screwdrivers, nail file, scissors and key ring.

Changing with the times, modern-day Swiss Army knives feature some high-tech accessories, such as USB flash drive, digital clock or altimeter, LED light, laser pointer and MP3 player.

Leatherman is another well-known multi-tool. The company was founded in 1983 and the product is a pair of pliers with a variety of tools conveniently housed in the handles – as many as 21 additional tools.

More of a handyman's dream tool than a must-have survival gadget, the Leatherman features tools such as an electrical crimper and wire cutters and strippers.

The Swiss Army knife and Leatherman both vary in price based on how many additional tools are included. You can spend as little as \$10 and upwards of \$300 on these multi-use gadgets.

They can be found at sporting goods and other specialty stores, as well as shops such as Sears and Lowe's.

2 Magic Bullet

With limited countertop space – or none at all, if you're living in the dorms – you may think you have to forego bulky luxuries such as a blender. Au contraire,

my fellow Aggies.

The Magic Bullet is designed to do "any job in 10 seconds or less." When the manufacturer says "any job," they aren't just referring to crushing ice and blending smoothies.

The Magic Bullet can chop onions, mince garlic, grate cheese and handle other tasks required to make a complete meal.

Another benefit of this easy-to-use appliance – the comfort lip rings allow you to take your blended beverage on the go. And if you need a lid for leftovers or to prevent potential messes, just use one of the accompanying stay-refresh resealable lids.

With so many uses, the Magic Bullet is easy to operate and can make anything from homemade protein shakes and eggnog to tomato soup and cheesecake.

The Magic Bullet comes with a mountain of accessories, which greatly contribute to the cost of the machine. A 17-piece set can run you about \$50, while a 20-piece set can be around \$100.

In addition to being sold online, the Magic Bullet can be bought at Target, Kmart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

3 Swiffer Sweeper

Having to clean your new residence can be

a pain. Storing your cleaning tools can be even worse.

Forget about the cumbersome mop-bucket duo and get the slim Swiffer Sweeper.

Introduced to the market in 1999, the Swiffer is a simple cleaning tool that consists of a handle and replaceable pads. Capable of both wet and dry cleaning, the Swiffer has become the cleaning utensil of choice for those who have a limited amount of time to spend on cleaning.

Since its initial launch, the Swiffer brand has introduced several product varieties. From dusters that polish furniture to a sweeper-vacuum combination for your carpets, there is now a Swiffer for any cleaning situation.

This compact cleaning accessory won't take up more room in your apartment – or much dough from your wallet. A starter kit for a traditional Swiffer Sweeper – which includes the handle and swivel-head components as well as a sampling of dry and wet clothes – will run you \$11. Replacement pads will cost from \$5 to \$10.

Now a common cleaning tool, the Swiffer can be purchased just about anywhere – from Target to Walmart.

4 Hand-crank flashlight

Every year I was away at college, my mom gave me a new flashlight. While useful on those rare occasions the lights went out, their biggest problem was the batteries. They seemed to go dead at the worst times and I never seemed to have a new set on hand.

Luckily, this all became a thing of the past when I received a hand-crank flashlight.

Similar to other hand-crank devices, the flashlight gave me the light I needed in a pinch with a few turns of the handle.

A concept around since the 19th century, the hand-crank flashlight works like this: A wire coil is moved through a magnetic field and voltage is induced into the wire, which creates an electrical current that flows to the circuit.

Depending on its size, a hand-crank flashlight can cost between \$6 and \$22. They can be found in the flashlight section of any department store, including Target and Walmart.

5 George Foreman Grill

Sure, the microwave is the most well-known – and probably most well-loved – college appliance around, but don't count out the "lean, mean, fat-reducing grilling machine."

Champion boxer George Foreman began marketing the grill in 1994 with the promise that it will reduce the amount of grease in the food it cooks. This was partly due to its slanted shape, which allowed the grease and juices produced while cooking to slide down the grates and into a container.

Similar in design to a waffle iron, the grill occupies only a small space and can be easily stored, making it great for those with limited room in the kitchen.

Nowadays, the George Foreman Grill comes in a variety of sizes and will a number of plates for different jobs. Want to make waffles, grill sausage and fry up eggs on a griddle? Now you can, all on your George Foreman Grill.

A basic George Foreman Grill will cost around \$15. The more advanced models can fetch between \$50 and \$150.

You can find the grill just about anywhere kitchen appliances are sold, including Kohl's, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Before you run out and buy a George Foreman Grill, remember that the grill and other types of hot plates aren't allowed in the dorms. They are, however, allowed in the on-campus apartments, student-family housing and off-campus residences.



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What to do with those moving supplies?

After you've unpacked, get use out of those materials

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether you're moving into the dorms for the first time or into a newly purchased house, no matter your age, moving can be a daunting process.

The idea of having to pack all of your precious possessions can be overwhelming in itself, not to mention lugging them from point A to point B.

The last time I moved, I was lucky. My migration was literally across the parking lot. The move was so short, I didn't even have to get in my car.

The biggest complaint I had about the transition was walking up two flights of stairs close to 40 times – talk about a workout! Luckily, my parents were nice enough to help me. I'm sure my dad and I were a sight to see, using bungee cords to haul my mattress from one building to another.

Even though my move was a short distance, I still had to rely on the packing essentials – moving boxes, bubble wrap and packing tape. (A friend asked me why I was going through all the trouble, I told him, "Gravity and I don't always get along and I don't want to have to buy new dishes.")

When you arrive at your new destination, you'll probably have these items left over. Don't worry, they will come in handy, especially if you're a college student looking for cheap solutions to everyday problems.

Packing tape

1. Remove lint: On your first day of class, you want to dress to impress. You know, save those pjs in the classroom days for later in the semester. However, nothing can dress down your fashion ambitions like lint and hair covering your outfit. Don't panic – create a lint remover from packing tape. Wrap a length of packing tape around your hand so the sticky side is out. Roll it along your clothing in a rocking motion. Those annoying pieces will be gone in no time.

2. Quickly laminate: Have an important note card that contains all the information you'll need to survive that chemistry or engineering class? It would be awful if that card became damaged from a moist soda can or careless spill. Keep it protected by "laminating" it with strips of clear packing tape. This trick also works for items such as recipe cards and impromptu badges.

3. Apply first aid: When in a pinch, a length of packing tape can be used to bandage a wound. After thoroughly washing the wound, cover it with a piece of folded tissue paper or paper towel. Cut a piece of tape to cover the makeshift bandage. It will keep the area protected until a more proper dressing can be applied.

4. Protect your books: Now that you're a college student, you'll learn that all of those books cost a pretty penny. The last thing you want is for them to become damaged. Give them some added protection by creating a book cover from newspaper or wrapping paper and

packing tape. Make a pattern on the paper and fit it onto your book. Cover the paper using the tape, so it's transformed into a waterproof protector.

Moving boxes

1. Make storage containers: If you have a bundle of boxes around, rather than tossing them out, get organized. Use those boxes to store your off-season clothing, or cut the top off smaller boxes and create an in-out filing system. This is a great place to store mail, homework, important documents and messages. You can fancy them up with some glitter, paint or decorative paper.

2. Block out your windows: Something that college students can never get enough of is sleep. While those late-night study sessions can be a factor, having to adjust to a new environment can affect getting some Z's. If your blinds just aren't cutting it, use those leftover moving boxes to cover your windows. This trick will not only block out the sun's light, but also its heat, making your room more comfortable.

3. Use in compost: For those with a green thumb, Las Cruces is home to several community gardens, including the newly established garden located in the Tony Gomez Park on Espina Street. You can give your garden a boost by making your own compost. In addition to those obvious ingredients, such as egg shells and vegetable scraps, don't forget to throw some cardboard into your compost.

4. Use as a laundry basket: As a college student, you most likely are now forced to live on a tight budget. Some everyday luxuries are now

a thing of the past. One way you can save yourself \$10 is by forgoing that store-bought laundry basket and use a moving box in its place.

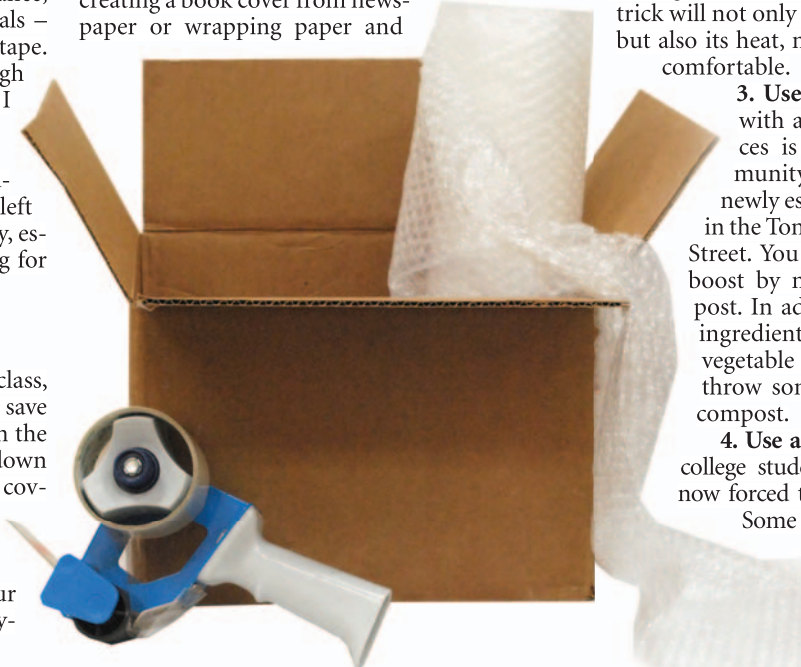
Bubble wrap

1. Keep your drink cans cold: If you're not from here, you'll quickly discover that Las Cruces is hot ... really hot ... 100-plus degrees hot. A great way to beat the heat is with an ice-cold refreshing beverage. A trick to keeping your beverage that way is covering it in bubble wrap. Like your very own homemade drink koozie, the bubble wrap will insulate the can, keeping your drink cold longer. This will also work on other frozen or chilled food that is being served outdoors.

2. Paint polka dots: Homemade craft projects are a great way to decorate your new dorm or apartment without having to spend too much money. If you're a fan of polka dots, create uniform, evenly placed dots using bubble wrap. Simply dip the bubble side of the bubble wrap into paint and press it onto sheets of paper or a canvas.

3. Protect your windshield: The weather in Las Cruces can be unpredictable, and ice-chilling cold fronts have been known to make their way through the Mesilla Valley. Don't let having to scrape ice off your windshield make you late to class – take some preventive action. The next time the weatherman says a storm is coming, place a sheet of bubble wrap over your windshield. It will act as a barrier, leaving the glass ice free.

4. Watch live sports comfortably: Now that you're attending New Mexico State University, it's your responsibility – and pleasure – to cheer on the Aggies in their athletic endeavors. No matter if you're a devoted fan or a sports novice, a common drawback to watching sports live is the uncomfortable bleacher seats. Make your own padding on the cheap by folding a few layers of bubble wrap. You can even cover the cushion in fabric if you're feeling fancy.



Around-the-dorm items: Moving supplies

Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	1	1	4
Homes Sold Existing	20	31	18
Pending Home Sales (All)	232	229	162

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	88	98	180

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$308,000	\$308,000	\$152,250
Median Price Existing	\$183,500	\$147,750	\$123,500

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,127	1,142	1,151
Real Estate Agents	386	386	418

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 08/6/12-08/12/12
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Getting to know: NMSU Department of Housing and Residential Life

Dedicated to student success

Housing and Residential Life covers every aspect of dorm life

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As students begin to shuffle back to Las Cruces and the New Mexico State University campus, often times their first encounter with the local community is with the smiling faces of the university's Department of Housing and Residential Life staff.

"I love my job, nothing is ever the same," said Housing and Residential Life Director Julie Weber. "My staff and I have such a direct impact on the lives of our students."

That impact begins early in the morning on move-in day Sunday, Aug. 19. With thousands of students expected to flock to the university, the day begins at 6 a.m. for the department's staff, Weber said.

"The day continues with the Aggie barbecue," Weber said. "They'll work until probably 2 a.m. and they have to start the next day to help with Welcome Week."

"This is an example of how all of the staff in the department come together."

While easing the chaos of move-in day is top priority for Weber and her staff, the Housing and Residential Life department is much more than room assignments and barbecues.

"People don't know the depth of what we do," said Weber, adding that her own parents thought she worked as a sort of dorm mother. "We are responsible for creating an environment on campus that students enjoy living in and one that creates academic success."



The staff of the New Mexico State University Department of Housing and Residential Life is responsible for creating an enjoyable environment for students to live and thrive.

Housing responsibilities

Managing 3,000 bed spaces – which doesn't include student family housing – the staff of the Department of Housing and Residential Life are on duty 365 days a year, including Christmas and Thanksgiving, and cover a range of responsibilities.

The facility staff maintains the grounds and buildings of the residence halls, campus apartments and family housing. This includes everything from preventative measures to emergency work.

The operations staff runs 24-hour service desks in Garcia Hall and at the south end of campus, Weber said. From contacting emergency dispatch to connecting students to

those important phone numbers they might not know, operations is responsible for knowing the ins and outs of what's happening on campus.

The administrative staff handles services such as housing applications, billing and room assignments and changes.

"I'm amazed at how well the staff knows our students, especially those in family housing," Weber said.

There also is a group of staff members dedicated to setting up conferences at the university. Weber said they work to bring people into the university, especially during the summer when the buildings are empty.

"We make maximum use of the investment the State of New Mexico has made in our property and (help) keep student costs low," Weber said.

Probably most visible to NMSU students is the residential life staff, which includes community assistants (CAs). A CA, which is a student position, is a student's first resource, no matter their need, Weber said.

"These are highly desired student jobs," Weber said. "There is a social aspect to the job as well as a behavioral management aspect. They're responsible for enforcing the rules, which can be not the most popular job on campus."

Weber said data has shown that students who live on campus are more likely to succeed in college, academically and socially; graduate in four years; and use other university resources at their disposal.

"It's shown that the more time a student spends with faculty outside of the classroom, the more successful they'll be," she said. "Behind everything we do is the academic success of the students."

While academic success and social exploration are important to the Department of Housing and Residential Life, sometimes the staff has to deal with difficult, even tragic, situations, Weber said.

When a student in Garcia Hall was found deceased in her room in 2011, housing and residential staff sprang into action. In addition to talking to the student's suitemate, members of the administrative staff packed her belongings and two facility staff members drove them to her parents in Albuquerque, Weber said.

"It means so much to parents that the university cares about their children," Weber said. "If a parent calls, saying they can't get in touch with their child, we'll go talk to them and tell them to call their parents."

Making it a good year

This summer, housing replaced the furniture and carpeting of Garcia Hall and Cervantes Village, as well as replaced the furniture of the Greek/ROTC Complex.

"Every piece of furniture is less than eight years old," Weber said. "This shows the

university's commitment to quality student-living spaces."

With school back in session Thursday, Aug. 23, the housing department will be busy with several events and activities.

"We're going to kick off Aggie Welcome Week," Weber said. "It's a week of events designed to get students engaged in different aspects of campus life."

During the Aggie's first football game against Sacramento State Thursday, Aug. 30, that welcome will be extended a step further.

"New students will be invited to walk into the Aggie Memorial Stadium through the tunnel behind the marching band and sit in a reserved section," said Weber, adding that the day will also include a class photo and raffles.

Next, the housing department will focus on its contribution to NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign. The week of activities held Sept. 24-29, which will culminate with the NMSU Pink Game against the University of Texas at San Antonio Saturday, Sept. 29, is designed to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

The housing department staff will also support the Academic Success Program conduct its mid-semester academic checks.

"Simultaneously, we'll perform our everyday responsibilities and plan our next project," Weber said.

The Department of Housing and Residential Life has several large projects coming up following its housing master plan, the first being updating Monagle Hall.

"It needs to be replaced," Weber said. "We need to find funding and then that will be our next major project."

After Monagle Hall, the university will then begin work to replace the Greek/ROTC Complex.

"There is always something going on and something to do," Weber said. "I'm proud that we don't skimp on services, but we're very efficient. We have an obligation to keep students' costs as low as we can."

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- Rhodes Garrett Hamiel
- Piñón Hall

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Welcome New Mexico State University students to Aggie and chile pepper land! It's one of the hottest spots in the world to learn, live, play and savor chile pepper, the highly addictive spice that has romanced New Mexicans' palates for hundreds of years.

And you've arrived at a prime time – chile harvest. Soon the sweet, smoky aroma of roasting green chile will permeate the valley, whetting appetites for our favorite fare – burritos, gorditas, enchiladas and more.

If you're new to the spice, the heat in peppers ranges from mild to sizzling hot. Start slow. Begin with the mild Nu Mex 6-4, followed by the Big Jim or Joe E Parker, then onward to Sandia Hot. It's diploma time when you've graduated to scorchers such as Barker and the Santa Fe Grande.

Sample them all at the upcoming Hatch Chile Festival held Labor Day Weekend in Hatch, 30 miles northwest of Las Cruces off Interstate 10. In the meantime, head out to The Chile Pepper Institute or the Teaching and Demonstration Garden located on campus to learn more.

Now that you've been introduced to the valley's favorite spice, it's time to get cookin', especially for apartment dwellers. Chances are you spent the summer at Mom's place, where you were pampered and spoiled by her home-cooked meals. But you're on your own now. It's planning and penny pinching time.

Grab-n-go junk food, prepackaged microwave meals, restaurant dining and grazing at human troughs (cafeterias) are convenient, but they're rarely budget friendly or nutritious. With a bit of planning and time, simple

and healthy meals and snacks can be created in a snap – sure bets that will keep you alert and fresh even during the most mind-numbing lectures. And wouldn't you rather spend your wad on an occasional movie or concert or college game?

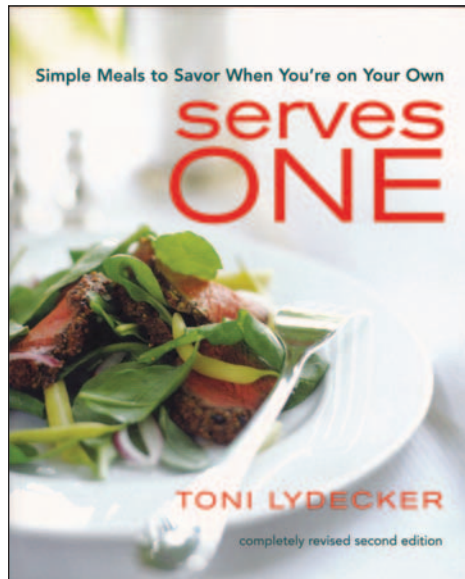
To the rescue is Toni Leydecker's softback, "Serves One: Simple Meals to Savor When You're on Your Own" (Lake Isle Press, 2005). It's an ideal "textbook" for students living in an apartment and/or for students seeking easy-to-prepare, budget-and-nutritious-friendly meals.

The majority of the 120-plus recipes take 10 minutes prep time and 10 minutes cooking time and many are all-in-one meals requiring minimal clean-up. The recipes can easily be doubled, tripled and quadrupled. Freeze the extra or share with roommates. Add a pinch or two of New Mexico green or red chile powder, or the fresh roasted variety to add zip to recipes that don't list the spice.

"Serves One" includes a complete section devoted to buying and storing fresh ingredients, tips on stocking a basic pantry and fridge and useful cooking-for-one hints. Leydecker's suggestions for kitchen "tools" including knives, cookware and appliances can often be purchased at secondhand stores such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

Here's a brief rundown on her recommended kitchen "tools" and pantry/fridge items:

- **Knives:** A paring, 10-inch cook's knife for slicing and chopping and serrated for cutting breads and tomatoes
 - **Cookware:** A small skillet for making omelets, medium-size skillet for sautéing and stir-frying, small saucepan for reheating single servings and a large 4-quart saucepan for cooking pasta and making soup
 - **Appliances:** A toaster oven, microwave oven, Crock-Pot, blender, food processor and a countertop grill such as George Foreman. (Note: Food processors are often pricy and can't always be found in second-hand stores. If you can spring for a good and handy versatile appliance, I suggest the Ninja Master Prep Professional for crushing, blending and chopping. Take advantage of department store sales for bargains. As an example, I recently purchased a Ninja for about \$45 at Kohl's using a 30 percent off coupon. It's the best investment I made this year and I use it almost every day.)
 - **Pantry:** Spices, herbs and seasoning blends, pasta, rice, beans and legumes, canned goods, hot sauce, Tabasco sauce, soy sauce, extra virgin oil, onions and garlic. (I'll add New Mexico red and green chile powders.)
 - **Refrigerator:** Low-fat or fat-free milk, cheeses, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, green leaf lettuce, fresh fruit and veggies, eggs, salsa and, of course, fresh roasted green chile. (Surplus chile can be frozen.)
- Use Leydecker's cookbook as a guide and tweak recipes to satisfy your taste buds. Sample a couple of her recipes I share below. I also include links to sites that offer more recipes, and tips and tricks to cooking "fast food," including from my grill pal George Foreman. "Serves One" can be purchased new and used at www.amazon.com. Budget-friendly prices run from \$2.50 to \$6.



How to ace exams: eat healthy. Get a jumpstart with "Serves One."

Refried Bean Tostadas

- 2/3 cup romaine or iceberg lettuce, shredded
- 2 radishes, cut into matchsticks
- 2 teaspoons plus 1-teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- Pinch of salt
- 2 (4 1/2-inch) corn tortillas
- 1/4 cup refried beans (preferably "spicy nonfat")
- 2 to 3 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese or queso fresco
- 2 green or black olives, pitted and sliced

- 1 slice onion, rings separated
- Combine the lettuce and radishes in a small bowl. Add 2 teaspoons of the oil, the lime juice and the salt. Set aside.
- Heat the remaining 1-teaspoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Fry the tortillas on both sides until crisp, about 5 minutes. Drain on a paper towel. Spread refried beans on the tortillas. Top with the reserved salad mixture, cheese, olives, and onion. Optional add-ons include cooked shredded or diced chicken, halves cherry tomatoes, avocado cubes and picante sauce.

Smoked Turkey Wrap

- Use this recipe as a model for inventing your own wraps.
- 1/2 cup store-bought cole slaw
 - 1 (8-inch) flour tortilla
 - 2 to 3 thin slices smoked turkey (about 2 ounces)
 - 3 thin slices provolone or Monterey Jack cheese (about 2 ounces)
 - 3 thin slices tomato
 - 1 roasted, stemmed and seeded chile pepper
- Spread the cole slaw on the tortilla, leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edges. Layer the turkey, cheese, chile and tomato on top. Fold in two opposing edges of the tortilla and, starting at the adjacent edge nearest you, roll it tightly around the filling. Cut diagonally in half.

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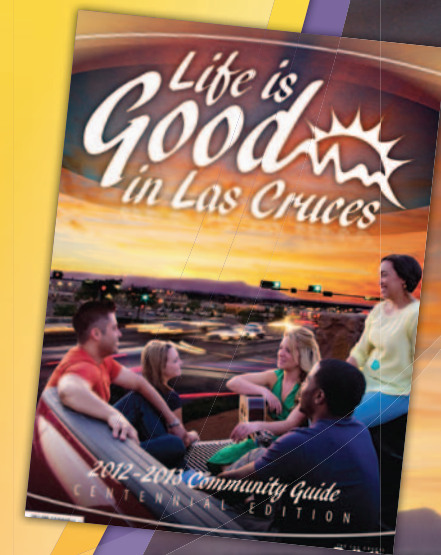
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College cooking tips, tricks and recipes

- Recipes and more by George Foreman: Facebook (George Foreman Cooking) and www.georgeforemanrecipes.com
- Healthy entrées under \$3 per serving: <http://tinyurl.com/pr83m2>
- Healthy fall crock-pot recipes for \$3 per serving or less: <http://tinyurl.com/bvwp6kc>
- Easy blender recipes: www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/preparation/blender-recipes
- Microwave tips and recipes: <http://tinyurl.com/342jgx> and <http://tinyurl.com/dxvcobe>
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Decorating your dorm room

Make your home away from home more livable



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

Dorm life has changed since I was in college – even since my son was in college. Will it date me to tell you that I warmed up my soup in a popcorn popper in college? One thing that hasn't changed is the effort to make this home away from home feel more comfortable.

Here are some ideas that you might share with incoming college students or you might use for yourself.

You know how institutional dorm rooms can be? Soften it up with a big area rug. You will be more willing to lounge or exercise on the floor if you have a rug. We used to take rug samples and tape them together with duct tape and have a patchwork looking room. If one got dirty we could pull it out and put a new one in. Go to your local carpeting store and see if they have any discontinued carpet samples and they may give them to you. Free ... now that's a novel thought.

Most college students are on the short side of money, so finding inexpensive items is a plus. Don't forget thrift stores, Salvation Army, Goodwill or consignment shops when you're looking for comforters or other items.

When you're buying bedding, don't forget that most college

dorms are twin extra long. Look for twin extra long at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

If you can loft your bed, it's the best way to get a lot more space in your dorm room. Putting a futon under the lofted bed in the room will make it act more like a living room than a bedroom. This has to be the "everything" room – study, living room, bedroom, dining room and, to take it one step further, it's usually for two people in one tiny space.

Good lighting is a must. Have focused task lighting by your desk and the bed, so you can read or work anywhere.

Be careful with a torchiere (up lights on a stick) with halogen light bulbs. These can easily start a fire if clothing or hanging drapery touches the bulb.

If you can find a place for a full-length mirror, it's a great addition to a dorm room to open up the space or check your outfit, and you can decorate the edges with photos, tickets and memorabilia.

A feather bed mattress topper or mattress pad can really improve the comfort of a dorm bed. They are fluffy and comfy, and available in either feather or fiberfill. Be sure you test out down before buying to make sure you're not allergic to it.

Think storage. Space is tight, so maximize your storage. Here's how: raise your bed with either cinderblocks or bed risers to make space for extra clothes, books, laundry, luggage or whatever else you can put under your bed. Stacked plastic crates in your closet, under your bed, or next to your desk will give you a lot more storage. They are inexpensive and come in a variety of colors.

Even though you are unable to paint walls, use colored chalk. It's easily washed off of most surfaces. You can also use butcher paper and colored pencils. Unleash your inner artist and draw a mural. Use that new tape that stretches to activate the sticking power. It doesn't leave one mark on the wall. You can find it at Walgreens.

Rope, twine or a clothesline can all be used to string up pictures or ticket stubs on the wall across the room. Hold things up with clip clothespins or office paper clips.

Use sheer fabric across the window or over the bed to create a soft, feminine look. You can buy it by the yard. Look for 118-inch goods to be soft and romantic in its feel. A little goes a long way. Buy at least 15 yards.

If you haven't tried a large body pillow, now is the time to do so. They're great for sleeping, but you can also use them to turn your bed into a "sofa" or for extra floor lounging.

If you have just a little more budget, here are a few things you might put on the list to bring: a projection clock so you don't have to constantly rely on your phone to check the time, noise-cancelling headphones and a sleeping mask to block out light. You won't be sorry!

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