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## Animal laws to change

Emphasis shifts to compliance

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

Las Cruces City Council and Doña Ana County Commission will soon be asked to agree to act under the same animal control laws, according to a proposal now being reviewed by the city-county authority for the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley.

On Wednesday, March 30, the center's board held a work session on a report from an ad hoc committee set up to provide uniformity to the city and county animal control ordinances.

Robert Hoffman, who chaired the committee, said the proposal changes make sanctions the same for violations, such as animal abuse, neglect and hoarding, whether the violations happened in or out of city limits.

Because some owners who live in the country have more room to house animals, Hoffman said one of the main changes will be a slightly higher allowance for how many animals one can own than has previously been allowed in the city.

The changes recommended in the report are those the eight-member committee could all agree upon, Hoffman said.

As result, he said, there are a couple of lingering issues, such as whether having a pet spayed or neutered should be voluntary or mandatory.

"The objective should be compliance, not punishment," Hoffman said.

City Councillor Nathan Small, who is on the center's board, said he agreed with that approach.

"It's about getting people involved through voluntary compliance," Small said.

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## Bataan sets more records

More than 6,300 make windy and dusty desert trek

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

The Bataan Memorial Death March held Sunday, March 27, at White Sands Missile Range once again broke records for participants, and possibly was an event where a world record was shattered.

A total of 6,357 registered to take either the marathon 26.2-mile course, or the slightly shorter 15.2-mile honorary march. Last year, the official count was 5,704 marchers.

The marches start at daybreak, and this year the morning wasn't as chilly, but it was windier. The wind and blowing dust didn't let up as the day progressed.

Despite the challenge of running in the wind, Tony Stafford of Boulder, Colo., still crossed the finish line with a 40-pound backpack at three hours and 56 minutes, coming in under the four-hour goal he set for himself to break a world record.

The official world record is four hours 42 minutes and 44 seconds and was set in 1991 during the London Marathon.

The key word is "official." Stafford's pack was specially designed by the Boulder-based Kelty company and a race official at the finish line's weigh-in station refused to accept the pack's vest portion, which attaches to the pack by Velcro.

Although the dispute was still un-



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Niki Rhynes  
**Tyler, Lauren and Erin Fountain spent Sunday, March 27, participating in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range. It was Tyler's fourth march, Erin's second and Lauren's first attempt. The Fountains said they wanted to march as a family. For more photos, see pages A12 and A13.**

resolved as of Wednesday, March 30, Stafford said he still planned to submit the paperwork to Guinness World Record because in a couple of weeks two English runners will attempt to break the record on a much flatter course. Going over a course that

includes difficult hills, sandy terrain and the wind, Stafford said he is still proud of what he accomplished at the Bataan Memorial Death March.

Because of the wind, Stafford said he started off a bit fast because he knew the wind would slow him

down. On the other hand, the wind did keep the day from feeling too hot, he said.

Although the event attracted marathoners such as Stafford, many of Sunday's Bataan marchers were  
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## Joining forces to prevent tragedy

Group works to improve mental health crisis response

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

Since December 2010, the Crisis Collaboration Committee has been meeting to better coordinate the ability of the community to respond to mental health crisis problems.

Created in response to frustrations and tragedies, the committee aims to get all of the local behavioral health providers together to help families and law enforcement handle

the problem, said Renee Garcia, program director of Southwest Counseling Center's Mobile Crisis Response Team, who chairs the committee.

Knowing that government funding for programs is strained under the present economy, the committee seeks to improve collaboration and coordination with the resources currently available, Garcia said.

Regardless of whether funding improves in the future, the problem will only get worse, said Ron Gurley,

a mental health advocate with the county's jail diversion program. With the currently local military presence and troops returning from multiple tours of duty in prolonged wars, Gurley said he fully expects a growing mental health crisis because of soldiers returning with brain injuries and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

To make matters more difficult, the mental health system itself can be a "mind-boggling maze for the consumers," Gurley said.

That confusion not just a local problem, but a state and even national issue because of the multiple funding sources for different programs that provide services, he said.  
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### For more info

To contact the Mobile Crisis Response Team, call **650-7729** at any time.

### NEXT WEEK

#### State senator gets national honor

Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia's legislation and persuasion earn her national humanitarian notice



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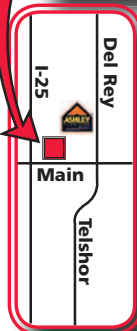


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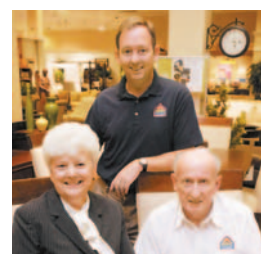
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# Pearce creates veterans panel

## Advisory group to help shape congressional legislation

Congressman Steve Pearce has announced his newly assembled veterans advisory council to give him input on real-world issues facing veterans.

"This is a tremendous plan to help New Mexico's veterans," said Robert Cano, commander of a Las Cruces chapter of Disabled American Veterans. "In doing this, Congressman Pearce will get the general consensus from veterans across the state, from all different backgrounds. Our voices will be heard in Washington."

Pearce said that as a Vietnam veteran, "I understand the complexity and im-

portance of veterans' issues. As a legislator, I understand the need to reach out to those who will be affected by legislation and those who know the issues at hand."

The council will meet regularly by telephone to discuss issues and problems. On a quarterly basis, they will meet with Pearce, to present him with priorities to carry to Washington, D.C.

Desert Storm veteran Kevin Dasing of Las Cruces will serve as chair of the council. Other area council members include: Eliseo Arrellano a Vietnam veteran, of Anthony, N.M.; Larry Candelaria,

a Vietnam veteran from Las Cruces; Lori English, a Vietnam veteran of Las Cruces; John Holguin, a Vietnam veteran, of Anthony; Leonard Ramirez, a Vietnam veteran, of Anthony; and Charles Revie, a Vietnam veteran, of Las Cruces;

Other council members are veterans from Carlsbad, Silver City, Roswell, Ruidoso, Los Lunas and Socorro.

"With members of the council from across southern New Mexico, the congressman will be able to help all these forgotten heroes," said Las Cruces Vietnam veteran Bruce Fonnest.



Congressman Steve Pearce announces his veterans advisory council Saturday, March 26, as part of ceremonies to honor Vietnam veterans at Veterans Memorial Park. Pearce is cosponsoring a bill to designate March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

# Learning the ropes at Basic firefighter training

Photos by Kellen Tarkington



Trainees listen as instructor Dick Barley goes over foam-and-nose operations. The Las Cruces Fire Department graduated 16 cadets Saturday, March 26.



Kristen Wahlen learns fire extinguisher training from Barley. She was one of the 16 graduates from the six-week program. Other graduates included Karren Tibbs, Amanda Morales, Floyd Gore, Cevan Griffin, Andrew Jacques, Humberto Pando-Ruacho II, Andrew Herrera, Audrey Romero, Renee Perez, Enrique Longoria and Christopher Valenzuela.



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# Opinions



## From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

### Another voice lost

Local alternative newspaper ceases publication; former Bulletin owner plans move to Santa Fe

On page A5 of this week's edition of the Bulletin, readers will find a personal column written by a fellow newspaperman, Steve Klinger, former Bulletin owner and founder of the bi-monthly Grassroots Press. In the article, Steve shares the background that caused him to announce the discontinuation, after eight years, of the printing and distribution of the Grassroots Press.

There are probably some people who would suggest that our company would be glad to see a "competitor" leaving our market. However, anytime a local, independent newspaper closes its doors, it is a sad day for everyone who understands the importance of free speech through the printed word.

Two years ago, Jaki and I rescued a New Mexico community newspaper from being shut down when we acquired the Rio Rancho Observer. For several years, the Observer had operated in the red. The newspaper's corporate owners did all they could to turn the financial side of the business around. They changed publishers, editors and advertising managers. The paper was changed from full size to a tabloid. They dropped the Wednesday edition. Nothing worked.

At the time of the Observer's imminent closing, I was serving as president of the New Mexico Press Association, and was determined that one of our valued New Mexico newspapers would not be lost on my watch. Little did I know that in order to save the failing newspaper, Jaki and I would have to buy it, and then do our best to replicate the success our company has had in Las Cruces with the Bulletin. Fortunately, our investment has worked out well in Rio Rancho. With a good team in place, the growing city of Rio Rancho has been able to keep their community identity intact with an independent voice through their own newspaper.

Unfortunately, Jaki and I do not have the financial resources to save every publication that is struggling financially. In fact, if we began to do so, I fear that we would soon succumb to the corporate, "cookie-cutter" mentality that has afflicted hundreds of newspapers across our country, where incessant cost-cutting has resulted in the replacement of local content with sterile, outdated wire copy. Consequently this strategy has resulted in the loss of readership and advertising for the corporate stakeholders, who are trying desperately to hold onto their franchises.

Steve Klinger was the owner-publisher of the Bulletin when we moved to Las Cruces in 1996. He was known as a tough investigative journalist with high integrity and especially for his journalistic ideals. He built the Bulletin over his 14 years of ownership, and in 1997, fulfilled his financial goal, and the dream of many small town publishers, when he sold the Bulletin to an Austin, Texas-based company, Kilpatrick Newspapers Inc.

Steve has always loved the newspaper business. In fact, he still serves as a regional broker for a national media company, Grimes and Company. It was no surprise to me when Steve started up Grassroots Press as an alternative voice to the local daily and the Bulletin weekly. Despite the lack of strong financial support, Steve published the Press each month. In each issue, he strove to awaken citizens to his concerns of big government, military escalation, greedy big business, voter apathy, social inequities and the need to "go green."

Not only have we lost an alternative local, printed voice with the closing of the Grassroots Press, we now learn that Steve is leaving Las Cruces and is moving north to Santa Fe, where he will continue to broker newspaper deals and will begin producing a cyber-edition of the Press. We will do our best at the Bulletin, in our own way, to ensure that important issues continue to be brought forward to our citizens.

Without Steve Klinger, the Bulletin would not exist today. We wish him well. Thanks, Steve.



## Letters to the Editor

### The demise of unions

Once again Fermin-Fermon Torres engages his pen without knowledge of that which he writes.

Ronald Reagan did fire striking air traffic control employees that refused to go back to work after being warned that if they didn't come back to work they would be discharged because it was against federal law for them to strike. The air traffic control employees assumed that they were indispensable to the U.S. and the world. They called Reagan's bluff, and lost. Reagan fired all the striking workers and replaced them with military air traffic controllers until new ones could be trained. These were public employees belonging to a public union, not a private union.

Reagan never made any attack on private unions. Further, at one time Reagan was president of the Screen Actors Guild, a private union.

One of the reasons private union membership has declined drastically since the 1960s is that workers are now far more mobile than they were in the '30s and '40s. Years ago, if you were born in a "holler" in West Virginia, you were destined to die in that location. You were stuck with one or two employers, and employers took advantage of that fact with less than acceptable job conditions.

Then came World War II. People thought little of moving out of state to better jobs. If you didn't like the job, you moved across town or to another state for a better job. Employers

faced competition for skilled workers, and they realized they had to improve wages and working conditions or they could not profitably run their businesses. This has led to the shrinking of unions in the private sector, not Republicans or Democrats or any other political force.

Robert K. Murray

### Lucky dog thank you

The recent Canines & Cocktails Lucky Dog Happy Hour event at the Azul Bar patio of the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces was fun and successful. These events for people and their pets are held quarterly at the hotel to benefit the ACTION Programs for Animals (APA) pet food bank and other programs/services. The recent event raised nearly \$900 in monetary and pet food donations, and APA wishes to thank everyone who came out. There were 89 human guests and about 50 canine guests.

APA also thanks all the volunteers for their support of the event, and acknowledges the following for donating raffle prize items: Hotel Encanto, Better Life Pet Foods, Mesilla Valley Pet Resort, Horse N Hound Feed N Supply, The Country Dog, PETCO, Waggin' Tail Doggie Sitting, Cinderella's Pet Sitting, Dr. William Schumacher, Diversity Gifts, Darlene Berg, East Lohman Veterinary Clinic, Mountain View Market, and Carmona's Salon & Day Spa.

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Las Cruces APA

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# Linotype to cyberspace

## Former Bulletin owner reflects on long publishing career in Las Cruces

By **Steve Klinger**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



**KLINGER**

My first printed words in Las Cruces were in the Las Cruces Bulletin back in April 1983, so I suppose it's entirely fitting that my last be on these pages as well.

At the kind invitation of Dave McCollum, I'm happy to share a few thoughts of my publishing tenure here in southern New Mexico as I pause in the packing and downsizing craziness that includes vacating a home I've lived in for more than 25 years.

The Las Cruces I first experienced in the spring of 1983 was a smaller and simpler place: Mesilla Valley Mall was nearly new, Hiebert's was still on North Main Street and a Chevron station sat more or less across from the Bulletin's home at that time, 1700 N. Main St.

As I recall, the entire office was in two rooms when we bought the paper from the Dahlstrom family. Type was set on a Compugraphic Junior, which spewed out a 3-inch-wide roll of film with the text of each story, keyed in by a typesetter working from typewritten pages. Corrections were produced the same way and had to be waxed, cut into strips and pasted over the original lines of type. Thanks to our first capital investment, headlines came out in a single strip on the refurbished Comp II, but when that big blue enigma broke down, we had to dust off a little contraption whose name I forget. It was little more than a glorified labelmaker and produced headlines one letter at a time, and not very evenly spaced at that. It took about 10 minutes to write and print a couple of headlines.

Photos were another adventure, requiring darkroom production on a PMT camera that converted the glossy film images to dot patterns. The resulting screened print was trimmed, and hands steadier than mine applied the border tape to photos that were then waxed, placed along with the strips of film with type on a light blue grid sheet whose gridlines dropped out of the page negatives shot of our pasted-up pages. It would have taken us a month to produce a 100-page tab like the current Bulletin, let alone a broadsheet such as the Bulletin was in those days of cheaper newsprint and wider webs.

That, all in itself, was a far cry from the process at the Rio Grande Sun in Española where, when I started work in 1974, they had just the previous week stopped using their own sheet-fed letter press and begun shipping the pages for printing to a web press at the Los Alamos Monitor. Still, they took page impressions on that press from heavy forms that Wilbur (Scottie) Scott staggered with as he carried them from the composing area. No wonder, since they were filled with metal type from the Linotype machines and a few precious photo images engraved on wood blocks, created by the grunting and groaning Scanagraver, a beast the size of a large chest freezer that must have weighed half a ton.

Just recently I announced that my latest endeavor, Grassroots Press, founded on an impulse back in 2003 some six years after I sold the Bulletin, would cease print publication and become an electronic-only newspaper. In 37 years I had come full circle from thinking about producing a newspaper to working for one where the letters of each

word were cast from hot metal one by one, to all the refinements of web printing, desktop publishing, portable file documents on the Internet and now the virtual reality of an electronic newspaper you can view and talk about but no longer hold in your hands.

The industry (in which – full disclosure – I am also involved as a media broker) has also changed dramatically, from one where almighty daily publishing families, succeeded by corporate “chains” as they were not very fondly described, had a virtual monopoly on advertising and community influence, to today's fragmented media world, with the Internet still ascending, many weeklies and other periodicals needing great resourcefulness to hold their own and the mighty dailies struggling to survive.

The blogosphere has even changed news itself – how it's gathered and produced, and indeed what constitutes its nature. The corporatization of mainstream media, the consolidation of wealth and power in cable company/entertainment conglomerates, has become a cultural and political force that endangers the democracy traditional journalism helped promulgate.

I was always fascinated that you could get a job where you could describe current events in your own words, give people an impression of happenings they hadn't experienced, or an interpretation of situations and circumstances that would help form their opinions and get paid for doing it – albeit not very much.

But I grew disillusioned with the intoxication some “journalists” had with their own power to influence public opinion, and with the sacrosanct chimera of objectivity, where some editor forced you to find “balance” from a source who would contradict daylight itself or extol the virtues of continuing the hunt for WMDs, as the case might be.

I left you, dear readers, to allow the Bulletin a chance at the entrepreneurial fulfillment it has since achieved and instead embarked on my quixotic quest to raise consciousness and promote sustainability and nonviolence in a (hopefully) more compassionate world. I can honestly say that while it may not have been journalism as even I taught it in Milton Hall, what I printed in the pages of Grassroots Press was from the heart as well as the mind and was not beholden to a single advertiser, benefactor, political figure or other entity.

Las Cruces has been good to me and the family I helped raise. I made enduring friendships, only a few enemies, and learned a great deal in this wonderful community. I hope I gave something back.

Treasure the words and ideas in an independent press, whether on dead trees, a computer screen or a mobile device. Don't let them take the Internet from you – or collective bargaining for that matter – or you will have nothing left but the daily two-minute hate and a lot of hungry people. Cultivate compassion, not greed, and cherish the land and the river that sustain southern New Mexico.

Hasta la vista ... it's been a great 28 years!

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“ ... cherish the land and the river that sustain southern New Mexico. ”

## Letter to the Editor

### Against cat releases

The city-county animal board will soon assess public opinion on free-roaming cats. Cat activists want to trap some of the cats, surgically neuter them, and release them on our streets. They say that trap-neuter-release (TNR) will reduce and eventually eliminate cat colonies. No evidence supports their claim. In fact, a TNR colony often grows, because people abandon surplus cats at the colony.

New Mexico State University has had a TNR program for nine years. At least two members of the animal board call the NMSU program a success, even though

75 free-roaming cats remain on campus. They have said they want to legalize TNR throughout our city and county.

What will your neighborhood be like if somebody sets up a managed cat colony? You will see and smell cat urine on your gate, door, and car tires. You will find cat feces buried in your garden. Even though neutered cats don't have kittens, they still urinate and defecate.

If we legalize TNR, let us require that trapped cats be relocated to the trappers' properly fenced private property, and not released on our streets, parks, and schoolyards.

Alice Anderson

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# Thoughts on taxing the rich

## Liberate lottery winners by looting their ill-gotten gains

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



Our legislators distinguish between the rich and poor in public policy. They tax the rich much differently than the poor. Every day you can hear our leaders talking about how they must "tax the rich" because the rich did not work for their money like poor folks. And, they add with a convincing nod of their head, the rich have more money than they need.

I have heard many times our legislators talk about how unfair it is for our society to allow the evil rich to keep their ill-gotten gains. These legislators keep changing the tax code to take more and more from the rich but if we are to have a just society they have not taken enough until they take all of it.

This travesty of the rich taking advantage of the poor is infecting our young people. More young people are forgetting their duty to the poor people of our country and are actually trying to become one of the idle rich who do not deserve the riches heaped upon them. It is heartbreaking.

For example, last week someone who plunked down a dollar in a lottery came away with more than \$100 million after taxes. How can we Americans allow this to happen in our country? Remember, this is someone who does not need \$100 million. They were getting by fine and in fact had an extra dollar to waste.

Then the unthinkable happened and this person was just given this extreme amount of money and the media covers it like it is a good thing. They ignore the fact that this money came from all of the poor people of our land who essentially got nothing in return for putting their dollars in the lottery.

It is time that our leaders take this bull by the tail and face the situation. While it may seem harsh, the good citizens of this country must confiscate all of that \$100 million immediately from that now-rich person

to remain true to our mission of taxing the evil rich. We cannot allow this injustice of one citizen having more than another to continue. Our public policy discussion must be that whenever someone gets money without effort we must take all of it away from them if we are to have a just society.

We have a model for these thoughts. It is the death taxes, where someone was taxed when they made their money, taxed when they bought their resources, taxed regularly on the resources and when they have the temerity to die, our society has plainly said that the society must take those resources so that the next generation does not become the idle and evil rich.

Is there any difference taking the family assets when someone dies and does not need them and taking this enormous amount of money that someone just got for putting a few coins in the lottery?

Next, when we confiscate legally this money that the newly evil rich person has scammed from all of the other citizens then we must make sure the money is returned to the citizens of this country. If I have figured correctly it will be about 33 cents a person minus the government handling cost of 30 cents. Every citizen should get 3 cents from this rich person who does not deserve the riches.

Taking all lottery winnings is no different than taxing people extra if they work two jobs while other citizens are industriously watching television or sleeping longer.

I have no trouble with people playing the lottery if they so desire, it is a free country. But this is one place that the rich escape the censure of politicians. The news media refuses to cover this story and in fact, helps perpetuate the injustice against poor people. We cannot allow prizes to be awarded from the lottery because that would be ill-gotten gains like when someone in a company gets a golden parachute.

P.S. I am not a nut.

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# BaxterBlack



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Good times up north

I was in North Dakota in early spring. The night before, the temperature was 3 degrees. That morning it had warmed up to 4. I walked into the giant Ag Expo building and made a circle of the trade show just visiting. I stopped at the booth of a man selling wood stoves.

"How are things goin'?" I asked, "Well," he said, shaking his head, "You know how things are."

I did know how things were. I'd been up north the month before. Everywhere I looked, prosperity reigned! The oil business was booming and had moved his home state into wealth. They could change their name to North Wyoming or Saudi Dakota.

I read unemployment was below 4 percent, banks were flush, and the state treasury had a surplus. I thought maybe the vendor was seriously ill, was financing his daughter's veterinary school education, or he'd been unable to winter in Acapulco because of the drug war.

"Is business bad?" I asked. "Selling stoves in North Dakota in the middle of the winter?" he replied as if I was a moron. At least he didn't say "Duh!"

I asked what he did in the summer. "I farm," he said, "Corn, wheat and beans, and I run about 400 cows." "It looks like grain and beans are

going to skyrocket in price, what with Russia's famine and ethanol. And cattle are selling at record prices!" I said.

"Yeah, but you know how things go, something could happen," he said, "the river might flood, there's still time for a blizzard ..."

Try as I might I couldn't get him to say anything optimistic. I put myself in his place and tried to think up something positive like ... "The new gate we hung that goes to the lower lot swings good, I made my rubber boots last longer by not wearing them outside, I discovered Plasti-Dip for my old pump plier handles, the doctor said I was only 20 pounds overweight, I finally finished reading Max Armstrong's autobiography, my son is taking welding in Vo-Ag, we got a satellite dish so we can watch RFD-TV, the pipes didn't freeze in the basement, I thought I wasn't going to like my wife's new car, but I do."

But I said instead, "Accounting for the recession, I'd say you're doin' petty good."

"Yeah, but I have to live here," he said.

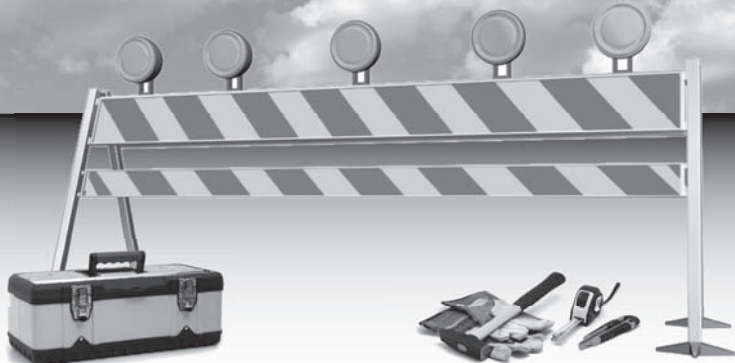
"Well, just hang on," I said, "And pray for global warming!"

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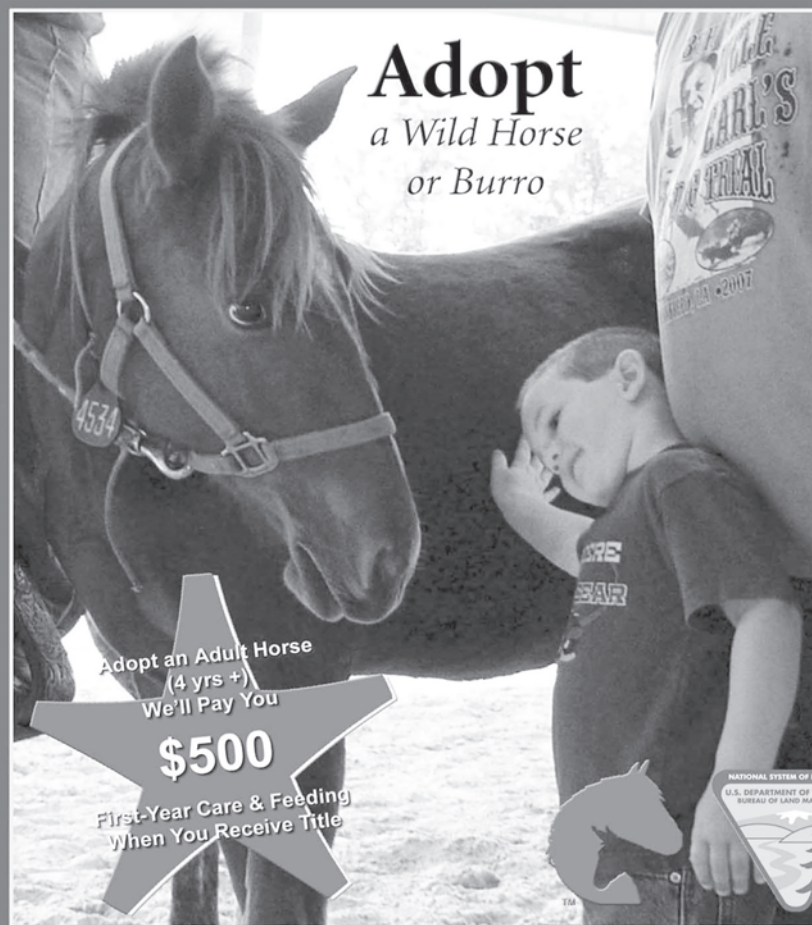


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## In the news

### Student rocket launch rescheduled for May 1

After analyzing the results of a test on the parachute system for the SL-5 rocket, New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) Director Patricia Hynes has rescheduled the SL-5 Student Launch to Friday, May 20.

Engineers from UP Aerospace conferred with NMSGC launch officials and it was determined that, even though the drop test was successful, a portion of flight hardware became entangled during recovery and was damaged. Safe return of the students' 27 onboard experiments is a requirement of the launch, Hynes said, so in order to meet the mission specifications, the launch has been rescheduled to Friday, May 20 at Spaceport America.

Hynes said she is optimistic about the student launch, even though it needed to be rescheduled.

"A lot of planning and effort has gone into this launch, and the final testing of the recovery systems is important to make sure the experiments return successfully," she said.

The student launch program was created by the NMSGC to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs among area students. This program provides annual access to space for student experiments at the end of the academic year.

Experiments include 35 sensors such as electromagnetic field, carbon dioxide detectors, radiation, acceleration, temperature, pressure and electricity sensors. Descriptions of the student experiments are available online at [www.launchnm.com](http://www.launchnm.com).

### Mayfield to host robotics contest

The Mayfield High School Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program will host a regional Botball robotics

competition in the MHS gymnasium from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

MHS MESA team sponsor Lorraine Bridges said the competition is for high school students from throughout New Mexico and El Paso. The Botball Educational Robotics Program engages students "in a team-oriented robotics competition based on national science education standards. By designing, building, programming and documenting robots, students use science, engineering, technology, math and writing skills in a hands-on project that reinforces their learning," according to [www.botball.org](http://www.botball.org).

During the competition, computer-programmed Lego robots will be built by students to perform specific tasks. There is no charge to attend the competition.

### 'Moon buggy' race draws high-schoolers

Teams from two LCPS high schools will participate in the 18th annual Great Moon Buggy Race in Huntsville, Ala., April 1-2, with funding from the Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax and a moon buggy grant provided through the Southern New Mexico Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy.

The two schools are Mayfield High School and San Andres High School in collaboration with the Mesilla Valley Training Center. This is the first time the schools are sending teams to the contest inspired by NASA moon exploration.

The Great Moon Buggy competition requires students to build a human-powered vehicle that can navigate a half-mile course with 17 obstacles in the quickest amount of time. The vehicle must be built and designed by the students, and it must fit inside a 4-foot-by-4-foot-by-4-foot container. The vehicle must be carried by the two drivers (one male, one female) 20 feet prior to assembly. Finally, the

students must submit a 10-page paper describing the team, the vehicle and how they built it. The students present their moon buggy design to the judges at the competition.

Mayfield sponsor David Eason and his team are joining this event for the first time. Eason said 17 to 25 students have worked on the project since January, but only six are allowed to travel to Huntsville for the race. Those six are Andrew Sager, Bailey Holden, Edgar Aldaba, Zachery Eason, Reyna Torres and Joseph Lenger.

San Andres sponsor Jason McNiece will also be taking his team to the race for the first time. Team members from both San Andreas High School and the Mesilla Valley Training Center are Austin Johnston, Daniel Gutierrez, Stephanie Leyva, Matthew Gonzales, Anthony Hernandez and Katelyn McNiece. NMSU Engineering Technology Mechanical Engineering student Tyrell Russell, who acted as a consultant to the project, will travel with the team.

Each team is permitted two runs of the terrain course, and the shortest course time will be added to the assembly time for the final total event time.

### Water restrictions begin

Summer water restrictions begin in Las Cruces Friday, April 1, and will be in effect through Thursday, Sept. 30.

The annual restrictions prohibit the watering of outside vegetation between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A year-round watering schedule allows residents with even-numbered addresses to water outside vegetation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Residents with odd-numbered addresses are permitted to water their vegetation on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. No watering is permitted on Mondays.

Water restrictions are part of a Water Conservation Ordinance approved by the Las Cruces City Council in September 1996.

The City of Las Cruces encourages residents

to use water wisely in order to conserve for future demand.

#### Water saving tips:

- Wash vehicles only with a bucket or hose that has a shut-off nozzle so water doesn't run continuously.
- Water sparingly so puddles don't appear among plants and water does not flow into the street, alley, or other property.
- Repair water leaks within five days.
- Don't wash concrete, cement or other impervious surfaces with a hose.
- Fix water faucet, toilet, or showerhead leaks immediately.
- Use the dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads.
- Avoid running water continuously for rinsing fruits and vegetables, washing dishes, brushing teeth or shaving.
- Re-use water. For example: After washing your car, use the bucket of rinse water to irrigate a dry spot on your lawn.
- Take showers rather than baths; the shorter the better.
- Flush only when necessary. Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator; this way you have cold water without running the tap.
- Insulate water heaters and pipes.
- Use a compost heap or a garbage can instead of running the garbage disposal.
- Thaw frozen foods in your refrigerator, not by running warm water over them.

### Robles pleads guilty to DWI charge

State Court of Appeals Judge Robert Robles has pleaded guilty to his February drunk driving charge, the Associated Press reported. Robles has apologized and has been suspended without pay. The state Supreme Court will decide whether he gets to keep his position.

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## Coming Up

### Food drive

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will conduct a food drive to benefit Casa de Peregrinos from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Lowe's Super Market, 1410 E. Missouri Ave.

OES members will show customers a list of items needed by Casa de Peregrinos as they enter the store. Customers are then encouraged to purchase one or more of the items to deposit in the shopping cart as they leave. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be delivered to the charity immediately following the end of the fundraiser. Alonzo Burciaga, manager of Lowe's, encourages all the store's customers to support this food drive.

### K of C pancake breakfast

The Knights of Columbus, 2755 E. Idaho Ave., will host a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 3. The breakfast will benefit many church and community projects. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by calling Al Sanchez at 635-2762.

### DAC Master Gardeners expo

The Doña Ana County Master Gardeners will present the Spring Garden Expo, a day of gardening workshops, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday,

April 2, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. During the expo, master gardeners will provide 45-minute workshops on several garden-related topics. For a schedule of the workshops, visit [aces.nmsu.edu/county/donaana/mastergardener](http://aces.nmsu.edu/county/donaana/mastergardener).

During the day, master gardeners also will be available to answer specific gardening questions and provide a wide range of Cooperative Extension publications. The event is free. For more information, call 525-6649.

### Rotary Club talent contest

The Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club will have its 10th annual Youth Talent Contest at noon Saturday, April 2, at the Court Youth Center, 401 W. Court Ave. More than \$1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded. For more information or to receive an application, contact Stephanie Johnson-Burick at 649-8487 or [stephaniejb65@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniejb65@gmail.com).

### American Indian week

New Mexico State University's American Indian Week kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 4, with an opening ceremony and blessing by Elder Paul Ortega of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, along with welcome remarks by Provost

Wendy Wilkins on the east side of Hadley Hall, leading into a Parade of Nations from Hadley to Corbett Center Student Union on the NMSU main campus. Festivities conclude at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

The Zuni Bear dance group will perform at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, on the Corbett Center outdoor stage. Miss Navajo Nation Winifred Jumbo will speak at 5 p.m. in the Corbett Center West Ballroom. A performance from Native American comedian Tatanka Means follows at 7 p.m.

The American Indian Student Center will host an Indian taco demonstration Wednesday, April 6, and that evening the film "Black Cloud" will be screened in the Corbett Senate Gallery.

The Soaring Eagle dance group will perform on the Corbett outdoor stage Thursday, April 7, and the Outlaws will perform at the country western dance at 8 p.m. at the Livestock Judging Pavilion on campus. A Native American flute demonstration by Albino Lujan will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Corbett Center West Ballroom.

The Native American Arts & Crafts Expo is on Corbett Center's first floor, Friday, April 8, followed by the Miss Native American NMSU Pageant at 6 p.m. in Hardman Hall, Room 106.

The week concludes Saturday, April 9, as the expo continues outside the University Museum in Kent Hall, along with Zuni fetish carving dem-

onstrations and a performance from either the Soaring Eagle or Zuni Bear dance groups (to be determined).

For more information, call the American Indian Program at 646-4207.

### Bosque events

The Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte, has announced its events for the month of April.

- 7:30 a.m. Saturdays, April 2, 9 and 23: Birding Tours. Join a park volunteer and learn the birds that are in Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Bring binoculars, water, closed-toed shoes and sunscreen.
- 7:30 a.m. Saturdays, April 16 and 30: Becoming a Birder Series. Park staff will point out common birds found in the park this time of year. Participants will walk the park trails and learn tips that will help in bird identification. Bring closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, binoculars and water.
- 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16: Nature Hike. Join a park ranger on a guided nature hike. Learn about the plants and wildlife that live in Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Bring closed-toed shoes, sunscreen and water.
- 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2: Information talk. Stephanie Walker, an extension vegetable specialist, will present "Growing Garden-

ers: An Introduction to Home Vegetable Garden Basics" on vegetable garden basics. The talk will be in the classroom.

- 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9: Informational talk. Nancy Stotz of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will present "Common Birds, Uncommon Lives." Learn interesting tidbits about birds.
- 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30: Informational talk. Kristi Lane of Wild Birds Unlimited will present "Hummingbirds." Learn about hummingbirds and how you can discover a refuge in your own backyard.

All events are free with a valid park pass. Daily entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle. Annual day passes are available for \$40.

The park's summer hours begin Saturday, April 1, and are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call LuAnn Tafoya at 523-4398.

### Classes at nursery

Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla, has announced its schedule of classes for April.

- 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9: "Attracting Butterflies to the Garden." Learn to create a habitat that is beneficial and inviting to butterflies. Learn more about butterflies in the garden. Cost is \$7.50 per person or free to Enchanted Gardens benefit members.
- 2 p.m. Saturday, April

16: "Low-maintenance Perennial Beds." A careful selection of perennials can create a colorful, long blooming garden bed or border. A good selection can also be easy to maintain and use low water. Cost is \$7.50 per person or free to Enchanted Gardens benefit members.

- 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23: "Designing with Succulents." Discover the wide variety of textures, sizes and colors in succulents to design garden beds and containers. Cost is \$7.50 per person or free to Enchanted Gardens benefit members.
- For more information or to make reservations, call 524-1886.

### Audubon trip

The Mesilla Valley Audubon will have a field trip to Broad Canyon Ranch Saturday, April 2. The ranch is 15 miles north of Las Cruces on New Mexico State Highway 185. Anyone interested is asked to meet at Lowe's Home Improvement, 3200 N. Main St., in the parking lot closest to the Border Patrol at 6:45 a.m.

Various conservation organizations are working together to restore a viable riparian river bottom habitat on the ranch, which is owned by New Mexico State Parks and is not yet open to the public. The outing is an birding opportunity. Participants may stay after the field trip to do restoration work. Water, a hat, sturdy shoes and snacks are recommended. For more information, contact Mark Pendleton at 635-8711



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### Members Sought For Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Capital Improvement 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 Improvement 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 Street. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 541-2115.

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## Rummage sale

The Elks Lodge No. 1119, 3000 Elks Drive, will have its first annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2. The lodge has a semi truck load of materials for sale. Boy Scout Troop No. 64 will be assisting. Money raised will be used for improvements to the swimming pool. Family pool memberships are \$100 for Elks members and \$200 for non-members. Memberships are for the season.

For more information, call 527-2707.

## Kid Fishing Day

New Mexico Department of Game & Fish and Mesilla Valley Flyfishers will co-sponsor a Kids Fishing Clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Alumni Pond on the New Mexico State University campus, west of the Pan American Center.

The event is open to all children and their parents, but especially for kids 6 to 11 years old, with little or no fishing experience. Topics will include getting started, casting, fly tying, fishing rules and regulations, fish ID, hooks and knots, insects and more.

The program is free to children age 11 and under. Those 12 or older must have a New Mexico fishing license. Free lunch is available at noon. Participants should bring fishing gear, sunscreen and jacket.

Those without fishing gear may borrow some at the clinic. Free prizes and snacks for the kids will be available. An adult must accompany children attending the event.

Pre-registration is required

at New Mexico Department of Game & Fish by calling 532-2100.

## LCPS advisory group meets

The Las Cruces Public Schools District Advisory Committee (DAC) will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, in Conference Room A of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. Topics will include district communication and food services. For more information, contact Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Community Relations Andrea Fletcher at 527-5802 or afletche@lcps.k12.nm.us.

## DACSAR meets

Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc., a volunteer search and rescue team, will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 4, in Conference Room No. 114 of the main building, Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. Visitors are welcome and the group is currently accepting and training new members. For more information, visit [www.dacsar.org](http://www.dacsar.org) or call 526-4918.

## Tester to speak at university

The Center for Latin American and Border Studies will present a lecture by author Victoria Tester at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Nason House, 1200 University Ave. Tester will speak about the hunger crisis in Palomas, Chihuahua, and the humanitarian work of Esperanza Lozoya.

Tester is a poet and playwright, whose book "Miracles of Sainted Earth" won the Wil-

la Literary Award, an award that honors those books that best portray the lives of women in the Southwest. She serves as a U.S. coordinator for La Luz de La Esperanza Palomas Outreach. The lecture is free and open to the public.

## Share-the-Road ride April 4

A Share the Road Las Cruces Visibility Ride will be held at 7:05 a.m. Monday, April 4, starting at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

The Share the Road Las Cruces (STRLC) Visibility Rides are monthly events to support the Share the Road Las Cruces Educational Campaign. The ride is a real-life, real-time demonstration of how bicyclists can safely ride with traffic. Additionally, it has begun to raise awareness among motorists of the presence of cyclists, of motorists' ability to safely share the road with cyclists and of how cyclists behave while riding among vehicles while following traffic laws.

Certified instructors and MVBC volunteers Tammy Schurr and George Pearson a STRLC Visibility Ride will lead the rides planned for the first Monday of each month, except for Independence Day, Labor Day and New Years Day 2012.

All participants must wear helmets.

For more information, email [visibilityride@gmail.com](mailto:visibilityride@gmail.com) or visit [visibilityride.blogspot.com](http://visibilityride.blogspot.com).

## ALR lectures

The April Academy For Learning in Retirement lec-

tures will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays April 5 and 12, and Thursdays, April 7 and 14, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. The lectures will feature retired professor and labor relations arbitrator David Berkeley discussing popular music from the '30s to the '70s.

Refreshments will be available prior to each presentation. All lectures are open to the public. There is a \$5 fee for each lecture.

For more information, call ALR Chairperson Adrian Edwards, at 521-1485 or visit [www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR/](http://www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR/)

## MVCS holds open house

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, 3850 Stern Drive, will have an open house at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Visitors will see a presentation by students, tour the campus and have questions answered about the school. There will be a special presentation for fifth-grade students preparing for sixth grade. Everyone is welcome.

MVCS is a college prep, non-denominational K-12 school emphasizing character, faith in God and love for learning. For more information, call 525-8515 or visit [www.mvcsonline.com](http://www.mvcsonline.com).

## MVM events

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

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays April 5 and 19, Mondays, April 11 and 25: The Great

Conversation with Randy Harris in the Co-op Community Room. Free.

- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7: "Beyond Labels: Treating Disorders at Their Roots," with Joanne Munson. The HANDLE approach uses no drugs, but works in gentle ways to address the underlying causes of such disorders as ADHD, autism, and TBI. In the Co-op Community Room. Free.

- 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 9: Annual Member Party at Mikey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St. Free. Dinner and drinks are included.

- 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13: "Food Matters." Movie screening with Genevieve Chavez, N.D. In the Co-op Community Room. Free.

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 21 and 28: Emotional Freedom Technique with Drs. Rossanna and George Massey. In the Co-op Community Room. Free.

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17: Sunday Growers' Market featuring local vendors. In the parking lot. The market accepts EBT, WIC and SFMNP checks at the market. For more information on becoming a vendor, contact Mo at [mountainviewgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:mountainviewgrowers@gmail.com) or 523-0436.

- 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 17: Kids' Crafts: Natural Egg Dyeing with co-op employees Annie and Bunny. Parents are required to attend with kids. Attendees are asked

to bring hollowed-out egg shells if possible. The event is free and snacks are provided.

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21: "Simple Sauces and Salad Dressings" with co-op employees Mo and Alexa. A continuation of the free monthly cooking series. In the Co-op Community Room

For more information, call 523-0436.

## Citizens academy

Residents interested in gaining insight into the life of policemen are invited to apply for the Las Cruces Police Department's training academy for citizens beginning Saturday, April 23. The academy will offer training in use of force, crime scene investigations, gangs, the K-9 unit, crisis intervention, neighborhood enforcement, animal control, codes enforcement and community policing. The academy is open to residents of Las Cruces who are 18 and older, and will be held on four consecutive Saturdays.

The free academy will be limited to 20 students. Minor background checks will be conducted on all applicants, and successful candidates will be obligated to attend all four sessions. The four sessions will run from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday and will be held at the LCPD Training Academy in central Las Cruces.

Applications are available at the Las Cruces Police Department, 217 E. Picacho Ave. The deadline to submit applications is noon Friday, April 8.

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# Detailed rocket to Venus hoax not debunked for more than a decade

## Author finally admits fabricating Aphrodite story in 1960



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

Forty-five years after the first Venusian probe was launched in 1961, the Soviet Union's Venera 1, the European Space Agency's Venus Express entered the planet's orbit in April 2006.

Long before then, however, Astounding Science Fiction magazine claimed three scientists had signed a contract with the Navy on April 5, 1946 to send the world's first rocket to Venus from White Sands Proving Ground. Published as an article in June 1949, and titled "The Aphrodite Project," science fiction author Philip Latham told of the top-secret mission to determine the mass of Venus. Latham was the pseudonym of Robert S. Richardson, an "astronomer since 1931 at Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories," said [fantasticfiction.co.uk](http://fantasticfiction.co.uk). Among his novels were "Missing Men of Saturn," and "Five Against Venus." He also wrote "a college textbook on astronomy," and was an "advisor to Hollywood on movies involving space adventures."

Astounding Science Fiction Editor John W. Campbell Jr., in a preface, stated the 1946-47 Aphrodite Project had been "shrouded in the deepest secrecy," and was a far superior early space effort over Diana Project. Diana, an actual endeavor of the Army Signal Corps, bounced signals off the moon beginning in 1946.

Campbell claimed Latham's documentation was a 320-page "highly technical government bulletin unintelligible to the layman," so Campbell assigned him the task of writing an understandable article. Latham began by explaining how scientist R. Lindquist, an "expert on differential equations,"

and amateur astronomer J.W. Clifton, were stargazing one night atop the California Institute of Technology's Astrophysics Building.

"Nearest planet to the Earth-Moon system and yet how little we know about it," Clifton remarked about Venus. "Even its mass is still uncertain."

Lindquist explained that the "mass of Venus can only be found from its perturbations (the relationship of celestial bodies on orbital motion) on the Earth and Mars, and they're so small it takes a century to get a reliable value." Then, Lindquist added, "Too bad Venus was overlooked when they were handing out satellites. If she only had a satellite or two they could get a first-class value for her mass right away."

Latham said "for several minutes the two stood watching Venus set behind the sign over the cut-rate drugstore on the corner of Lake and California streets. Then evidently the same idea hit them both at once — why not give Venus a satellite?"

Lindquist had once "done pioneer work at Columbia University on punched card methods of numerical computation," Latham said. Clifton, who "specialized in planetary observations all over the world," had assisted William Pickering "in his study of the lunar crater Eratosthenes," and "taking photographs of Mars in 1939." He also "had a hand in the discovery of the tenth satellite of Saturn at Mount Wilson in 1941." Both, Latham said, worked at White Sands Proving Ground.

Inspired with their Venusian satellite concept, they rushed to the home of fellow White Sands employee A.C. Marshall. Latham described him as a retired San

Francisco banker who "amused himself by working out the orbits of minor planets and occasionally contributing a note on celestial mechanics to the *Astronomical Journal*." All three were members of the congressional Subcommittee on Exterior Ballistics. After hours of calculations long into the night, Marshall broke out the spirits, passed around glasses, and toasted his just-dubbed "Aphrodite."

Lindquist, Clifton, and Marshall had devised a plan to put dense liquid into a "warhead," Latham said, which a timing

“The liquid would form a 20-mile diameter cloud that could be used to calculate the planet’s mass.”

PHILIP LATHAM,  
Author



New Mexico Museum of Space History archive photo  
**The probe Magellan photographed Venus in 1989, 40 years after Astounding Science Fiction magazine reported the first rocket to Venus had launched in 1946. The magazine admitted the story, which purported to be an article, was "fiction," but not until 1960.**

device would explosively release "146.1377 days after launching." The liquid would form a 20-mile diameter satellite cloud that could be used to calculate the planet's mass.

On March 18, Latham said Marshall traveled to Washington, D.C., and pitched the idea to the Navy. The contract signed on April 5 stipulated the rocket would "pass within less than 930,000 miles of the planet Venus, or sufficiently close as to cause it to undergo perturbations of large and extraordinary character."

Launch day was Aug. 21, 1946, at sunset.

"Venus and the Earth were situated so that contact would occur 146 days later on Jan. 14, 1947," Latham said.

Five months later the three scientists were set up at an observatory on New Mexico's Mosca Peak. While a Pacific storm initially "threatened to stop the proceedings entirely," it cleared to provide viewing conditions Latham described as "nearly perfect. ... For the first time," he said, "human eyes beheld the solid surface of the planet Venus."

Clifton described his "astonishment when the planet came into focus that morning to see a huge gap in the silvery cloud layer clearly revealing the deep brownish surface beneath." He told of seeing the geology as "mountain building" that "has progressed to an extent undreamed of upon Earth." After spotting the rocket, Clifton said the three of them "labored with a kind of desperate controlled intensity, like surgeons working over an emergency case in the operating room." Over the next 10 days they toiled non-stop to calculate the mass, answer existing theories, and settle myths.

In the August 1960 *Astounding Science Fiction*, Latham, writing as R.S. Richardson, admitted the 1949 piece was "fiction" that "purported to be a transcription of a government report describing how a rocket had been sent to Venus." Regardless, Richardson said, "many people at that time were quite ready to believe it was possible to send a rocket to Venus, for I understand the editor received a flood of requests for the number of the government bulletin."

Campbell, still the editor in 1960, proclaimed "we still need, in actual fact, an Aphrodite Project!" And, 11 years after the hoax, he pointed out that technology had advanced that such a mission was indeed possible.

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# Animal

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Though not part of the proposed ordinances, Hoffman said the committee did strongly recommend the establishment of a low-cost spay/neuter fund, and suggested an excise tax on pet products to provide revenue for that fund.

Keeping the cost of getting a pet spayed or neutered affordable is the most effective way to reduce animal over-population, he said.

The proposed animal control laws do put restrictions on breeding, primarily allowing one litter per year per female, and City Councillor Miguel Silva said he wanted to hear more from the professional breeders.

Hoffman said the proposal would allow for professional breeding operations in which the breeder has a kennel and business license. The idea, he said, is to discourage the "hobby breeder."

"The object is to get breeders and owners to be responsible," he said.

The committee members believe it is important to keep fee costs modest, Hoffman said.

Hoffman recommended that veterinarians be permitted to issue licenses when they give rabies vaccinations, which would help with compliance.

The other main lingering issue is whether there should be a Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) program for feral cats, Hoffman said. It was a divisive issue in the committee, so the proposal is left unresolved.

Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, director of the Animal Service Center, said she would schedule public comment meetings in the near future on the proposal at a variety of times and days, such as one in the evening, one on a Saturday and another during a weekday.

Vesco-Mock also reviewed the center's strategic plan, which includes continued community outreach, off-site adoptions and rescues. It also covered facility needs and improvements, which are ongoing.

County Commissioner Billy Garrett, who is the new chairman of the board, said he wants to clarify the board's role, improve its internal rules and establish greater autonomy for the authority. Garrett said he acknowledges that the authority is still young, just a little more than three years since a joint powers agreement between the city and county created it.

"We're still getting our legs under us as an organization," he said.

But Garrett said it is apparent to him that there are many aspects of the authority's duties that were not well defined by the joint powers agreement.

Garrett said he just wants the board to have the power to be more proactive.

"I'm just trying to build on what's been done in the past," Garrett said.

## For more info

To see the report by the Animal Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee, visit [www.ascmv.org](http://www.ascmv.org).

# Bataan

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men and women of the military who carried 35-pound backpacks to get training credit. The event also gave them a chance to meet survivors of the 1942 Bataan Death March, most shaking their hands at the start or at one of the water stops along the routes.

In one case, though, they were able to run along side a survivor – 93-year-old Ben Skardon, originally from South Carolina. For at least the past several years, Skardon has been taking

the march as far as he can go – this year he made nine miles of the march.

Besides surviving the Bataan Death March in which thousands of American and Filipino soldiers died en route to prisoner-of-war camps, Skardon also endured two POW camps in the Philippines and three trips on what were called "hell ships" – unmarked Japanese transport ships sometimes sunk by Allied forces. After retiring from the Army, he embarked on a career as a Clemson University English professor.

Even some who don't need the military training points still march in a full pack to commemorate the

sacrifices of those World War II soldiers. Tom Lindsay of Texas carried a full pack for this, his 14th Bataan march, accompanied for the first eight miles by his son and grandson. Lindsay said he was close to his two uncles who were both Bataan survivors and died in 2004. For Lindsay, he said the march was about honoring them.

To weigh down the backpacks, many carry dry, bulk food, such as beans or rice. After the final weigh-in, the food was donated to the local food bank. Roadrunner Food Bank reported 16,882 pounds was donated through the march.

# Health

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It's not only difficult for those suffering from some kind of mental illness, the system is so complicated it is difficult even "for someone with a master's degree," Gurley said.

The Crisis Collaboration Committee, however, is providing a better road map by getting through that maze, Garcia said. By meeting on a regular basis, the providers are learning more about each other's services, which she said helps place people in programs that better fit their needs.

Also attending the monthly committee meeting are law enforcement officers.

Gurley said the committee's creation was in part spurred by the shooting death of a mentally ill person. While that tragedy got the providers and advocates talking and helped form the committee, Gurley praised new Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams for having a good

understanding of the issues and making changes to improve police response to incidents, especially in its protocols for the use of force.

Three officers also have become regular members of the committee, Garcia said, and they have helped providers better understand the limits police have in responding to situations involving the mentally ill.

Also, attending the meetings are representatives of the local private mental health care facility Mesilla Valley Hospital, Memorial Medical Center that has a wing for mental illness and MountainView Regional Medical Center, which may also see mental health crisis incidents at its emergency room.

Currently, the committee is completing work on accessing all the services and providers available. Next will be public outreach to help the public and families understand the problems and limits of the system better, Garcia said.

There are many misunderstandings about the mentally ill and what

can be done for them, Gurley said.

Many assume those in mental crisis are simply hospitalized until they are more stable. The problem is, Gurley said, the mentally ill still have civil rights – especially in New Mexico – and can't simply be hospitalized against their will, unless they pose some kind of immediate danger to themselves or others.

There is a taxpayer benefit to the work being done by the committee, Gurley noted. Communities can be forced to pay out millions in wrongful death lawsuits if they can't show that they have tried to find ways to prevent the deaths. The term used in federal courts for when communities can't prove their prevention efforts is "deliberate indifference," he said.

"Everybody has to work together," Gurley said.

Consumers and family members also often attend the committee meetings, Garcia said. If someone is interested in attending a committee meeting, Garcia can be emailed at [regarcia@swccnm.com](mailto:regarcia@swccnm.com).

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# On the trail of heroes at the 22nd annual Bataan Memorial Death March

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Marchers head out into the desert after passing by White Sands Missile Range's museum and missile park.



More than 6,350 begin their marches shortly after daybreak at the 22nd annual Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range Sunday, March 27. They would take one of two courses – a marathon 26.2 miles or the "honorary" 15.2-mile march.

Soldier Jeremy Stifler came prepared for the dust-blowing wind.



Representing Vietnam veterans, Bruce Fonnest came in support of those marching and holds the flag for the 2nd Engineers Battalion stationed at WSMR.

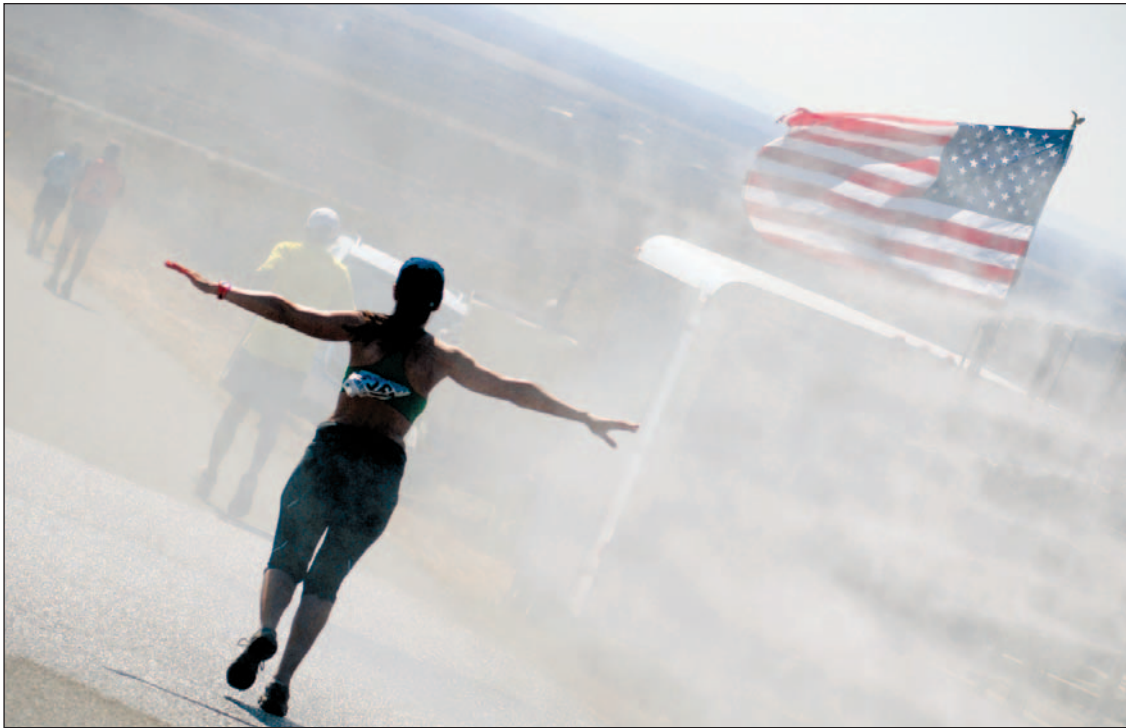
Lucinda Jacobs of San Diego, Calif., holds the U.S. flag to pay homage to those who serve our country. Jacobs said the races she participates in across the country are not even a tenth of what the men and women in the military endure. The Bataan Memorial Death March refers to the thousands of American and Filipino prisoners of war who died in a brutal jungle march after surrendering to the Japanese in 1942. For participants such as Jacobs, the event is also an opportunity to recognize all those who have served their country.



Chief Don Foster was still in good spirits at the fourth water point 9.5 miles into the march.



A runner enjoys misters at a water point 13.2 miles into the march.



Volunteers Tom Joiner and Mark Lauderback, stationed at White Sands Missile Range, weighed the backpacks of marchers finishing the course.



Sergeant Jennifer Gardner and Sergeant Amber Satterlee



Wounded warrior Steve Martin, who was stationed in Afghanistan in 2008, makes his way through the Bataan trek after only recently regaining the ability to walk. Martin is now a highway patrolman in Phoenix, Ariz.



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# Modeling at the Progress Club Fashion Show

Photos by Niki Rhynes

Treasurer Jo Banks and Chairman Madeline Justis at the GFWC Progress Club's annual Fashion Show



Recording secretary Lynn Mulholland models the latest fashions from Charlotte's.

## Picking for the prom

Elisa Cibils and Jazmin Harvey sort through prom dresses, Saturday, March 26, at the Corbett Center Student Union Aggie Underground on the New Mexico State University campus during the "Moment for Life" prom dress event. The Zeta Phi Beta sorority, in partnership with Anna Cook and the Cinderella Project, offered free dresses to local high school students.

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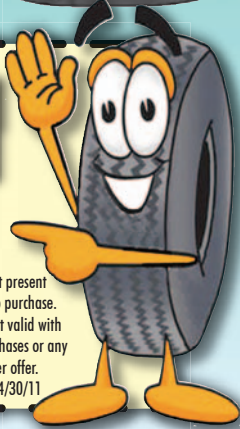
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## Give Marvin a chance for redemption



**Jim Hilley**  
*Bulletin in the Zone*

Reports in local media indicate New Mexico State University Basketball coach Marvin Menzies will be offered a multi-year extension of his current contract, which ends after next season. Many Aggie fans are not enthusiastic about that after the team's less-than-stellar 16-17 performance this past season.

Menzies' detractors also point to his 3-13 record against the UNM Lobos and UTEP Miners during his four years at the Aggie helm.

Adding to the frustration is the Aggies' lackluster performance in the WAC Tournament semifinals.

A common theme among critics is that Menzies is a good recruiter but not a good floor coach, and from my point of view, he hasn't proved them wrong.

The coach's defenders can point out that he has kept the Aggies in the upper echelon of the conference during his tenure. The Aggies also have a 7-3 record in the conference tournament under Menzies, including two appearances in the tournament final and a tournament championship in 2010.

Looking further back, Menzies led the Aggies to a 21-14 overall record, including 12-4 in conference – good enough for a first-place tie, in his first year. The season was tarnished, however, by a three-overtime loss at home to Boise State in the conference finals. In his second year, after seeing much of his starting line-up depart after using up their eligibility, the Aggies posted a mediocre 17-15 season, including 9-7 in the WAC.

In 2009-10, the Aggies were 22-12 overall and 11-5 in conference. The Aggies won the WAC Tournament and put a scare into eventual Final Four participant Michigan State.

During the past two years, it seems the Aggies are always on the verge of a great season, and something bad happens.

In 2009-10, grade problems sidelined two of the Aggies best players for much of the season – Wendell McKines and Troy Gillenwater – and this past year the loss of Jahmar Young to professional basketball and McKines to injury put dampers on a promising season. There isn't much Menzies could have done about that.

So put me in the "give him an extension but with qualifications" camp.

First of all, we once again are looking at a promising season next year. The expected return of McKines should have a big impact on the team, and a year of added experience for Chile Nephawe, Christian Kabongo and B.J. West should begin to pay dividends. I am also eagerly awaiting the addition of Remi Berry, who could be something special.

So hang on Aggie fans, like it or not, Menzies isn't going anywhere soon.

I believe a year from now, that won't seem like such a bad thing.

# Stunner in the sun

## Longshot Twice the Appeal claims Sunland Derby crown

*Bulletin Staff Report*

With a stirring stretch run, Twice the Appeal scored a big upset win in the \$800,000 Sunland Derby at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino in Sunland Park, N.M., Sunday, March 27, and stamped his ticket for this year's Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

Let go at more than 25-1 odds, the Jeff Bonde trainee ran the race of his young career to earn his first stakes victory in a Grade III event. Ridden by Christian Santiago Reyes, Twice the Ap-

peal produced a four-wide move around the far turn and engaged early favorite Astrology for the lead heading in the stretch run. The Kentucky-bred son of Successful Appeal found plenty of energy in the home stretch and pulled clear with an impressive score. The big long shot won by 1 and 1/2 lengths in a time of 1:50.91 for the one and one-eighth mile Kentucky Derby prep race. Twice the Appeal returned a healthy \$53.20 to win.

The rapidly improving three-year-old has

found plenty of success since switching from synthetic surfaces to regular dirt. He began his turnaround at Santa Anita last year, breaking his maiden race and then winning a starter allowance race.

"He is a late-May foal. He became more of a professional when we started to run him in route races," Bonde said. "We saw the potential in him, and that's why we came here. My horse was in really great condition. He acted really sharp since shipping in last Thursday. He was on his toes.

"I wanted to make one big late run with him. Our intention is to go to the Kentucky Derby."

Twice the Appeal beat a solid field at Sunland Park and earned \$400,000 in graded earnings, sewing up a berth in the Kentucky Derby. The three-time winner is owned in partnership by Edward "Rusty" Brown, Victor Flores and Henry Hernandez. Bonde put the partnership together and helped direct the purchase of Twice the Appeal for \$35,000 out of last year's Barrett's two-year-olds in Training Sale.

Jockey Santiago Reyes earned the most lucrative victory of his young career.

Astrology, the 5-2 second favorite, ran a bold race in his three-year-old bow. The son of A.P. Indy was making his first start since last November for the Stonestreet Stables and George Bolton. The large colt raced eagerly for jockey Julien Leparoux passing the three-eighth's pole and loomed large. He led briefly in the upper stretch but could not fend off Twice the Appeal's late charge. The Steven Asmussen trained charge battled valiantly down the lane to save second place. The classy sort earned \$176,000 in graded earnings and also moves into the Kentucky Derby conversation. He won the Grade III Iroquois Stakes at Churchill Downs last year.

Kelly Breen's Ruler On Ice closed very fast in the final stages to earn an eye-opening third.

See **Stunner** on page A16



Photo by Coady Photography

**Twice the Appeal runs past favorite Astrology in the stretch during the Grade III Sunland Derby, Sunday, March 27, at Sunland Park. The 25-1 underdog, ridden by Christian Santiago Reyes, earned the \$400,000 first place purse for owners Edward "Rusty" Brown, Victor Flores and Henry Hernandez.**

## Koerper follows in brother's footsteps

### Oñate senior steps into leadership role

By **Craig Massey**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The fourth of six children, Wes Koerper is in the middle of the family lineup, batting cleanup.

The Oñate High School slugger is following in the footsteps of two older brothers as he continues a baseball tradition that has helped power the Knights' program in recent years. Kris and Joe came first, and Wes is followed by younger brothers Ben, who is a freshman on the Knights' team, and Karl, a sixth-grader. The oldest is sister Whitney.

"My brothers have the same interest in baseball that I do," Wes said. "It's been great because we all love the sport. Our dad never pushed us. He let us pick what we wanted to do and just told us to work hard at it."

Koerper, who was Oñate's designated hitter last year as a junior, is the only returning starter on a team learning to find its way this season. The Knights, short on experience, entered this week with a 4-6-1 record.

Koerper, who plays first base, has added power to the Knights' lineup, with a beefy

batting average of .550 and a couple of home runs. He also has been asked to become a leader this year, which is a new role for him.

"It's a lot different for me," he said. "Last year, I was a role player and just did my job as a DH. This year, my job includes leadership. I'm not really a loud guy. I try to lead with my play and try to set an example for the younger guys. We have a team full of young guys, and even our seniors don't have a lot of experience."

Oñate coach David Reyes said Koerper is "doing really well" in his new, expanded role. He also cited the play of pitcher Marc Gonzalez and designated hitter Mike Chavez as his team continues to mature and improve.

"We're starting to play more complete baseball," said Reyes, who has made the Oñate baseball program one of the best in the state. "These kids aren't going to give up."

Reyes said the 6-3, 230-pound Koerper is a good target at first base and "has a lot of pop in his bat."

"He's a typical Koerper kid," said Reyes, who also coached Kris and Joe. "They were all raised well with strong values and a great work

See **Koerper** on page A16



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey

**Senior Wes Koerper is helping produce offense for the Oñate Knights' baseball team this season.**

# Koerper

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ethic. He gets along with everyone and is a quiet leader. I can't say enough about him. He will do anything for the team."

Koerper said he is just trying to follow in the footsteps of his brothers.

"My brothers were great examples and I try to emulate them a lot," he said. "This year has been a growing experience for me because I'm responsible for a lot more things."

Koerper said he also hopes to play base-

ball on the collegiate level like his brothers. Kris plays for El Paso Community College and will play for baseball power Delta State next year. Joe spent one year at New Mexico State and will return to the Aggies after he completes his church mission.

Wes said he has offers from three Division I schools and several Division II schools and junior colleges, but is hoping to land at Brigham Young University, even if he has to walk on to the team. He carries a 3.9 grade-point average at Oñate and already has an academic scholarship available at BYU.

# Equestrians ride to victory

## Ags defeat Tennessee-Martin

The New Mexico State University equestrian team defeated Tennessee-Martin, Saturday, March 26, at the NMSU Equestrian Center, 11-8.

"We had a rough start to the day on both the fences and reining sides of the competition," head coach Audrey Van Eman said. "But I thought our flat and horsemanship teams rose to the occasion. We were testing our riders that we feel we will take to nationals. This

gave us a good look at what we need to work on and what areas we need to fine tuning."

Tennessee-Martin took an early lead on the Aggies as the equitation over fences team fell 4-1, as Stephanie Gershon took the only point for the Aggies with a 76-70 win over Tori Efirid. The equitation on the flat team quickly responded with a dominating 4-1 win as well, tying the score at 5-5. Emily McConnell took MVP honors in the flat competition with a win over Kelsey Abell, 82-80. Chelsae Keyes beat Elizabeth Gay, 81-73, while Brianna Raab defeated Caroline Cramer, 77-72. Gershon took her second win of the day with a victory over Katherine Gay.

On the western side, The Horsemanship team crushed Tennessee-Martin, 5-0 as Chelsea Campbell won MVP honors by beating Michelle Chullock, 72.5-69.5. Pamela Evans beat Heidi Grimm, 70.5-69.5, while Kyra Cruse handled Stephanie Sanders, 69.5-66.5. Other winners for the Aggies in horsemanship included Jessica Woolsey defeating Hannah Derks, 72.5-71 and Megan Gould beating Candice Fulcher, 72-70.

Tara Wilson was the lone reining rider with a victory as she defeated Candice Fulcher, 70-69. The western team won 6-3 overall. The Aggies will now await the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, Thursday through Saturday, April 14-16.

# Mak earns award

## First honor for freshman golfer



MAK

New Mexico State freshman Demi Mak has been named Verizon Western Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week by the league office for her play during the week of March 21-27.

Mak, a freshman from Hong Kong (The International School of Macau), won the BYU at Entrada Classic that was held in St. George, Utah, March 21-22. Mak shot a 2-over par 218 (74-74-70) to win the tournament by four strokes. Her 70 in round three was one of just four under par recorded by anyone in the field of 81 players during the tournament and was a career-low for the freshman.

She had eight birdies and 37 pars in the 54 holes played. It is the first time in her career that Mak has won a WAC golfer of the week or month award.

# Stunner

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Jose Valdivia got a late run out of the Roman Ruler Colt. Ruler On Ice earned \$96,000 for owners George and Lori Hall who won the \$1 million Louisiana Derby with Pants On Fire on March 27.

It's My Party, Beer Meister, Nacho Saint, Fusa Code, R Skydiver, Supreme Ruler, Behold de Buy and Sinai rounded out the order of finish. Bob Baffert's Sinai forced a wicked pace early and ran out of gas. He was the 2-1 post time favorite.

Total wagering on the Sunland Derby (Gr. III) day was

a state and track record of \$2,963,240. A record crowd of 18,571 fans came to watch and wager on the 13-race card.

On the undercard, Plum Pretty was a 25-length winner for Bob Baffert in the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks. Martin Garcia was the winning pilot. Julien Leparoux guided Twelve Twenty Two to victory in the \$100,000 Harry Henson Handicap for trainer Henry Dominguez.

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# Aggies win at the Equestrian competition

Photos by Niki Rhynes



Chelsea Keyes rides Roger during the equestrian competition at New Mexico State University, Saturday, March 26. NMSU defeated Tennessee-Martin 11-8. See story on page A16.



Hannah Swarouth with horse Lucy



Laura Bostwick riding Lyon



Stephanie Gershon riding Genia



Amy Lang rides Dawson against Tennessee-Martin. NMSU's next action will be April 14-16 at the Equestrian National Championships.

## NM STATE FOOTBALL

### Spring Practice Schedule

**WELLS FARGO** Spring Game: April 30

Spring Practice Schedule	
Date	Time
April 2nd	11:20 a.m. - 1PM
April 5th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 7th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 9th	11:20 a.m. - 1PM
April 12th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 14th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 16th	11:20 a.m. - 1PM
April 17th	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
April 19th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 21st	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 23rd	11:20 a.m. - 1PM
April 26th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 28th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.
April 29th	7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.

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# Onthegreen

## The golf doctor is on the mend

Columnist finds inspiration from golfing legends

**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor



Back in the early February deep-freeze, I suffered a very serious accident. Having noticed water gushing from the roof through the ceiling of our kitchen, I climbed a ladder to investigate. Almost immediately I stepped on ice and fell 12 feet to the concrete below, knocking me unconscious. Thanks to fast work by my wife, the EMS ambulance arrived quickly, and soon I was airlifted to the University Hospital trauma center in El Paso.

I remember none of this, however. The fall and head blow resulted in what is called a "subdural hematoma," in which the skull is impacted and blood accumulates dangerously in the brain. Less serious, but equally painful, I had a fractured hip, six fractured ribs, a partially broken collar bone and sternum and a major fracture to my left wrist. The good news – I was alive.

I spent a week basically in a stupor in the hospital ICU in El Paso, and then a month here in Las Cruces at the Rehab Hospital where they did their best to prepare me for the transition home and for months of therapy. The only surgery was brain surgery, which removed most of the accumulated blood. Since early March, I've been going to physical therapy – wrist therapy, speech therapy and doctors' visits.

All the while, this painful ordeal has made me realize just how lucky I am to have so many

friends who care about me, have visited me, sent me cards and who want me to get better. I'm speaking of people I work with professionally, good friends I play golf with and so many others.

It's actually humbling when I think about it. Right now, I'm up and walking around without a walker or a profound limp. Some of my medications are being tapered, and soon may be ended. The pain in my arm and wrist makes it difficult to sleep at night. It's the wrist that is the most bothersome and will take a long time to even partially heal. I have very limited use of my left hand. But I'm happy to be back writing my column again.

### Calamity in Van Horn

During my rehab, I've thought a lot about golfers who have suffered serious injuries over the years, providing me with assurance and inspiration.

The first one who comes to mind was Ben Hogan. In early 1949, Hogan, then already a famous golfing figure, and his wife Valerie were returning from a tournament in Phoenix, driving their Cadillac on a fog-shrouded single lane highway heading east toward Fort Worth.

Just outside Van Horn, Texas, a high-speed Greyhound bus veered into their lane and smashed head-on into their car. Had Hogan not dove across the driver side onto his wife's lap he would have been killed instantly. As it was, his injuries were quite serious, including a snapped left ankle, a mangled left leg, a broken pelvis and fractured ribs. If you read a detailed report of Hogan's crash, you'd shake your head

wondering how it is he didn't die. I recommend Curt Sampson's book "Hogan" in which he writes: "A dozen times he (Hogan) awoke and dozen times breathtaking pain stabbed and throbbled through his body."

Hogan was transported that night by ambulance to a hospital in El Paso, where he improved for about 10 days. But then trouble began when a blood clot traveled up from his leg to his right lung, a dangerous clot large enough to block the airway and veins in his lungs.

The physicians in El Paso decided to call on the very best vascular surgeon in the country, Dr. Alton Ochsner of Tulane University. Sampson writes, "While Ochsner performed his magic with scalpels and retractors, Valery Hogan knelt in the hospital chapel and prayed. Her prayers to get her husband back were answered."

However, for the foreseeable future his legs would ache and swell every time he walked, and he would never see very well again. The possibility loomed as to what would happen to Hogan mentally if he would be denied being able to play golf, a game that kept his emotional demons away.

"Pain was in Hogan's future, but was golf?" Sampson wrote.

As history shows, Ben Hogan played perhaps his best golf of his life between 1950 and 1953.

With an iron will, the self-discipline of a monk and the work ethic for daily practice that is now legendary, Hogan returned to golf in less than a year of that awful crash. In the following four years, he won six of his 11 major championships. The British Open in 1953 was his last major.

It is my opinion that he would have won as many or more majors than any golfer in the history of the game had his eyesight not deteriorated so badly that it ruined his putting.

### 'No way I'm gonna quit'

Another case I paid attention to is that of longtime PGA player Ken Green. To the casual golfer who doesn't follow the game, Green may not be a familiar name, but in the late 1980s, he once moved with the big hitters, and was on the 1989 Ryder Cup team. A five-time winner on the PGA Tour, it happened he was paired with Arnold Palmer in the 1997 Masters.

But through most of the '90s he lost his game, lost his wife through divorce and was diagnosed with clinical depression. Then after turning 50 in 2008, he qualified for the Champions Tour, primed to make a comeback.

Dreadful fate would strike on June 8, 2009, when Green, his new wife Jeannie, older brother Billy (his caddie) and beloved German shepherd Nip, whom he recently rescued from

the jaws of an alligator, were traveling in their motor home through Mississippi en route to North Carolina. Going 70 mph, the right side tire blew out, the driver over-corrected, went off the road and hit a tree head on. The crash killed Jeannie, Billy and Nip. Green was thrown through the windshield – an event he would not remember. He lost his right leg.

Calls to Green in the hospital came from Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and dozens upon dozens of notables in the professional ranks.

Green was heartbroken about his loved ones. In a Golf Digest story, he put his pain this way: "You start realizing you've lost them. You're in shock. I mean, I just lost the three most important people in my life." (He loved Nip that much.)

"I woke up every day patting Jeannie and Nip. Now I don't have any of it. It hurts. It sucks ... sometimes I start bawling and can't stop," he said.

The pain he felt over his losses was partially overcome by the intensity of Green's passion for the game of golf.

"There's no way I'm gonna quit," he said. "I love golf. If I couldn't play golf I wouldn't want to be on the planet. I am going to play professional golf again."

It took an instant for him to decide to get a prosthetic on his right leg.

In a testimony to Green's will power and perseverance, like Hogan's an era before him, last May Green became the first player to compete as an amputee on the Champions Tour, shooting 76-74-75.

In April 2010, he was presented with the Ben Hogan Award by the Golf Writers Association of America – fitting, I'd say.

### Eager for a comeback

I don't pretend to liken my near calamity to the tragic catastrophes that happened to these famous pro golfers. But I have found inspiration from them, not to mention a sense of eagerness to make my own comeback for self-satisfaction.

As Jack Nicklaus once said, "Each year I start the season pretending I've never played before." That's what it will be like for me. The more I repair the wounds to my body, the more I practice and the more I work out, I believe the future is bright.

I don't know how well I'll play golf again, but I'll be trying as hard as hell.

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## NM STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE of the WEEK



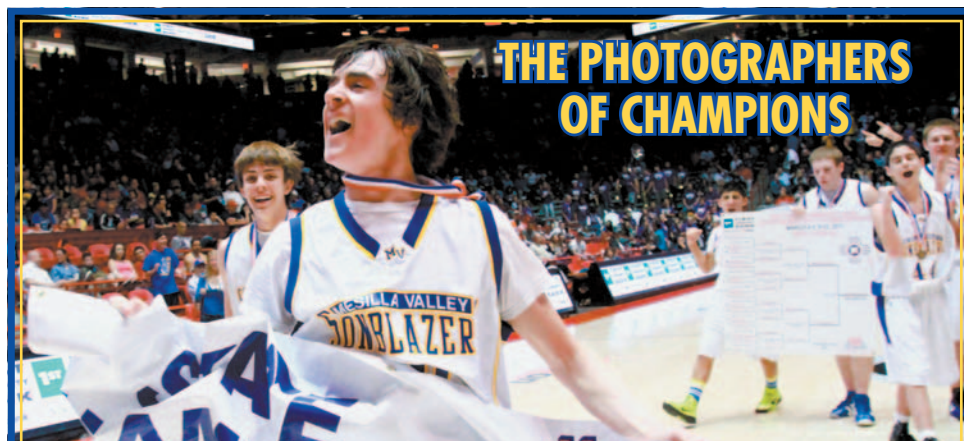
### Demi Mak Freshman, Women's Golf

Freshman Demi Mak earned WAC Golfer of the Week honors after she won the BYU-Entrada Classic, March 22. She carded rounds of 74-74-70 for a 2-over-par 218. The 2-under-par 70 she carded in round three was a tournament low and career best. Mak is the first Aggie freshman to win a tournament since Lehua Wise, who plays on the Futures Tour, won the Sun Belt Conference Championships in 2004.



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# AggieInsider



## Savin' the noggins

Concussions a major problem in rodeo



**Jack Nixon**  
Jack's Corner

You probably have seen a lot more in the news lately about concussions and the effects they have on football players and others in contact sports.

From the University Communications offices comes a story about a New Mexico State professor and athletic training program director, Mikeala Boham, who is working to help minimize similar head injuries for NM State rodeo athletes. There are a lot of rough-and-tumble events in rodeo, where competitors frequently are thrown off the animal they are riding in the course of the event. Part of the persona of a rodeo cowboy is that they are tougher than leather and live with pain as part of the job.

Boham is hoping her research will keep riders healthier later in life, when their circuit days are done. Boham grew up around rodeo and her interest in that sport increased as she learned more about athletic training.

Real-time concussion analyses have been conducted in football and other sports in which the athletes engage in high-impact activity, but not so much for rodeo sports.

Bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riders, take falls on a regular basis, and concussions frequently follow.

Boham wants to analyze how the brain trauma of a concussion

affects the athlete's cognitive skills.

Kim O'Connell-Brock, in the athletic training program, is also working with Boham on the project.

The research includes figuring out how many of the approximately 135 college rodeo teams nationwide provide regular health care services to their athletes. Most other athletics teams on campuses nationwide have athletic trainers and direct access to medical care; the ladies want to document how many rodeo programs also have this access.

NM State is doing the right thing by its rodeo team and does have a contract for services with a certified athletic trainer to care for its participants at no cost to the athletes. Boham hopes to use the research to come up with a helmet design for rodeo athletes that will reduce the chance of concussions or other brain damage. Currently, the helmets on the market are not approved for bull riding and protective head gear is required only for riders who are younger than 18 years old.

The next step for Boham and Brock will be to collect concussion analysis data from rough stock competitors on the NM State rodeo team. The hope is that the findings will be used to assist all who compete in the sport.

The athletic training program at NM State has produced hundreds of top notch graduates working in all phases of training and medicine, another example of the positive impact they are having on our world.

## NMSU women find success on the links

Hopes high for post-season victories



**Paul Brilliant**  
Women's Golf  
Head Coach

Four and a half years ago, myself and Jackie Booth, who came back from New Mexico to serve as the co-head coach, were given the task of rebuilding the women's golf program.

This season we have a team that consists of our seniors and have re-established the program as a top 50 program. When introducing a coaching change, we felt like it would take four to five years to create a team that would accept the coaching philosophy, and as the student athletes achieved more and more, they would come to believe in the new program.

This year, we have reached some exciting goals.

We won our home tournament, the Prices Give 'em Five, and set a new school record team score of 866, two-over-par. We had a freshman, Demi Mak, finish second and seniors Suteera "Pang" Chanachai, Buz Bowerman-Ritchie, and Apinporn "Mint" Swaschuto tied for sixth.

The next highlight was Mak's first-place finish at the BYU Invitational in St. George, Utah, which consisted of 15 teams, some ranked in the top 50. Her victory, plus the second-place finish at our home tournament, should give her a lead for

the honor of freshman player of the year for the WAC. Of course, this makes the coaching staff happy to look forward to three more years with Demi.

It should also be noted that Pang and Mint are up for all-conference awards, and Pang is on the bubble for selection to the NCAA Regionals.

The next honor, which is probably the most outstanding achievement and was achieved by the entire team of 12 student athletes, was having the highest cumulative grade point of all sports at NM State for the fall semester, 3.6, which included four with 4.0 GPAs.

During this season, we have been ranked nationally by Golf Stat as high as No. 46 and at the present time we are No. 63, which is ahead of all teams in the WAC. Our goal is to win the WAC, which will give us an automatic invitation to the NCAA Regionals, and, of course, that gives us a chance to play our way into the NCAA Championship in the middle of May.

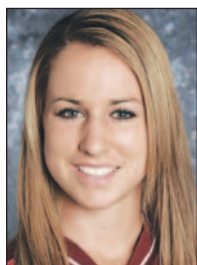
We must take this opportunity to thank those supporters of the women's team who have made major contributions – more than \$150,000

to the program that allowed us to construct the NM State men's and women's golf team practice facility which is located north of the No. 1 tee box. This short

game area allows us to really work on our games and be isolated from the rest of the golf course.



## Aggie student-athlete spotlight



**Teresa Conrad**  
Sophomore  
Softball

In the three-game sweep of San Jose State, sophomore infielder Teresa Conrad hit .750 with six hits, including two home runs. She notched a .818 on-base percentage and a 1.625

slugging percentage. Conrad's homer in game three versus the Spartans was the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the fifth to secure the win.



**Ros-Polly Nguyen**  
Freshman  
Women's Tennis

Freshman Ros-Polly Nguyen won both of her singles matches and a doubles match March 22 and 25. Nguyen defeated Katie Nichols of Cal State Fullerton 6-0, 6-0, and Reka

Rohonyi of Loyola Marymount 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. Nguyen teamed with junior Natalia Salum for an 8-2 win at Cal State Fullerton.



**Wes Starkes**  
Senior  
Baseball

Senior outfielder Wes Starkes was named WAC Hitter of the Week after helped the Aggies to a four-game series sweep over Binghamton. Starkes hit .533 with a double,

a home run and eight RBIs. He scored nine runs and was a perfect 3-for-3 on stolen base attempts.

## This Week

### In Aggie Athletics

#### Friday, April 1

**Softball**  
Utah State  
Logan, Utah  
3 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Northern Colorado  
Las Cruces  
6 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 2

**Softball**  
Utah State  
Logan, Utah  
Noon and 2 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Northern Colorado  
Las Cruces  
3 p.m.

**Track and Field**  
UNM Tailwind  
Albuquerque  
10 a.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
Utah State  
Logan, Utah  
10 a.m.

#### Sunday, April 3

**Baseball**  
Northern Colorado  
Las Cruces  
1 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
Weber State  
Ogden, Utah  
10 a.m.

#### Monday, April 4

**Men's Golf**  
Morris William Intercollegiate  
Austin, Texas  
All day

**Softball**  
New Mexico  
Las Cruces  
5 p.m.

**Women's Golf**  
Wyoming Invitational  
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H I G H S C H O O L

# Ags sweep Binghamton

## Winning streak at eight

The New Mexico State University baseball team picked up another series sweep after defeating Binghamton in a doubleheader, 13-5 in game one and 7-3 in game two at Presley Askew Field, Saturday, March 26.

The Aggies take their record to 19-5 with the two wins and are now on an eight-game winning streak after posting 20 runs on 24 hits Saturday. NMSU tallied five doubles and 15 walks on the day, while starting pitchers Ryan Beck and Riley Bevill each earned a win. Beck threw a complete game, marking seven strikeouts in seven innings and Bevill got his first win as an Aggie, working 6 1/3 effective innings.

"Our guys had good at-bats today, and we worked their pitchers the way we know how to," head coach Rocky Ward said. "It was a good day for the Aggies. We played good, solid defense and swung the bat well."

NMSU took game one of the double-header 13-5, with sophomore left-hander Ryan Beck going the distance and taking his record to 4-2 in seven appearances made this year. He finished the day with seven strikeouts while giving up only two walks.

Junior leftfielder Tanner Waite led the Aggie offense going 4-of-4 at the plate with three RBI. Four different Aggies tallied a double in the game, while senior Chuck Howard marked his fourth sacrifice fly of the year, which is a team high. Shortstop Tyler Forney came up with two

sacrifice flies in the game and now has three in the series.

The Aggies took a 4-0 lead after three innings of play. One of the four runs came from junior Bryan Karraker after he reached base when a pitch hit him. Karraker ended the game with three runs scored, as he got on base with two walks and one hit-by-pitch. The Aggies as a team finished the game with eight walks compared to the Bearcats two.

After Binghamton pulled to within two runs in the fourth inning, NMSU opened the lead in the bottom of the fifth scoring four runs with a two-run RBI from Forney.

Binghamton scored two runs in the sixth on a home run, but NMSU came back in the bottom of the inning posting five on the board, including a two-RBI double from senior centerfielder Wes Starkes. He finished the day 2-of-4 with a walk, two runs scored and two RBI.

The Bearcats added a run in the top of the seventh to end the game falling 13-5.

The Aggies won game two with effective pitching, good base running and a consistent offense winning 7-3 and coming to within one victory short of 20 on the season.

Bevill, a Boise, Idaho, native, came into the day with 17 innings of work on the mound in eight appearances and finished the day with his first-career win at NMSU. He is now 1-1 with 15 strikeouts in 2011 and continues to drop his ERA.

The Aggie pitching staff held Binghamton to only three runs with two of them earned.

Right-handed pitcher Gerry Renteria finished off the seventh inning, facing two batters before junior right-hander Justin Cooper took the mound to strikeout three of the four batters he took on. Closer Scott Coffman did

his job, retiring the side in the top of the ninth, sitting down two of the three batters with strikeouts.

Shortstop Tyler Forney was one of the big factors in the game going 2-of-3 at the plate with a walk, two stolen

bases and two runs scored. The Bearcat pitchers had trouble with Forney all day and were unable to strike him out.

NMSU got on the board first after Starkes started the game off with a lead-off walk and Waite followed with a walk of his own. Junior Zach Voight singled to center field to bring in Starkes and advance Waite to third. He scored when sophomore second baseman attempted to steal second.

After a scoreless second, both teams scored in the third making it a 3-1. NMSU scored on an RBI double by sophomore catcher Zac Fisher, but the Bearcats answered with a run of their own on a single to centerfield squeezing the Aggie lead to 4-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh.

The Aggies started the bottom of the inning with a single by Forney and a walk by Starkes before Voight brought them in with a single to left field. After Binghamton crossed the plate once in the eighth, Starkes gave NMSU a four-run cushion with an RBI single to right field.

NMSU takes on Northern Colorado in a four-game series at Presley Askew Field starting at 6:05 p.m. Friday, April 1. Call 646-1420 for tickets.



STARKES

# SportsSchedule

### Las Cruces High School

April 1-2	Track (coed)	at Canutillo Track Meet	3 p.m., 9 a.m.
Monday, April 4	Golf (coed)	at Oñate Invitational	9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 5	Tennis (coed)	Deming High School	3 p.m.
	Baseball	Mayfield High School	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 7	Softball	at Gadsden High School	3 p.m., 5 p.m.
	Baseball	Alamogordo High School	5 p.m.
Friday, April 8	Track (coed)	at Oñate Varsity Track Meet	3 p.m.
April 8-9	Tennis (coed)	LCHS/MHS Tennis Invitational	TBA



### Mayfield High School

April 1-2	Track (coed)	at Canutillo Track Meet	3 p.m., 9 a.m.
Saturday, April 2	Softball	at Deming High School	11 a.m., 1 p.m.
	Baseball	Oñate High School	11 a.m., 1 p.m.
Monday, April 4	Golf (coed)	at Oñate Invitational	9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 5	Baseball	at Las Cruces High School	5 p.m.
	Softball	Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 7	Softball	at Oñate High school	5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Friday, April 8	Track (coed)	at Oñate Varsity Track Meet	3 p.m.
April 8-9	Tennis (coed)	LCHS/MHS Tennis Invitational	TBA



### Oñate High School

April 1-2	Tennis (coed)	at Artesia Tennis Tournament	TBA
	Track (coed)	at Canutillo Track Meet	3 p.m., 9 a.m.
Saturday, April 2	Baseball	at Mayfield High School	11 a.m., 1 p.m.
Monday, April 4	Golf (coed)	Oñate Golf Tournament	9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 5	Tennis (coed)	Gadsden High School	3 p.m.
	Softball	at Alamogordo High School	5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 7	Baseball	at Gadsden High School	4 p.m.
	Softball	Mayfield High School	5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Friday, April 8	Track (coed)	at Oñate Varsity Track Meet	3 p.m.
April 8-9	Tennis (coed)	at LCHS/MHS Tennis Invitational	TBA



### Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

April 1-2	Boys Tennis	at Artesia Tourney	3 p.m., 9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 5	Boys Tennis	at Alamogordo	3 p.m.
	Baseball	at Loredsburg	3 p.m., 5 p.m.
	Softball	Chaparral	3 p.m., 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 7	Boys Tennis	at Silver City	3 p.m.
April 8-9	Softball	at Rio Rancho JV /Softball Tournament	TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

## High School

### Athletes of the Week

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### Merrily Gomez

Merrily Gomez is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She plays shortstop and pitcher on the Lady SonBlazer softball team. Gomez's pitching record is 2-1 with 21 strikeouts. Her batting average is .538, with a 729 slugging percentage, one homerun, three triples and 11 RBI in five games. Gomez is a leader on the softball field with her positive attitude and strong work ethic. She strides to be the best at everything she does whether it's pitching, playing shortstop or hitting. She is as hard a worker in the classroom with a 3.28 GPA. Outside of sports, Gomez enjoys hanging out with friends from school or her church youth group.



### Anthony Torres

Anthony Torres is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays shortstop and pitcher on the SonBlazer baseball team. He is the varsity captain, a third-year varsity player and a second-year varsity starter. Torres has a .632 batting average and 2-0 pitching record. He is a positive role model for the younger players on the team. He leads by example, has a strong work ethic and is a solid student, with a 3.24 GPA. Torres is an accomplished musician and plays on the school praise and jazz band.



— PUBLIC NOTICE —

## Gas Line Project

Las Cruces drivers are advised that Las Cruces Utilities will install a new eight inch high pressure gas line to replace an existing four inch high pressure gas line, part of the North Loop 8 inch High Pressure Distribution Gas Line Project. The total project is about five miles long and will impact traffic on Burke Road, Mayfield Lane, Doña Ana Road, El Camino Real Road, Spitz Road, Triviz Drive. The project construction will begin this month, completed by this October. Special care should be used driving along this construction zone. The project cost is approximately \$1.9 million dollars, performed by Burn Construction Company.

For more information, contact Eric Navarrete, Civil Engineer at (575) 528-3684.

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# Sports Briefs

## Aggies open WAC with sweep

Aided by a one-hitter in game one and 18 runs in game two, the New Mexico State University softball team swept a doubleheader from San Jose State with a pair of five-inning victories, 9-0 and 18-9, to sweep the series from the Spartans at the New Mexico State University Softball Complex Saturday, March 26.



**MARODA**

NMSU (22-10, 3-0 WAC) won game one behind the stellar pitching of sophomore Alex Newman, who improved to 13-2 with the win. Newman faced 18 Spartan batters, allowing just one run and two walks. The Aggies hit four home runs in the game, including two from freshman Valerie Swedberg.

In game two, NMSU fell behind 7-1 in the second inning, but scored 11 in the third and six runs in the fourth for a come-from-behind 18-9 win. The Aggies posted 27 runs and 22 hits, including six homers on the day. Beside the pair from Swedberg in game one, senior Ashley Maroda and sophomore Teresa Conrad notched a round tripper in each game – one a grand slam from Maroda in game two.

The 3-0 sweep gives NMSU its first opening weekend series win since joining the WAC in 2005. The Aggies also have posted the best start in program history at 32 games into the season with a 22-10 record. NMSU won 27 games last season. The all-time record for Aggie wins in a season is 40 posted by the 1996 squad against 25 losses.

NMSU travels to Utah for five games next week. The Aggies stepped out of conference for two games at Weber State Wednesday, March 30, before closing out the week with three conference games at Utah State.

## NMSU rodeo second in region

The New Mexico State University rodeo team is currently in second place in the Grand Canyon region standings. They are: Men, second, 4,734 points; Women, second, 1,841; Cooper

DeWitt, fifth, men's All-Around, 1,078 points; DeWitt, saddle-bronc riding, first, 8,55.5; Anthony Buckman, bareback riding, second, 763; Bo Simpson, tie-down roping, first, 720, and Johnny Salvo, second, 586; Rodee Walraven, team roping, header, third, 364; salvo, team roping, heeler, third, 364; Olivia Train, breakaway roping, second, 396, and Staci Stanbrough, goat-tying, third, 457.

The Aggies will wrap up their rodeo season with its big NMSU Spring College Rodeo at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

## NMSU third at Border Olympics

Senior Tim Madigan tied for third overall after a final round score of 7-under-par, 65, at the Border Olympics Golf Tournament. Madigan shot three straight rounds of under par golf on the weekend and finished 11-under-par, 205.

The Aggies placed sixth overall as a team at 10-under-par, 854. NMSU carded a final round score of 9-under-par, 279.

Arkansas won the team title with a three-round score of 32-under par, followed by Oklahoma (-27), Baylor (-18), Rice (-16) and Liberty (-11). Michael Whitehead of rice won the individual title with a three-round score of 19-under-par.

The Aggies will be back in action April 4-5 at the William Morris Intercollegiate.

## Ags defeat Loyola Marymount

The women's tennis team of New Mexico State University defeated Loyola Marymount University in a closely contested 4-3 win Friday, March 25, to conclude a week-long road trip to California.

The Aggies returned to Las Cruces Wednesday, March 30, to face UTEP.

# Spring practice on tap at NMSU

## Spring game is April 30

Coach DeWayne Walker begins his third year as the head of the New Mexico State football program by welcoming his team back to the field for the beginning of 2011 spring football practice from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 2.

The Aggies hit the field in the first full week of April and practice runs until April 30. The spring game will be Saturday, April 30, at Aggie Memorial Stadium. Game time for the spring game has not been set. All practices are open to the public, and middle and high school coaches and players are strongly urged to attend.

## Spring practice

### 2011 New Mexico State University Football spring practice schedule

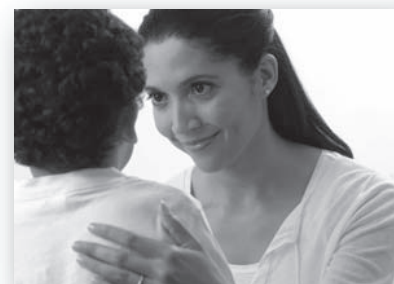
All practices are at Aggie Memorial Stadium

Time	Day	Date
11:20 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Tuesday	April 5
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Thursday	April 7
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Saturday	April 9
11:20 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Tuesday	April 12
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Thursday	April 14
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Saturday	April 16
11:20 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Sunday	April 17
6:30 to 8 p.m.	Tuesday	April 19
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Thursday	April 21
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Saturday	April 23
11:20 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Tuesday	April 26
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Thursday	April 28
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Friday	April 29
7:15 to 9 a.m.	Saturday	April 30



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# Looking Back

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

**Marvin Tessneer's**  
*Out of the Past*



### 100yearsago

#### 1911

• S.M. Storm and W.E. Grimmer purchased the building and laundry plant on Griggs Street from the Las Cruces Laundry Co., and would shortly be in position to handle all the valley business as both had much experience in that line. Grimmer had been connected with the Hobbs Laundry Co. in Albuquerque for many years, being secretary of that firm. Storm had been in the business for 15 years in many of the larger cities of the country.

• Gov. Mills appointed Las Cruces attorney H.H. Llewellyn district attorney for the Eighth District composed of Doña Ana, Lincoln and Otero counties.

• Sealed bids were to be received by Romelo Martinez, secretary of the board of school directors at San Miguel, N.M., for the construction of a \$4,000 public school house for the San Miguel/Tellez area. The board reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

• An election was scheduled for Monday, May 1, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the office of the Justice of the Peace for the purpose of electing five qualified persons to constitute a board of trustees of the Doña Ana Bend Community Grant for a term of two years.

### 75yearsago

#### 1936

• Bids from contractors for Las Cruces new \$180,000 courthouse were expected to be called for in the next two months following assurances that the Public Works Administration (PWA) money would be available. Fifty-five percent of that money would be a loan and 45 percent a grant. Trost & Trost Architects of El Paso would design the structure.

• Margaret Davis of Las Cruces was elected queen of the Junior Prom held at the New Mexico state college on April 4, with Robert Detrick of Las Vegas prom king. Davis would lead the grand march at the dance, one of the most important social events on the school calendar.

• Students from Las Cruces and five other towns were included in the list of candidates for degrees at commencement exercises at the state college in June. The list of candidates included eight from the school of agriculture, 22 from the school of engineering and 29 from the school of general science. Seven students were to receive degrees at the close of the summer session in July, including one graduate degree.

• "Wedding Bells – Hear them Ring" was to be presented April 2 at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Attendees could watch as "Miss Roy Wright become the blushing bride of Mr. Tommy Graham despite the weeping and wailing of 'aunt' Jessie Williams." There was not a woman in the entire cast of the event sponsored by the Wesleyans.

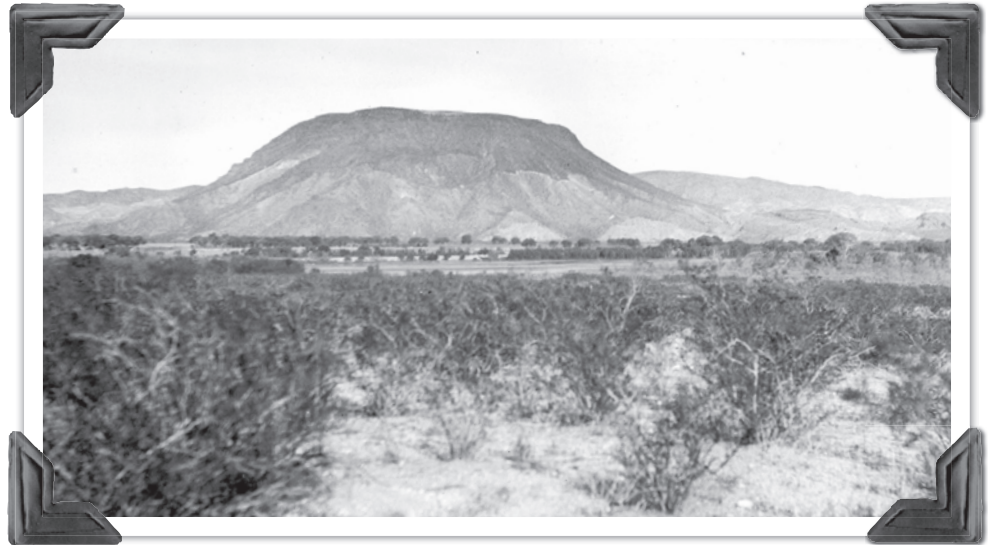


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**Known as San Diego Mountain during Spanish and Mexican colonial periods, this peak at the eastern end of the Hatch Valley is now generally known as Tonuco Butte. Quartzite, fluorite and calcite were once mined on the peak's slopes, which contain bat caves and petroglyphs. This photo was taken in 1937.**

### 50yearsago

#### 1961

• One of the largest fires in Las Cruces history had its origin in the Paradise Bowling Alley on Main Street Sunday morning. The fires started an approximately \$500,000 blaze, destroying the bowling alley, a music shop, a television shop, barber shop and the Continental Bus Depot.

• A Mesilla School student, Olivia Rivera, received special recognition for her more than six years of perfect attendance at school. Rivera, a fifth-grader who had attended the Mesilla School since pre-first grade, received a letter of commendation from Tom D. Riddle, director of statistics and finance services at the state Department of Education. Rivera, 11, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Rivera of Mesilla. Her teacher was Mrs. Essie Stoy.

### 25yearsago

#### 1986

• Two local businessmen, Hotch Manning and Vic Arnold were selected to be delegates to the White House Conference on small business in Albuquerque.

• The City of Las Cruces was to hold dedication ceremonies April 5 for the Matt Youngblood Horseshoe Courts directly north of Meerscheidt Recreation Center.

• City Manager Dana Miller announced the appointment of Robert Kelly as city attorney. Kelly had been employed by the city since 1979. The previous city attorney, Ray Riordan, who had died in December 1985.

*Information gathered from NMSU Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Edited by Jim Hilley.*

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# Senior Activities



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

## AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Donation suggested.

## AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Luis Ortega is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

## HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are held at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, a certified instructor, leads Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Donation suggested.

## BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are:

- 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road
- 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.
- 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.
- 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, East Side Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

## CORE-FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core-floor exercise classes with Lucille Garcia are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Donation suggested.

## T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai chi classes with Jason Shoberg are held from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donation suggested.

## CHESS

Chess games are played from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, boards and clocks.

## CHINA PAINTERS

China painters class is from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S.

Mesquite St.

## JEWELRY MAKING

Jewelry-making classes are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, and Jewelry Lab is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## LADIES' POOL TOURNAMENT

A free ladies' pool tournament open to ladies 50 years of age and older is held at 8:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prizes are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

## CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome.

## HORSESHOES

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

## STAINED-GLASS

Beginning and advanced stained-glass class meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## PINOCHLE

Pinochle players meet

from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Watercolor painting class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## WOODCARVING

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

## HANDS 'N' FEET CARD GAME

Hands 'n' Feet card game is from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

## DAY TRIPS

To register for a walking group or fishing trip, seniors must present their membership card along with payment. Checks must be made out to the City of Las Cruces. There is a minimum of eight participants and maximum of 10 to 13. For more information or to sign up, call 528-3000.

## TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center. Trips currently being booked include:

- **Albuquerque/Gathering of the Nations:** April 28-30. \$280 double, \$305 single
- **T or C Ladies Spa Experience:** May 23-24, two days/one night. \$190 double, \$234 single
- **Hatch/Shannon Hopper Blacksmith** day trip, Tuesday, May 31. \$30 per person includes lunch.
- **Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso,** day trip, Wednesday, June 8. \$30 per person includes museum fee.
- **Alaska Cruise and Tour:** Sept. 7, 11 days/10 nights. Call for details.
- **Hawaii Cruise:** Nov. 5. Call for details.

- **Branson Show Extravaganza:** Nov. 12-20. \$869 double, \$1,109 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

## WALKING GROUP

All walks depart from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9 a.m. and return by approximately 11 a.m. In case of bad weather, walks will take place at Mesilla Valley Mall. Minimum participants eight, maximum 14. For more information, call 528-3000 from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.

## SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

## THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. each Thursday at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Anyone who plays bridge is welcome. For more information, call Beverly Nelson 523-6106.

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The Southwest Tax Coalition is offering free tax preparation from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays through April 14 at 3880 Foothills Drive. Evening hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, taxes will be prepared from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln St. in Anthony, N.M. For more information, call 527-8799.

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Area drivers ages 50 and older can take the AARP Driver

Safety Program. The next class is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 4, at Golden Mesa Retirement Village, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

The cost is \$12 per person for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, paid at the door. Participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. For more information, visit [www.aarp.com](http://www.aarp.com).

## MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m. Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees. Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

## SEMINAR FOR RETIREES

Retirees are invited to a free seminar on Medicare, long-term care, life insurance, annuities and tax savings at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the Las Cruces Events Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. The event is sponsored by the local agents for Bankers Life and Casualty. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, call 636-7333.

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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

- Noon each second Thursday of the month, potluck lunch at the Mira Vista Apartments, 2141 N. Solano Drive, in the Community Room. For more information, contact Nicky at 647-3868.
- 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, contact Donna at 556-6117.

- 11 a.m. the third Saturday of each month, potluck lunch at Casa de Oro, 1005 Lujan Hill Road. For more information, contact Tim at 650-0241.
- The last Friday of each month at Villa del Sol Senior Center, 575 S. Mesquite St., in the computer room. For meeting times or more information, call Maria at 915-637-9337 or 589-0821.

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 hot line at 800-272-3900, or at the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

## APRIL LEARNING IN RETIREMENT LECTURES SET

The April Academy For Learning in Retirement lectures will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays April 5 and 12, and Thursdays, April 7 and 14, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. The lectures will feature retired professor and labor relations arbitrator David Berkeley discussing popular music from the '30s to the '70s.

Complimentary refreshments will be available prior to each presentation. All lectures are open to the public with no advance registration required. There is a \$5 fee for each lecture.

For more information, call ALR Chairperson Adrian Edwards, at 521-1485 or visit [www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR/](http://www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR/)

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**Park Concept for Engler Road**

The City of Las Cruces will hold a public meeting for residents to view conceptual plans for a park to be located in the medians of Engler Road. The City's landscape architect will present the conceptual park plan. Residents will also be able to provide input for the concept and final design.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**5:30-7:00 PM**  
**East Mesa Recreation Center**  
**5589 Porter Road**

For more information, contact Landscape Architect Cathy Mathews at 541-2592.  
 People needing special accommodations should contact the city 48 hours in advance at (575) 541-2592.  
[www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org)

# Classic cars at the Wheels of Dreams

Photos by Alicia Cardoza



Michael Sanchez, "Big Mike," lifts the custom Lambo door of his 2000 Chevy Silverado at the Wheels of Dreams Car Show Saturday, March 26. The Silverado boasts candy violet rims, black and velvet interior, air suspension and custom paint.



John Leege, looks at a 1940 Ford truck owned by Las Cruces resident Dean Davidson Saturday at the Wheels of Dreams Car Show held at the Field of Dreams parking lot.



Jose Antonio Santiago and his wife Mayra Santiago enjoy a hot dog by their customized 1983 Honda Goldwing. Jose Antonio Santiago used Yukon parts to make the Batman wing details and Cadillac lights for the bumper as well as using a car battery rather than a motorcycle one.



Bill Boling from Fairacres beams next to his 1969 Pontiac GTO. In 1969, Pontiac launched a GTO model called "The Judge," a name inspired by the comedy routine, "Here Comes the Judge," used by Sammy Davis Jr. on the "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In TV" show.



Robert Smith admires the 1952 Hudson Hornet owned by Las Cruces resident Joseph Muench and sponsored by Action Equipment Rental.



Matt Ward rests against his 1959 Ford Edsel Saturday at the Wheels of Dreams Car Show.



Daniel Sambrano shows his daughter Sophia Sambrano's 2008 Outlaw.



# Kids, Kows & More at the Farm & Ranch Museum

Photos by Niki Rhynes



Toby Clair, 9, of Mr. Solis' fourth-grade class at Desert Hills Elementary, answers a question while playing a Jeopardy-style game at the Kids, Kows & More Expo held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Leticia Varelas, a volunteer with the New Mexico Beef Council, gave a ranching presentation on cowboys and cattle, Wednesday, March 30, at the 10th annual Kids, Kows & More. The educational event is intended to teach fourth-graders about various aspects of agriculture and was sponsored by New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, Southwest Dairy Farmers and New Mexico State University. The Doña Ana County Farm Bureau was also a major contributor.



Sunrise Elementary fourth-grader Sophia Nuñez, 10, enjoys some chocolate milk.



Ten-year-old Jeremiah Woodall holds the door open after leading a group of students into a cotton presentation. Home-schooled Woodall is a member of 4H and volunteers along with his three brothers and sister.

April 2, 2011

## COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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April is Community College Month

# Supporting the American Collegiate Talent Showcase

Photos by Steven Parra

Scott Breckner, Jared Stromen, George Strait and Barbara "Mother" Hubbard backstage at the George Strait, Reba McEntire and Lee Ann Womack concert held Friday, March 25, at the Pan American Center. The ACTS Scholarship Program is a non-profit 501(c)3 scholarship fund-raising organization that provides opportunities for university students to experience "hands on" internships in their chosen fields. Jared Stromen is the first recipient of the George Strait Endowment scholarship.



Shianne Sambrano, 17, gets an emotional meeting with her favorite superstar – the King of Country, George Strait – at the March 25 concert. Sambrano, currently a student at Mayfield High School, is recovering from a recent stroke and month-long coma.



Strait performs for a sold-out crowd.

 Suture Suspension featuring the Serdev Technique

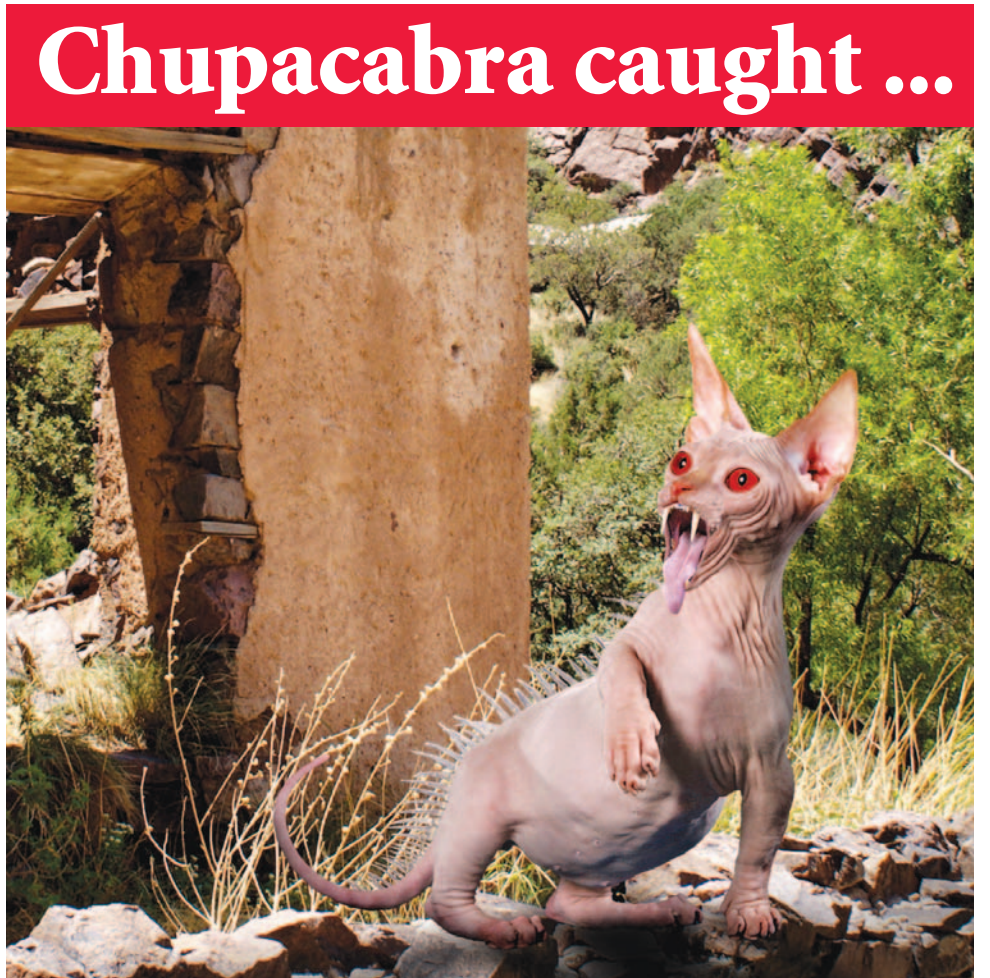
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## Chupacabra caught ...

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... on camera that is. A rare chupacabra was photographed at the ruins in Dripping Springs on Friday, April 1. Jim Hilley and Loof Lirpa were hiking near the sanatorium and heard a horrendous screech from behind the ruins. Luckily, Lirpa had a camera and Hilley had a bear trap. Using a piece of goat jerky Hilley had handy, they were able to lure the chupacabra toward the trap, but unexpectedly, the sly chupacabra snatched the goat jerky and scurried away screaming a noise that sounded eerily like "April fools!"

## TWEF gives Pink donation



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Pat Sisbarro and Laura Conniff of NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign accept a donation check for \$5,000 Wednesday, March 30, from representatives of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta – Nancy Montoya, Eddie Gallegos, Tony Liello, Virginia Barela, Serapio Chacon, Debbie Calderon and Chris Valenzuela.

## Martinez signs first bills

### Education and public safety laws passed

Gov. Susana Martinez this week signed bills into law related to education and public safety.

Martinez signed Senate Bill 427, creating a transparent A-F school grading system for New Mexico's schools.

The measure, carried by Sen. Vernon Asbill, R-Carlsbad, and Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Texico, received overwhelming bipartisan support throughout the legislative process.

Martinez was joined at the signing ceremony by Asbill, Public Education Secretary designate Hanna Skandera, Moriarty-Edgewood School District Superintendent Karen Couch and other state and local officials at Route 66 Elementary School in Edgewood.

"The first step to ensuring every student has access to a quality education is establishing a strong foundation of accountability and transparency," Martinez said. "This common-sense reform is a victory for all of us who believe that parents, students, and community members have a right to know how their schools are performing. Assigning a simple letter grade to New Mexico's schools provides a clear picture of which ones are succeeding, which ones are failing and how we can best target resources to the schools and students most in need of help."

To increase accountability and transparency in New Mexico schools, the "Real Accountability, Real Results" initiative originally proposed by Martinez adopts an easy-to-understand, easy-to-implement system of grading schools, using the traditional school grading format of A-F.

Based on objective measures, such as student achievement and progress, with a particular focus on the lowest performing 25 percent of students, schools will be assigned letter grades of A, B, C, D or F – the same grades students receive – and these grades will be posted on an easily accessible website.

Schools that earn an "A" or improve a letter grade will be recognized for excellence or progress, creating an incentive for improvement in student learning. Students in failing schools will receive targeted assistance.

Under federal law, meaningful intervention for failing schools can sometimes be a five-year process. The new law calls for immediate intervention after two years for schools that have earned an "F" by targeting resources to improve these schools, helping struggling students and giving parents more options.

"Across the state, there are schools that are delivering real results for their students," Martinez said. "We must do our best to identify and replicate these successes wherever and whenever possible. ... I am proud to sign this bill into law, taking the important first step toward turning New Mexico's schools around and ensuring we provide a world-class education for every single child in our state."

Martinez also went to Carlsbad to sign the expanded Katie's Law that will require that everyone arrested for a felony offense provide a DNA sample.

The law is named for Katie Sepich, who grew up in Carlsbad and attended New Mexico State University. At age 22, she was raped and murdered in Las Cruces by a stranger who was eventually caught through DNA evidence.

Legislators approved the original Katie's Law in 2006. It required that those arrested in certain felonies, such as homicide and rape, provide a DNA sample. The new law will expand DNA collections to every felony arrest. The law will take effect July 1.

## Park access affected by levy repairs

Rio Grande levee construction near Picacho Avenue will affect access to La Llorona Park this spring.

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission has contracted with Briston Construction to raise and rehabilitate Rio Grande flood levees to comply with standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

From April through June, access to La Llorona Park will be restricted. The park is located in the 3400 block of West Picacho Avenue on the east side of the Rio Grande.

From April 1 through mid-May, the portion of the park located north of Picacho Avenue will be closed to the public while construction is underway. All playground equipment north of the Picacho Bridge will be inaccessible during this time. When construction is completed north of Picacho Avenue in mid-May, the portion of the park will be reopened.

Construction will then move south, requiring closure of La Llorona Park on the south side of Picacho Avenue, including the parking lot and restrooms, from mid-May until mid-June. However, the parking lot and restrooms will be open June 11 for Raft the Rio.

The temporary closures are needed for safety reasons to prevent the public from accessing an active construction zone. To allow the public to continue to enjoy the park, Briston will only close half of the park at a time. All construction activities affecting La Llorona Park are scheduled to be completed by June 30.

Park infrastructure, such as sidewalks, barbecue grills, picnic tables and trash cans, will be removed during construction, but will be replaced before the park reopens.

Construction near La Llorona Park is being carried out as part of a \$13.74 million contract awarded to Briston Construction of Tempe, Ariz., in September 2010 to construct 20 miles of levee improvements along the east side of the Rio Grande between Leasburg Bridge and Mesilla Dam to benefit the New Mexico communities of Radium Springs, Doña Ana, Las Cruces and Mesilla. All work in this segment is scheduled to be completed in late 2011.

For more information, contact Sally Spener at 915-832-4175 or sally.spener@ibwc.gov.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### KRIEDEL

Edward B. Kriegel Sr. 93, of Las Cruces died Wednesday March 23, 2011. Surviving him is his loving wife of 67 years Nettie Kriegel of the family home; son Ed Kriegel and wife Pam of Anthony, NM; daughter Mary Ann Wolfe and husband Herman of Las Cruces; grandchildren Liz and husband Jesse, Travis and wife Shannon, Aimee, Loren, Montgomery and Craig; great-grandchildren Joaquin, Cameron, Anna Rose, Montgomery, and Roman and by his great-great grandsons David and Aidan.

A visitation was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at Getz funeral Home. Graveside services celebrating his life were on March 29, 2011 at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with Fr. Don Adamsky officiating. The US Air force provided military honors. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home 575-526-2419.

### CHRISTIAN

Leo Martin Christian, 95, of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away on March 26, 2011. A celebration of life will be held for Leo on April 4, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Village to begin at 4:00pm. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### AVALOS

Candelaria B. Avalos, 90, of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away on March 25, 2011 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### PERRAS

Kelli Perras, 40, of Las Cruces, New Mexico died March 19, 2011. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Getz Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home 575-526-2419

### CALDWELL

Irene Charlotte (Anderson) Caldwell was born April 22, 1933 in Providence, RI. She passed away in Las Cruces, New Mexico on March 28, 2011. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2011 at Mission Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico with Pastor Robert Carabotta officiating. In Lieu of flowers, Irene's family asks that donations be made in her name to either the Humane Society or Mission Lutheran Church. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home 575-526-2419. To sign the local online guest book go to [www.GetzCares.com](http://www.GetzCares.com).

The Las Cruces Bulletin will publish paid obituaries, which may include up to two photographs. Brief death notices are published at no charge. Memorials and remembrances are also available. For more information, call Sid Graft at the Las Cruces Bulletin, 575-524-8061, or email [obits@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:obits@lascrucesbulletin.com).

## CrimeStoppers

### Assault and robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect in an evening's assault and robbery of a teenage girl.

Shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, Las Cruces Police were called to the 3000 block of Hillrise Drive where the robbery occurred as the 16-year-old girl was on her way home from work.

Police learned that the girl was sitting on the curb changing shoes when a man approached, grabbed her purse and attempted to run off with it. The girl kept hold of her purse and was dragged onto the street during the struggle.

The suspect was able to steal the girl's wallet, which contained the girl's ID, a debit card and other personal property.



The suspect was last seen running from the area on Hillrise. The girl received some scrapes and minor cuts during the struggle, but was not seriously injured.

The girl described the suspect as being around 5-feet-7-inches tall, skinny and having a light complexion. He was wearing a dark colored long-sleeve shirt, dark jeans and white shoes.

If you have any additional information, or the possible identity of the suspect, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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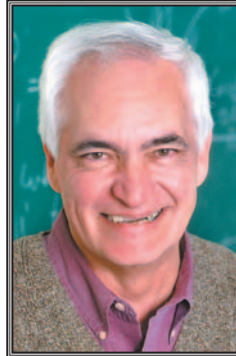
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## Is my car fuel efficient?

**Samantha Roberts**  
Business Editor



“Reserved fuel efficient parking only?” What does this mean?

If you haven’t visited the new Las Cruces Convention Center, after the closer handicap spots, there are a few dozen spots for “fuel-efficient cars” only.

I have attended several events at the convention center, and I am always having the same problem – I don’t know where to park. I would like to think my car is fuel efficient, so I can whip right into one of the more prime parking spots. But what qualifies as an efficient car?

To straighten my moral compass, I like to judge based on other cars that are parked in those key spots. I know my car is more fuel-efficient than a Chevrolet Tahoe and they are parked there so I must be fine, right?

Then I stop because I pull up next to a Toyota Prius, and I know my car is not as eco-friendly as that car.

This state of confusion has led me to research what truly qualifies as a fuel-efficient car.

According to carsdirect.com, making a car fuel efficient is a big process. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comes out with its own fuel economy ratings for every car that is on the market. It puts the car through a variety of tests to come up with its final miles per gallon numbers. To score high on its chart, you must have a fuel-efficient car, which include the following qualities:

- **Aerodynamics.** If you compare the design of a pickup truck to a hybrid, you will notice the hybrid is much more smaller, and shaped differently. Since as you drive, the car actually has to push the air out of its way, the aerodynamics can change drastically based on design.
- **Low emissions.** Not to be confused with fuel efficiency, a car that produces low emissions is often linked with more fuel-efficient vehicles.
- **Speed.** Believe it or not speed racer, but how fast you drive affects a car’s fuel efficiency. Driving at a constant speed is optimal because fewer emissions are being burned.
- **Engine type.** The engine also plays a role in fuel efficiency. Diesel is more efficient than gasoline engines and a four-cylinder engine will be more

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## Affects of the winter storm

### Unexpected chill damaged homes inside and out

By **Samantha Roberts**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The sun is shining in southern New Mexico and things are starting to heat up, but what about all of the plants still lying around that were killed during the “great freeze” in the beginning of February?

Most people have remained hopeful that their plants will come back, but the truth is, “If they haven’t come back by mid-April to early-May, they probably never will,” said Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman’s Greenhouse, 540 N. Telshor Blvd.

“There was not one landscape that was not affected by the freeze. Since this freeze was so unprecedented, it really caught people off-guard.”

Guzman said he is seeing several different types of landscaping being replaced, especially oleanders and palms.

“People are coming in with a lot of palms and we are recommending anything that made it through the winter, such as boxwood,” he said.

If you are still debating on leaving the dead palm in the ground or pulling it out, Guzman said there is a lot to look for other than just pretty leaves.

“If a plant does not leaf out by early-May at the latest, there is a good chance it is gone,” he said. “Even if it does (leaf out), there may be more damage, possibly internally.”

Although there is not much prevention that can be done to larger plants, creating a greenhouse condition is the best bet.

“There is not much that can be done to



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Like many others plants in Las Cruces, the cacti at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum were killed during the February freeze.

keep larger palms from being affected by the freeze, but covering the plant to some degree could help,” he said, adding that an old car cover could help to conceal the plant from potential damage. “Some people wrapped the leaves together, but it is just so hard and there is not a lot you can do.”

To prevent the roots from freezing, it is important to make sure the plants have plenty of water before a freeze hits, remembering not to water them right before.

Guzman said his store lost more than half of its supplies during the freeze, but has tried

to keep up with the demand of customers.

“People aren’t ordering one thing in particular – whatever they think looks nice,” he said.

If you are unsure about the removal of a plant, especially large ones, Guzman recommends calling a local landscaping company and work within your capabilities.

“Everyone keeps thinking their plants are going to come out of it, and maybe they are right,” he said. “There is an exception to every rule.”

For more information, call Guzman at 521-0496.

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## Horses are thriving in Las Cruces



Wild horses and burros will be up for adoption Thursday through Saturday, April 7-9 in Canutillo, Texas.

### Mild climate and sunny skies are the perfect place for naturally wild animals

By **Marvin Tessneer**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether you are taking a joy ride or training for a serious competition, southern New Mexico weather allows horse lovers to enjoy horse contests, shows and recreational activities year-round.

The Las Cruces Horseman’s Association opened its 2011 gymkhana season with two shows March 19-20 at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

“The members decided to hold two early shows to spare the horses from the summer heat in June, July and August,” said president Bob Romer.

Since Doña Ana County is an ideal place to hold horse shows. Horsemen’s groups hold about 20 quarter horse shows in Doña Ana County a year, Martha Sayles said. Sayles and her husband Danly have been breeding and training registered quarter horses in the Mesquite area for 39 years.

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# Freeze

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## Flooring

In addition to the outside landscaping, homes' insides were also negatively affected by the freeze, particularly the floors.

Hank Schweinebraten, owner of Casey Carpet, said he saw a rush of people coming in who needed their carpet replaced.

"We saw a lot of water damage, some wood, but mostly carpet," Schweinebraten said. "Since we are a dealer certified to handle insurance claims, dealing with companies such as State Farm, we had a rush of people coming in."

With the largest complaint being frozen pipes that busted, Schweinebraten said the need to replace flooring became urgent for a lot of people, but they were prepared.

"A lot of peoples' water got shut off during the storm," he said. "So they left and when it was turned back on, they had a leak that spread throughout their home. Some people told me

they had water rushing down their hallway. Once flooring is under water that bad, it usually has to be replaced.

"We carry a lot of inventory and keep it in stock, so we were able to meet the high demand. It created a few problems, but, more importantly, it created business we probably wouldn't have had."

With people still coming in because it took a long time for adjusters to get around to everyone, Gina Schweinebraten, owner and wife to Hank Schweinebraten, said the store is still stocked up and can assist anyone with their needs.

"In general, people are trying to match their existing carpet," she said, adding that insurance claims dictate what the consumers can buy. "If they chose to cash-out, then they can buy anything they want, but we always recommend buying stain-master carpet because it is the best performing carpet with the highest warranties."

For more information, call the Schweinebratens at 523-9595.

# Equine

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The Southwest Quarter Horse Association (SWQHA), which includes more than 300 riders from southern New Mexico and west Texas, is based in Las Cruces.

"A lot of quarter horses are stable in New Mexico," Sayles said. "We have about 20 quarter horse shows in Doña Ana County a year, more than Albuquerque or Midland and Odessa, Texas. It's just a short drive from Midland and Odessa to here. This is an ideal location to raise quarter horses, and the weather is conducive to holding shows the year around."

Elfigo "Fig" Padilla, current SWQHA president, said he and his wife Sue help their 14-year-old daughter Hallie with her quarter horse competitions. During a March competition, Hallie placed first in western riding and among the top 10 in horsemanship at the Quarter Horse Nationals in St. Louis.

"Quarter horse shows are a good thing for southern New Mexico," Padilla said. "They're an opportunity for quarter horse enthusiasts to show their horses. The shows bring quite a bit of money into the Las Cruces economy. When horse owners come to Las Cruces, they stay two or three nights, and they spend a lot of money for fuel, food and lodging."

For those interested in getting into the horse community, consider adopting a wild horse or burro.

Wild horses and burros are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence. These characteristics are bred into them in the wild and make them ideal for work or recreation. Since 1973, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has placed more than 220,000 horses and burros.

Adoptions will be taking place in Canutillo, Texas, Thursday through Saturday, April 7-9, held by the BLM. The three-day event at the Rio Grande Valley Ranch Arena, 300 La Union Road, will feature more than 50 animals, including adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in

order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources.

The adoption schedule includes competitive bids at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 7. First-come, first-served adoptions will follow until 6 p.m., then again from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 8, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9.

To qualify for adoptions, bidders must be at least 18 years old with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses and five feet for yearlings. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process, answer any questions and load horses. The application process is required and can be done on site.

The standard adoption fee is \$125, as set by law. Bidding will start at that amount.

As an incentive, BLM pays a one-time \$500 care-and-feeding allowance to adopters of horses at least 4 years old. The allowance is paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse/horses. All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available at Canutillo. Younger horses, burros and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive.

For more information, call 866-468-7826 or visit [www.blm.gov/nm](http://www.blm.gov/nm).

# Fuel efficiency

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efficient than a V6 or V8 engine. So going through the checklist, my Nissan Sentra is fairly aerodynamic and is said to produce low emissions, but I'm still not sure how that compares to others. I'm not going to mention how fast I drive because I don't want to incriminate myself, but I do know that I do not have a V6 or V8, so that is a mark on the fuel-efficient side.

If you are like me and are still unsure if you can park in the "fuel-efficient car only" spot, [smartmoney.com](http://smartmoney.com) has created a list that can make your car more fuel-efficient.

- **Ease off the gas pedal.** Even if you

use all the gas-saving tips in the book, you'll still waste gas if you don't lighten up your foot. Driving aggressively can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent.

- **Change your air filter.** A car's air filter prevents dirt and other matter from entering the engine's cylinders, where they can cause mechanical wear and hurt your car's performance.
- **Properly inflate your tires.** Keeping the right amount of air in your tires, improves gas mileage by 3.3 percent.
- **Stick to the right oil.** Using the right oil can boost a car's gas mileage up to 3 percent.
- **Lighten the load.** One of the easiest ways to improve your car's fuel efficiency is by removing any excess weight.

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# Downtown Las Cruces brings visitors in droves

## Theaters, museums, farmers market has record number

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If you haven't been Downtown lately, you might just be in the minority.

As the revitalization of the heart of our city continues, the number of local and out-of-town visitors who frequented the area this past fiscal year climbed to almost 300,000. What did this hoard of visitors do while they were Downtown?

**Theaters.** According to Peter and Ceil Herman, owners of the Black Box Theatre, 4,000 guests attended No Strings Theatre Company and other performances during the 2010-11 fiscal year. Las Cruces Community Theatre President P.J. Waggaman reported that last season's performances attracted 5,500 theatergoers. Attendance was also high at the Rio Grande Theatre, where, according to manager David Salcido, more than 21,000 men, women and children attended one or more of the various plays and performances offered during the year.

**Museums.** According to City of Las Cruces Museum Administrator Will Ticknor, more than 121,000 area residents and visitors toured Downtown area museums during the past year. The Museum of Art attracted more than 61,000 art lovers of all kinds, while more than 46,000 visitors attended events at the Branigan Cultural Center. During the same period, more than 13,000 history buffs visited the Railroad Museum. The Natural History Museum, which is currently located in Mesilla Valley Mall and scheduled to move Downtown next year, attracted an additional 152,000 visitors.

**Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.** Ranked No. 1 in New Mexico and No. 9 nationally, according to market manager Eric Montgomery, the market attracts approximately 1,000 attendees each Wednesday and upwards of 4,000 to 5,000 visitors each Saturday – a total of around 130,000 shoppers annually.

**First Friday Art Ramble.** According to my fuzzy math, approximately 200 to 250 art aficionados tour Downtown art galleries the first Friday of each month – adding an additional 2,400 visitors to the annual total.

**SalsaFest.** The Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) estimates that 4,000 area residents and visitors attended last summer's second annual SalsaFest. This year's event, scheduled for Aug. 28, will be held in conjunction with the kickoff of New Mexico's Centennial Celebration and is expected to

draw upwards of 5,000 to 10,000 attendees. **Winterfest.** The DLCP reports that more than 1,000 individuals and families attended December's second annual Winterfest, which celebrates the holiday season at different venues in and around the Downtown area.

In addition to the dollars spent by visitors to the Downtown area, Downtown business and property owners have invested more than \$2 million remodeling, opening and/or expanding their Downtown area businesses.

I'll have more on that subject in next week's column.

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 from 4 to 6 p.m. each Monday on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is a member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, and is the 2007 and 2010*

## Annual Downtown Visitor Count

Black Box Theatre	4,000
Las Cruces Community Theatre	5,500
Rio Grande Theatre	21,496
Downtown museums	121,496
Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market	130,000
Friday Art Ramble	2,400
SalsaFest	4,000
Winterfest	1,000
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>289,892</b>

*recipient of the NM Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.*

## Retirement May Be Far Off, But the April 18 Deadline for IRA Contributions Isn't

You have only so many years to prepare for retirement. That's why contributing to your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is so important. Fortunately, you still have time to maximize your 2010 IRA contribution before the April 18 deadline.

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# People on the Move

## NMSU Board of Regents elect new members



CHENEY

The New Mexico Senate confirmed New Mexico State University Board of Regents appointees Mike Cheney and Christopher Dulany.

Cheney is the regional bank president in southern New Mexico for Wells Fargo Bank. He has worked in the banking industry for more than 20 years in various positions, including business banker, branch manager and loan officer. He also has served as president of Community Bank. Cheney has served on the NMSU College of Business Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of the Greater Las

Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

Dulany, who will serve as the student regent on the board, is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in business with an emphasis in finance. After receiving his bachelor's in finance from NMSU in 2005, he began working as a financial adviser for Edward Jones. He is active in the Las Cruces Rotary Club and is a member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

## Prescott joins NMSU as executive associate to chief of staff

Ruth Hernandez Prescott, currently vice provost for internal affairs at Baylor University, has accepted an offer to join New Mexico State University as executive associate to the senior vice president for external relations and chief of staff.

Prior to her position at Baylor, Hernandez Prescott served at Mississippi State University, beginning as assistant to the provost and

advancing to associate vice president for academic affairs. She also served as executive assistant to the president during her tenure there.

Prior to her time at Mississippi State University, she served in a number of positions at Texas A&M University, including coordinator of special projects, special assistant to the executive vice president and provost, university ethics officer and assistant provost.

Hernandez Prescott has a bachelor's in political science from Stephens College and a law degree from the University of Florida Levin College Of Law.

The executive associate position is the result of a reorganization of positions and reassignment of responsibilities in the Chief of Staff office. The position is a combination of two open positions and will bear primary responsibility for coordination of all university support and interaction with the Board of Regents. The position was developed to seek out the appropriate background to ensure that the operations of the Board of Regents were properly and effectively supported.

In addition to working with the Board of Regents, Hernandez Prescott also will manage and oversee a number of presidential initiatives aimed at improving administrative and support operations at the university. She will assume her duties Tuesday, April 5.

## McIntosh joins CFSNM



MCINTOSH

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico announces Jaylene Watkins McIntosh as the Coordinator for the Border Region Coalition (BRC) for a Drug Free Doña Ana County. As coalition coordinator, McIntosh is responsible for facilitating the work of the coalition and developing and implementing a strategic plan to support the goals of the BRC. McIntosh has recently served as an advertising manager for the Las Cruces Bulletin and brings more than 10 years of professional public relations, marketing and communication experience to her position.

## Century Bank welcomes new members



DARDEN



ALTAMIRANO



HARRINGTON

Century Bank is proud to welcome Brandy Darden as a commercial lender and vice president, Karen Altamirano as a mortgage loan originator and Bob Harrington also as a mortgage loan originator to its Las Cruces team of professionals.

Darden comes to Century Bank with 13 years of banking experience and is a graduate of New Mexico State University. She is also an active participant in various organizations in Las Cruces including the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the First Step Clinic and the Salvation Army.

Altamirano has been in the mortgage industry for eight years and has an associates degree in accounting. She is active with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Harrington has been in the mortgage industry for more than 16 years and graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in economics. He is an associate member of the Las Cruces, Association of Realtors.

The new team members can be reached at Century Bank, 141. S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 101, or by calling 521-2400.

## Steinborn rewards employees

Steinborn & Associates Real Estate associate brokers and staff members celebrated their 2010 commitment to service and production at their Recognition Celebration. Attendees were recognized for their accomplishments and several members were honored for going above



Grady Oxford and his team won the Top Company Overall Production award. Team members include Kary Bulsterbaum, Jodi Juliana, Grady Oxford and Jacob Garland.

and beyond. Special recognition was given to: Parachute Award, Brenda Parish (Employee of the Year); Spirit of Steinborn, Mary Noble, Dinny Bomberg and Mary Mulvihill; Spirit of Service to the Industry, John Mitchener and Tom Whatley; Spirit of Service to the Community, Josie Hall and Jennifer Goude; Team Players, Zane Fikany and David Tellez; Top Residential Production Award, Laurel Coyle and Quint Leary; and Top Company Overall Production Award, Grady Oxford and his team.

"We are very proud of our team's accomplishments," said John and Amy Hummer, owners of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate. "Wow" is what first comes to mind. Our focus has always and will continue to be on providing unmatched service to our customers and earning their trust. There are many exciting opportunities ahead of us in 2011. We look forward to meeting these challenges with all the great members of the Steinborn team."

## Send us your People on the Move briefs

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send news of employee promotions, hirings, awards and distinctions to the Business section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information and a photo to [business@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:business@lascrucesbulletin.com).

# Las Cruces Optimist Club opens fund in celebration of 50 years

## Scholarships reward community youths

*Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico*

The Las Cruces Optimist Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary by creating the Las Cruces Optimist Fund through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) with a goal to raise \$100,000.

"We have always awarded scholarships, but this year we stepped up to create the fund," said Jack Barclay, a member of the Optimist Club. "We have been going strong for the past 50 years and we don't want to rest for the next 50 years."

Optimists pride themselves on being friends of the youth and bringing out the best in kids through

community service projects. Each club is run by members in the community, allowing the clubs to meet specific needs as they see fit.

"Optimists see a need in the community and react," Barclay said.

The Optimist creed gives volunteers a focus for personal improvement as they work to better the world around them. By raising \$100,000, the

Las Cruces Optimist Club will be able to award four or five scholarships each year to students attending New Mexico State University or Doña Ana Community College. By creating the fund within the CFSNM, the Las Cruces Optimist Club can spend time bettering the community while the foundation manages the

funds and takes care of the legal and fiscal responsibilities. The fund is invested over time and a portion of the earnings from the principal of the fund is used to make grants addressing community needs. The donor's gift is a permanent source of community capital, helping do good work today and in the future.

Optimists are no strangers to building a better community. Each year, they hold a poinsettia sale to raise money and host a cookout at Jardín de los Niños. They provide ongoing bicycle repair and present a bicycle safety class at A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven Weed and Seed. The group is a sponsor for the Mayor's Top Teens Program and holds a program each year that honors law enforcement.

"We welcome all donations as we work to raise \$100,000 for our 50th anniversary," Barclay said. "We welcome anyone that is interested in bringing out the best in kids."



## For more info



The Las Cruces Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. every Thursday at the International House of Pancakes, 2900 N. Telshor Blvd. To donate to the Las Cruces Optimist Fund, visit the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico website at [www.cfsnm.org](http://www.cfsnm.org) or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.





# City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report March 18-25

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20111398	Clear View Homes	Fabian A. and Jannell Y. Hernandez	Res/Add	4660 Arabela Drive	\$4,600	\$55
20111388	Joel and Imelda Corral	Joel and Imelda Corral	Reroof	1505 Roberts Drive	\$1,500	\$41
20111416	Desert Hills Roofing	Dominga Nevarez and Ralph N. Flores	Reroof	1140 N. Virginia St.	\$3,818	\$50
20111415	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7521 Sierra De Luna Place	\$186,960	\$2,338
20111407	Building Pros	Barang Indah LLC	Comm/Alt	2160 W. Picacho Ave.	\$8,750	\$79
20111355	Approved Roofing	Ouida A. Touchon	Reroof	1200 N. Reymond St.	\$17,000	\$128
20111089	Arei LLC	Jason B. and Stephanie Shafer	Reroof	724 Suzanne Ave.	\$25,530	\$165
20111441	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7577 Concho Place	\$152,274	\$1,060
20111440	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7583 Concho Place	\$169,740	\$1,090
20111461	A & A Roofing Inc.	Margarita C. Rel	Reroof	2863 Cloudcroft Circle	\$6,300	\$65
20111460	A & A Roofing Inc.	Daniel P. and Patricia C. Flores	Reroof	2871 Cloudcroft Circle	\$9,000	\$81
20111457	JC Roofing Inc.	Kevin Largent and Gladys McMorn	Reroof	1205 Idaho Ave.	\$9,200	\$82
20111479	Enchanted Desert Homes LLC	P I Holdings No.1 Inc.	Res/New	4128 Espana Way	\$180,482	\$4,086
20111414	Veloz Homes Inc.	Sonoma Ranch Construction Co. LLC	Res/New	4288 Canterra Arc	\$181,548	\$4,088
20111490	GS Roofing	Alice B. Lujan	Reroof	628 Turner Ave.	\$4,840	\$56
20111406	Arban Industries LLC	El Paseo Limited	Comm/Alt	1300 El Paseo Road	\$24,700	\$173
20111331	Fort Selden Builders	Charles T. Kozel	Reroof	2322 Cheyenne Court	\$15,400	\$118
20111471	Isaiah Blancas Construction	Raymond J. and Viola D. Fajardo	Reroof	1266 Second St.	\$7,478	\$72
20111476	Oel Construction Lp	Gadco of El Paso LLC	Comm/Add	1490 Missouri Ave.	\$7,000	\$69
20111512	TAJ & Ark LLC	Aanda Real Estate LLC	Comm/Alt	3865 E. Lohman Ave.	\$240,000	\$856
20111519	Carlsen Raymond	Dickerson Holding LLC	Comm/Alt	2605 S. Espina St.	\$2,000	\$46
20111522	Jeanette D. and Miguel O. Ferrales	Jeanette D. and Miguel O. Ferrales	Res/Add	765 E. Griggs Ave.	\$500	\$30
20111514	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	Gerald Max Flachs	Reroof	921 Raleigh Road	\$11,657	\$96

\* Information from the BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices



# Doña Ana County Building Permit Report March 18-25

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
36405	Self	Helen Serna	Res/Add	2921 Siesta Lane		\$100
36406	Self	Gabriel Lopez	Res/New	261 Hackberry Court		\$544
36408	Desierto Builders	Juana Garcia	Reroof	21 Girasol		\$50
36412	Radium Springs Construction	Linda Schaberg	Reroof	13166 Robledo Vista Road		\$100
36414	American Plumbing	Vernon Ivy	Reroof	5221 La Reina Road		\$48
36415	Pinetop Construction	Gerald Winans	Reroof	440 Eagles Nest Road		\$130
36420	Catwalk Enterprises	Jerry and Josie Brill	Reroof	522 Eagles Nest Road		\$420
36425	Self	Thomas C Sosa	Reroof	5204 Doña Ana Road		\$210
36426	GI Green	Todd and Brie Lucas	Res/New	1325 Portales Place		\$1,192
36427	Desert Song	Edward and Marian Martin	Reroof	1440 Via Norte		\$140
36428	Side View Construction	Manuel Casillas	Res/New	5225 Sioux Trail		\$523
36429	Side View Construction	Manuel Casillas	Res/New	5221 Sioux Trail		\$521
36430	Self	Elizabeth Prieto	Res/New	3400 Paradise Lane		\$1,167

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## Gov. Martinez to speak at Hispano chamber banquet May 6



**MARTINEZ**

Gov. Susana Martinez will be the keynote speaker during the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces 19th Annual Banquet set for 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 6, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The theme for the 2011 banquet is "Somos Unidos," or "We are United," in the spirit of collaboration that continues to grow among economic development organizations in the community.

"We are honored and very excited to have the governor return to Las Cruces and be with us on this very special night for the Las Cruces business community," said Hispano chamber board President John Muñoz. "This promises to be one of the greatest banquets we've ever hosted."

The banquet will take place at the convention center with catering by Dickerson's Catering. Tickets are on sale at Just Chillin' Nutrition, 300 N. Main St., and the Hispano chamber offices, 1990 E. Lohman Ave., in the Atrium Suites.

The evening will begin with cocktails and informal networking from 5 to 7 p.m., featuring live mariachi music, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and a cigar and martini bar on the patio.

The main program begins at 7 p.m. with dinner, the governor's keynote speech and the annual awards ceremony. The emcee for the evening will be local business consultant Steve Chavira of Success ... Inc!

"We have set a high bar for this event and we hope our members enjoy this momentous time of the year," said Hispano chamber board member and Events Committee Chair Jeffrey Silva. "We are very excited to have the governor at the Hispano chamber's annual banquet. This is an exciting year for businesses and the community at large and we hope everybody joins us the night of May 6."

The evening will conclude with an after-party fiesta also at the convention center, featuring live music, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and a cigar and martini bar on the patio.

This will be the first year the Hispano chamber hosts its annual banquet at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

A record turnout of more than 400 chamber members and community leaders showed their support for the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces during its 18th Annual Awards Banquet held June 25, 2010, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

The award for Nonprofit of the Year was given to El Caldito Soup Kitchen. The Large Business of the Year award went to Hampton Inn & Suites. The Small Business of the Year went to a relative newcomer Buffalo Wild Wings. Michelle Estrada was honored as the Educator of Excellence. Kevin Horner, owner of PTS Office Systems, was honored as the Businessperson of the Year.

Tickets are \$75 for individuals. Call 532-9255 for table prices and sponsorship opportunities.



# Time to consider tax increases

## State pennywise but pound-foolish when it comes to funding our public education



**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy

"We're broke" has become the mantra of budget cutting politicians from town hall to Capitol Hill. The statement usually, but not always, muttered by Republicans and is almost always followed with a proposal for budget cuts. The phrase was heard often during the just concluded legislative session.

"We're broke" implies that we are out of money, nothing left, the cupboard is bare – but this is misleading. The economic downturn has reduced revenues, but we are not broke. Our society, despite recent economic downturn, continues to be wealthy. Actually, we can continue government services at current levels, if we choose to. In fact, it has been estimated that repealing the Richardson tax cuts from 2004 would generate from \$200 to \$300 million, enough to more than balance this year's state budget without further program cuts.

The Democratic controlled state legislature, egged on by Republican Gov. Susana

Martinez, has refused to consider raising taxes and instead cut programs. Cutting waste is always a good idea, but this is the third year of budget shortfalls and there just isn't much waste left. Program cuts are affecting the provision of government services.

An example that illustrates the point is public education. The legislature cut state funding by 1.5 percent. This coupled with reductions in federal funding has resulted in a decrease in the public education budget of 5.7 percent. Locally, Superintendent Stan Rounds has indicated this will translate into an \$11 million budget shortfall for Las Cruces Public Schools.

To balance the budget, Rounds is proposing changes to high and middle school scheduling next year so as to eliminate as many as 200 teachers. Now, does anyone think eliminating 200 teachers will benefit students? Our dropout rate is already one-and-a-half times the state average – and our state average is one of the highest in the country.

Moreover, public education funding is not going for luxuries. At Mayfield High School, where my daughter attends, things are pretty sparse. Walk around that school

at class break – the halls are crowded to the point of claustrophobia. A closed campus isn't possible because there isn't enough room in the cafeteria for everyone. Kids have to go off campus to eat.

Public education seems a clear place where further budget cuts are counterproductive. Reduced funding costs us more in higher dropout rates, lower educational achievement and lost future income than would modest tax increases that allowed continued funding at current levels.

I've highlighted public education, but similar arguments could be made for other programs. Higher education, Medicaid and road maintenance are other examples where further cuts are counterproductive.

What I'm suggesting is not that taxes should be increased willy-nilly, but that cutting budgets to meet a revenue target without considering what is being cut is poor public policy. We need to carefully consider the desirability of continued funding versus the negative impact of increased taxes. Yes, this is a choice between two undesirable alternatives. But to think that the answer is always budgets cuts is just not correct.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of economics at NMSU. His wife teaches in the Las Cruces Public Schools. The opinions expressed here are his and may not be shared by the Board of Regents or Administration of NMSU.*

## Building Las Cruces



## NMSU Center for the Arts

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts  
What New Mexico State University is calling "one of its most ambitious projects," the NMSU Center for the Arts is currently under construction on the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street and is on course with its \$37.5 million Phase I portion of the project.

## Briefs

### Governor's conference on tourism

Join industry partners in Las Cruces for the Tourism Association of New Mexico (TANM) Governor's Conference on Tourism Sunday through Tuesday, April 10-12. The conference offers the opportunity to network with tourism professionals throughout the state, meet Secretary of Tourism Monique Jacobson and New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Christine Anderson, check out the new Las Cruces Convention Center and tour Spaceport America. Pre-conference activities include the TANM Golf tournament at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course and a Mesilla Valley winery tour. Post-conference activities include a tour of Spaceport America. You do not need to be a TANM member to attend the conference. For more information or to register, visit [www.tanm.org](http://www.tanm.org).

### Press Women's conference

The New Mexico Press Women, a nonprofit organization, will host its annual conference Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, in Las Cruces. Anyone interested can donate to the silent auction, a special part of the annual event that raises money for two \$750 college scholarships, awarded annually to New Mexico students pursuing careers in journalism, public relations, writing, photography and other areas in our field. Scholarships are talent- and need-based. Based on last year's applications, the need is great in New Mexico. Some students are immersed in college and need funding for books and other school-related expenses. Others are about to graduate and need one last vote of confidence as they set out to accomplish their dreams.

Last year, the press women raised about \$1,000. They are seeking gift certificates and items to auction. For more information, call 505-338-3004 or email [swalton@sandiaprep.org](mailto:swalton@sandiaprep.org).

### SCORE announces 2011 seminar schedule

Each SCORE seminar is held from 6 to 8 p.m. at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Pre-registration begins at 5:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows: April 21, an introduction to the Internet tools that may assist your business; May 12, how to start and operate a home-based business; Sept. 15, How to get money from a bank; and Oct. 13, the pros and cons of owning a franchise business. Call SCORE at 523-5627 to reserve a seat.

### Support literacy

In New Mexico, 1-in-4 adults read at or below a fourth grade level. When shopping at Mesilla Valley Mall's Barnes & Noble Booksellers on Saturday, April 2, a percentage of your purchase price will be donated to LVDAC. Purchases of food, beverages, books, magazines and Nooks all count. To contribute, use the Bookfair ID No.10416600 at the cash register or just mention your support to the cashier. For more information about the Adult Literacy Program, call Paula at 527-7544 or visit [www.readwritenow.org](http://www.readwritenow.org).

### Buy local business fair

Businesses with 10 employees or less are invited to introduce themselves to the public in a small-business fair emphasizing buying locally. The event takes place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Visitors will have a chance to win one of potentially 30 door prizes, which include gift cards and goods donated by vendors.

The event's theme, "Buy Local," is intended to promote the concept that buying from locally based businesses contributes to the health of the area's economy.

Vendor applications can be picked up at the event center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, or vendors can request an application be sent to them via email. The fee for a table at the event is \$25, plus a \$25 gift card or other item of equal value to be given away as a door prize.

Businesses who would like to sponsor the event are encouraged to contact the event center. Their names will be featured prominently on the event's literature.

For additional information or to get a vendor application, call George Pintar at 680-6515.

### WAVE seeking participants for print project

The WAVE (Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education) program and Take Back the News are inviting community members impacted by sexual and dating violence to share their stories in an upcoming Take Back the News Community Print Project. By sharing your story, victims confront the stigma associated with sexual and dating violence and encourage others to better understand this important issue. A sense of empowerment can be achieved through the public sharing of your experience. By adding your voice – your story – you also will help others understand how violence affects real people, including survivors and their loved ones. For more information call WAVE at 646-2813 or visit [www.facebook.com/wave.nmsu](http://www.facebook.com/wave.nmsu).

### County seeks proposals for health services

Doña Ana County has released two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Access to Maternal Child Health Education Services and Access to Parenting and Child Abuse Prevention Education.

Completed sealed proposals must be received no later than 2 p.m. Friday, April 22, at the Office of the Doña Ana County Purchasing Department, Room 2-147, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Specifications are available for inspection at the Doña Ana County Purchasing Department or can be obtained from the Doña Ana County website at [www.donaanacounty.org/finance/bids/](http://www.donaanacounty.org/finance/bids/).

Any proposal received after 2 p.m. April 22 will be returned unopened. For more information, contact Doña Ana County Purchasing Manager Donald Bullard at 525-5927 or at [donb@donaanacounty.org](mailto:donb@donaanacounty.org).

### Bipartisanship Leadership Awards

New Mexico First is accepting nominations for the Policymaker Awards to be presented at the annual First Forum Lecture Series Wednesday, May 25. Awards will be given to New Mexico leaders who have demonstrated excellence in areas such as healthcare, education, energy, economic growth or lifetime achievement.

New Mexico First, a nonpartisan, public policy organization is hosting the 2011 First Forum lecture: The Politics of Good Government, moderated by ABC newsman Sam Donaldson.

Nominations can be submitted online at [www.nmfirst.org](http://www.nmfirst.org). The awards committee, made up of New Mexico First board members, will choose the awardees. The deadline for submitting nominations is Thursday, April 14. Past award winners include Lifetime Achievement Awards to U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and retired Senator Pete Domenici.

# OntheAgenda

## Chamber golf tournament

Make new connections with White Sands Missile Range at the annual Spring WSMR Golf Tournament hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Thursday, April 14, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. The tournament consists of 22 teams with 11 players from each respective organization. The two-man scramble format pits two WSMR players against two chamber players. The spring tournament between chamber members and staff and soldiers from White Sands Missile Range is an opportunity for beginning new relationships and strengthening current ties while enjoying a day on the links.

The winning team retains the trophy till the next tournament and is able to display the award in the respective organization. The trophy, however, represents not only the victory of sport, but the new friendships and relationships created between these two organizations and their members. Cost is \$75 per player for chamber members, and \$150 per player for non-chamber members. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a box lunch and tee-time at 12:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at 5 p.m. Contact Liz Banegas to register your team at [liz@lascruces.org](mailto:liz@lascruces.org) or at 524-1968. The Spring WSMR Golf Tournament is sponsored by FirstLight Federal Credit Union.

**Date:** Thursday, April 14

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Picacho Hills Country Club  
6861 Via Campestre

**Contact:** 524-1968 or [liz@lascruces.org](mailto:liz@lascruces.org)

## Society for Human Resource Management meeting

The Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resource Management group will be holding a meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Doña Ana County Work Force Training Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. The presenter, Rodney Klein, will discuss unconscious biases influence in the workforce. For more information or to RSVP, email Nicole at [treasurer@mynsmshrm.org](mailto:treasurer@mynsmshrm.org). The luncheon will count as one hour of HRCI recertification credit.

**Date:** Thursday, April 14

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Work Force Training Center  
2345 E. Nevada Ave.

**Contact:** [treasurer@mynsmshrm.org](mailto:treasurer@mynsmshrm.org)

## Green Chamber 'First Friday'

Join the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce "First Friday" with Friedman Recycling Companies for the Las Cruces Curbside Recycling Launch from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The launch celebrates curbside recycling launch and is a great opportunity to enjoy a free lunch, meet like-minded business people and experience the new Las Cruces Convention Center. In addition to the recycling kick-off, the green chamber will be launching a spring membership drive. The mayor and other dignitaries who were instrumental in the process are expected to attend. The event is sponsored by Friedman Recycling and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

**Date:** Friday, April 1

**Time:** Noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Las Cruces Convention Center  
680 E. University Ave.

**Contact:** 649-7694

## Administrative Professionals Conference

The 10th annual administrative conference is around the corner. The annual conference is recognized for its first class presenters and results-oriented training and development not to mention networking opportunities with like-minded professionals.

Attending this conference provide access to speakers and breakout sessions to improve work performance. Fine tune communication skills, enhance leadership skills, exchange ideas with peers and increase knowledge and awareness of stress management and how health affects work performance.

The conference will be held from April 27-28 at the Head Start Conference Center, 11670 Chito Samaniego, El Paso. To register, visit [www.apcsouthwest.com](http://www.apcsouthwest.com) or call 915-838-1000.

**Date:** April 27-28

**Location:** Head Start Conference Center  
11670 Chito Samaniego, El Paso

**Contact:** 915-838-1000

## Memorial Medical Center hosts Spring Health Fair

The Spring Health Fair, hosted by Memorial Medical Center is free and open to the public and will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6. Physicians and staff from the following practices will be there to answer questions and share their expertise: Bone + Joint Center of Southern New Mexico, General Surgery Associates, MMC Cancer Center: Medical Oncology & Ikard Radiation Oncology and New Mexico Cardiovascular Associates. Refreshments and giveaways from each practice will be given as well as free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 6

**Time:** 2 to 6 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Medical Center  
Medical Office building  
2450 S. Telshor Blvd.

**Contact:** 522-8641

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## Upcoming ribbon cuttings

### Batteries Plus

When: 1 p.m. Friday, April 1  
Location: 2240 E. Lohman Ave.

### University Family Dental

When: 4 p.m. Thursday, April 7  
Location: 705 E. University Ave.

# In Good Company: Relationship Center of NM

## Relationship Center is multi-focused

### Extending beyond couples counseling and therapy

By **Samantha Roberts**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Preventing couples' problems instead of solving a major crisis is Richard Nicastro's goal.

Nicastro admitted that he was unsure of what he wanted for a future career.

"I knew what I didn't want," he said, "and that was to go into the family business. One winter, I was mixing cement and it was so cold outside the cement kept freezing. I said to myself, 'I need to go to college.'"

Since Nicastro said he has always enjoyed the complexity of the mind and the power of relationships, studying psychology was an easy choice.

"Even in the face of all the advanced technology going on around us, there is something so pure and so powerful about human contact," he said.

Nicastro graduated from the New School of Social Research in New York City with a doctoral degree in psychology and went on to pursue his career as a clinical psychologist.

But after his children were grown and out of the house, Nicastro and his wife Lucia began to get anxious in all the snow.

"We moved to Las Cruces just a few years ago – in 2008," Nicastro said. "After spending the last 15 years in Connecticut, where my business was located – a multi-partner psychology practice – we felt it was time for a change."

Wanting a slower-paced lifestyle, Nicastro said he began to research on the Internet potential places to move his family and start a new business.

"We had a few criteria," he said. "We wanted to get out of the snow, we wanted a slower pace and we wanted a town that was growing."

After just one visit to the City of the Crosses, Nicastro said he packed up the wife, dogs and cat to head south.

"I had lived in Manhattan and done the big city thing," he said. "We liked Las Cruces because it felt like a small city, and the place was growing so much."

After getting settled into their new home, Nicastro opened Relationship Center of New Mexico on a part-time basis.

"It didn't take long for the business to grow because the

services were so specialized and specific," he said.

Today, Relationship Center of New Mexico offers more than just basic therapy, fulfilling a goal of Nicastro's.

"I didn't just want to see couples back-to-back," he said. "I wanted to create a relationship resource center that people can turn to before they have problems."

"I often ask couples, 'When is the last time you went to the doctor for a check up?' You know your bodies need these to function properly. Well, relationships and marriages also need check-ups. It's not always about problems. Think of it more as fine tuning, checking to make sure all of the cylinders are working together."

Nicastro said he hopes this alternate perspective will also get the males of a relationship on board with the dreaded words – couples therapy.

"Too often, it's the girlfriends or wives dragging their significant other along," he said. "We need to break out of this self-imposed straight jacket."

Relationship Center of New Mexico will also offer monthly classes/workshops that focus on different core relationship issues, such as communication. The classes are about two hours and Nicastro said they are a healthy alternative to those who cannot afford therapy on a weekly basis.

"The classes are skills based and very affordable," he said. "I believe healthy relationships are learned, and these classes help teach those skills. My wife Lucia participates too. We like to make the classes fun and interactive. People can come and be as little or as much as involved as they want to be."

These classes and additional resources, such as Nicastro's websites – [www.relationshipcenternm.com](http://www.relationshipcenternm.com) and [www.strengthenyourrelationship.com](http://www.strengthenyourrelationship.com) – have set Relationship Center apart from other therapy resources, and with no other practice offering similar programs.

"I get a lot of references from colleagues who don't see couples," Nicastro said. "There is a need for these services in the community. There are a lot of retirees in Las Cruces, and while most people think retirement is going to be pure bliss, I am seeing that retirement has a negative impact on peoples' relationships. This is partially because lifestyles are changing, routines are being disrupted and roles are shifting."

The next Relationship Center on New Mexico workshop will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at 1060 S. Main St. Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. For more information or to register for classes, call Nicastro at 915-2601.

### Details

#### Company

Relationship Center of New Mexico

#### Owner

Richard Nicastro

#### Address

1060 S. Main St.

#### Phone

915-2601

#### Website

- [www.relationshipcenternm.com](http://www.relationshipcenternm.com)
- [www.strengthenyourrelationship.com](http://www.strengthenyourrelationship.com)

#### Hours

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday  
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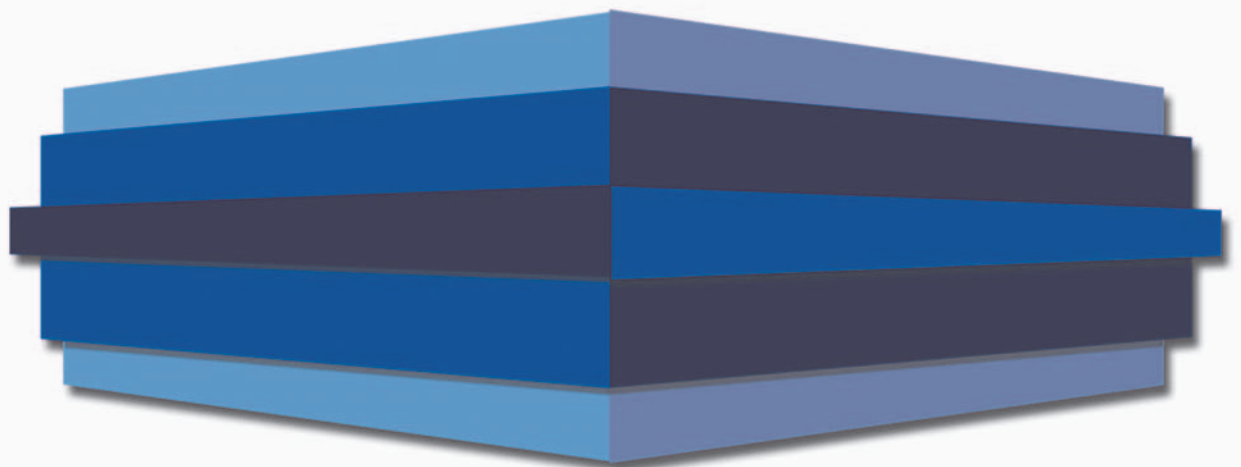
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# In Good Company: Relationship Center of NM

## Q&A

### Talking business with owner Richard Nicastro

#### What inspired you to go into business?

As a psychologist and couples counselor, I repeatedly heard a refrain "If only we had gotten to this sooner" from couples in crisis. I realized that the preventative model in physical health and well-being was just as beneficial where relationships are concerned. It's my goal to educate couples in easy-to-

incorporate skills so that they can prevent irreconcilable problems from attacking their relationship.

#### What is unique about your business?

We specialize in helping couples build stronger marriages and relationships. In addition to marriage and counseling services, we offer ongoing, low-cost classes/workshops on a wide range of relationship topics. These classes are fun and informative and are designed for all people who want to enhance their relationship. You don't have to be experiencing relationship problems to benefit from the classes – quite the contrary – we find that preventing relationship problems is easier than attacking a full-blown crisis.

#### Who are your customers?

Any individual or couple who wants to work on strengthening their relationship. Our clients come from all over New Mexico and west Texas. We also offer Skype sessions for people who are unable to travel to the office.

#### Where do you see the business in five years?

Doing exactly what I'm doing now – helping couples live happier, more fulfilled lives. The difference will be that I expect more people will know about the Relationship Center five years from today.

#### What is your business philosophy?

Work hard and stay on top of the current research in my field so I can offer clients the most up-to-date information about healthy relationships. Also, be generous with compassion, patience and understanding – after all, most

people value their relationships above all else. As a husband and a mental health practitioner, I will always respect that.

#### What is the best part of your job?

Offering hope and a plan to struggling couples and watching individuals grow and evolve within their relationships.

#### How are you marketing the business?

Through my websites – [www.relationshipcenternm.com](http://www.relationshipcenternm.com) and [www.strengthenyourrelationship.com](http://www.strengthenyourrelationship.com) – and by developing relationships with other therapists and professionals in the community.

#### What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Being able to tolerate the uncertainty and lack of security that comes with starting and owning your own business.

#### What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?

I've created a series of e-workbooks that I sell through my websites (in addition to having a large amount of free relationship advice information on the websites). The typical price for one of the workbooks is \$19.95.

#### What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

Two thumbs up! I've found the business community in Las Cruces to be very supportive, welcoming and encouraging.

#### What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?

That we offer resources for all couples (those struggling with relationship problems as well as couples who want

## Relationship tips

- Like having nutrition, our bodies have emotional needs that need to get met. Without having those needs fulfilled, we feel less alive, which can cause more serious illnesses, such as depression, anxiety and anger.
- The goal of people in a relationship is to create an atmosphere that instills emotional safety. This is a top priority.
- There is one question that I say is always off-limits with a partner, and that is, "Why are you being so defensive?" I encourage people to replace defensive with protective because in uncomfortable situations, people have the need to protect themselves.

## Details

### Relationship Center on New Mexico workshop

#### When

Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30

#### Where

1060 S. Main St.

#### Cost

\$25 per person; \$40 per couple

#### Contact

915-2601.

to enhance an already-strong union). The Relationship Center of New Mexico is a resource for every couple in the community whether you just started a new relationship or you've been together for 50 years.

#### What are your business goals?

To let every individual and couple know that they have a choice in shaping the future of their marriage or relationship.

#### What advice would you give to others starting a business?

Don't remain isolated; word-of-mouth is so important! Don't assume you know what's going to work. Ask questions and always remain open to feedback.



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# LEGAL NOTICES



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Range 2 East, NMPM, where X=1496296feet, Y=436439feet NMSP Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD83 and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 150 feet and fitted with 6 inch casing and located in the part of said projected Section 26, where X=1496802.7, feet Y=436303.039feet NMSP Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD83 on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of .94 acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. NW1/4, of said projected Section 26 located on map LRS-4 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey, Adjudicated Subfile No. LRS-280040150 Case No(s).307-SM-9702680, 307-SM-9702679. Proposed change location of well LRG-450-POD4 can be found 1000 feet west of the intersection of Calle de Brazito and Stone Roads, south of Mesilla Park, NM. The old well will be retained for other users.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. 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 sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub # 10513  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 11, 2011, Richard K. & Priscilla L. Johnson, 925 Dalrymple Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-14108-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-14108-POD1 located within the, where X=1469508feet. Y=484822feet NM State Plain Coordinate System supplemental to wells LRG-14108-POD2 and LRG-7926-S per file LRG-14108-1 and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 200 feet and fitted with 8 inch casing and located where X=1469603.23feet, Y=484902.77feet NM State Plain Coordinate System on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 6.87 acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. SE1/4 Section 2 Township 23 south Range 1 East and Pt. SW1/4, projected Section 1 Township 23 south Range 1 East, located on map LRN-1 of the Lower Rio Grande

Basin Hydrographic Survey as adjudicated per Subfile No. LRN-280100128-A. Proposed change location of well LRG-14108-POD3 can be found north of Las Cruces NM and may be found approximately 1100 feet north of the intersection of Dalrymple Road and Santa Clara Lane. The old well will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. 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 sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub # 10514  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 9, 2011, JoPa Farms, LLC, P.O. Box 1238, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-1010-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of old well LRG-1010 located on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 34, T24S, R02E, NMPM and transferring the diversion of that quantity of shallow groundwater required for beneficial use, combined with surface water from the EBID adjudicated of 25.45 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within the SE1/4 of projected Section 34, T24S, R02E, the SW1/4 of projected Section 35, T24S, R02E, and the NW1/4 and SW1/4 of projected Section 2, T25S, R02E, NMPM, to proposed new well LRG-1010-POD 2 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 300 feet and fitted with 16-inch casing also located on property owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 34 at approximately X = 1,495,272 Y = 427,234 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central, NAD83). Proposed new well LRG-1010-POD 2, the irrigated land in question and old well LRG-1010 are located immediately east of San Miguel and adjacent to the Brazito River Lateral. Old well LRG-1010 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected.

/s/ Helen May Garcia  
P.O. Box 136  
Mesquite, NM 88048

Pub # 10517  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

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 will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10515  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. PB 2011-27  
Judge Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT N. PRITCHETT, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert N. Pritchett, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] 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 at: Lace Ann Copeland, 1910 Coleen Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/ Lace Ann Copeland  
1910 Coleen Ave  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Pub # 10516  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. PB 2011-22  
Judge Driggers

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RODRIGO BERNARDO GARCIA, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rodrigo Bernardo Garcia, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] 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 at: Helen May Garcia, P.O. Box 136, Mesquite, NM 88048 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/ Helen May Garcia  
P.O. Box 136  
Mesquite, NM 88048

Pub # 10517  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

NO. DM-2011-80  
JUDGE Mike Murphy

**Ruby Lopez, Petitioner,**

vs.

**Nestor Lopez, Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/ Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

(Petitioner's Name and Address)  
Ruby Lopez  
1400 Valle Vista Apt. 21  
Sunland Park, NM 88063

**WITNESS** the Honorable Mike Murphy, 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 31 day of January, 2011.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
BY: Jodie Castillo  
DEPUTY

Pub # 10518  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT**

No. PB-2011-0048

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REX ALLEN COLLINS, 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 care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: February 25, 2011.

/s/ Sanren M. Collins  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Rex Allen Collins,  
Deceased.

**JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 10519  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 2011

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 4, 2011, Leonel N.

Ramirez, 6585 Dos Lobos Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1942-POD6 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-1492, owned by Isidro Pena and located within the NE1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 02 East, NMPM and drilling new well LRG-1942-POD6 to a depth of approximately 100 feet below ground surface with 8-inch casing to be located on land owned by the applicant within the SW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 16 at approximately X=1,488,585 Y=445,295 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 5.849 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. NE1/4 of said Section 16, also identified as USRS/EBID Tract No. 15-2A LT 8. LRG-1942 is located approximately 700 feet west of the intersection of Addington Rd. and S. Main St. Proposed well LRG-1942-POD6 is located approximately 2,000 ft. south southeast of the intersection of Addington Rd. and Dos Lobos Rd., southeast of Las Cruces, NM. Old well LRG-1942 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 (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. 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 will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10520  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2009-3214

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC., successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**HENRY J. NACHTSHEIM III; DEBORAH C. NACHTSHEIM; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on April 20, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex,

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 3475 Midnight Ridge Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 57, Block 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRISE PHASE V, 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 August 23, 2004, in Book 20 Page(s) 770-771 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 24, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$354,991.77 and the same bears interest at 6.625% per annum from February 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,090.25. The 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. 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

Pub # 10521  
Dates 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2009-3100

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC., successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,**

vs.

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**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 8, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$354,991.77 and the same bears interest at 6.625% per annum from February 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,090.25. The 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. PB 2011-10  
Judge Martin

**In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY S. BRODY, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that Jacqueline M. Porter 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 22 day of March, 2011.

/s/ Jacqueline M. Porter  
Personal Representative of the Estate of  
Dorothy S. Brody, deceased  
5505 Tres Sendas Road  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2010-02424

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF RICARDA SAAVEDRA, DECEASED; ALFRED SAAVEDRA; DOÑA ANA SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF RICARDA SAAVEDRA, IF ANY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on April 28, 2011 at 1:00 PM, outside the front entrance of the De Baca County Courthouse, 248 E Ave C, Fort Sumner 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 1 in Block numbered B of Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 18, 1966 in Plat Book 9, Folio 95.

ALSO KNOWN AS: Lot 1, Block B, Edgewood North Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on Plat No. 666, thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, on April 18, 1966, and recorded in Book 9, Page 95, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 1005 Jasmine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale



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will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 18, 2011 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 \$153,349.61 plus interest from February 22, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 1.3% 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.

**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  
c/o Castle Stawarski, LLC  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT**

Cause No. CV-2010-1738  
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

**FIRST LIGHT FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**RENE OROZCO, Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**Notice is hereby given** that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 7, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 28 Block C, HIGH DESERT SUBDIVISION PHASES 1A AND 1B, 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 October 14, 2005, in Book 21 Pages 373-375 of Plat Records

The address of the real estate is 3718 Piedras Negras Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Amended Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into on October 22, 2010, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$161,665.53 (plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**Notice is further given** that the real property and improvements 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 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, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**Notice is further given** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 29, 2011.

D. Lyle Wood, Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655

Submitted by:  
THE DARDEN LAW FIRM,  
P.A.  
P.O. BOX 578  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655  
(575) 524-2059 (FAX)

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Dates 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-200803129

**LITTON LOAN SERVICING,  
L.P., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT E. CADENA, aka  
ROBERT EUGENE CADENA,  
aka ROBERT CADENA, and if  
married, JANE DOE CADENA  
(true name unknown),  
his spouse; MARCOS O.  
CADENA, aka MARCOS  
ORLANDO CADENA;  
TAXATION AND REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO;  
and JOHN DOE AND JANE  
DOE, (true names unknown),  
tenants, Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE  
OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 4, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 2652 Calle Primera, Mesilla, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate in the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 36, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. Surveys as U.S.R.S. Tract 11A-129B and also as part of Lot 3 and 4, Block B, of the Southwest Addition to the Town of Mesilla as filed on March 17, 1939, in Plat Book 9, Page 76, in Doña Ana County Records and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

**BEGINNING** at a concrete monument found on the west side of Calle Primera for the northeast corner of this tract; whence a concrete monument found for the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 11A-128B and also identical to the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block B of the Southwest Addition to the Town of Mesilla as filed March 17, 1939 in Plat Record 9, Page 76 in the Doña Ana County Records bears N. 29 deg. 37' 00" W., a distance of 199.32 feet;

**THENCE** from the place of beginning along the west side of Calle Primera S. 29 deg. 37' 00" E., 54.83 feet to an iron rod set for the southeast corner of this tract;

**THENCE** leaving said street S. 52 deg. 59' 28" W., 130.85 feet to a concrete monument found for the southwest corner of this tract;

**THENCE** following along a wire fence line N. 37 deg. 14' 23" W., 49.25 feet to a nail set in a cross tie for the northwest corner of tract;

**THENCE** continuing along a wire fence N. 50 deg. 51' 57" E., 138.20 feet to the place of beginning.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on May 13, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$90,309.76, plus interest thereon at the rate of 7.500% per annum from April 1, 2011, to the date of sale.

The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$630.94.. 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. Defendant Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico shall have a nine-month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

Pub # 10531  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-10-2673

**SECRETARY OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BEN U. EDWARDS;  
ELIZABETH A. EDWARDS;  
LIVN FUNDING, LLC;  
and NEW MEXICO  
EDUCATIONAL  
ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 11, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 1905 N. Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK F, HIGHLAND PLACE, 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 DECEMBER 11, 1953, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 7 AT PAGE 49 OF THE PLAT RECORDS.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 11, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$106,782.64 and the same bears interest at 6.50% per annum from January 15, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,224.89. 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 nine month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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Dates 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2010-01728

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BRANDON M. WEAVER,  
and if married, JANE DOE  
WEAVER (true name  
unknown), his spouse; and  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,  
INC., AS NOMINEE,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 4, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 4733 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block L, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the

plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4079 on 12/23/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 84-89 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 23, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$184,766.16 and the same bears interest at 7.250% per annum from March 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,385.51. 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
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Pub # 10533  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2010-2147

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
MELLON fka The Bank of  
New York, as Trustee, for  
CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed  
Certificates, Series 2007-12,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SANTOS GARCIA, JR.; and if  
married, JANE DOE GARCIA  
(true name unknown), his  
spouse; MARIA GARCIA;  
TAXATION AND REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO;  
and UNIFUND CCR  
PARTNERS, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 4, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 5745 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 9B, Block B, CATTLE LAND ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, 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 June 29, 1983, in Book 13, Page 197 of Plat Records.

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto and made a part thereof.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 23, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$67,083.87 and the same bears interest at 10.50% per annum from March 2, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,235.08. 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. Defendant Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico shall have a nine-month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

Pub # 10534  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 2011

**NOTICE is hereby given** that on March 3, 2011, John E. and Povy La Farge Bigbee, 775 Esslinger Rd., La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application no. LRG-1987-POD 3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill a Supplemental Well to Supplement Ground and Surface Water within the Lower Rio Grande Undergroud Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-1987-POD 3 with 16-inch casing to approximately 300 ft. below ground surface on land owned by the applicants within the SW1/4 NE1/4

SE1/4 of projected Section 24, T25S, R02E, NMPM at approximately X=1,505,069 Y=406,610 ft. (NMSF, Central, NAD83) to be used with existing well LRG-1987-A located on land owned by the applicants within the SW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of said section 24 for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater, used in conjunction with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 14.77 acres of land owned by the applicants within Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 24. Well LRG-1987-A and the proposed location for well LRG-1987-POD 3 arc located approximately 2,270 ft. northwest of the intersection of HWY 28 and Esslinger Rd., approximately 1.05 miles east of La Mesa, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. 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 will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid Protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10535  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 2011

**NOTICE is hereby given** that on February 9, 2011, Lucille G. Darden, 900 Engler Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-801-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Undergroud Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-801 located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 35, T22S, R01E, NMPM on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-801-POD 2 with a 4-inch casing to an approximate depth of 168 feet below ground surface on land owned by the applicant within the SE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 said Section 35 at approximately X= 1,467,919 Y= 489,915 ft. (NMSF, Central, NAD83) for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use at the applicant's residence. Well LRG-801 and the proposed location for well LRG-801-POD 2 are located approximately 2,100 feet northeast of the intersection of N. Valley Dr. and Engler Rd., approximately 3 miles south of Doña Ana, NM. Old well LRG-801 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your

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water rights: and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. 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 will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

Case No. PB-2011-12  
Judge Arietta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN  
YORK(deceased).**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREIN GIVEN** that William H. McKinney has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned attorney at the address below, or filed with the Third Judicial District.

Dated: March 23, 2011  
Rita Nunez Neumann,  
Attorney  
1850 North Solano Drive  
Las Cruces, N.M. 88001  
Ph. (575) 647-3778

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT**

No. PB-11-30 (Driggers)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF RONALD C.  
FRONCZEK, 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 care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: Mar. 28, 2011

/s/ Carol L. Fronczek  
Personal Representative of the  
Ronald C. Fronczek, Deceased

**PREPARED & SUBMITTED  
BY:**

**JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)  
/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 10538  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2011-444  
Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION OF LENNIE  
MARIE BROWN FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME OF  
MINOR CHILD CAMILLE  
LORENE RAINWATER**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF  
NAME CHANGE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO )**

ss  
**COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA )**

**NOTICE** is hereby given the Petitioner is requesting a name change for the minor child, Camille Lorene Rainwater to Camille Elizabeth Brown. Unless an appearance and objection is filed, a name change will be entered as requested in the Petition on the 26 day of April 2011, at 9:30 a.m., before Judge James T. Martin, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

By: /s/ Grace B. Duran  
Attorney for Petitioner  
705 N. Alameda  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-541-0329

Pub # 10539  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2011-445  
Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION OF LENNIE  
MARIE BROWN FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME OF  
MINOR CHILD HEIDI  
MARIE RAINWATER**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF  
NAME CHANGE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO )**  
**ss**  
**COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA )**

**NOTICE** is hereby given the Petitioner is requesting a name change for the minor child, Heidi Marie Rainwater to Heidi Marie Brown. Unless an appearance and objection is filed, a name change will be entered as requested in the Petition on the 26 day of April 2011, at 9:30 a.m., before Judge James T. Martin, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

By: /s/ Grace B. Duran  
Attorney for Petitioner  
705 N. Alameda  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-541-0329

Pub # 10540  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
Hwy 70 Self Storage  
2465 Bataan Memorial West  
Las Cruces, NM 88012**

To  
**Maryellen Boberg  
3760 Agate Street  
Las Cruces NM 88012**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #AO106 at Hwy 70 Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$474.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: Dryer, Headboard, Christmas Tree, Several Bicycles, (6) Vacuum Cleaners, Gas Scooter, Exercise Equipment, Trombone Musical Instrument & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:

Hwy 70 Self Storage  
2465 Bataan Memorial West  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10541  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
Hwy 70 Self Storage  
2465 Bataan Memorial West  
Las Cruces, NM 88012**

To  
**Brian & Karen Bartlett  
DBA: Bartlett Construction  
2468 Silver Sage  
Las Cruces NM 88011**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #BOP01 at Hwy 70 Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$2,265.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: (2) Extension Ladders, Desk, Compressor, Power Washer, Propane Tank, Gas Cans, Drywall Stills , Misc. Construction Materials

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
Hwy 70 Self Storage  
2465 Bataan Memorial West  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

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(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10542  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
Rawson Telshor Self Storage  
560 N. Telshor  
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

To  
**Deena J. Dermine  
1806 Mulberry  
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #251 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$475.01.

The contents of the unit consist of: Ratan Furniture, Ironing Board, Couch, Mattress & Box Spring, Golf Clubs, Computer Monitor & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
Rawson Telshor Self Storage  
560 N. Telshor  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10543  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
Westside Self Storage  
1712 W. Hadley  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

To  
**Lori Scanlon  
DBA: Scanlon White Inc.  
3780 Foothills, Suite C  
Las Cruces NM 88011**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #110 at Westside Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$683.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: Metal Shelving, Boxes w/Business Records, Plotters, Printers, Stands, Computer & Surveying Business Equipment

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
Westside Self Storage  
1712 W. Hadley  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10544  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

To  
**Ray Lingle  
250 W. 27th St., Space #10  
Yuma AZ 85365**

**Notice is hereby given** that all 14he contents of your storage unit #473 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$518.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: BBQ Grill, Bug Sprayer, Cot, Ladder, Tire (2) Tool Boxes, Outside Fire Pitt, Propane Tank, Heater, Plastic Tubs & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main /  
150 W. Farney Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10545  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

To  
**Paul M. Lucero  
1451 Windmill Rd. #B  
Las Cruces NM 88012**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #463 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$420.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Washer & Dryer, Microwave, (2) End Tables Dresser, Steam Cleaner, Mattress & Box Spring, Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main /  
150 W. Farney Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10546  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

To  
**Kenneth Lujan  
1523 Standley Dr.  
Las Cruces NM 88001**

P.O. Box 708  
**Mesquite NM 88048**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #K43 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$440.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: (2) Tennis Rackets, Clothing, Transmission, Board Game & Box of Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main /  
150 W. Farney Rd.  
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10547  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

To  
**Manuel Alvarez  
2418 Sonrisa  
Las Cruces NM 88007**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #M20 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$480.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: Mattress & Box Spring, (2) BBQ Grills, DVR, Dog House, (2) End Tables, Punching Bag, Bed Frame & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main /  
150 W. Farney Rd.  
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10548  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**LEGAL NOTICE  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

To

**Darryl E. Kula  
1140 Brownlee Apt. B  
Las Cruces NM 88005**

//fill unit W4 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit #K04 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$282.00.

The contents of the unit consist of: (2) Chairs, Board Games, Plastic Tubs & Crates, Tools & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:  
April 23, 2011

TIME OF AUCTION:  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:  
South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main /  
150 W. Farney Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.  
Carol Pena  
(575) 525-0808

Pub # 10549  
Dates 4/1, 4/8, 2011

**NOTICE OF  
DETERMINATION  
CONCERNING LAS CRUCES  
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT  
FEE ORDINANCE**

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces Utilities hereby gives notice that it determined that no updates of the water and wastewater land use assumptions, the water and wastewater capital improvements plan, and the water and wastewater development impact fees were needed in 2010. Said determination was made at a regular Utilities Board meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2010 in Utilities Board Resolution No. 10-11-018. A copy of the Resolution is available for inspection during regular working hours at the office of the City Clerk.

Executed on this 23rd day of March, 2011.

BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES  
UTILITIES BOARD

By: /s/ Jorge Garcia  
Secretary

Pub # 10550  
Dates 4/1, 2011

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT**

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on April 18, 2011:

1. Council Bill No. 11-032; Ordinance No. 2612: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-1A/C-2 (Single-Family Medium Density/ Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-2C (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) for 0.68 + Acres of Land Located at 3350 Oak Street. The Zone Change Request Includes Two Variances: (1) A Numerical Reduction of 10-Feet to the Minimum Required 10-Foot Opaque Bufferyard; and (2) A Numerical Reduction of 5 Parking Stalls to the Minimum Required 32 Parking Stalls. Submitted by ASA Architects on Behalf of the Las Cruces Housing Authority, Property Owner. (Z2825)

to Deviate 100% From the Parking Requirement for an 11-Foot On-Site Driving Aisle. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces, Property Owner. (Z2823)

2. Council Bill No. 11-033; Ordinance No. 2613: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-1A/C-2 (Single-Family Medium Density/ Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-2C (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) for 0.68 + Acres of Land Located at 3350 Oak Street. The Zone Change Request Includes Two Variances: (1) A Numerical Reduction of 10-Feet to the Minimum Required 10-Foot Opaque Bufferyard; and (2) A Numerical Reduction of 5 Parking Stalls to the Minimum Required 32 Parking Stalls. Submitted by ASA Architects on Behalf of the Las Cruces Housing Authority, Property Owner. (Z2825)

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 30th day of March, 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

Pub # 10551  
Dates 4/1, 2011



**New Mexico State University**, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4:00 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:  
BID 10101832-F Hospital Beds  
for NMSU Alamogordo

Bid Opening Date:  
04/19/2011

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://sciquest.ionwave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub # 10553  
Dates 4/1, 2011



**New Mexico State University**, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Proposals at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Purchasing of the following:

Proposal Invitation:  
I00112612-RA Learning  
Management

Proposal Due Date:  
4/19/11

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Office @ (575) 646-2916.

Pub # 10554  
Dates 4/1, 2011



**INVITATION  
B/P/RFP (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
<b>Construction Audit Services</b> <a href="http://www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/P10-11-536/">www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/P10-11-536/</a>	REP 10-11-536	None	April 19, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.
<b>Joseph H Lane Pond</b> <a href="http://www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/construction_bids/downloads/B10-11-533/">www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/construction_bids/downloads/B10-11-533/</a>	Bid 10-11-533	MANDATORY April 12, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. 700 N. Main, Rm. 2104, Las Cruces	April 26, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at [bidclerk@las-cruces.org](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org); or physical address at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Pub # 10552 Dates 4/1, 2011

# Classifieds

## LOST & FOUND

**LOST PET?** Check first at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 3551 Bataan Memorial West (Sonoma Ranch exit off of Hwy. 70 East) for your furry friend. Need a furry friend? Come see us to adopt - there are many great animals that need a loving family! Open 7 days a week. 382-0018

## ENTERTAINMENT

**"REMEMBER THEN"** 50's and 60's/ Doo Wop Live music for your event Call 575-642-7593


## SPECIAL NOTICES

**Drop off your frayed or worn out American flags to Ray McCorkle at the VFW Post 3242, 2001 N. Mesquite for proper disposal. Post is open weekdays at 4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at noon.**

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**All Cash!!!** Do you earn \$800 in a day? Local Candy Route!. 25 machines and Candy \$9995. Call Now! 877-915-8222 All Major Credit Cards Accepted!

## HELP WANTED



**The City of Las Cruces has openings for a**

**WATER RESOURCES SERVICEMAN**  
Full-Time, Regular  
Pay Range: \$15.30-\$25.20 per hour  
Closing Date: 4/4/2011

**WATER PRODUCTION SYSTEMS OPERATOR SENIOR**  
Full-Time, Regular  
Pay Range: \$17.74-\$29.22 per hour  
Closing Date: 4/5/2011

For more information on these and other current listings, please visit our website at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org)

For those that wish to apply, computer kiosks are available at the City of Las Cruces Human Resources Department, 700 N. Main, Suite 2200, Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm.

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**NMSU EDUCATOR'S Fair**  
April 18-19  
40+ School Districts  
Structured Interviews for 2011/2012 openings  
K-12 Teaching/Admin Opportunities  
NO FEE  
Registration information  
[careerservices.nmsu.edu](http://careerservices.nmsu.edu)  
Contact NMSU Career Services  
575-646-2849 or 646-5012  
Email: [proemp@nmsu.edu](mailto:proemp@nmsu.edu)

**Part-time servers and weekend front-of-the-house manager needed.** Apply in person, 810 S. Valley Dr. The Shed Restaurant

**Housekeeper part-time evenings or weekends, office skills a plus, references.** Roadrunner Parkway area. 575-522-1962 after 2 p.m.



**Research Assistant Professor.** Non-tenure track. NMSU, Animal & Range Sciences. Master's degree (in hand by hire date) in Agricultural Economics, Range Science, Hydrology or closely related field and five to eight years of experience in hydrology and watershed research. Ph.D. in Animal & Range Science or Watershed Management preferred. Position is contingent upon funding. For complete job description visit: <http://hr.nmsu.edu/employment.#2011002026>. Review of applications will begin 3/30/11. For complete job description, qualifications and application process, visit: <http://hr.nmsu.edu/employment/>. Applications received after this date may be considered.

**The Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces (HACLCL)** is accepting applications for a MAINTENANCE AIDE A. Duties include residential, custodial, and landscape maintenance, preventative maintenance, and a variety of maintenance and repair functions to structures and electrical, plumbing, heating, and air conditioning equipment as necessary for the upkeep and operation of HACLCL-owned properties. High school diploma/GED required. One year directly related experience

required. Basic working knowledge of all maintenance crafts and trades and residential/landscape maintenance required. Must be able to work 24 hour on-call status. Salary is \$9.20/hour + an excellent benefit package that includes medical, dental, vision, and retirement. Complete application packages, including job descriptions, are available at 926 S. San Pedro. Deadline for submission is noon MST on Thursday April 7, 2011. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Action Towing & Rescue - Join the Action towing team. Position open for towing operator. Full time and swing shift, flexible scheduling available. Applications being accepted until March 31st, all interviews will be conducted on April 1st. Must have clean driving record and background check submitted with application. Contact Dee-Dee at 523-9337**



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -** Casa de Peregrinos seeks an energetic professional dedicated to helping alleviate hunger in Dona Ana County. This position will: Provide overall management of the emergency food program operations to promote cost efficient and effective operations and financial productivity while complying with applicable procedures and regulatory requirements. Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years creating and managing budgets, preferably in a non-profit setting. Knowledge of Microsoft office suite and QuikBooks. Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred. Duties Include: Managing the general operations of the food program and supervision of staff and volunteers. Provide financial management, and participate in fundraising and developing plans, policies and vision for the organization. Represent the organization at donor and networking meetings. Work Hours: 24-32 hours. Annual salary range \$26,000-\$34,000 based on experience. Interested Candidates please send resume and three business references by April 15, 2011 to: Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Program, 999 W. Amador Ave., Suite F, Las Cruces, NM 88005. An Equal Opportunity Employer. No phone calls please.

**Discover how you and your family can impact the life of a child in need** by becoming a Treatment Foster Family. Learn about the kind of training that will be available to you, about the support that TeamBuilders will provide, and about your earning potential as a Treatment Foster Family. For more information contact Sarah Sandoval at [ssandoval@teambuilders-counseling.org](mailto:ssandoval@teambuilders-counseling.org)

**Now hiring Behavior Management Specialists and Licensed Masters Level Therapists to serve children and families in Las Cruces. Must pass background check. If interested in joining our growing team email resume and letter of interest to [jobs@teambuilders-counseling.org](mailto:jobs@teambuilders-counseling.org)**

**WANTED** energetic person for leasing agent for large management firm. Must have current N.M. Real Estate license. Must have own vehicle. Salaried position. Send resume, name and phone number to P.O. Box 2226 Mesilla Park, N.M. 88047 and you will be called to set up an interview appointment.

**Electronics guy who can set up tvs and sound systems, part-time. Roadrunner Parkway area. 575-522-1962 after 2 p.m.**

**Sales Representative - The Las Vegas Optic is seeking applications for a full and part time position in sales. Successful candidates must have good people skills as well as the ability to sell advertising and help business grow. Experience isn't a requirement but a plus in consideration. Resumes should be mailed to the attention of Vincent Chavez, Optic advertising manager, PO BOX 2670, Las Vegas, NM 87701, or e-mail to [vchavez@lasvegasoptic.com](mailto:vchavez@lasvegasoptic.com)**

**Between High School and College?** Over 18? Drop that entry level position. Earn what you're worth!!! Travel w/Successful Young Business Group. Paid Training. Transportation, Lodging Provided. 1-877-646-5050

**FURNITURE**  
Furniture repair, any and all wood products repaired like new. Also wicker furniture repairs. Call Albert 575-652-9410

## DRIVERS NEEDED

**Drivers: Regional Positions Good wages + Benefits Low Cost Medical Paid Vacation Owner Operators Welcome 800-469-7714/wdtk-milk.com**

## GARAGE & YARD SALE

**Border Servant Corps Hosts its ANNUAL SPRING SALE!** Saturday, April 9, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Avenue. Gently used items, books, furniture, cookware, you name it! Benefits Peace Lutheran's Border Servant Corps Ministry. The BSC needs any gently used furniture, books, CDs, DVDs, cookware, appliances, dishes, etc. We can also use many volunteers the day of the vent to help sell items. Thanks so much for your continued support of our program!

**BIG DADDY'S FLEA MARKET**  
Open Sat. & Sun.  
5580 Bataan Memorial East Hwy. 70 East of Las Cruces  
575-382-9404



**Mountain Music**  
523-0603 • 2330 S. Valley Dr.  
(Across from Dick's Cafe)  
Don't delay the joy of playing an instrument!  
Open 'til 6 p.m.

New Sander satin finish violin w/case.....	\$399
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Pair Pinnacle Satellite center speakers.....	\$100
Crate 1x12 TD-35 watt 12Ax7 tube amp.....	\$175
Ampeg 1x15 cabinet.....	\$300
SX natural finish LP style guitar.....	\$250
Dharbuka hand drum.....	\$140
Fostex analog reverb unit.....	\$40
Old Yamaha mixer.....	\$75
Beginner electric guitar.....	\$110
Yamaha left-handed bass guitar.....	\$175
Best Quality guitar stands.....	\$17
Used acoustic bass guitar.....	\$350
Boss Dr. Rhythm 670.....	\$160
Digitech BP-8 bass multi-effects pedal.....	\$150
Vintage Washburn A-style mandolin.....	\$325
Used full size violin.....	\$150
1955 Kay cello w/bag.....	\$450
Old German 1/2 size cello w/bag.....	\$350
New 5-piece drum set (drums only).....	\$550

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**Large Selection of Records, LPs**  
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**Yard Sale -** 224 Willow, Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clothes, sofa, baby stuff, misc.

## STEREOS, TV'S, VIDEO

**We carry a selection of used stereo speakers, EQs, turners, turntables, small color TVs cassette, reel and CDs at Mountain Music. 2330 S. Valley Dr. 523-0603.**

## PETS

**Report Animal neglect, abuse and fighting confidentially. 382-9462**

## HEALTH & FITNESS

**IF YOU USED TYPE 2 DIABETES DRUG AVANDIA** between 1999-present and suffered a stroke or heart attack, you may be entitled to compensation. Attorney Charles Johnson 1-800-535-5727

**A public service message from The Las Cruces Bulletin and the Federal Trade Commission.** Tips for Consumers: Trying to lose weight? Many claims for diet products and programs that promise easy weight loss are false. To

lose weight, eat healthy food and exercise.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Contact Rhodesrunner!** Best Wellness, Green, and Cosmetic Products. 575-521-4097 [rhodesrunner@comcast.net](mailto:rhodesrunner@comcast.net)

**THE NEW MEXICO SEED LOAN PROGRAM** is available to small businesses owned by individuals with disabilities and provides low interest loans for the purchase of equipment and related supplies needed to expand or start a business. Contact the New Mexico Seed Loan Program at 1-800-866-2253 or [www.nmseedloans.org](http://www.nmseedloans.org) for more information. A low interest loan program of DVR State of New Mexico.

## HOUSE FOR RENT

**\*RENTALS\***  
2-Bedroom  
3-Bedroom  
4-Bedroom  
Various Locations!  
Noble Enterprises  
525-3079  
[www.noblelc.com](http://www.noblelc.com)

## MOBILE HOME FOR RENT

**Mobile Home** double wide for rent in Vado \$550/month - 680-6299

**2 bedroom, 2 bath** mobile home, private yard \$450/month - 525-3686

## MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

**Tips for Consumers:** A public service message from The Las Cruces Bulletin and the Federal Trade Commission. Buying a Mobile Home? Check on warranty coverage from the manufacturer, retailer,

## COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT

**For Lease 1135 N Solano Great Location! Corner of Spruce & Solano. 2311 sq ft. 3 Large offices and 4 small offices. Large storeroom with shelves. Reception area and waiting area, breakroom and kitchen, 2 restrooms Call 526-8116**

**For Lease 530 - G N. Telshor 1400 sq ft. Front Reception Area 4 offices with cabinets built in. Storage room and breakroom Call 526-8116**

## REAL ESTATE

**RUIDOSO, NM AREA -** 1 acre w/city water and city maintained roads near small fishing pond and golf course. Only \$10,900. Financing avail. Call NMRS 1-866-906-2857.

**LENDER SALE.** 40 Acres - \$39,900. Spellbinding views of snow capped mountains! Adjacent to National Forest. Maintained all weather roads w/electric. Close to Ruidoso. Financing available. Call NMRS 888-676-6979

## AUTOMOBILE

**2006 Buick Lucerne CXL** Sedan 4D, loaded, 21,682 miles like new. Call 575-649-6118

**LIVE OR WORK AT WSMR?**  
Need extra cash?

The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for a responsible and hard-working individual, who is currently employed at White Sands Missile Range, to service our commercial racks. The job requires picking up the papers in Las Cruces Thursday afternoons/evenings and spending 30 minutes on base delivering them to seven commercial locations on Fridays.

THE LAS CRUCES  
**Bulletin**  
840 N. Telshor Blvd. Suite E  
Call Joey Morales for more information at: 575.524.8061

Profile

# Lou Sisbarro: Sisbarro is thriving in the 'great melting pot'

## Dealership owner plans on 30 more years

By **Samantha Roberts**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

What started out as a small job blossomed into a grand career for Lou Sisbarro, owner of Sisbarro Dealerships.

Born in Newark, N.J., and equipped with an engineering degree from General Motors Institute, Sisbarro began working at General Motors, a job he said he was lucky to have. Even at a young age, Sisbarro said he knew one thing, he wanted to own his own business.

"I had no intentions to use my degree, but that is what General Motors Institute had," he said. "I didn't even know if it was going to be a car dealership, but I knew I wanted to own my business."

After a close friend married into the car business, Sisbarro said the two of them started their own company in Michigan.

"I really liked the atmosphere of being put around people and finding ways to handle each situation," he said.

After years of success in Michigan, Sisbarro and his wife Pat began looking for their next place to call home.

"The Michigan economy was shaky and Michigan winters were getting even colder," he said. "We knew we wanted to move somewhere in the Southwest, somewhere in the desert. We picked (Las Cruces) because we found a car dealership – McDonald Buick, Pontiac, GMC – that was for sale."

Now, Sisbarro owns three major car dealerships – Sisbarro Buick-Pontiac-GMC, 425 W. Boutz Road; Sisbarro Autoworld, Volkswagen-Mitsubishi, 1115 S. Valley Drive; and Sisbarro Superstore-Deming, 4211 Highway 549 Northeast – and nine operations that staff more than 170 employees who work various jobs throughout southern New Mexico.

"I have got the best people working here," Sisbarro said. "Not just in Las Cruces, I would be willing to put them up against any other staff miles around. If your business is staffed

with high-quality people, then you can't help but have success.

"This is a family business, and a lot of my employees have been with me for 25 years or more. The staff here is more like family."

With Pat Sisbarro helping with advertising and children Dan and Nichole in management, Sisbarro truly is a family business.

Making a big impact on Las Cruces, the Sisbarros have also been involved in numerous organizations.

“If your business is staffed with high-quality people, then you can't help but have success.”

LOU SISBARRO, owner

"It is so important to be involved in the community and give back to a city that has supported us for so long," Sisbarro said. "We have had opportunities to give back and we have given back. I have been involved in

almost every organization you can think of and donated to nearly every fundraiser.

"This community has embraced my wife and me. She is the same way in regards to involvement. You name it we've done it, from American Southwest Theatre Company boards, the (New Mexico State University) president's board foundations and more. She has been a huge part of this business's success."

Also heavily involved in NMSU, Sisbarro said the college is a driving force of the town.

"What we have at NMSU is huge," Sisbarro said. "The culture that surrounds the campus brings a tremendous positive atmosphere to (Las Cruces)."

When the Sisbarros moved to Las Cruces, he said the town was well under 100,000.

"There are good people here," he said. "The town has grown so much and I think that is part of its beauty. Everyone here is friendly, and you can always find someone with similar interests to make friends with."

In addition to all the friendly faces, Sisbarro said the lifestyle of Las Cruces has shaped his family and his business.

"I can see our business continuing on the same pattern – growing with the community," he said. "You can't tell me a better, more pros-



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Samantha Roberts

Lou Sisbarro, owner of Sisbarro Dealerships, said the driving force behind his company is the exceptional customer service from his longstanding employees.

perous place to live. The more money we put into our local economy, the better jobs Las Cruces can offer. Take Spaceport America for example, what we are doing there is amazing."

Although Sisbarro said Las Cruces is not Dallas, he said he and Pat are always finding something new to try.

"There is so much to do here; we are never bored," he said.

Always on the lookout for future endeavors, Sisbarro said he plans to work for many more years and attributes his success to his relationships within the community.

"I am keeping my eyes open for anything else," Sisbarro said. "My kids are here and I plan to be here for much longer. I have 30 years under my belt, and I plan to have 30 more years."

"I don't look to sell one car to someone; I look to sell them three, four or five cars. It's about taking care of those returning customers."

In addition to building longstanding relationships, Sisbarro said the best part about his job is his daily interaction with people.

"I'm not leaving; I love this," he said. "I love sitting in my office and talking to the people that come in. Life is good."

## Details

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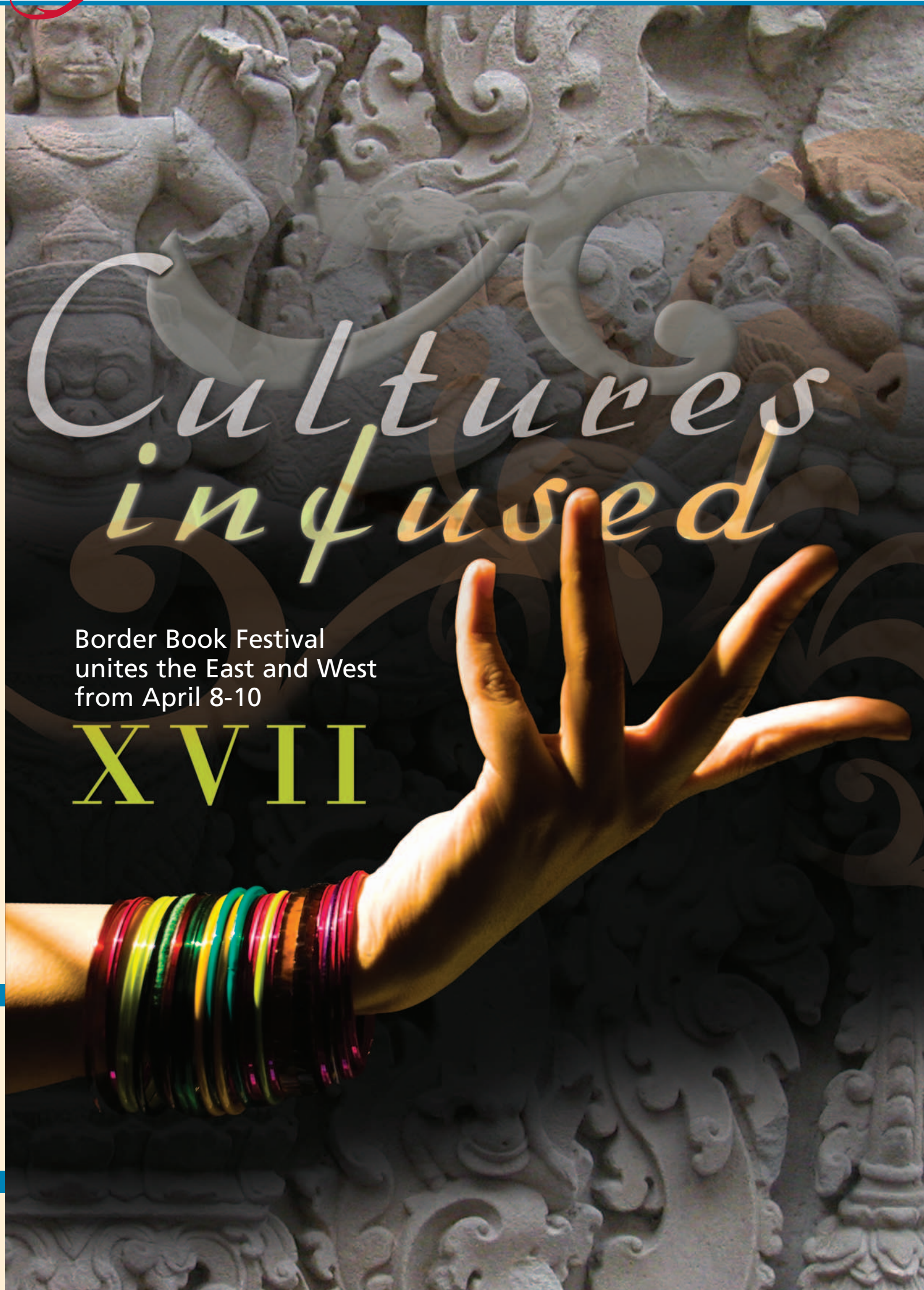
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Border Book Festival  
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# XVII

# The Border Book Festival transports

## Honoring things literary for 17 years

By **David Edwards**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Emily Dickinson said, "There is no frigate like a book, to take us lands away." I like to repeat her wisdom and not just because saying "frigate" makes me giggle, but because books do, indeed, transport us to other places.

In its 17th year (20th if you count those years at Holy Cross Retreat where there was just a table full of books and some local writers willing to do readings during the arts fair), the Border Book Festival has taken us across borders and boundaries to other places and cultures.

Founder Denise Chavez applied for a New Mexico Arts Division grant and with the \$4,000 she received, teamed up with a few volunteers (most notably former Las Cruces Susan Tweit who served as executive director), put in a lot of their own money and the BBF was born.

One of the best things to happen to the organization was the move to the old Frieze store, 2231 Calle de Parian, in Mesilla, now the Cultural Center de Mesilla.

"Moving here was the best thing to happen to us. There is a wonderful energy that came about when we moved into this building," said Chavez, who is now executive director. "It came with its energy and its love. It has been our home for 14 years."

This year's festival theme is

Vasundhara which means "One who holds us/Mother Earth" in Sanskrit.

Chavez said it is an outreach to the local Indian community.

"There are so many similarities between New Mexico and India. The Indian culture, Mexican, Latino, our Southwestern culture that embraces land, sky space, the ancestors. There are a lot of elements that blend really nicely," she said. "It's East meets West – samosas with green chile."

She said one feels that the trend among writers is similar to what the BBF looks to provide, "not just a book but an experience."

The festival always brings those experiences in a variety of methods. There are readings, music, dance, workshops, visual arts, discussions and food. And the line-up of authors is impressive as always.

Sandra Cisneros, author of "Caramelo" and "The House on Mango Street," is considered a key figure in Chicana literature. Indian author and poet Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is widely published in magazines such as The New Yorker and Atlantic Monthly. Two of her books, "The Mistress of Spices" and "Sister of My Heart," have been made into films. Cisneros and Divakaruni will hold readings on Friday night.

Considered the Latino poet of his generation and the Pablo Neruda of North American authors, Puerto Rican poet and essayist Martin Espada will read on Saturday night along Cuban American novelist Cristina

Garcia. Garcia's work has been nominated for a National Book Award.

Visual artist Lilianna Wilson, who work is featured on this year's poster, will be conducting a colored pencil drawing workshop and healer Margarita Nívar combines folklore and natural medicine in her healing arts private practice will offer a special workshop.

Literary agent Elise Capron, who works for the Sandra Dijkstra Agency, offers a discussion about future trends in literature. An Earth flag making workshop will be offered for children and families. Most activities are free for children and adults, but some do have an associated cost.

The catered Friday night Indian-style dinner will feature classical Indian dance by Debjani Mukhopadhy and her students with music by Sudeshna Sengupta and Debarshi Roy on the sitar.

Saturday night's music will be provided by a cumbia group from El Paso, Frontera Bugalú.

There will be no dance on the plaza this year; instead the BBF will hold a tree-planting ceremony Sunday afternoon honoring the 150th birth anniversary of Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore. The creation of a Mandala painting as well as music and poetry will also honor Tagore.

In addition to Tagore, this year's festival will also celebrate local writer "Beatlick" Joe Speer who passed away after a lengthy illness on Jan. 25.

"That's really us," Chavez said.

"Framed by Tagore and Beatlick. From the global to one of us.

"We are about communication, healing, transforming and celebrating the world one book and one story at a time," Chavez said when speaking of the festival's spiritual base. "We are human beings; we're all one human family. We're not Catholics, we're not Buddhists, we're everything.

"That has always been our mission – to heal boundaries and barriers between people. Real or imagined."

As for the reason she selected Mother Earth as the theme for this year's festival, Chavez said it was almost preordained, with participants making their wishes to appear as early as a week after last year's event.

"All the pieces just fell together. And if there ever was a time when we needed to concentrate on our Earth and everything that is happening. We have to remain hopeful," Chavez said.

In that vein, the sale of much of the merchandise during the festival, such as Indian-inspired clothing and jewelry, is going to help Junior Rotary students from New Mexico State University raise \$25,000, which will go to a polio clinic in the Indian state of Bihar.

The Border Book Festival's cross pollination of cultures over the years is one of the reason it is New Mexico's longest running book festival. Another reason would have to be the nurturing provided by the BBF's own "Mother Earth" Chavez.

## Details

### The 17th annual Border Book Festival

#### When

Friday through Sunday  
April 8-10

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- Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago
- Cultural Center de Mesilla, 2231-A Calle de Parian
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# Collectors, artists unite at the Las Cruces Arts Fair

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Mary Street admires papier mâché creations at the 2011 Las Cruces Arts Fair VIP Preview Gala Friday, March 25, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Danielle Dismuke offered appetizers during the gala, which provided VIPs the opportunity to meet exhibiting artists.



Bob Wohl sits patiently while artist Bob Diven creates a caricature of him at the 2011 Las Cruces Arts Fair VIP Preview Gala.



Lanova Sheets models jewelry made by Mark Jimenez to El Paso resident Deborah Garcia.



Michael Krob of Cortez, Colo., moves an interchangeable elk on a piece made of cold, rolled steel. Krob is one of 80 artists from throughout the nation that displayed their work during the Las Cruces Arts Fair held March 25-27 at the convention center.

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# Arts council will honor community contributors

## 25th annual Arts Awards is Friday, April 8

Bulletin Staff Report

The Doña Ana Arts Council will recognize contributors to the arts community during its 25th annual Arts Awards at 6 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

The theme for this year's event is "Puttin' on the Ritz," and guests are encouraged to don costumes evocative of the 1920s. Food, decorations and music are sponsored by Mesilla Valley Musical Arts – featuring Gordon Butler, Alison Reynolds and Barbara Toth – as well as the High Society Band.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and the dedication of the Clute/Muggenburg Gallery in the Rio Grande Theatre. Jan Seale Clute and Carolyn Seale Muggenburg are the granddaughters of the original owner of the theater, and donated the building to the DAAC to restore and manage. In keeping with the era, old photographs of Las Cruces will hang in the galleries, and images from Muggenburg's scrapbook will be on display.

After the brief ceremony, guests will enter the theater for the awards presentations.

Each year, the arts council honors those in the community who have given significantly of their time, talents and financial contributions to the community.

The Newcomers Awards, sponsored by Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds in memory of his late wife Debi True Rounds, will be presented to George and Maggie Griffin. The Griffins moved to Las Cruces after

30 years of successful careers in Washington, D.C. They immediately immersed themselves in the arts and culture of this area. George Griffin has worked on many projects, including the Renaissance ArtsFaire, always with Maggie by his side. The Griffins also co-chaired the first Las Cruces Arts Fair, and George Griffin has been instrumental in assisting the city in acquiring the Camuñez building.

The Arts and Education Award, sponsored by the C.B. Smith family, will be given to visual artist and muralist Rene Palomares. Palomares, a native of southern New Mexico, assisted the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces in receiving statewide recognition for its artwork related to Martin Luther King Jr. Currently, Palomares is an AmeriCorps member artist with Court Youth Center, and he teaches a community and street art class at Alma d'arte Charter High School. He is also part of a statewide after-school coalition through the New Mexico After School Alliance and will be the lead artist in a mural project at Cardon Park on Spruce Avenue.

The Art in Public Places Award, sponsored by Studio D Architects, goes to Judge Robert Brack for his years of guiding the selections process for art acquisition by the federal government's Arts Selection Committee. Brack is the only resident district judge in Las Cruces and was involved on a daily basis in overseeing the construction of the new federal courthouse.

The Excellence in Public Service to the Arts Award will be presented to Ammu Devasthali.

A jewelry artist, Devasthali also has been dedicated to community service. She serves as chair of the Leadership Committee for the Center for the Arts at New Mexico State University and also served on the University Art Gallery Board. She has recently completed a term as president of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico board and was a member of the Las Cruces Arts Fair Committee.

The Community Arts Award for an Individual is going to Doug Roby, who has been involved in the local theater scene for many years. Roby is also active with the Las Cruces Community Theatre and has built sets for many musical productions.

The Community Arts Award winner is the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. This 30-year-old guild represents ceramic artists from all over southern New Mexico and west Texas. In 1993, the Potters' Guild became the first clay group to sponsor Empty Bowls, which benefits El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

The Dr. John Glowacki Lifetime Achievement Award is not an annual award, but is only given for remarkable achievements in the arts in a lifetime. Colleague and friend of Glowacki, the late Tom Gale is the recipient of the award. Gale was named first-ever emeritus professor by the NMSU Board of Regents after serving as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for more than three decades. He and his wife Mary served on the board of directors of the DAAC, and Mary Gale established the Arts Awards. The DAAC has memorialized him with a theater chair in the front row of the Rio Grande Theatre.

The Papan Family Award honors an individual who has demonstrated his or her commitment to the arts through extraordinary leadership and service. Jim Shearer is this year's winner. He has been an NMSU faculty member for 20 years, teaching tuba, euphonium, music history and music appreciation to graduate,

## Art in Las Cruces



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**This sculpture of a parent playing with a child serves as a gateway to the Gus Vlachakis Park, 2800 E. Missouri Ave., which was created in 1995. Before the firehouse was constructed on the site, the entire area served as a park for the community. South of the firehouse is a secluded play area.**

undergraduate and honors students at NMSU. He was involved in the creation of the NMSU Cultural Series and was the driving force behind the recent highly successful Jam Session.

Tickets for the event are \$25 regular admission and \$20 for seniors. For more information, call 523-6403.

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# Centennial caboose needs your help

## Railroad Museum seeks support for restoration



**Cheryl Fallstead**  
Foundation for  
Las Cruces Museums

Last year, a bright red, 120-year-old caboose rolled into Las Cruces and instantly became a new point of interest for visitors. The Centennial Caboose became part of the Las Cruces Railroad Museum just as the museum itself was celebrating the historic Santa Fe depot's 100th year. Now, the railroad museum and the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums are asking for your help in restoring this exciting addition.

Before coming to the railroad museum, the caboose spent several decades as a playhouse for a lucky farm girl in Texas. The interior was converted so that it was perfect for sleepovers. As a grown woman, she no longer had a need for it and decided to donate it to our museum – as long as we could move it from the ranch to Las Cruces.

Moving the caboose was a bigger project



than anyone had imagined. Since it was so old, it was no longer track-worthy and couldn't just be hitched behind a train heading our way. It had to be hoisted onto a truck bed and towed here, then lowered to the new tracks volunteers had laid for it.

Now that it's here, the museum would like

to restore the caboose to as close to its original glory as possible. We want people to be able to tour the interior of the caboose and see what it was like in the beginning of the last century. But we need your help.

Everything involved with repairing and protecting the caboose is expensive. The

museum has purchased a cover to protect the caboose from the desert sun, but can't afford to install it. Therefore, the caboose needs a new roof. Stairs need to be constructed so that visitors can come inside to view the interior. Renovation to the interior will be done as well, removing items that aren't original and finding replacements to make it look like the late 1890s caboose that it is.

To help with this goal, a challenge grant has been established. We have \$2,000 pledged from anonymous donors if we can raise a matching amount. Personally, I'd like to raise quite a bit more so that we have enough funds to install the cover (with estimated costs in the thousands of dollars), put on the new roof, build the stairs and renovate the interior.

Perhaps you have fond memories of seeing a caboose trailing along at the end of a long train and waving to the engineer. Won't you help keep those memories alive by supporting the renovation of our Centennial Caboose so that children for generations forward can visit a piece of railroad history right here in Las Cruces?

Donations may be sent to the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums, P.O. Box 2783, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Note that the donation is for the Centennial Caboose Challenge Grant. Donations may also be dropped off at the Railroad Museum at Las Cruces Avenue and Mesilla Street Thursday through Saturday.

Thank you for your support!



# Galleries & Openings

## LAST CHANCE

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** of the Unitarian Universalist Church presents "A City of Artists Creates" by members of the City of Artists Promotional Association through Friday, April 1. Artists exhibiting include Pat Bonneau-White, Joanna Bradley, Martha Randell Brown, Rebecca Courtney, Penny Duncklee, Les Fairchild, Susan Frary, Caryl Kotulak, Jan Kosnick, Judy Licht, Carol Lopez, Sandra Marshall, Katja Mayfield, Hetty Smith, Kurt Van Wagner, Frances Vescoso and Phil Yost. The gallery is located at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 522-7281.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents "Sight Unseen," a retrospective exhibition showcasing 30 years of work by sculptor Michael Naranjo. The exhibit will be open through Saturday, April 2. Many of the sculptures on display are cast in bronze with a dark black patina. Works on display include intimate scenes of everyday life, reflections of the pueblo culture and a life-sized figure of an eagle dancer. The museum is at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137.

**NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM** is showing "Vintage Views of Rural Women," a fall exhibit by the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society that focuses on the different roles women play in agriculture and rural life. The show will be on display through Sunday, April 3. The museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-4100.

## OPENING

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** opens "Time/Space Squared," featuring steel sculptor John Northcutt and multimedia collage artist Roy van der Aa. The show opens with an artists' reception from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3, with a gallery talk taking place at noon.

Both artists work with minimal geometric images in a fashion that invites viewer participation. Through his work, Northcutt explores the concept of the existence of multiple planes within a plane and their interaction. Van der Aa's images begin as collections of found elements that change context as he combines them in a balance of painting and collage.

The gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** features

local artists Sally Quillin and Ruth Ann Sugarman during the month of April. Quillin has been teaching for more than 20 years, and her newest series is the result of taking her experience and color and combining it with the media she has become most comfortable with. Sugarman's work is primarily in acrylic and incorporates a love for experimenting with light and constantly changing images and design. The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

**RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES** invite the public to take a walk down memory lane during April, when the Doña Ana Arts Council will rededicate the North Gallery of the Rio Grande Theatre in honor of the families who donated the building to the organization – the Clutes and Muggenburgs. In honor of this dedication, both galleries will feature historical imagery illustrating Downtown Las Cruces and the Rio Grande Theatre over the years, along with memorabilia from the theater's long and illustrious reign Downtown. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, as part of the Downtown Arts Ramble. Also during the evening of the Art Ramble will be the regular Literary Open Mic in the Rio Grande Theatre auditorium, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by Comedy Improv by the Ad-Liberaces from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

The Rio Grande Theatre galleries are located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

**MVS STUDIOS** opens "Bijou" during the month of April. The exhibit consists of a display of intimately sized artwork by five local woman artists and members of the Praxis Collective, Tauna Cole, Jenni Higginbotham, Jacklyn St. Aubyn, Isadora Stowe and Jean Wilkey. The miniature paintings depict themes relating to home, interpersonal relationships and nature. All are 4-by-4 inches in size, relating to the show's title "Bijou," which refers to a small, delicately worked piece. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, during the Downtown Art Ramble. The gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 635-5015.

**QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY** presents the photographs of Jay Foster Savage during the April Ramble. Savage is a local photographer who has always been fascinated with the Organ Mountains. Much of his work is black and white to create sharper shadows and texture. Recently, he has been working in black and white to emphasize the

textures found in and around the Organs. The show opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, as part of the Downtown Arts Ramble. The gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Call 312-1064.

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** opens "Shelter from the Storm," the work of Las Cruces artist Raul Dorn, with an artist's reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2. "Shelter from the Storm" retains Dorn's vibrancy through the use of layers of lines, shapes, space and color and remains largely abstract. The work shows a continuing interest in the natural world and the metaphysics of composition, but moves from the "looking out" of the botanical and figurative narrative to a more private and personal "looking within." Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2285.

**MAIN STREET GALLERY** begins a four-month exhibit headlined by Fred Chilton. Chilton is the recipient of numerous awards, including four from "Watercolor Magic." Also displaying works at the gallery are Linda Gendall, Marie Siegrist, Mel Clarkston, Kelley Hestir and Tomi LaPierre. The exhibit opens during the Downtown Arts Ramble with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1. 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 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** hosts the 49th annual Member Show for the Las Cruces Art Association. Members of LCAA will be showing some of their best works through April 30. The show opens during the Downtown Arts Ramble with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

**WELLS HALL STUDENT GALLERY** opens a photographic collaborative exhibit of New Mexico State University and University of Arizona students with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.



Fred Chilton's "Road to Cuevas" will be on display at the Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Main St., as part of a four-month exhibit that opens Friday, April 1.

The gallery is located in Wells Hall Bay 2 on the NMSU campus. Call 206-229-3835.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Email mreynold@lcpk12.nm.us.

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## ONGOING

**NOPALITO'S GALERIA** hosts "Wind Effects," an exhibit of the Las Cruces Art Association, through May 7. The gallery is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are 1 to 3 p.m. Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Email nopalitosgaleria@hotmail.com.

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BRANSON HALL LIBRARY** showcases an exhibit celebrating the centenary and works of Cuban author José Lezama Lima (1910-76), as well as other writers affiliated with the Grupo Orígenes, including Cintio Vitier and Eliseo Diego. The free public exhibit, located in the lobby of Branson Library, runs through Sunday, May 15. The library is located on Frenger Mall on the NMSU campus. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Call 646-6931.

**LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS'** annual High School Art Show, which includes works of art by students from Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate and San Andres high schools, continues through Friday, April 29. The gallery is located in the lobby of the LCPS Administration Building in the Loretto Towne Centre, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249.

**LE RENDEZ-VOUS CAFÉ** is displaying "Sing in Spring," paintings by the Ten O'Clock Club. Participating artists include Jan Addy, Margaret Bernstein, June Decker, Alice Dressler, Penny Duncklee, Barbara Howe, Melanie Storm Jack and Marjorie Moeser.

The café is located at 2701 W. Picacho Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 527-0098.

**PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER** opens its second exhibition for 2011. Featured are works by Kevin Box, metal sculpture; Craig Dongoski, drawing; Fran Hardy, painting; and Suzanne Kane, ceramic sculpture. The works will be exhibited through Saturday, June 25. The gallery is at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-8713.

**DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER** is hosting a new student art show with more than 50 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces Public Schools installed in the first-floor corridors. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings and drawings. The artists range from elementary students to high-schoolers. The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** will host "Disease Detectives" through Sunday, June 5. "Disease Detectives" is an interactive exhibit that explores infectious diseases. Visitors can study three cases of illnesses represented by mannequins. They can learn how to examine each patient by taking temperatures, listening to hearts, lungs and other internal organs, and assessing symptoms in order to determine what's making them sick. Then, visitors can analyze test results and try to trace the origins of the microbes at the root of their patients' illnesses.

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History is next to JC Penney inside Mesilla Valley Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-3120.

**SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER** hosts "Raptors of the Southwest," at Cottonwood Gallery inside the SWEC. The show consists of 42 color prints reproduced from paintings created by Richard Sloan for the "Raptors of Arizona" book, published in 1998. Hawks, vultures, falcons, kites and owls are portrayed in their typical Southwestern habitats. The show will run through March. The gallery is at 275 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 522-5552.

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## FRI. 4/1

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guatemalan imports sale,** Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Proceeds will help purchase a new bus for resident trips. Free. Call 556-2119.

**5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Arts Ramble,** along North Main Street in Downtown Las Cruces. Area galleries will host receptions and new exhibits. Free.

**5:30 to 7 p.m. Literary open mic,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event is sponsored by Sin Fronteras. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Free. Call 522-1119.

**6:30 p.m. Howling Coyote,** First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Open to acoustic musicians, singers, poets and storytellers. A full stage, sound and lights are provided by Skip Connelley. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

## SAT. 4/2

**8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [fcmarket@las-cruces.org](mailto:fcmarket@las-cruces.org).

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guatemalan imports sale,** Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Proceeds will help purchase a new bus for resident trips. Call 556-2119.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Archaeology Day,** Branigan Cultural Center, 491 N. Main

St. Event includes hands-on activities and demonstrations offered by partners from the region. Free. Call 541-2154.

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces,** COAS Bookstores, 317. N Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storytellers at the Downtown location, and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

**11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime,** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

**Noon, 10th annual Youth Talent Contest,** Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. More than \$1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded. Call 649-8487.

**Noon to 4 p.m. Reflexology presentation,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Cost \$35-\$45. Call 575-740-2435.

**Noon to 4 p.m. Literacy Volunteers of Doña Ana County Book Fair,** Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center,** Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome

to dance to the music of Jim Corrons. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

## SUN. 4/3

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Featuring local vendors. Free. Call 523-0436.

**Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market,** Mesilla Valley Mall in front of Sears in the parking lot, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

**1 p.m. Bingo,** Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin with early-bird sessions. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

**2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam,** Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Park behind building on Gregg Street. Free. Call 526-5174.

**3 to 7 p.m. Open Mic,** Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

## MON. 4/4

**10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting,** Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

**1:30 p.m. Bingo,** Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin with early-bird sessions. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

**5 to 7 p.m. Wisconsin Club Meet and Greet,** Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Free. Call 312-2088.

**7:30 p.m. "Casino Jack" screening with special guest,** Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Carlos Hisa, vice president of the Tribal Council of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, will talk about the loss of the Tigua community's Speaking Rock casino. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

## TUE. 4/5

**10 to 11 a.m. Storybook Cooks with Amber Gonzales,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Kids ages 3 to 5 develop social skills, literacy appreciation, imagination and practice healthy eating habits. Cost \$70-\$85 for six-week series. Call 505-550-5319.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**5:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday presents local school choirs,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Oñate High School, Las Cruces High School and Sierra Middle School will perform in preparation for Showfest in Albuquerque. Free. Call 523-6403.

**6 to 7 p.m. "The Great Conversation" with Randy Harris,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

**7 p.m. Mayfield High School Symphony Orchestra concert,** Las Cruces Public Schools Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. The orchestra will perform with

the U.S. Air Force Academy Band's Blue Steel rock band. Free. Call 527-9415.

**7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group,** Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$5-10. Call 642-1699.

## WED. 4/6

**8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [fcmarket@las-cruces.org](mailto:fcmarket@las-cruces.org).

**6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting,** Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email [meadows@zianet.com](mailto:meadows@zianet.com) or visit [lascrucessitches.multiply.com](http://lascrucessitches.multiply.com).

## THU. 4/7

**9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class,** My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**6:30 to 8:30 p.m. "Beyond Labels: Treating Disorders at Their Roots,"** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Joanne Munson will discuss the HANDLE approach to address the underlying causes of certain disorders. Call 523-0436.

**7 p.m. Bingo,** Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin with

**Friday, April 1, 2011** early-bird sessions. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

**8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club,** Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin style. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Must be 21 years or older. Dress code. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

## FRI. 4/8

**7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Christian Schools Battle of the Bands,** Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, 3850 Stern Drive. Church youth and home-schooled groups will battle for the title. Call 525-8515.

**7 p.m. Las Cruces Chamber Ballet Spring Show,** Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University. The chamber ballet will perform excerpts from "Sleeping Beauty" and "Swan Lake." Call 527-1893.

**5:30 p.m. Doña Ana Council's 25th annual Arts Awards,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The arts council will dedicate the Clute/Muggenburg Gallery, followed by a presentation of awards, dinner and dancing. Cost \$20-\$25. Call 523-6403.

**6 p.m. "Shine On: Shining Stars of the Past, Present and Future,"** Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The fundraiser will feature the talents of all 24 departments of New Mexico State University's College of Arts and Sciences. Cost \$40. Call 646-7441.

**7 to 9 p.m. New Mexico LGBTQ Center fundraiser,** New Mexico LGBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Bring in broken, ugly and out-dated jewelry for cash. Call 635-4902.

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- #6 *Linda Caperton* - Silk Painting, Wearable Art
- **103 Juniper Springs Road**  
#7 *Jim Wall* - Oil Painting, Acrylic on Wood
- **130 Juniper Springs Road**  
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- #9 *Steve Sabo* - Wood Turning

- **158 Sunset Mesa**  
#10 *Sandy Hartley* - Etched/Stained/Mixed Media, Glass, Fiber Art Furniture
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- #12 *Scott Goewey* - Pottery
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# AtTheMovies



Kevin Spacey plays the slimy, seedy, greedy Jack Abramoff, while Jon Lovitz plays his disbarred lawyer friend Adam Kidan in "Casino Jack," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

## The greed of 'Casino Jack'

Lobbyist Abramoff gambles with people's futures

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Aptly titled, this interesting, somewhat fictionalized look at one of the slimiest "lobbyists" in the country, Jack Abramoff, rushes through the story of how Mr. A ripped off a number of people. The victims include several American Indian nations, including our own neighbors to the immediate south, the Tigua people of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, just east of El Paso. His behavior and greed were among the reasons that their casino was forced to close.

Shown as a man with a penchant for wearing caps with Major League Baseball or university logos, and one who liked three packets of sugar in his iced tea, Abramoff, well played by Kevin Spacey, does make a fine point in a dream sequence about our political "system" at the end of the film.

"Casino Jack" was directed by the George Hickenlooper. The U.S. premiere of the film took place at the wonderful Starz Denver International Film Festival last November, and Hickenlooper, a close relative of the very newly elected governor of Colorado (one week earlier), John Hickenlooper, arrived in Denver for the screening. George promptly and suddenly died.

The festival was immediately dedicated to him, and it was decided that the show would go on as planned. It became absolutely impossible to get a ticket for either screening.

The film does have its weaknesses. It takes a fair amount of time for it to get going, as the first 20 minutes or so is a bit arduous, but once it cranks up, watch out. There is not a shady deal in D.C. that Abramoff does not become part of.

Abramoff starts his political career early, as chair of the College Republican National Committee. From there, his ardor and ambition led him to become a top lobbyist at several prestigious firms, but enough was never enough.

He is also an Orthodox Jew who practiced

his faith regularly, and a film lover (who produced a few forgettable flicks). Throughout the film, Spacey as Abramoff imitates several actors while spewing lines from favorite movies to help break the tension of a moment. His cohort, the recently convicted Michael Scanlon (a weaker performance by the usually fine Barry Pepper) picks up the habit later on, but it only makes him look foolish.

Everything goes along just fine until Abramoff recruits a disbarred lawyer, now slimy mattress store owner Adam Kidan (played with great finesse by Jon Lovitz) to help him secure a floundering floating casino in Florida. From there, things are mostly downhill until Abramoff is able to hook up with exemplary examples of the elected-official world, including former Texas congressman Tom DeLay, a slug congressman from Ohio, Dick Cheney, Newt (who would name their kid Newt?) Gingrich, and good old honest George W.

Business booms as Abramoff starts finagling First Nations people into making deals with him to achieve more political influence, until one tribe realizes what he is really doing – cheating them.

It's hard to summarize the enormous amount of corruption that revolves around this man and his cohorts in just 600 words, so I strongly urge you to check out this film. You'll need to pay fast attention as the editing is quick and the number of things it touches on is endless.

Abramoff is out of jail now, and not much is in the news about his current whereabouts or doings, other than the blurb that he had left his job at a pizzeria that he held while he was living at a halfway house.

He probably left with his pockets full of pilfered pepperoni and anchovies.

Email me at [jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com). Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews reflect his opinion of the movie, not that of anyone else connected with the film society.

FILM REVIEW

"Casino Jack" opens Friday, April 1, at the Fountain Theatre. Monday, April 4, Carlos Hisa of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, will discuss the demise of their tribal casino enterprise.

GRADE

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## 'Local Hero' is a quietly funny film

Movie places big-city oil man in small town

The CineMatinee for Saturday, April 2, is "Local Hero" (1983, 112 minutes, rated PG).

Mac MacIntyre (Peter Riegert) is a hot-shot oil company dealmaker. Eccentric Knox Oil boss Felix Happer (Burt Lancaster) sends Mac from the base in big-city Texas to Scotland, the planned site of a new refinery – a quiet fishing village. Mac comes to town to strike a deal, but quickly finds himself be-guiled by the village and the people.

This is a beautiful and unusual place, and the people are hilarious, unbeknownst to themselves. As Mac becomes increasingly attracted to the village, he sheds his jacket and tie, electric briefcase and other accoutrements of big-city success. When Felix Happer arrives to check out the sky (one of his many eccentricities) and complete the deal, Mac's work is done. But will his life ever be the same?

"Local Hero" is a film that, as a whole, is vastly greater than the sum of its parts. Every scene is packed with beauty and wit. Subtle jokes and small details make it hugely likeable and keep us watching for the next little quirk that will inspire another smile. Bill Forsyth, who wrote and directed the film, has crafted a gem. Every character is interesting, every moment is rich, and nary a joke is taken any further than it absolutely must be taken. A rich soundtrack enhances it all.

Riegert delivers a good performance as the smooth-talking dealmaker, although the

Scottish supporting cast overshadows him. Denis Lawson as the hotelier, accountant and local negotiator Gordon Urquhart, Fulton Mackay as a crusty beachcomber Ben Knox and especially Peter Capaldi as a nerdy Scotland-based Knox Oil gopher are particularly good.

Burt Lancaster fits right in as the wacky Happer. He's goofy enough to fit in with the others, but is still a believable oil tycoon.

"Local Hero," which typifies "quirky," is a wonderfully entertaining, quietly funny, sweet movie.

*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 – which could mean the new west, the old west, or anything in between – and "movies that missed us" – films that are notable but 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 – film festival-quality movies in an old adobe theater.*

*Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message.*

### Playbill

**Opening**  
**The Return of Herbert Bracewell; Why Am I Always Alone When I'm With You**  
 Las Cruces Community Theatre  
 313 N. Main St.  
 523-1200  
 \$7-\$10  
 Opens Friday, April 1

**Coming Soon**  
**The Spitfire Grill**  
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 430 N. Main St.  
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 Opens Friday, April 8

**An Inspector Calls**  
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# Singin' with George and Reba

Photos by Steven Parra

George Strait performs for a record-breaking, sold-out crowd of 13,044 at the Pan American Center, Friday, March 25. The tour also had performances from Reba McEntire and Lee Ann Womack.



Reba's breathtaking performance included a surprise visit from Melissa Peterman, former co-star of Reba's self-titled television show.



Strait lets the crowd know it's good to be back in Las Cruces.

Mary Parra, a George Strait concert veteran, brought her granddaughter Serenity, 5, to her first George Strait concert and neither one could contain their excitement.

Join us for art, culture, entertainment and more at this Friday's Ramble! April 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Downtown Las Cruces.....

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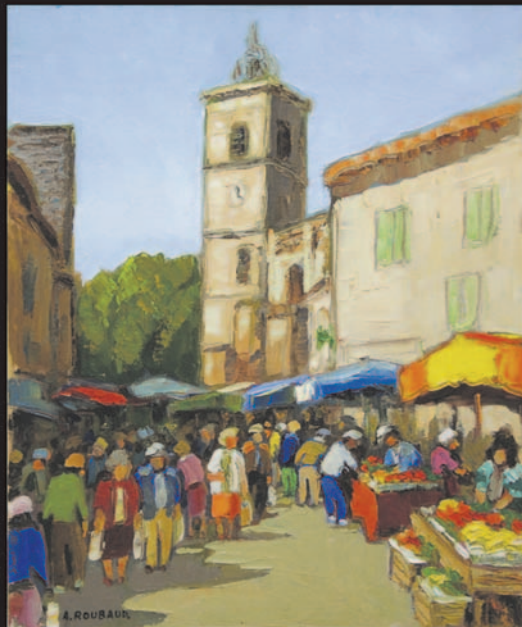
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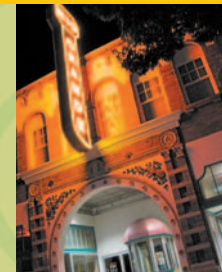
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# Featured Artist: Michael Garcia

## He wants to let you eat cake

Culinary artist creates edible works of art

By David Edwards  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The cute little dachshund dressed in an athletic jersey lies on the table. His head is raised and he looks up at you with eyes that seem to say, "Please don't eat me." But he is doomed.

OK, snap out of it! It's a cake. It's supposed to be someone's celebratory treat. You're not supposed to give it a name and buy it some doggie treats. Well, you could ... but that's a whole other issue. He is still going to end up in someone's belly, or most likely several someones.

He is the creation of Michael Garcia, culinary artist and owner of The Cake Shop, and he is just one of many novelty cakes Garcia has created over the years.

"A customer told me his girlfriend wanted a weenie dog for her birthday," Garcia said. "He wasn't going to get her one, but as a joke, he asked me if I could make her a weenie dog. I said, 'Sure.'"

Being around dachshunds and having pictures of them from many angles to use as models prepared him for the task. The head was molded out of Rice Krispie treats and the body was a carved carrot cake covered with icing. Details, such as ears, are made using fondant - a pliable icing-like substance that can be rolled out and shaped.

Garcia began decorating cakes as a hobby and creating cakes for his children's birthdays. His cousin asked him if he could do their wedding cake and it became a fairly regular weekend vocation.

"I thought I'd give it a shot," he said. "I really enjoyed it, had a real good response and it just took off from there. I was doing it out of the house just for family and friends not really as a business."

The building on East Missouri Avenue next door to his parents' carpet and tile store became available and he decided to try being his own boss.

"I had worked for my parents for the last nine years," Garcia said, "and sales and sitting at a desk just weren't for me. It wasn't that it was a hassle working for my parents, but I always thought I would take a more creative path."

The former burger and burrito restaurant took some degreasing and remodeling, but The Cake Shop has been open for about two months now.

Garcia was in the process of creating a Tecate beer can and does a lot of cartoon characters for kids' cakes. He has done a guitar, aircraft carrier, a John Deere tractor and giant burrito. He gets excited when customers come in with ideas and sees them as a challenge.

"If I can see it, I can usually make it for you," he said.

"I even did a cake I can't show you. Two ladies came in and wanted - let's just say an 'adult' cake. They wanted it as anatomically correct as possible. And even though I don't necessarily want to be known as the 'that kind of cake guy,' there isn't anyone else in town that does them. So I was willing to do it and had multiple calls about similar things. I'll take on anything."

Garcia is completely self-taught and sees

himself as more of an artist than a baker. He hopes to eventually hire a baker and full-time counter person so he can concentrate on the artistic side of the business.

"I watch all the shows on television and I get ideas from them," he said. "I do research on the Internet and I'm fortunate that I catch on pretty well. The ladies over at Create A Cake (a shop at 1117 N. Solano Drive that doesn't make cakes but sells supplies and offers cake decorating classes) have been a blessing to me."

On a regular basis, The Cake Shop has made-from-scratch, 9-inch cakes that sell either whole or by the slice. Garcia plays around with various random chocolates and candy clusters, almond bark and chocolate dipped Oreo cookies. His big sellers are his roasted coconut clusters and chocolate covered strawberries. He also experiments with various flavors of cheesecakes. An as-yet-unnamed item is a chocolate cake nugget with various flavors of pastry filling and dipped in chocolate.

He also does air brushing so he can do a wide variety of painted designs - both original and copies using well-known images. A recent cake with Justin Bieber's face is a likely prediction of many more to come.

### Details

**Michael Garcia**

**Company**  
The Cake Shop

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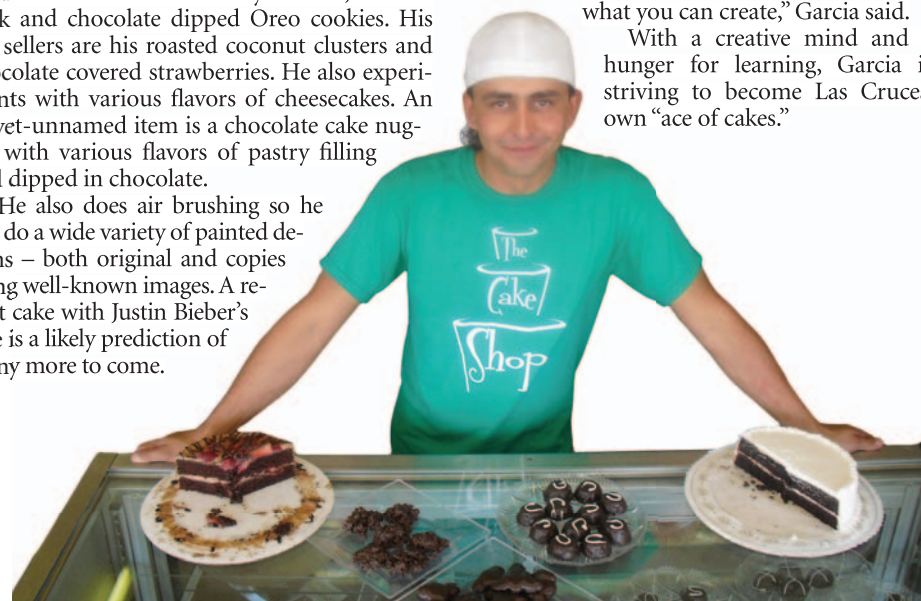
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## The buzz about The Bean Espresso bar does breakfast, pastries and more

By David Edwards  
Las Cruces Bulletin

I first frequented The Bean about 10 years ago when it was a tiny place on the corner of Calle de San Albino and Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. I worked less than a block away and it really was the first time I had any exposure to those upscale coffee drinks that are so popular these days.

It was run by Mary McGinn and I felt oh-so-sophisticated walking over for a latte and a muffin served up by an attractive girl barista during my break. I don't think I even knew what a latte was and certainly had had no clue about espresso until then.

I remember persuading my girlfriend (yes, the same one in the early stages of our relationship) to come with me on a Saturday or Sunday morning for a coffee and a look at the paper. It felt very opulent and at the same time reeked of earthy hipness.

It wasn't long before Mary's mom Debbie McGinn came to help her, and the busy little espresso bar moved a few blocks south across from the Fountain Theatre. A little further walk to the expanded facilities deterred me a bit, but it was mostly the opportunity to work out of my home that kept me from visiting more frequently.

In 2003, The Bean moved to a converted gas station at the "T" where Calle de Norte meets Avenida de Mesilla on the left as you enter Mesilla. The menu expanded to include not only delicious home-baked pastries, but also sandwiches, wraps, salads and breakfast items. One of my favorite indulgences was to swing by for a scone and a fat-free "skinny" vanilla latte (I know – why



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Edwards

**The Bean crew – Marisol Via, Vanessa Smith, Victoria Budlong, Megan McGinn, Melanie Johnson and Benjamin Leduc – poses in front of the coffee roaster.**

skinny when you are having a pastry anyway? You cut calories where you can. A fast-food combo meal with a diet drink doesn't make sense either, but hey...).

The Bean has created and maintained a funky, homey atmosphere from the get-go and the staff is young and hip. It is anything but corporate looking or feels like those coffee bar chains that shall go unnamed. Other than about six months this past year, it has been owned and operated by the McGinns, although Mary has moved to California where she is starting a family.

Debbie McGinn told me by phone while in Los Angeles getting ready for grandbaby's arrival that she was "happy to be back in the coffee business."

Despite being in business for more than a decade, there are many folks who don't really know about The Bean and what they serve. I guess because of the name and location they assume it has something to do with Mexican food.

My mom was one of the unwashed until this past week. A rare opportunity (thanks, spring break) for a weekday luncheon with her, girlfriend and me led us to give mom her initial chance to check it out.

As usual I had made a scouting expedition with lunch buddy the day before when I had ordered the roasted vegetable and black bean quesadilla with chicken as a salad. The staff admitted they hadn't thought of presenting it that way before, but were happy to do it.

It came of course sans tortilla (sigh – one more detox week). Lunch buddy had coffee and a piece of mocha coffee cake (or something close in deliciousness to that) right in front of me! Thanks, Jack.

Then he had to eat my salad.

I forgot to have them hold the cheese (Duh. It's a quesadilla – that's cheese, remember? – dilla!). I just ordered another one and finally got to savor the roasted red peppers, grilled onions, black beans and chicken chunks served on a bed of fresh spinach. It was terrific. I would order it again in a heartbeat. Even tortilla-less.

When Cindy, mom and I came back the next day, I did the turkey and Swiss (on the side please) sandwich as a salad. It had sliced turkey, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions and shredded carrots once again on spinach. They even offered a lemon juice and olive oil dressing when I balked at the house vinaigrette. Another great salad.

Mom had the chicken salad sandwich/wrap as a salad (a chicken salad salad) and Cindy had the egg salad wrap as, oddly enough, a wrap. Sandwiches and wraps come with veggie chips and either a pickle or orange slices. And to top it off – much to my chagrin – they split a piece of that coffee cake and a peanut butter oatmeal cookie. Must ... concentrate ... on ... writing ...

We even took a loaf of freshly baked wheat bread home, which has been deemed delicious. I might even get to sample it when I am finally able to have bread again. That is if it lasts past Tuesday.

Mom is very particular when it comes to café coffee and rarely does she give her stamp of approval. The Bean's Panama blend (a slightly lighter roast) got the "thumbs up." They have always roasted their own coffee but now have a roaster in the front room where they roast about six different beans per day.

So stop thinking frijoles and start thinking coffee and plenty of other goodies at The Bean.

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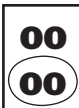
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Sports

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FRIDAY EVENING												APRIL 1, 2011																		
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PBS	2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need to Know (N)	Frontline (N) CC	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley	CBS	3	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Chaos "Pilot" CC	CSI: NY (N) CC	Blue Bloods CC	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Shark Tank (N)	20/20 (N) (In Stereo) CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe "The Firefly"	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb				
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Who Do You	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) CC		News (N)	Jay Leno	Late	CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Smallville "Scion"	Supernatural	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access					
WGN	15	Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	ESPN	26	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Atlanta Hawks.	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz.	SportsCenter CC							
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis						Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC	SportsCenter CC	Baseball Tonight	NBA	Live	USA	31	NCIS "Frame-Up"				Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene						
TNT	32	Bones CC						(:15) ** "What Women Want" (2000) Mel Gibson. CC			"Code-Cleaner"	TBS	33	King	King	** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey.		** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey.	** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey.	* "A Night at the Roxbury"	Night									
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Iglesias: Fluffy	Dave Chappelle	Comedy	Comedy	Iglesias: Fluffy	Dave Chappelle	LIFE	39	Pawn	Pawn	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Will								
FOOD	40	Iron Chef America	Chopped	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters			
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Breakout Kings	Breakout Kings	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	HIST	44	Modern Marvels	Ancient Aliens	"Closer Encounters" CC	Larry the Cable Guy	Modern Marvels	Ancient Aliens	"Closer Encounters"										
TLC	45	Cupcake	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy	Cupcake	Cupcake	Say Yes	Randy	Cupcake	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	DISC	47	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Loggers	American Loggers	American Loggers	American Loggers	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Loggers	American Loggers				
ANPL	50	The Haunted CC	The Haunted CC	I'm Alive (N)	The Haunted	I'm Alive (N)	The Haunted	I'm Alive (N)	The Haunted	The Haunted	FAM	51	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Whose? Who's?	Whose? Who's?	Get Hot!	No Diets!								
DISN	52	Good	Good	Fish	Fish	Good	Wizards	Deck	Good	Phineas	Fish	Wizards	Good	Good	Fish	NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time Rush	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Secret Window"	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight. CC	SYFY	59	"Name of King"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC	Merlin (N) CC	Being Human	Merlin CC	Stargate SG-1										
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	In the Arena (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) CC	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	The Celebrity Apprentice "Off the Hook"	America's	Mad Money	The Celebrity Apprentice "Off the Hook"																
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	Lockup Orange	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup																		

SATURDAY MORNING												APRIL 2, 2011															
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PBS	2	22	PBS NewsHour CC	Builder	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	organic	Liv'g	CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (In Stereo) CC	Bustyown	Bustyown	Doodlebop	Trollz (EI)	Fight Camp	ATP Tennis		
ABC	7	7	Sports	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America		School	Replacemn	So Raven	Hannah	Suite Life	FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	House	Secrets	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Faith Ave	Today Hotel concierge secrets; Ted Danson. (N)	Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (EI)	Willi's	Pearlie (EI)	CW	14	(3:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7	Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon	Yu-Gi-Oh!					
WGN	15	WITCFB	Emergency	Total Gym	Spinner Fit	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	GameDay Scoreboard										
ESPN2	27	NBA	English Premier League Soccer	Nation	E:60	Nation	High School Basketball	USA	31	Take It Off!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	NCIS "Reveille" CC	NCIS (In Stereo) CC	NCIS "Mind Games"	NCIS "Sharif Returns"										
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Men of a Certain Age	The Closer CC	Dumbest	Cleaner	TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	"Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007, Comedy) CC	** "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" CC										
COM	35	Paid Prog.	Take It Off!	Comedy	"Still Waiting..." (2009) Justin Long. CC	* "Black Sheep" (1996) Chris Farley. CC	Scrubs	LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Face	Oreck	Kill Germs	Paid Prog.	No Diets!	Meaningful	** "Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Story"									
FOOD	40	Ultimate	Grill It!	Day Off	Guy's, Bite	Big Daddy	Mexican	30-Minute	Ingrid. Fix	Paula	Home	Secrets	Dessert	HGTV	41	Kitchen	Bathtastic!	Sweat Equ.	Over, Head	Holmes on Homes	Income	Prof.	Crashers	Bath	To Sell	To Sell	
A&E	43	My Ghost Story CC	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House CC	Flip This House CC	HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC	How the Earth	How the Earth Was Made	Geological history.	Decoding the Past											
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ninja	Paid Prog.	Home Made Simple	Property Ladder CC	Property Ladder CC	Property Ladder CC	DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Florida	CME	Paid Prog.	MythBusters CC	Cook County Jail CC	Hard Time "Indiana"	Cops & Coyotes CC								
ANPL	50	Maneaters CC	Last American Cowboy	Dogs 101 CC	It's Me or the Dog	Pit Boss CC	FAM	51	Boy World	** "Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006)	** "Bring It On: Fight to the Finish" (2009)	"Another Cinderella Story" (2008)															
DISN	52	Charlie	Little	Movers	Chugging	Jungle	Babar	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas	NICK	54	Fanboy	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	** "El Dorado" (1967, Western) John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. CC	"Jeremiah Johnson"	SYFY	59	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Kill-Germs	Get Ripped	** "Meteor Apocalypse" (2010) Joe Lando.	* "Post Impact" (2003) Dean Cain.												
CNN	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	Newsroom	Newsroom	CNBC	63	Acne	Paid Prog.	MathMind	TRIALaser	Take It Off!	Twist	Sexy Face	Shark Vac	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Get Hot!	Paid Prog.						
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	Nightmare-31st															

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ABC	7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jamie Oliver's Food	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	ESPN Sports Saturday	Sports anthology. (N)	FOX	8	14	Shirt Off!	Eco Co.	Paid Prog.	Traveler	'70s Show	Base	MLB Baseball Regional Coverage. (In Stereo Live) CC					
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf Shell Houston Open, Third Round. (In Stereo Live) CC	Shirt Off!	Paid Prog.	CW	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Dinosaur	Into Wild	Wild Amer	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Funniest Moments				
WGN	15	MLB Baseball	Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians. CC	SpoCenter	SportsCenter (Live) CC	ESPN	26	GameDay Scoreboard	High School Basketball	Soccer England vs. United States. (Live) CC	2010 Poker	2010 Poker														
ESPN2	27	Basketball	College Basketball	NCIS (In Stereo) CC	NCIS "Skeletons"	NCIS "Cover Story"	NCIS "Murder 2.0"	NCIS (In Stereo) CC	NCIS (In Stereo) CC	USA	31	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS							
TNT	32	(10:30) "Code Name: The Cleaner"	** "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004)	(:15) * "My Baby's Daddy" (2004) Eddie Griffin.	"Family That Preys"	TBS	33	** "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts. CC	Jim	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld												
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	"Still Waiting..." (2009) Justin Long. CC	** "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley. CC	Chuck	LIFE	39	"My Neighbor's Secret" (2009, Suspense) CC	"Gone but Not Forgotten" (2005) Brooke Shields. A defense attorney's client may be a serial killer.															
FOOD	40	Contessa	Giada	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped "Squashed"	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef America	Challenge	HGTV	41	Curb/Block	Unsellable	Cash, Cari	Design	Bang, Buck	Secrets	Candice	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	To Sell	To Sell				
A&E	43	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	The First 48 CC	The First 48 CC	HIST	44	Decoding the Past	Indiana Jones and the Ultimate Quest CC	Real Tomb Hunters	Holy Grail in America											
TLC	45	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	DISC	47	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	River Monsters CC	River Monsters CC	River Monsters CC										
ANPL	50	Cats 101 CC	Must Love Cats CC	Must Love Cats CC	Must Love Cats CC	Must Love Cats CC	Must Love Cats CC	FAM	51	Cinderella	** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid.	** "Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano.	Happy													
DISN	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake It	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	NICK	54	Victorious	Victorious	Big Time	Big Time	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	(10:00) ** "Jeremiah Johnson"	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) Sharon Stone. CC	** "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall. CC	SYFY	59	"Impact" (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge, David James Elliott, Benjamin Sadler. CC	** "Meteor Storm" (2010) Michael Trucco.																		
CNN	62	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Situation Room	CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Get Rich	Spring Break	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Hot Bodies of 2011						
MSNBC	64	Vegas Homicide	Beauty and the Beast	Rampage Killers	Blind Justice	Murder and blinding.	Lockup																			

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**SATURDAY EVENING**

**APRIL 2, 2011**

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	News	Heartland	Ebert	News	Monarch of the Glen	Wait...	Red	Austin City Limits	Artists Den	Sun Stud	Curiosity			
CBS	3 3	College Basketball			College Basketball	NCAA Tournament:			Jeopardy	Wheel	News	Extra (N) CC	Judge J.		
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf. (In Stereo)			ABC 7		(:35) Cheaters CC	Ent			
FOX	8 14	House CC		The Unit CC		Cops	Amer. Most Wanted	News	Seinfeld		(:05) Fringe CC	Fame	Office		
NBC	9 9	Raymond	News	News (N)	Lopez	Harry's Law CC	Law-Order L.A.	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)					
CW	14	* "Betrayed" (2005) Stephen Baldwin.		*** "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn.		Chris	Payne	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb				
WGN	15	Bones CC	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls.		News	Scrub	Mother	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb				
ESPN	26	Boxing	SportsCtr	Tyson's Hits		Baseball Tonight (Live) CC		SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	NBA	Basket		
ESPN2	27	NHRA Drag Racing		2010 Poker		2010 Poker		2010 Poker	2010 Poker	2010 Poker	2010 Poker	NBA	Basket		
USA	31	NCIS "Endgame"		NCIS "Jet Lag"		NCIS "Masquerade"		NCIS "Borderland"		*** "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson. Premiere. CC					
TNT	32	"Family That Preys"		*** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. CC		** "Why Did I Get Married?" (2007)		* "My Baby's Daddy" (2004)							
TBS	33	King	King	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey.		"Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" (2008)		"Saving Silverman"					
COM	35	(4:30) * "Good Luck Chuck"		** "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook.		"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo"		"Good Luck Chuck"							
LIFE	39	"The Perfect Teacher" (2010) CC		"Abandoned" (2010) Brittany Murphy.		Coming Home		One Born Ev.		Mother		Mother			
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge	Challenge		
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Candice	Block	Secrets	Antonio	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Secrets	Antonio	House	House
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Purgatory		Manhun	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	
HIST	44	Grail in America		Journey to the Earth's Core CC		Underwater Universe		Deadly ocean zones.		(01) Journey to the Earth's Core CC					
TLC	45	Strange Sex CC	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange
DISC	47	Rookies to Racers	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons
ANPL	50	Must Love Cats		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Bad Dog! CC		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Bad Dog! CC	
FAM	51	(4:30) *** "Happy Feet" (2006)		*** "Monsters, Inc." (2001, Comedy)		** "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" (1993, Comedy)		Prince							
DISN	52	Wizards	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	"The Suite Life Movie" (2011)	"16 Wishes" (2010, Comedy)		Deck			
NICK	54	Sponge.	Penguins	2011 Kids' Choice Awards		Victo		2011 Kids' Choice Awards		Sponge.	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	
AMC	57	"Open Range" CC		*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins. CC		(15) ** "The Black Dahlia" (2006) Josh Hartnett. Premiere.									
SYFY	59	"Meteor" (2009, Suspense) Christopher Lloyd, Marla Sokoloff, Stacy Keach. Premiere.		*** "Ice Twisters" (2009) CC		"2012: Supernova"									
CNN	62	Newsroom	Muslims Next	Piers Morgan	Newsroom	Muslims Next	Piers Morgan	Newsroom							
CNBC	63	Money in Millions	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part					
MSNBC	64	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup Orange	Lockup Orange	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	The Squeeze (N)		

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**APRIL 3, 2011**

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	Sun Studio	Curios-ity	McLaughlin	Contrary	Santa Fe	Scully	Need to Know (N)	Wash.	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin	
CBS	3 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Smile	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		The Nation	Nieman	Paid Prog.	Motorcycle Racing		
ABC	7 7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Paid Prog.	NBA				
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Shirt Off!	Secrets	Gadget	NASCAR	
NBC	9 9	In Wine	Old House	Today (N) CC		Back Pain	Church	Juicer	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Mtthws	Hockey	
CW	14	(2:30) Storm Track Weather 24/7		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
WGN	15	Winston	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		*** "The Package" (1989) Gene Hackman.			
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter (Live) CC	Baseball					
ESPN2	27	NBA	Nation	Bassmasters CC	NASCAR Now CC	Outside	Reporters	Winners Bracket (N)	Cheerleading (N)				
USA	31	Get Hot!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	** "Crank" (2006, Action) Jason Statham. CC		*** "Face/Off" (1997) John Travolta. CC					
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Avatar"	Law & Order "Fluency"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Meet the Browns"					
TBS	33	(4:15) "The Ringer"	(:15) * "Not Another Teen Movie" (2001)	*** "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell.		** "Eurotrip" (2004)							
COM	35	Bikini Bodies	Comedy	** "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds. CC	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Tommy				
LIFE	39	In Touch	Hour of Power CC	J. Osteen	Meaningful	Chris	Chris	** "Mad Money" (2008) Diane Keaton. CC					
FOOD	40	Boitano	Day Off	Secrets	Paula	Rachael Ray's	Dinners	Guy's, Bite	Cooking	Sandra Lee	Chopped		
HGTV	41	Kitchen	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes	Holmes Inspection	Over Head	Disaster	Yard	Outdoor	House	Hunters		
A&E	43	My Ghost Story CC	Jaws: The Inside Story (In Stereo) CC	** "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) Jeff Goldblum. CC									
HIST	44	Ax Men "Alaska" CC	Ax Men "Sink or Swim"	Ax Men CC	Ax Men	Ax Men "Manhunt"	Ax Men CC	Ax Men CC	Ax Men CC				
TLC	45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	Pitchmen CC	Auction	Auction	American Loggers	Man vs. Wild CC			
ANPL	50	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	Dogs 101 Traits. CC	Dogs 101 CC	Wild Kingdom CC	Wild Kingdom CC	Wild Kingdom CC				
FAM	51	"Another Cinderella Story" (2008) Selena Gomez.		*** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid.		*** "Ice Age"							
DISN	52	Charlie	Little	Movers	Chugging	Jungle	Babar	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	Fanboy	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	Victorious	Kids' Choice	
AMC	57	*** "Out of Sight" (1998) George Clooney. CC		(45) ** "The Black Dahlia" (2006, Mystery) Josh Hartnett. CC	Deliverance								
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Shark Vac	Paid Prog.	** "Toolbox Murders" (2004) Angela Bettis.		** "Stephen King's The Tommyknockers"					
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS	State of the Union	State of the Union					
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck Vac	Sexy Abs	Bikini Beach	Ninja	Sexy Face	Take It Off!	Paid Prog.	TRIALaser	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	Justice 101			

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

**APRIL 3, 2011**

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	News	New Mexico In Focus	Moneytrk	Wider	Opinion	Healthy	Greener	Field Trip!	Travel	Antiques Roadshow		
CBS	3 3	ATP Tennis Sony Ericsson Open, Men's Final. From Miami.	Dunks of the Year (N)	High School Basketball								Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at San Antonio Spurs. CC	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live)	Entertainment Tonight									
FOX	8 14	(10:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Goody's Fast Pain Relief 500. (In Stereo Live) CC	The Unit CC	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad								
NBC	9 9	NHL Hockey: Rangers at Flyers	PGA Tour Golf Shell Houston Open, Final Round. (In Stereo Live) CC	Medicus	Paid Prog.								
CW	14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Storms	Storms	Kickin' It (N) CC	Latino TV	Latination	Smash Cut	Smash Cut		
WGN	15	Law Order: CI	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs. (In Stereo Live) CC	Inning	Chris	Vault	Chris						
ESPN	26	PBA Bowling	Flag F'tball	Spring Football (Live)	SportsCenter (Live) CC	Final Four							
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Women's College Gymnastics		NHRA Drag Racing SummitRacing.com Nationals. CC								
USA	31	(9:00) "Face/Off" (1997)	*** "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. CC		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU						
TNT	32	"Meet the Browns"	** "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah. CC		** "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) Kimberly Elise.		Hitch CC						
TBS	33	(10:00) ** "Eurotrip"	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers. (Live) CC		The Office		The Office "Anchorman"						
COM	35	(10:30) *** "Tommy Boy" (1995)	*** "Hot Shots!" (1991) Charlie Sheen. CC		** "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds. CC		Employee						
LIFE	39	"To Be Fat Like Me" (2007) Kaley Cuoco. CC		** "Just a Kiss" (2002) Ron Eldard. CC		"Abandoned" (2010) Brittany Murphy. CC							
FOOD	40	Restaurant: Impossible	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners	Meat	Candy	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars			
HGTV	41	My First	First Place	Property	Selling NY	Bang, Buck	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	For Rent	Unsellable	To Sell	To Sell
A&E	43	Breakout Kings CC	The Sopranos CC	The Sopranos CC	The Sopranos CC	The Sopranos CC	The Sopranos CC	Criminal Minds CC	Criminal Minds CC				
HIST	44	Ax Men "Under Fire"	Ax Men "Overboard"	Ax Men "Lock & Load"	Ax Men "Fallout Zone"	Ax Men "Tipping Point"	Ax Men CC						
TLC	45	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
DISC	47	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings CC	S Beach	S Beach	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	MythBusters CC	River Monsters	
ANPL	50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	River Monsters		
FAM	51	(10:00) "Ice Age" (2002)	*** "Ratatouille" (2007, Comedy) Voices of Patton Oswalt.		*** "Happy Feet" (2006) Voices of Elijah Wood.								
DISN	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Good Luck	Shake It	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Sonny	Sonny
NICK	54	Awards	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Victorious	Victorious	Big Time	iCarly
AMC	57	(10:30) *** "Deliverance" (1972) Jon Voight.		*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama)		*** "Se7en" (1995)							
SYFY	59	** "Stephen King's The Tommyknockers"		Stephen King's The Stand CC		Stephen King's The Stand CC							
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Newsroom	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Bikini Bodies	Meals!	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Salad Chef	WEN Hair	Paid Prog			

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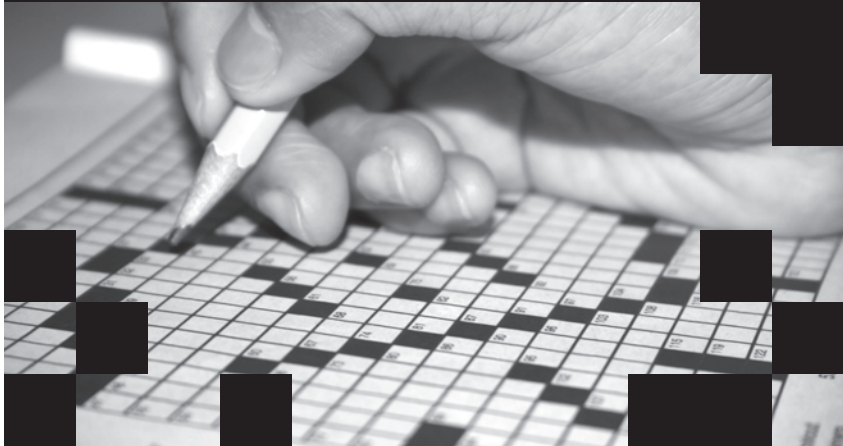
**WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 6, 2011**

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	The Civil War A contrast of Grant and Lee.					Smitten	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley		
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor-Island	Criminal Minds (N)	C.M.: Suspect			News	Letterman	Late		
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Middle	Middle	Family	Sunshine	Off the Map		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol (Same-day Tape)	Breaking	KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb	
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW	14		Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Top Model	Shedding for	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access		
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN	26		SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball	Milwaukee Bucks at Miami Heat.		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Warriors					SportsCenter		
ESPN2	27		MLB Baseball	Minnesota	Twins at New York Yankees.			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter				NBA	NFL Live	
USA	31		NCIS		NCIS "Road Kill"		NCIS "Caged"		NCIS		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		
TNT	32		Bones	Heart failure.	Bones		Bones	Bones	CSI: NY "Buzzkill"		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		
TBS	33		King	King	Browns	Browns	There	There	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)		Conan		
COM	35		Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	South Park		Work.	Colbert	Work.	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE	39		Pawn	Pawn	Justice		Justice: Polly Klaas		Glamour	Glamour	Mother	Mother	Chris	Chris	Glamour
FOOD	40		Iron Chef America	Chopped	All-Stars		Challenge		Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Challenge		Restaurant: Im.
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	Income	Income	House	Hunters	Holmes	Income	Proptry	Income	House	Hunters	Holmes
A&E	43		The First 48		Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	
HIST	44		Modern Marvels		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Weird Warfare (N)		Weird Weapons		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		(:01) Weird Warfare		
TLC	45		Hoard-Buried		Extreme Couponing		Extreme	Extreme	Hoard-Buried		Extreme	Extreme	Hoard-Buried		Extreme Couponing
DISC	47		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		MythBusters		S Beach	S Beach	Gold Rush: Alaska		MythBusters		S Beach
ANPL	50		Search/Anaconda		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters
FAM	51		(4:30) *** "Meet the Parents"	(2000)			** "Along Came Polly" (2004)				The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52		Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Good	Deck	Good	Good	** "Legally Blonde"	(2001)	Deck	Good	Good
NICK	54		iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez
AMC	57		"From Dusk"		** "Rambo: First Blood Part II"	(1985)			** "Deep Blue Sea"	(1999)	Thomas Jane.		Breaking Bad		Break
SYFY	59		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Fact or Faked		Ghost Hunters		Fact or Faked		Stargate SG-1
CNN	62		John King, USA (N)		In the Arena (N)		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)				Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper
CNBC	63		The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Mad Money		American Greed		American Greed
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show (N)		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show

**THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 7, 2011**

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	The Civil War (In Stereo)					NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley		
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist (N)		News	High	Letterman	
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Wipeout			Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol	Bones (N)		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	Couples	Office	Parks	30 Rock	Out	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late
CW	14		Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	The Vampire Diaries		Nikita "Covenant"		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos		WWE Superstars		Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Entou	Curb
ESPN	26		Masters	SportsCtr	2011 Masters Tournament	First Round.					SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter
ESPN2	27		Hockey	Baseball	Tonight	College Hockey: NCAA Tournament					SportsNation		NASCAR	SportsNation	Poker
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene
TNT	32		Bones		NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls.		NBA Basketball	Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz.				Inside the NBA		
TBS	33		King	King	** "Road Trip" (2000, Comedy)		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)		Conan		
COM	35		Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	John Oliver	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39		Pawn	Pawn	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Mother	Mother	Chris	Mother	Will
FOOD	40		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		America's Best		Ice Briga.		Unwrap	Chopped	America's Best	Ice Briga.	Unwrap
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	Selling	Selling	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House
A&E	43		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 (N)		Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48
HIST	44		MonsterQuest		Swamp People										

# BrainGames



## Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

### CONTRACTOR PROBLEMS

- | ENGLISH          | SPANISH        |
|------------------|----------------|
| AVARICIOUS       | AVARIENTO      |
| CARELESS         | DESCUIDADO     |
| INEXPERIENCED    | INEXPERTO      |
| IRRESPONSIBLE    | IRRESPONSABLE  |
| LAZY             | PEREZOSO       |
| LIAR             | MENTIROSO      |
| NEGLECTFUL       | NEGLIGENTE     |
| TARDY            | TARDÍO         |
| TO BE IN A HURRY | TENER PRISA    |
| TO BE LACKING    | FALTAR         |
| TO BE UNAWARE OF | DESCONOCER     |
| UNSKILLED        | NO CUALIFICADO |

F O E R A W A N U E B O T V A  
 O D E S C O N O C E R Z O S D  
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## Crossword Puzzles

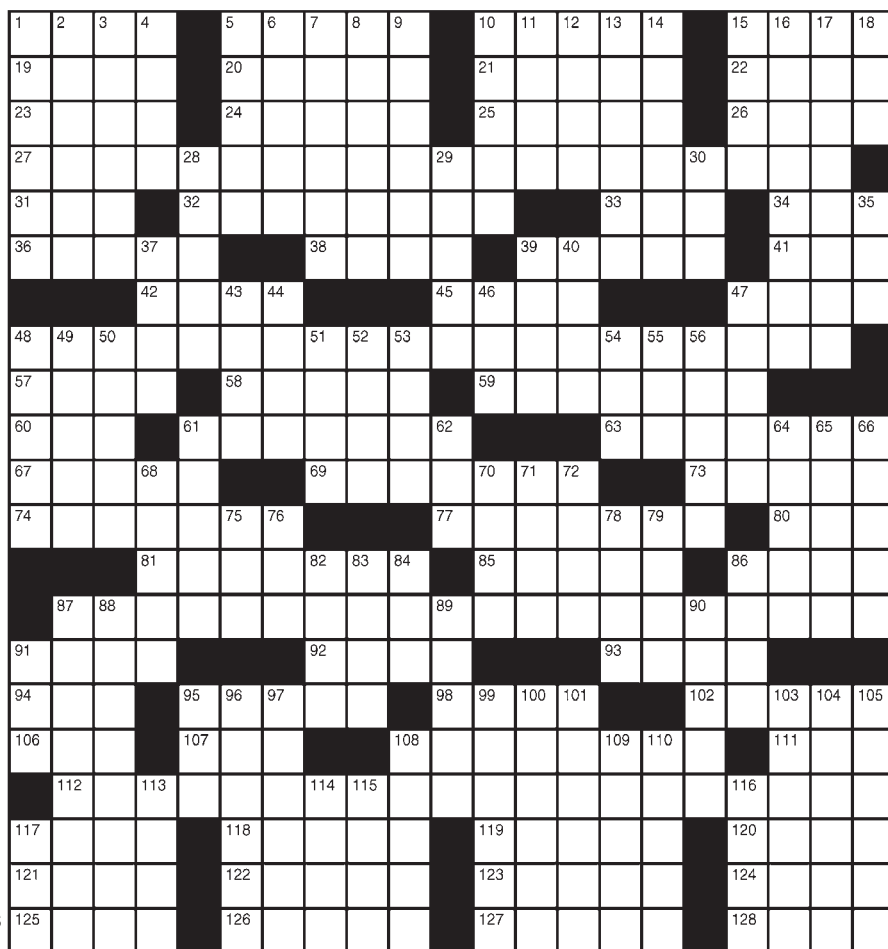
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Florida or Alicia?                           | 2 Old-time Tokyo                    |
| 5 "Poppies Blooming" painter, Claude           | 3 Over there, for Shakespeare       |
| 10 Carrie Underwood was a winner on "American" | 4 Sordid                            |
| 11 Gussy                                       | 5 Person who dies for a cause       |
| 12 Zero  | 6 Keats creation                    |
| 13 Establish a new date, perhaps               | 7 Board room votes                  |
| 14 Dummy                                       | 8 Prior, poetically                 |
| 17 Court document                              | 9 Used to blow things up            |
| 20 Destroy                                     | 15 Self-titled envelope             |
| 21 Real spooky                                 | 16 Mud bath locale                  |
| 22 Frothy                                      | 17 Pass slowly                      |
| 26 Remote                                      | 18 Knee-jerk reaction               |
| 27 International Bollywood star, Aishwarya     | 19 Mr. Gershwin                     |
| 28 Poet Sandburg                               | 23 Lanka preceder                   |
| 30 Roughly made hut                            | 24 Greek T                          |
| 34 Bach wrote a solo concerto for it           | 25 Hit the jackpot cry              |
| 35 Peacock feather eyes                        | 28 Academy                          |
| 37 Compact group of infantrymen                | 29 Bank routing number abbreviation |
| 40 Cowboy rope                                 | 30 Existed                          |
| 41 Noble                                       | 31 Hip bones                        |
| 42 Imagine                                     | 32 Go silent, with up               |
| 43 Outdated anesthetic                         | 33 Frontiersman, Carson             |
| 45 Serious story                               | 35 No spring chicken                |
| 50 "National Treasure" star                    | 36 Herbie, e.g.                     |
| 51 Crier                                       | 38 It's best buried?                |
| 52 Take a load off                             | 39 Buddhist who's attained nirvana  |
| 55 Garlic-smelling gas                         | 44 Leased out                       |
| 56 Actress, Archer                             | 45 Truth or ___                     |
| 57 Divide into three                           | 46 PC processor, abbr.              |
| 60 Loose lady                                  | 47 Dismounted                       |
| 61 Snake-like sea creature                     | 48 They are Blue in Vegas           |
| 62 Prescribed amount                           | 49 "We ___ family"                  |
| 64 Czech composer, Antonin                     | 51 Used to be                       |
| 68 Escape route                                | 52 TV dog                           |
| 69 Eggs  | 53 Coves                            |
| 70 Soap ingredients                            | 54 African antelope                 |
| 71 Type of site                                | 58 Juice up the motor               |
| 72 U.S. painter, Lydia Field                   | 59 International Labor Org.         |
| 76 Not here                                    | 62 Wide river mouths                |
| 80 Pear-shaped tropical fruit                  | 63 Moron or acetylene starter       |
| 81 Bound                                       | 65 Dispute                          |
| 82 Shrek I and II and III                      | 66 Madison for one                  |
| 83 From scratch                                | 67 Rabbinical teachings             |
|  | 72 Self-image                       |
|  | 73 ___ shot, photo                  |
|  | 74 Blemish                          |
|  | 75 Brady Bunch's Plumb              |
|  | 77 Scored a victory                 |
|  | 78 Hoodlum                          |
|  | 79 Hard wood                        |
- DOWN**
- 1 Relatives

### DIET TRENDS

- ACROSS**
- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Island in the Lesser Sundas                  | 106 Cave hanger                   |
| 5 Common edible mushroom                       | 107 "___ the land of the free..." |
| 10 Like Dylan Thomas                           | 108 Muse of epic poetry           |
| 15 Exploits                                    | 111 MDX divided by X              |
| 19 Composer Khachaturian                       | 112 End of the verse              |
| 20 Verdi forte                                 | 117 Even                          |
| 21 Swiftly                                     | 118 Where lovers walk?            |
| 22 New York or London district                 | 119 Printers' measures            |
| 23 Boxer Benvenuti                             | 120 Aid a con man                 |
| 24 Brief look-see                              | 121 "God's Little"                |
| 25 "Slave Ship" author Jones                   | 122 Of the past                   |
| 26 Ready for business                          | 123 Look after                    |
| 27 Start of a modernized verse                 | 124 Donated                       |
| 31 Single entity                               | 125 Girl of a Salinger title      |
| 32 1993 Harvey Keitel movie                    | 126 Reverie                       |
| 33 Aunt from Barcelona                         | 127 Wormy shapes                  |
| 34 Before: pref.                               | 128 Like many cheeses             |
| 36 Brief, heated argument                      |                                   |
| 38 Pond coating                                |                                   |
| 39 Neon and radon                              |                                   |
| 41 Taking it on the ___ (fleeing from the law) |                                   |
| 42 Norwegian saint                             |                                   |
| 45 Highly excited                              |                                   |
| 47 Hilo garlands                               |                                   |
| 48 Part 2 of the verse                         |                                   |
| 57 Surefire shooters                           |                                   |
| 58 Actress Witherspoon                         |                                   |
| 59 Peter Benchley novel                        |                                   |
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| 61 Irregular lumps                             |                                   |
| 63 Hoarded                                     |                                   |
| 67 Hellenic combiner                           |                                   |
| 69 Malaysian wraparounds                       |                                   |
| 73 Worker nest-egg leg.                        |                                   |
| 74 Brazilian woman's title                     |                                   |
| 77 Escape of fluid                             |                                   |
| 80 Holiday drink                               |                                   |
| 81 Cabal member                                |                                   |
| 85 Get up                                      |                                   |
| 86 Not threatened                              |                                   |
| 87 Part 3 of the verse                         |                                   |
| 91 Coarse file                                 |                                   |
| 92 Shade of blue                               |                                   |
| 93 Diva's moment                               |                                   |
| 94 Rock composer Brian                         |                                   |
| 95 Paint additive                              |                                   |
| 98 Uris or Trotsky                             |                                   |
| 102 Ground grain                               |                                   |



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- 2 ESA rocket
- 3 Surgical cutter
- 4 "How're you?" response
- 5 Phoneme
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- 7 Brief summaries
- 8 Sensual
- 9 T-top car
- 10 Ralph \_\_\_ Emerson
- 11 Fencing tool
- 12 Zhivago's love
- 13 Glenn and Turow
- 14 Manush of baseball
- 15 From
- 16 Make a deal with the D.A.
- 17 Lancaster film
- 18 "Dombey and \_\_\_"
- 28 Big name in vodka, briefly
- 29 "Newsboy" painter
- 30 PAU's successor
- 35 Printing measures
- 37 Drags behind
- 39 Ancient European
- 40 Noted screenwriter

- 43 '60s do
- 44 Nourish
- 46 Fetched
- 47 Outcast
- 48 Dangles
- 49 Words of concern
- 50 "The \_\_\_ Samurai"
- 51 \_\_\_ ex machina
- 52 "La \_\_\_ Bonita"
- 53 Doe or buck
- 54 TV spots
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- 56 Embankment
- 61 Middays
- 62 Fa follower
- 64 Singer Shore
- 65 States, in a way
- 66 Actress Debra

- 68 Sound like a bird
- 70 Close
- 71 Characteristic clothes
- 72 Lose traction
- 75 Alphabetical trio
- 76 Not feel well
- 78 Big land mass
- 79 Will of "The Waltons"
- 82 Overdo the mothering
- 83 Bedside pitcher
- 84 Pioneering TV co.
- 86 Headliner
- 87 Overly enthused ones
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- 89 God of Islam
- 90 Detroit player
- 91 CSA type
- 95 Parties

- 96 Phrase differently
- 97 Person with pressing problems
- 99 Slip away
- 100 Dated platters
- 101 Some kin
- 103 Cold pack
- 104 Blouse part
- 105 Dyed
- 108 Type of portable memory
- 109 Egg-shaped
- 110 Mexican money
- 113 Nice notion?
- 114 Mortgage figure
- 115 Old Italian bread
- 116 Long tale
- 117 Menlo Park initials

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### Word Salsa

T F U S I O R U S T I O S E D  
 O C U S I O N M U C S U L A  
 D E S U R U S I O N E U S I D  
 R U S T I C O U P S C R E S U  
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 T I E S U F O T C S L E S U J  
 O P P C H E U P A I O N A M U  
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#### Diagramless

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 R O O T  
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#### Play Ball

L A P D S A L E L A S S O S A U N A  
 E S A U E B A N A F L A T U N S E T  
 E L U L C E N T E R L I N E P A I N E  
 S C A T T E R E D V I R E N N E A  
 G R E E R T O E S G E T I T R I G H T  
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 U S O P E R E N U N E Z D I S B A R  
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 S I T A T S E Y E R S S E L A S T E R

#### CRYPTOGRAM

W Y U C Y W X I Z T C Y A W Z A ' Z  
 Z W U Y : " W U Y X P C B X I P  
 A C C A J R Y T A J C B N W E E  
 R E E U X R N R B . "

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

For a moment, I was lost in thought, It was highly unfamiliar territory!



# AtTheMovies



Baby Doll (Emily Browning) gets ready to kick some unoriginal butt with her fellow crazies Rocket (Jena Malone) and Sweet Pea (Abbie Cornish).

## A 'Sucker Punch' to logic

Despite my open mind, the pretty girls don't deliver

Review by **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Walking into "Sucker Punch," I knew I was either going to love it or hate it.

Based on the previews, I gathered that the movie – the first "original" film by director Zack Snyder of "300" fame – is about an insane asylum full of buxom, scantily clad girls fighting their way to freedom in some sort of dream world. While this is most likely the fantasy of every video game-obsessed teenage boy, would it appeal to me – a relatively mature lady who enjoys a little bit of plot mixed in with her gratuitous sex and violence?

The answer is ... no, but not for the reasons I would have thought.

Thanks to its PG-13 rating, the fight scenes were blood free, the language was relatively clean and the girls weren't as sexualized as I had feared. What brought down "Sucker Punch," however, was its confusing, hole-filled storyline.

Baby Doll (Emily Browning) has recently lost her mother, and now has to protect herself and her sister from their violent stepfather. Things quickly go from bad to worse, and after a horrific accident, Baby Doll is thrown into the insane asylum by her stepfather, who pays the creepy orderly (Oscar Isaac) to put her on the list for a lobotomy so no one will find out the truth about what happened.

With the doctor (played by "Mad Men's" Jon Hamm) coming in five days, Baby Doll must find a way to escape.

After a montage of scenes in the asylum, we are then taken to a dream world (I think), in which the medical facility is transformed into a nightclub/brothel and the patients are dancers/slaves/prostitutes/objects.

Baby Doll – who is now an orphan brought to the nightclub by her stepfather-turned-priest to be sold to the High Roller, who is actually the lobotomy doctor, by the creepy orderly, who is now club owner Blue Jones – meets some unlikely friends: Sweet Pea (Abbie Cornish) and her sister Rocket (Jena Malone), Amber (Jamie Chung) and Blondie (Vanessa Hudgens, who has dark hair ... I'm just saying).

After forced by the madam (Carla Gugino), known as Dr. Vera Gorski back at the asylum, to "use the weapons" she has and dance, Baby Doll is then transported to another place. This time, she is a warrior fighting in a sort of post-apocalyptic world. It is here that we see her butt-kicking skills and meet Wise Man (Scott Glenn), who tells her to gain her freedom she must collect five things: a map, fire, knife, key and a fifth mysterious object that she will recognize when she finds it.

Telling the girls back at the nightclub what they need to escape, they ban together to get these items. To get them, however, Baby Doll has to be dancing, which mesmerizes all the men watching and transports the girls to the post-apocalyptic world, or something.

Set up like a video game, Wise Guy gives the girls their assignments. Not just a messenger, he has some sage lines that are just ridiculously clichéd, such as "Remember girls, if you don't

stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

Even the enemies the gaggle of barely-covered girls has to fight are unoriginal.

First, they have to kill zombie Nazis, then they have to fight off orcs straight from "The Lord of the Rings" and lastly they have to stop a trainload of faceless robots from "iRobot."

The movie constantly shifts between the nightclub and war zone, with a variety of victories and tragedies taking place until, finally, Baby Doll figures out what the fifth item is and what must be done to reach freedom.

We're then taken back to the asylum where everything "comes together" and the story reaches its "unexpected" conclusion.

Unfortunately, as the end credits rolled, I said to myself, "Huh?" Left with more unanswered questions than I knew what to do with, I turned to my friends and asked, "How in the world am I supposed to write a review about that?"

It wasn't that the movie didn't make sense – I understood the concept of the dream world/reality intertwined – it was that nothing added up. The plot had so many holes and loose strings that it was impossible to sit back and enjoy it for what it was – pretty girls kicking butt and taking names.

From the editing and shaky camera work to the corny dialogue and bad acting, "Sucker Punch" didn't come together, resulting in me scratching my head and my friends wondering why I dragged them to such a mess.

The movie cost \$82 million to make, most of which, I assume, went to CGI effects and eyeliner instead of writing a coherent script that was truly original.

There were two bright spots to the movie, however. The first was the music. With re-makes of a few of my favorite songs, including "White Rabbit," "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of These)" and "Where is my Mind" – some of which were sang by Browning – I promptly went home and downloaded most of the soundtrack to my iPod.

The second was the eye makeup. Oh the shimmering and glittery eye shadows, gravity defying fake lashes and smudge-proof eyeliner! I couldn't help but wonder if the movie was sponsored by M.A.C. or some other high-end make-up company, and if so, where could I get the "Sucker Punch" make-up line.

As I thought about the movie, I came to the conclusion that Syder failed the audience and those expecting something along the lines of "Watchmen" or "Dawn of the Dead." Instead of holding back for a PG-13 rating – most likely to appeal to those teenage boys I spoke about earlier – he should have gone for it with full force, giving us the action-packed, no-punches-pulled flick we were all wanting.

Maybe a blood squirt here and there would have made up for the lack of cohesion. Maybe I'm still trying to find something to redeem this train wreck. Maybe you should rent "300" instead.

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### SUCKER PUNCH

**Starring: Emily Browning, Vanessa Hudgens**

**Rated: PG-13**

**Running time: 109 minutes**

**Director: Zack Snyder**

**Film Review**

The great soundtrack and fabulous make-up almost make the \$8 ticket worth it, right?

**Grade C-**




# At The Movies

# Picking the Flicks




Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

**Rango**  
**Rating:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A chameleon that aspires to be a swashbuckling hero finds himself in a Western town plagued by bandits.  
**Starring:** Johnny Depp, Isla Fisher  
**Director:** Gore Verbinski




**Just Go With It**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A plastic surgeon, romancing a much younger schoolteacher, enlists his loyal assistant to pretend to be his soon-to-be ex-wife, in order to cover up a careless lie.  
**Starring:** Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston  
**Director:** Dennis Dugan




**The Lincoln Lawyer**  
**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A lawyer conducts business from the back of his Lincoln town car while representing a high-profile client in Beverly Hills.  
**Starring:** Matthew McConaughey, Ryan Phillippe  
**Director:** Brad Furman




**Hall Pass**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Rick (Owen Wilson) and Fred (Jason Sudeikis) are best friends who have a lot in common, including the fact that they have each been married for many years.  
**Starring:** Owen Wilson  
**Director:** Bobby and Peter Farrelly




**Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules**  
**Rating:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** Greg Heffley, the kid who made "wimpy" cool is back in an all-new family comedy based on the best-selling follow-up novel by Jeff Kinney.  
**Starring:** Zachary Gordon, Devon Bostick  
**Director:** David Bowers




**Battle: Los Angeles**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A Marine platoon faces off against an alien invasion in Los Angeles.  
**Starring:** Aaron Eckhart, Michelle Rodriguez  
**Director:** Jonathan Liebesman




**Sucker Punch**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A young girl, institutionalized by her stepfather, retreats into an alternative reality as a coping strategy, and envisions a plan that will help her escape from the facility.  
**Starring:** Emily Browning, Vanessa Hudgens  
**Director:** Zack Snyder



**Paul**  
**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** Two British comic-book geeks traveling across the United States encounter an alien outside Area 51.  
**Starring:** Simon Pegg, Mick Frost  
**Director:** Greg Mottola




**Limitless**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A copywriter discovers a top-secret drug that bestows him with super human abilities.  
**Starring:** Bradley Cooper, Robert De Niro  
**Director:** Neil Burger



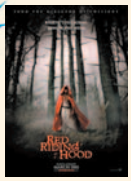
**Gnomeo and Juliet**  
**Rating:** G  
**Plot Overview:** The greatest love story ever told, starring ... garden gnomes. Shakespeare's revered tale gets a comical, off-the-wall makeover.  
**Starring:** James McAvoy, Emily Blunt  
**Director:** Kelly Asbury




**The Adjustment Bureau**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Do we control our destiny, or do unseen forces manipulate us? Matt Damon stars as a man who glimpses the future fate has planned for him and realizes he wants something else.  
**Starring:** Matt Damon, Emily Blunt  
**Director:** George Nolfi




**Red Riding Hood**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Loosely based on the folk tale "Little Red Riding Hood," a medieval village is plagued by a werewolf, which takes human form during the day.  
**Starring:** Amanda Seyfried  
**Director:** Catherine Hardwicke



**Hop**  
**Rating:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** E.B., the Easter Bunny's teenage son, heads to Hollywood, determined to become a drummer in a rock 'n' roll band.  
**Starring:** Russell Brand, James Marsden  
**Director:** Tim Hill  
**OPENING APRIL 1**




**Beastly**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A modern-day take on the "Beauty and the Beast" tale where a New York teen is transformed into a hideous monster in order to find true love.  
**Starring:** Alex Pettyfer, Mary-Kate Olsen  
**Director:** Daniel Barnz



**Source Code**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** An action thriller centered on a soldier who wakes up in the body of an unknown man and discovers he's part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train.  
**Starring:** Jake Gyllenhaal  
**Director:** Duncan Jones  
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**Insidious**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A family looks to prevent evil spirits from trapping their comatose child in a realm called "The Further."  
**Starring:** Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne  
**Director:** James Wan  
**OPENING APRIL 1**



## New this week on DVD Tuesday, April 5

- Tron: Legacy**  
**Rating:** PG  
**Genre:** Science Fiction, Action  
**Starring:** Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund  
**Director:** Joseph Kosinski
- Little Fockers**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Starring:** Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro  
**Director:** Paul Weitz
- The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of Dawn Treader**  
**Rating:** PG  
**Genre:** Adventure, Family  
**Starring:** Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes  
**Director:** Michael Apted
- I Love You, Phillip Morris**  
**Rating:** R  
**Genre:** Comedy, Drama  
**Starring:** Jim Carrey, Ewan McGregor  
**Director:** Glenn Ficarra, John Requa
- Casino Jack**  
**Rating:** R  
**Genre:** Comedy, Drama  
**Starring:** Kevin Spacey, Barry Pepper  
**Director:** George Hickenlooper

## Top Grossing March 25-27

- 1** **Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules** (Week No. 1)  
**\$24,400,000**
- 2** **Sucker Punch** (Week No. 1)  
**\$19,015,000**
- 3** **Limitless** (Week No. 2)  
**\$15,225,000**
- 4** **The Lincoln Lawyer** (Week No. 2)  
**\$11,000,000**
- 5** **Rango** (Week No. 4)  
**\$9,800,000**
- 6** **Battle: Los Angeles** (Week No. 3)  
**\$7,600,000**
- 7** **Paul** (Week No. 2)  
**\$7,506,000**
- 8** **Red Riding Hood** (Week No. 3)  
**\$4,340,000**
- 9** **The Adjustment Bureau** (Week No. 4)  
**\$3,260,000**
- 10** **Mars Needs Moms** (Week No. 3)  
**\$2,186,000**

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### Top 10 singles Tuesday, March 29

- 1 **No Sleep**  
Wiz Khalifa
- 2 **Just Can't Get Enough**  
The Black Eyed Peas
- 3 **E.T.**  
Katy Perry
- 4 **John**  
Lil Wayne featuring Rick Ross
- 5 **S&M**  
Rihanna
- 6 **Best Love Song**  
T-Pain featuring Chris Brown
- 7 **Born This Way**  
Lady Gaga
- 8 **Rolling in the Deep**  
Adele
- 9 **On the Floor**  
Jennifer Lopez featuring Pitbull
- 10 **Look At Me Now**  
Chris Brown

### Top 5 albums

- 1 **Femme Fatale**  
Britney Spears
- 2 **Rolling Papers**  
Wiz Khalifa
- 3 **Songs for Japan**  
Various artists
- 4 **The Kings of Limbs**  
Radiohead
- 5 **21**  
Adele

Source: iTunes

## Featured artist: *Ty Elwin*

# Born with the skills

### Local musician discovered his gift at a young age

By **Samantha Roberts**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ty Elwin said he has always considered himself a singer, but lately he can't get enough of the guitar. Elwin has been singing since he was in elementary school, largely because of his mother's background. "I've always loved to sing," he said. "I started out in the second grade because my mom sang. It wasn't something I had to do, but since she sang, I wanted to do it, too."

Realizing his big talent at such a young age, Elwin's grandmother also influenced his musical career. "My grandmother played the piano, so that was my first instrument," Elwin said. "As I grew up, I wanted more, so I annoyed my mom with the drums for awhile, but she kept pushing me back to singing." Elwin performed in church choirs and school performances, but when he began high school – a boarding school in Milton Hershey, Penn. – Elwin said he was motivated by a

teacher. "I got a lot more involved in competitions because of a particular teacher," he said. "He told me I had a very large voice, so I started to pick up opera with a private tutor. That's when my voice really developed – around my sophomore year." Although Elwin competed in both state and national competitions – winning a majority of them – he was also shining on the baseball diamond. "When it came time for me to go to college, I couldn't decide between taking a music scholarship or going into the minor leagues," he said. "My mom said I better go sing, and since

I always listen to my mom, I went to Penn State on a music scholarship. I still got to play baseball there, but after an injury that never healed right, my fate was sealed with music." It was at Penn State that Elwin also discovered his next instrument – the guitar. "I saw a guy playing the guitar one night, and he had all these girls around him. It sounds superficial, but I thought, 'I could do that,'" he said. "I have always been a person that likes to use my hands. I don't think just singing would have ever been enough for me." Today, Elwin has been compared

“The guitar is the perfect marriage of both the piano and drums.”  
TY ELWIN, musician

### Details

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to Dave Matthews or John Mayer, but it is also clear he has a wide range of skill. "I like the guitar because I can manipulate it," he said. "The guitar is the perfect marriage of both the piano and drums. People compare me to Dave Matthews, and I think that is because he plays with a lot of percussion. As a solo artist, I think my background gave me a different kind of style, and I can use the guitar to create the sounds of the bass, piano and drums." For more information or upcoming shows, contact Elwin at telwin73@gmail.com or through his facebook page.

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## Is this the end?

**Natisha Hales**  
*Adventures  
in Dieting*



There is just one last meeting of the Bulletin Weight Loss Challengers. There won't be much time to really talk, since we'll be taking our after photos and final measurements.

I was kind of disappointed, although I've lost weight consistently over the past two weeks, because I just found the kick in the butt that I needed to really start implementing the changes to my lifestyle. But Bill brought up a good point.

Though the challenge ends next week, the habits should not revert to the way we were before we started. We are in charge of whether we decide to keep on truckin' or regain the 30 pounds many have lost.

The fact is the excuses we used to justify derailing ourselves from our exercise routines and diets – stress, depression, scheduling changes, kids, whatever – are always going to get in our way throughout our lives. We adapt to these obstacles with other things, so why do our diet and our goal to maintain a healthy lifestyle always have to be the first to go out the window? It doesn't have to be, and Bill strongly urged us to stay on the path.

We've come so far – whether we can see the results on paper or not. We may not drink lemon water every day like we used to, but I prefer water over everything else. And everything else is just too sweet.

More important than selecting healthier food choices is the fact that our mindsets have changed. Those of us who are still in the challenge – I think there's about 14 or 15 of us left – have made significant changes to everything.

I honestly didn't think that this group would be as powerful as it has become. Between all of us, nearly 150 pounds have been shed, and Bill said he could feel the energy in the room.

He warned us, however, not to reward ourselves with food after the challenge.

"It will be overrated," he said.

Instead, buy some new clothes or something that will make you feel better.

Theresa Basaldua is rewarding herself with highlights in her hair instead of a greasy meal. She has been on a low-carb diet, and she said she's looking forward to eating whole wheat pasta next week. That's a huge change from the girl that craved Long John Silver and refused to try any leafy green vegetable. (By the way, she enjoyed her first salad at the March of Dimes Celebrity Waiter event. She needed a little help with which dressing to choose, and although she only ate half of it, the point is that she ate it. It may seem little, but that's a huge step for her.)

Some of us may have big changes in our before or after photos – you're going to flip when you see David Edwards – and some of us may not. But we all have changed our minds, and that's the part that matters.

Email me at [natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com).

# The LC goes gluten-free

## Local establishments offer alternatives

By **Natisha Hales**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Though it's a movement that has only recently gained momentum, Las Cruces is steadily jumping on the gluten-free wagon with local grocery stores and restaurants offering the alternative foods.

While some are confused about what exactly gluten is and what it means to eat gluten-free foods, there are others who know all too well what it is.

Simply put, gluten is a protein that is found in wheat and other mainstays in the grain family, including barley and rye. Gluten gives breads the bendy, chewy texture and also gives pizza dough and bagels their dense composition. The protein also is responsible for making bread rise and becoming stale.

As consumers have become more conscious of the foods they put in their bodies, the subject of gluten, allergies and unhealthy weight gain has come up.

Those with gluten intolerance have a sensitivity that causes the protein to irritate their digestive tracts, causing abdominal pain, gas, bloating and diarrhea. Or the intolerance can be as severe as celiac disease, a condition where gluten triggers the body's immune system and leaves it unable to absorb nutrients from food. The disease can lead to several other medical problems related to

malnutrition.

Whether it's a mild sensitivity or a potentially debilitating disease, the awareness of gluten has caused more food manufacturers to introduce gluten-free items into grocery stores. According to Nielsen reports, the gluten-free sector of grocery stores grew 20 percent from 2007 to 2008, and grows each year.

Red Brick Pizza has introduced gluten-free gourmet pizza to customers in Las Cruces and has received a tremendous response, said pizza ambassador Bartholomew Jones. The process of preparing and baking the pizza has been reviewed and accepted by the Celiac Disease Foundation and National Foundation for Celiac Awareness.

"We prepare it completely separate from anything else to minimize any contamination," Jones said. "There are groups of people who come in just for the (gluten-free pizza) and we get new people every day."

Jones said the pizzeria also has introduced gluten-free beer. While Red Brick Pizza customers will be conscious of their health, they will also be contributing to a worthy cause.

A portion of gluten-free purchases at Red Brick Pizza support the Celiac Disease Foundation's Team Gluten-Free program, which sponsors scholarships for celiac children to attend gluten-free summer camps and improve their quality of life.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Niki Rhynes

**Billy King holds a gluten-free spinach pizza before putting it in the oven at Red Brick Pizza, Wednesday, March 30. The pizzas can be made with anything except chicken or Thai sauce. The gluten-free pizzas are cooked in a separate part of the brick oven to ensure it won't be contaminated with anything containing wheat.**

## Cardiac unit celebrates a year of heart care



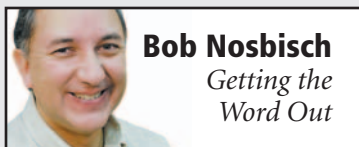
Staff members Jay Sundheimer, Janet Dubois, Brenda Pratt, Amanda Sanchez, Ann Buckley and Todd Stuve celebrated their one-year anniversary of the cardiac care unit, Monday, March 28, in the Solarium Room at Memorial Medical Center. Associates were recognized for the work they do in the 20-bed unit dedicated to the heart.

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photo by Niki Rhynes



# Celebrate National Public Health Week

## NMSU college takes its mission very seriously



**Bob Nosbisch**  
*Getting the Word Out*

Today is April Fool's Day, but public health is certainly no joke. From the quality of the foods we eat and our efforts to live in clean environments to the prevention of diseases, public health education and professionals are everywhere.

April 4-10 is National Public Health Week (NPHW), and the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University is involved in a very big way. Here are three highlights:

Even though NPHW does not begin until Monday, many student

organizations in the college are participating in this evening's Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society fundraiser that will be held at the NMSU Horseshoe. Several of the student participants are working on their Master of Public Health degrees at NMSU. The relay begins at 6 p.m. with teams continuously walking until 8 a.m. the next morning in remembrance of those who have died of cancer and those who are still fighting various forms of the disease.

On Monday, April 4, Dori Keller, director of development/media with the Safe Haven Project will visit NMSU to discuss the project, a global nonprofit organization that is dedicated to empowering, affirming and advocating

for HIV-positive youth. Keller will discuss how to create and support HIV/AIDS education and outreach programs, provide support services for youth living with HIV/AIDS and use the Safe Haven model to address issues in local communities. CHES credits will be offered for free.

Keller worked for more than 25 years in the entertainment industry as a feature film and TV development executive, associate casting director and producer. His presentation Monday evening will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services Annex Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

Then on Wednesday, April 6, the new secretary of the New

Mexico Department of Health, Dr. Catherine Torres, will discuss "Reducing Health Disparities in New Mexico." Her lecture is part of the Jeffrey E. and Mary T. Brandon Distinguished Lecture Series. This event, which begins at 7 p.m. in the College of Health and Social Services Annex Auditorium, is free and open to the public.

"We are delighted to host Dr. Catherine Torres, new cabinet secretary for the New Mexico Department of Health," said Tilahun Adera, dean of the College of Health and Social Services. "The topic of reducing health disparities is incredibly important to the people of southern New Mexico and an emphasis of our college."

Torres has served on the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, worked at Rio Grande Medical Group in Las Cruces,

served as a medical director for First Step Pediatrics and has been a commissioner for New Mexico for the Sonora Health Commission. She also has served as chairperson of the New Mexico Border Health Council Advisory Committee and as chairperson of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

These are only some of the events in which the College of Health and Social Services will participate in during NPHW. The Department of Health Science's motto is "We are public health," and these examples show that public health not only is everywhere; interest in the field is growing, too.

*Bob Nosbisch is a senior program specialist in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services. The views expressed here are his own and may not reflect the views of the Regents or administration of NMSU.*

## Gluten

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While many in Las Cruces are just opting for gluten-free foods, some don't have a choice. La Iguana owners Michael and Mary LeBlanc decided to offer a number of gluten-free items on their menu because their son Eric cannot tolerate the protein, and they said they remember how difficult it was to find alternatives for him when they went out to eat.

The LeBlancs have seen an interest in the gluten-free items, and they run out of their gluten-free rolls quite often.

Despite the need for people such as Eric LeBlanc to have a gluten-free diet, many are choosing to remove gluten from their eating habits with a hope to lose weight. The debate continues on that subject.

Melissa Smith, author of "Going Against the Grain," said she sees clients who are gluten-sensitive but do not have celiac disease, and finds that doctors have usually dismissed non-celiac disease sensitivities.

"Several years ago, people used to talk to me and tell me they knew gluten bothered them, but they were afraid to eat gluten free because they didn't test positive for celiac disease, and their doctors told them to keep gluten in their diet," she wrote in the article "The Growing Gluten-Free Movement." "There has been a real shift in the past few years, though. People's desire for good health is winning out, and it's gradually forcing doctors and researchers to notice, too."

However, other experts in the field, such as Michelle Fiscus, who penned "To Eat or Not to Eat Gluten," said it's not always the best choice when you're looking to lose weight.

"Folks often think if they drop gluten from their diet they will lose weight," she wrote. "But if you replace the grains with products that use alternative flours and ingredients, you are going to end up eating almost the same amount of calories."

## Health Briefs

### Yoga at UU Methodist offered

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. To sign up, come 15 minutes before class.

Cost is \$3 per session with a \$24 monthly punch card or \$4 for walk-ins.

Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat and any props they will need. For more information, call Soloman at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.



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Redbridge, a gluten-free beer, is offered as a wheat and barley alternative at Red Brick Pizza.

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## ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences.

For more information, visit [www.adultchildren.org](http://www.adultchildren.org).

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at St. James Episcopal Church on the corner of St. James and South Main streets. For more information, call 647-5684.

## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

## T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement first-time classes from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and classes for beginners from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays in the fourth-floor Women's Resource Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. In addition, T'ai Chi Chih advanced classes are taught Tuesdays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$2, or free for Senior Circle and Healthy Woman members.

A class for all levels is held from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

For more information, call 526-3016.

## YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardin de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email Karen at [karen\\_f\\_n@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_f_n@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 882-4943.

## CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with caring volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email [bridge@nmsu.edu](mailto:bridge@nmsu.edu).

## T'AI CHI CHIH, YOGA CLASSES

Clear Mind Zen Temple, 642 S. Alameda Blvd., will offer T'ai Chi Chih classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays with certified instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado.

An introduction to Zen meditation is from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the temple.

A small donation is asked for each class.

For more information, call Harvey Hilbert at 680-6680.

## CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

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

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

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Spinning:** 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Zumba:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

For more information, call 541-2563.

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 class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:

- **Zumba:** 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 541-5181.

All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

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information, call Soloman at 522-5350 or email [wildyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:wildyoga@yahoo.com).

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

## GLBTQ CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St., is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center offers gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the community counseling, support groups and networking activities. For more information, call the center at 635-4902, email [info@newmexicolgbtcenters.org](mailto:info@newmexicolgbtcenters.org) or use the group-specific contact information listed below.

- Pride on Main Al-Anon is a 12-step support group and fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics that meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The group is open to all with a focus on the GLBTQ community.
- A GLBTQ youth support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For more information, email Eloy at [eacastro@nmsu.edu](mailto:eacastro@nmsu.edu).
- A support group for parents, guardians, other family and friends caring for or raising a GLBTQ youth meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays. The group is a 12-step program for anyone dealing with sexual compulsion.
- A LBTQ women's group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. The group provides an opportunity for LBTQ women to get know and support each other. For more information, email Dawn at [dmbates@nmsu.edu](mailto:dmbates@nmsu.edu).
- A men's group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group is an opportunity for men in the community to get together and support each other. It is an inter-generational group with discussions and activities designed by the group members. For more information, call Nato at 635-4902.
- Bisexuals' support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth

Thursdays of each month. For more information, email Dawn at [dmbates@nmsu.edu](mailto:dmbates@nmsu.edu).

- Southern New Mexico Trans Support Group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month. The group is a confidential, welcoming group open to all ages. Gender-questioning individuals are also welcome. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Nato at 635-4902.

## FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Co-facilitators with many years of experience in senior care issues will be on hand.

## ZUMBA EXERCISE

Zumba exercise classes are available at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 for one hour. For more information, call 680-6515.

## HIV SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for both those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self advocacy and wellness. For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

## PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel

Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

## TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education Room. The group helps to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. For more information, call 496-2627.

## CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America ([www.ccf.org](http://www.ccf.org)).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

## LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The nighttime meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each

month. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Renee at 635-6683 or [reneeeltran1@comcast.net](mailto:reneeeltran1@comcast.net) for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

## DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will host a Diabetes Educational Support Group meeting from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd, in the Mesquite Room on the main floor. This location will be for the April meeting only. The meeting will provide open discussion, a short teaching and a question-and-answer period.

The event is free and no pre-registration is required. The meeting is intended for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289, [snmdo@snmdo.org](mailto:snmdo@snmdo.org) or visit [www.snmdo.org](http://www.snmdo.org).

## APRIL CICLOVÍA

Las Cruces looking for a fun way to get healthy and active can participate in monthly Ciclovía health events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Young Park, 1955 E. Nevada Ave. The April Ciclovía is being held one week early due to the Easter holiday. Ciclovía is free and offers bike riding, horseshoes, walking, jogging, dancing, aerobics, jumping balloon and more. These fun physical activity events will be held each month through October at Young Park.

Ciclovía is sponsored by the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition and the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach, a nonprofit organization is fiscal sponsor.

For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289, or for information in Spanish, call Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

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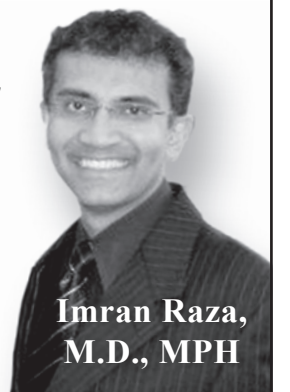
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# Enjoying spring at the March Ciclovía

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Isabella Wofford, 7, participates in T'ai Chi Chih.



Physical education teacher Tommy Esparza and Dariann Zapata, 6, jump rope together during the event designed to promote fitness.

Zeyd Fahzy, 4, tries his best at the beanbag toss at the monthly Ciclovía Sunday, March 27, at Young Park.



Thomas Bestelmeyer, 5, shoots a hoop during the spring day.



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# Supporting team Zane at the *Celebrity waiter event*

Photos by Niki Rhynes

Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation Executive Director Terra Van Winter, CEO of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Bill Allen and City Councillor Dolores Connor volunteered as waiters, Thursday, March 24, at the Team Zane Celebrity Banquet.



Las Cruces Association of Realtors CEO Isaac Chavez stands with family members Belinda Ibarra, Maxine Duran, Helen Torres and Henry Torres at the Team Zane Celebrity Waiter dinner held to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Jo-an Smith bids on a gourmet basket at the event held at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Zane Silva grabs the mic from dad Jeffrey while mom Diane laughs. The Silva family created Team Zane to help raise money and awareness for the March of Dimes after Zane was born prematurely.



Lee Ruiz provided musical entertainment for the 2011 Team Zane Celebrity Banquet.



Celebrity server and CEO of Memorial Medical Center Paul Herzog takes a break from serving to talk to Javin Taylor.

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# Worship Services

# Church News

### DAVIS CANCELLED

The presentation by humor and inspirational speaker Ken Davis held by the Mesilla Valley Performing Arts Parents Association for 6 p.m. Friday, April 1, has been cancelled. For more information, call 520-8942.

### INELOQUENT CONCERT

Sonoma Springs Church, 3490 Sonoma Springs Ave, will host contemporary Continued on following page

### Presbyterian

#### Sonoma Springs Presbyterian Church

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## Church News

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Christian band The Ineloquent at 7 p.m. Friday, April 1. There is no charge, but an offering will be collected for the band. Seating is limited. For more information, call 526-4907.

### ANIMAL BLESSING

A Blessing of the Animals celebration will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Young Park. Free food, live music, games and blessings by Rev. Joe Whitley of New Heights Faith Community will be offered. All animals are welcomed. For more information, email [pastorjoe@newheightsfaith.org](mailto:pastorjoe@newheightsfaith.org) or visit [www.newheightsfaith.org](http://www.newheightsfaith.org).

### FOOD DRIVE

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will conduct a food drive to benefit Casa de Peregrinos from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Lowe's Super Market, 1410 Missouri Ave., in the Solano Square.

### ORTHODOX BISHOP VISITS ST. ANTHONY

Western eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States Bishop Daniel will make his annual Episcopal visit to St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda St., at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 2, and 9 a.m. Sunday, April 3. For more information, call Father Gabriel Rochelle at 524-2296.

### ANGEL GABRIEL CONCERT

As part of his Eagle Project, Christopher Villa of Boy Scout Troop 68 will host the Angel Gabriel Ministry Benefit Concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. Performers will include Roman Chip, Clarinets Del Sol, Desert Five Brass Quintet and the Gadsden High School teacher band, Staff Infection. Tickets are \$5.

### FAMILY BOOK CLUB

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold the Las Cruces Family Book Club at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3. The book club will teach kids tolerance and acceptance through literature. For more information, visit [www.lascrucesfamilybookclub.yolasite.com](http://www.lascrucesfamilybookclub.yolasite.com) or email [lcfamilybookclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lcfamilybookclub@yahoo.com).

### SEARCH RETREAT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina St., will sponsor a SEARCH retreat for youth in grades 10 to 12 Thursday through Saturday, April 7-9. Registration forms can be picked up at the parish from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration deadline is Monday, April 4. For more information, call 524-8563.

### SILENT AUCTION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its third annual Black and Silver Silent Auction from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Las Cruces Catholic School, 1331 N. Miranda St., in Rafaela Lucero Hall. Admission to this event for those 21 and older is free and proceeds will benefit the needy in the community.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will hold the Stations of the Cross during Lent at 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays. For more information, call 526-6333.

### EASTER ALIVE

First Baptist Church of Las Cruces, which holds "The Living Christmas Tree" every December, presents its fifth annual "Easter Alive" production at 3 p.m. Friday, April 22, and 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the church, 106 S. Miranda St. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or in advance during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 524-3691.

# Partnering for Palomas

## Retired couple finds talent, courage in struggling town

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After retiring in 2005, Peter and Polly Edmunds moved from the Midwest to Deming, not to enjoy the pleasant southern New Mexico weather, but to help those less fortunate across the border.

The founders of Border Partners, a nonprofit organization that assists the people of Palomas, Mexico, spoke to a group of Las Cruces during a forum held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces Sunday, March 27.

"Where here to tell you about the good things that happen in Palomas," Polly Edmunds said.

The Edmundses, said since establishing Border Partners in 2008, they have had the opportunity to help the citizens in Palomas start new businesses, use low-cost reusable energy and promote the overall health of the community.

"We're finding people in Palomas have a lot of talent, energy, time, good ideas and courage," Polly Edmunds said. "We're bringing together the talent and resources in Palomas with the resources in the United States. If people on both sides of the border reach out to each other, we'll be enriched."

Visiting anywhere from two to five times a week and employing two staff members, the Edmundses have been able to do a lot in a short period.

Border Partners helps the local women's craft co-op, which consists of seven Palomas residents working out of the center to create bags that are sold in the United States, including Las Cruces and Santa Fe.

"They work together and learn



**Peter and Polly Edmunds established Border Partners in 2008 to assist the people of Palomas, Mexico.**

business skills," said Polly Edmunds, adding that the women divide the orders so each woman makes an equal income. "Most women (in Palomas) are the main supporter of their families."

The couple also had the idea to hold a women's study group to teach various fields of interest to the residents. When he heard, the mayor of Palomas donated a building to the nonprofit to be transformed into a collaborative adult education center. Polly Edmunds said they hope to open it by the end of April.

Border Partners also conducts various sustainability projects. One that has turned into a small business endeavor for two Palomas residents is creating papercrete bricks from newspaper, cement and water. Used in their own home, Peter Edmunds said the blocks are not only easy to work with, but offer a high R-value, making them more energy efficient than cement blocks.

The couple also held a workshop to teach local ninth-graders how to create solar cookers.

The cookers spurred on another program. Realizing that many schoolchildren were going hungry, a

group of Palomas residents started a to make burritos on a daily basis with the help of Border Partners.

Providing all of the food necessary, which is mostly donated from stores in the U.S., the couple said e hundreds of burritos are distributed to schools in the area.

"When we started (Border Partners), it wasn't our goal to be in the food service business, but you can't turn down hungry kids," Peter Edmunds said.

Another project Border Partners is undertaking at the request of Palomas citizens is upgrading the parks. Lacking play equipment and covered in weeds, Peter Edmunds said they are working with a volunteer group of 12 girls from the high school to transform each of the four parks into a desirable destination. Work on the first park began Wednesday, March 30.

"I think it's going to be an award-winning park," Peter Edmunds said.

The couple said they are constantly in need of monetary donations and volunteers on both sides of the border. For more information, visit [borderpartners.org](http://borderpartners.org).

## Guatemalan Mercado & Fundraiser

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For more information please contact  
Terra V. Winter at 575-525-5720.

The Staff, Volunteers and Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation are proud to announce the 7th Annual Memorial Celebration. The purpose of the celebration is to remember those patients whom we have had the privilege and honor of serving over the past years.

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- Come celebrate with us on the morning of April 2, 2011
- Make a contribution and name up to four persons you want to commemorate

The celebration will begin at Mesilla Valley Hospice at the Foster Street entrance at 8 a.m. From 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. there will be music and entertainment for all the attendees. From 9:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. a special memorial service will be held.

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## Dogs strut their stuff at the Fifth annual Mutt Show

Photos by Derek Brandt



Linda and Wayne Zatkalik enter their four golden retrievers Ella, Emma, Anna and Izzy into the fifth annual Mutt Show Saturday, March 26, at Young Park. Izzy won third place in the best smile competition.



Belen Caire, 12, and her mutt Poochie, 3, took home the look alike contest ribbon for their second year in a row.



Estefan Montanez, 9, and his 240-pound English mastiff Kosmo Kramer won the biggest paw contest.



This little devil is Jada, a 3-year-old bull dog who won third place in the best costume category.

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## Classic *Curve,* timeless *style*

Quail Brush Court home features subtle detail and plenty of light



See featured home on pages E2-3



# Featured home: 3915 Quail Brush Court

Photos by Niki Rhynes

The Mediterranean-inspired home at 3915 Quail Brush Court was built in 2008.



Curved walls add dimension to the detailed home. In the master bedroom, this rounded seating area features a view of the Organ Mountains.



The living room features a stone fireplace and various areas to display art and other collectibles.



Arches, niches and barrel ceilings can be found throughout the home.



The backyard features low-maintenance xeriscaping.

# Beauty in the details

Style elements give off a subtle elegance to family residence

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

While the Dripping Springs area features an array of stylish, one-of-a-kind homes, fate brought Phil and Libby Hooper to 3915 Quail Brush Court.

After years of visiting Libby Hooper's brother in the area, the couple decided to move to Las Cruces. Each venturing out on their own to house hunt, they came back and both described a breathtaking, Mediterranean-inspired home located on a quiet cul-de-sac near the Organ Mountains.

"We realized that we were talking about the same home," Libby Hooper said.

Deciding not to be impulsive, the couple hired Realtor Nora Stone of RE/MAX Classic Realty to show them other properties around town.

After viewing a wide variety of what the City of the Crosses had to offer, Stone took the Hoopers to the 3,176-square-foot home on Quail Brush Court built by High Desert Homes in 2008.

"It was situated on the property so it captured the mountains and the light," Phil Hopper said. "The foresight of the architect and builder is amazing. You go out onto the patio in the afternoon and it's cool."

"There is so much detail, but it's not gaudy," Libby Hooper said of the property they purchased in November 2008. "It's subtle."

Stone accents line the doorways and windows of the home's exterior. A front courtyard leads to the large wooden door, behind which

are ceilings ranging from 9 to 14 feet, numerous windows, decorative-tiled elements, architectural details and a variety of curved spaces.

"Personally, as an artist, I look for spaces that can generate creativity," Libby Hooper said. "I wake up here, and I'm flooded with ideas. I think it's because of the space, colors, sky, mountain – all of that."

"You really feel inspired here," Phil Hooper said.

The foyer of the four-bedroom home features a 21-foot-high rotunda with a chandelier. The ceiling includes vigas laid out like wheel spokes. A circular mosaic graces the floor, which is covered in Italian ceramic tile.

Arches to either side of the foyer separate the home into two wings.

"I love the arches. It's a theme carried throughout the home," said Phil Hooper, adding that nichos can also be found around the residence and houses their art collection.

To the left is the dining room. While open to the rest of the home, mosaic-tile runners break up the space, giving the area a feeling of privacy.

"What's great is the home is open and grand, but also intimate and cozy," Libby Hooper said.

Near the dining room, which includes a fireplace set into the middle of a wall, is the open kitchen and living room.

"Both Libby and I enjoy cooking and entertaining, especially with this kitchen," said Phil Hooper, adding that the open area features a large amount of work and storage spaces. "Guests can sit at the bar, and you're not stuck in

the corner when you're cooking. It's a very welcoming area."

"Everyone can be right there, but no one is in your way," Libby Hooper said.

As custom cabinets line the walls, a cream backsplash with gold accents complements the sandy granite.

"What I love about the granite is that they broke off the edge," Libby Hooper said. "It gives it the feeling of rock."

The living room features a stone fireplace with a broken-tile bench as well as access to a three-fourths bathroom. With a shower lined with tile in a checker board pattern – which also can be found throughout the home – as well as a door to the backyard, Phil Hooper said the bathroom is perfect for those who want to add a pool to the property.

Down a hall that features a barrel ceiling are two bedrooms, which share a Jack and Jill bathroom. Outside of the rooms is a small sitting area accented with a wooden ceiling and double doors to the front courtyard framed in tiled nichos.

On the other side of the home is a circular room used by the couple as an office and art area. Elongated windows fill the inspirational area with light and complement the high tray ceiling.

Also in this wing, beside a half bathroom, is the master suite. The large room, which includes a fireplace, features various shapes and angles, including a replicated round area that looks out to the backyard and Organ Mountains.

The bathroom features a jetted bathtub encrusted in marble and ceramic tile placed in the center of two openings. One opening leads behind the bathtub to the tiled snail shower, which includes a bench and two showerheads. The other opening is to a kitchenette area.

Beside the two walk-in closets are the double sinks, enclosed in a grey granite with

“ There is so much detail, but it's not gaudy. It's subtle. ”

LIBBY HOOPER,  
homeowner



Marble and ceramic tile surround the deep jetted bathtub, beside which is access to the snail shower.

blue specks.

When it came to the backyard of the 1.01-acre property, which the couple landscaped themselves, Libby Hooper said she wanted something that was inspirational, but required no maintenance.

"We wanted something artistic, so we created this Southwest and Japanese garden," she said of the xeriscaped yard. "It's peaceful and restful. We wanted something soul-soothing."

"Also we didn't want an abrupt change

from the backyard to the mountain area. We wanted it all to blend."

In addition to planting a variety of native vegetation, the couple also extended the large covered patio, which includes an outdoor kitchen and fountain. This is just another fine detail of the property.

"(The home) has that combination of grandness with a close family feel," Libby Hopper said. "It has a classic design with clean lines."

## Details

**Featured home**  
3915 Quail Brush Court

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# New tricks for old shower curtains

## Plastic sheet has many uses outside of the bathroom

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Artistic yet functional, a shower curtain can completely change the appearance of a bathroom and contribute to the comfort of your showering experience.

Created from plastic or vinyl, a shower curtain serves two purposes: provide privacy and prevent water from spraying into the bathroom. Some people choose to use two shower curtains – a water-resistant one that is inside the bathtub and a decorative cloth curtain that rests outside the tub.

There are several types of showers, however, that don't require a curtain. If you happen to remodel your bathroom to include a snail shower or one with a door, don't throw out that old shower curtain – reuse it in several different ways around the house.

**1. Protect your floors:** Whether an arts-and-crafts project or a home-improvement task, that old shower curtain can be used to protect your floor from falling messes, annoying drips and unsightly spills. Before starting your job, lay the curtain over your work area. The drop cloth will catch everything from drops of paint to specs of sawdust.

**2. Make your own Slip 'n' Slide:** Water slides aren't just for amusement parks when you have an old shower curtain lying around. Beat the heat this summer by securing the ends of the shower curtain with pegs on a slight slope or hill. Run the hose over the plastic sheet until it is soaking wet. Make sure the entire surface is covered before sliding. That shower curtain can also be used as a sled in the winter. Just make sure there is plenty of snow on the ground before riding it down a hill.

**3. Keep outdoor furniture protected:** If you don't want your wicker furniture or newly purchased patio set to become damaged from rain or snow, shield it with an old shower curtain. The perfect size, simply wrap the items in the plastic and tuck the ends under the legs or base so it doesn't blow away. The curtain can also be secured with string and elastic ties. The water-resistant material will leave your furniture dry after a storm. This trick can also be used on your grill, smoker, lawn mower or other backyard gadgets.

**4. Cut out a pattern:** For those seamstresses

who don't like using paper pattern pieces and want something with a little more weight, look no further than your bathroom. An old, clean shower curtain can be transformed into a sewing pattern. Lay the curtain on a flat surface and place the pattern pieces on top, making sure to pin them in place. Use a large marker to trace around the shapes and cut them out. You will also be able to use these pattern pieces again and again without them becoming worn or creased.

**5. Stop flies in their tracks:** With spring in the air, many homes in Las Cruces will be opened up, welcoming a cooling breeze into the interior. Along with this breeze, however, can be pesky flies. Keep the annoying insects out with the help of a shower curtain. Cut the curtain into strips and hang them above an open door using an adjustable rod. The waving strips will deter the flies from entering your home.

**6. Take a seat:** The next time you go to an outdoor event, such as a concert or day at the park, lay a curtain on the ground for sitting. The bathroom accessory will keep moisture out more efficiently than a blanket, which absorbs wetness. Plus, the curtain will fold up nicely, allowing it to be easily stored in the truck of your car.

**7. Keep your back clean:** The floor of your garage is probably not a very clean place. With spills from paint and chemicals, lost nails and screws and collected dirt covering the area, it might not be the most ideal place to lie when fixing your car. To protect your back from becoming dirty with the debris, lay down a shower curtain before crawling under your automobile. Your shirt will thank you later.

**8. Shield a wooden planter:** While complementary to your yard, if not properly insulated, a wooden planter can be a mess and soak up the water you pour in. Stop this from happening by lining the pot with an old shower curtain. Cut the curtain to fit the container and snip a hole in the

bottom for drainage. This will help the water seep into the soil instead of the wood.

**9. Line your mattress:** An easy way to keep your mattress safe from accidents is to line it with a shower curtain. Using a new or thoroughly cleaned, old curtain, place it on top of the mattress under the sheets. If a spill or accident happens, the sheets will need to be washed, but the mattress will stay protected.

**10. Gather leaves and yard debris:** As the seasons change, now is the time to prune and care for your yard and plants. Get some help lugging cut limbs and fallen leaves around with a shower curtain. Lay the plastic near your work area and pile the yard waste on top of it. When you're done, just fold in the ends and haul to the trash can. You'll be able to throw away a lot of debris without having to make several trips.

**11. Line cabinet shelves:** Lining the shelves of your kitchen cabinets is a good way to prevent wear and tear, but you don't have to use special paper to get the job done. Transform your old, yet clean, shower curtain into shelf liners instead. Cut the plastic to fit the shelf and place inside. You can use a dab of rubber cement to hold it in place, if desired. Thanks to its water-resistant surface, the curtain can be easily washed with a damp sponge without becoming damaged or warped.

**12. Make an impromptu tablecloth:** The spring and summer offer the perfect picnic weather to Las Cruces. If you and your family and friends decided to have a feast outdoors, create an easy tablecloth from an old shower curtain. Just lay the sheet of plastic over the table and benches, if desired, to shield your arms and clothing from any sticky residue or other messes.

*Around-the-home item:  
Shower curtain*

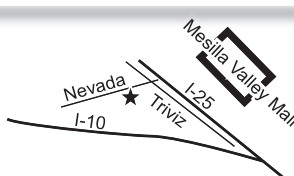
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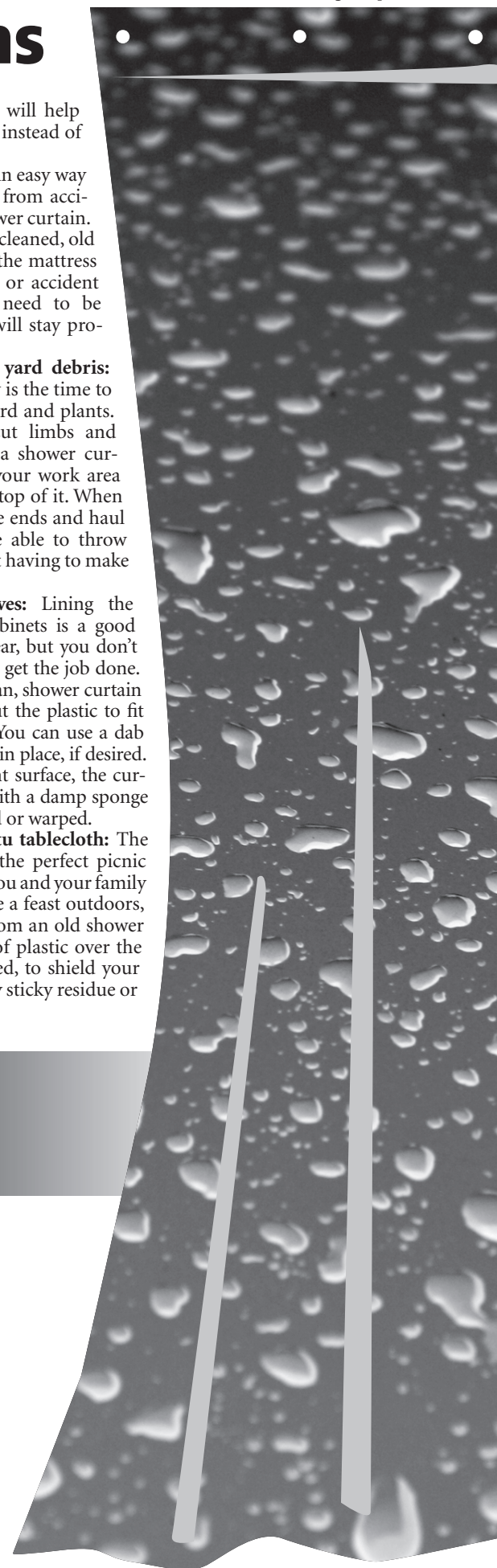


### Helpful hint

#### How to wash a shower curtain

While it may seem hard to believe, a dirty shower curtain can be cleaned in a washing machine. Set the cycle on gentle and include a few towels with the curtains. The towels will prevent the plastic from crinkling.

You can then add a 1/2 cup of baking soda to your regular amount of laundry detergent, or 1/2 cup of chlorine bleach and 1/4 cup of detergent. During the rinse cycle, add a 1/2 cup of vinegar. Be sure to let the curtain air dry – do not put it in the dryer.



# Featured Realtor: Jeremiah Lay

## Realtor focuses on personal connection

### Former Aggie football player plants 'roots' in Las Cruces

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Raised in a small New Mexico town, Realtor Jeremiah Lay said he learned early on the importance of hard work and the value of making a personal connection with clients and members of the community.

"Growing up in a small town, there is a little more freedom," he said. "In small town, you know everyone."

Living in Melrose, N.M., outside of Clovis, Lay's parents, John and Genita, owned a ranch, where he and his siblings Jared and Joni would work.

"It helped, No. 1, with my work ethic and (taught me to) enjoy life," he said. "You just learn a lot of common sense things."

After graduating high school, Lay came to New Mexico State University. When he wasn't studying to earn his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and business, he could be found on the football field playing for the Aggies.

With his degree earned, Lay moved out of New Mexico to try his hand at a few things, including playing a couple of seasons of arena football and building wind turbines.

He returned to Las Cruces to pursue his master's degree, but found a new passion instead.

"I bought our house a year before, and I enjoyed the process," said Lay, adding that it encompassed several fields in which he was interested, including finance. "I thought it was something I could do."

Entering real estate six years ago with Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, Lay said he received help from his sister Joni who was also working as a Las Cruces Realtor at the time.

"We sold together when I first started," he said.

After Joni moved on to property management, Lay said he teamed up with Realtor Karen Trujillo, who is now on sabbatical.

Not one to sit in an office all day, Lay said he enjoyed real estate from the very beginning and adapted to the field in no time.

"I hit the ground running," he said. "I went into things very quickly."

As things began to become easier to him, Lay said he realized that he was on the right career path.

"It's funny, I started out when the market was still good, but I'm selling more now," he said. "I've been able to grow my contacts and streamline my operation. I know the process."

Always challenging and exciting, Lay said every deal is different from the one before and requires him to stay on top of each task and keep track of everyone involved so to squash problems as they arise.

"When working with a buyer or a seller, you have to understand their needs from the very beginning to take out any guess work later on," he said.

While Lay said he works with a variety of clients, he said he especially enjoys selling farm and ranch property.



Becoming a Realtor six years ago, Jeremiah Lay represents several listings around town, including the Southwestern home at 4431 Galisteo Loop.

"I pride myself on being knowledgeable on farm and ranch land," he said. "It's my background. I know the different ag applications."

In addition to selling land in the eastern part of the state, Lay said he is also interested in pursuing more commercial endeavors and is currently working toward his Certified Commercial Investment Member.

Also using his small-town background and "training in life," Lay said he makes sure to be nice to others and make an effort to get off the couch and get involved.

"I get to meet tons of people," he said. "It's easy to sell just to your friends, but I like to go out and meet people and create trust with them and make a difference."

Working with past clients and referrals, Lay said he has been able to establish a trustworthy reputation.

"I make it an enjoyable experience," he said. "I'm not afraid of hard work. I try to make it a fun thing and I can interact well with a lot of different people."

While Lay said he advertises online and in print publications, he said it is that interaction with customers and new people that he enjoys the most about the real estate industry.

"Meeting new people is the best thing," he said. "It's great to advertise yourself through personal, one-on-one interactions."

In addition to being involved with the local, state and national Realtor associations, Lay said he also belongs to the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico and Young Philanthropists – a group formed by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico to encourage young professionals to give back.

"It helps the community," he said of his involvement in the organizations. "Plus, I get to meet people and be social."

If his real estate career and involvement in the community didn't keep Lay busy enough, five years ago he became a professional firefighter.

"It works out great with real estate," he said, adding that he spends one day on and two days off.

While he has been able to grow a career for himself in the Las Cruces housing market, Lay said his greatest accomplishment is his family, which includes his wife Crystal and 4-month-old son Braxton.

"I'm putting roots down here," he said. "I love this town and the area. I want to help make it the best it can be, so I can keep doing what I'm doing."

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Lay, who grew up in a small New Mexico town, also represents the home at 6878 Lazo Del Norte.



# Symphony guild holds home tour

## Annual event to revisit the historic buildings of Mesilla

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the weather warms up, the Guild of the Las Cruces Symphony Association will hold its 20th annual Home Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 17, in Mesilla.

Help to raise funds for the guild's Educational Outreach Program, the home tour offers participants a peak into various residences and commercial buildings throughout the

area, including those that showcase modern trends or a look at the past.

"We try to pick a different focal point each year, but we prefer, if possible, to highlight the history of the area," said guild Chair Barbara Alford, adding that the tour has previously visited the Mesquite district as well as Mesilla. "We felt it was time to visit (Mesilla) again."

With the success of last year's event held in the Alameda District, Alford said she hopes visitors learn



J. Paul Taylor sits in the family room of his home, the Taylor/Barela/Reynolds/Mesilla State Monument located on Calle de Principal.

about the unique history of Mesilla.

"Some newcomers to the area don't realize that Mesilla was the biggest city and that it was so important to the valley," she said.

"I hope they take away a good feeling of the richness and diversity of the valley, and expand their knowledge about where they live."

### The historic buildings

The guild tour will feature eight locations, which include residences, businesses and even a church.

"Five of the stops are right there on the plaza," Alford said.

With most of the building being built in the 1850s, Alford added that they provide a glimpse into the long history of Mesilla and its residents.

"They carry with them a lineage," she said. "These are families that go back forever."

The tour will begin with the D.C. Frieze Grocery Store, 2231 Calle de Parian, built in the mid-1800s by a Prussian German immigrant. Constructed as two separate L-shape buildings, it was later connected to form a "U" and the east wing has remained virtually untouched.

Thirteen years ago, Denise Chavez opened the Cultural Center de Mesilla in the building. The center includes a bookstore and is home to The Border Book Festival, which will begin Friday, April 8.

Visitors can also stop at the Miranda/Bean Building, 2171 Calle de Parian, more commonly known as El Patio Bar. Built in the 1850s on what was known as the "transportation block" of the Mesilla Plaza, the popular watering hole was at one time several separate buildings, including a stable.

Another popular Mesilla destina-

tion on the tour is Josefina's Old Gate, 2261 Calle de Guadalupe. A frequent subject of local, regional and national artists, the building has also seen numerous changes since it was constructed in the 1850s and is now home to a popular eatery and antique shop.

Participants will also get a look at the Basilica of San Albino, located on the plaza. Originally constructed as an abode church, it was transformed into a brick structure in 1906 and included spires.

"Churches were part and parcel of the growth of towns in New Mexico," Alford said, adding that most towns were built around the church.

From there, participants can visit the Taylor/Barela/Reynolds Property on Calle de Principal. Over the years, the facility has been used for just about everything, from a stamped metal shop to apartment buildings.

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## Details

### The Guild of the Las Cruces Symphony Association 20th annual Home Tour

**When**  
1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 17

**Where**  
Cultural Center de Mesilla,  
2231 Calle de Parian  
El Patio Bar,  
2172 Calle de Parian  
Josefina's Old Gate,  
2261 Calle de Guadalupe  
Basilica San Albino,  
Mesilla Plaza

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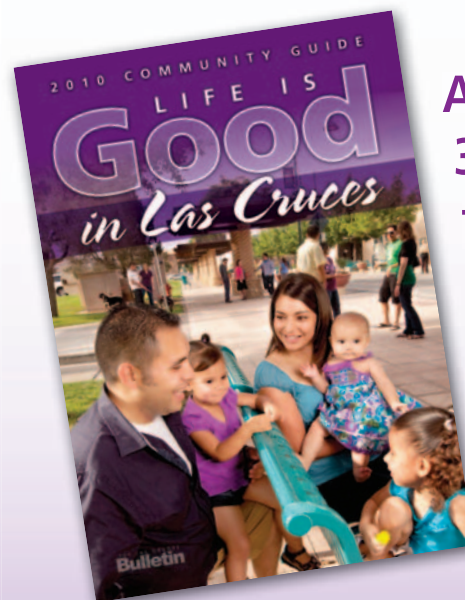
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**Basilica of San Albino will be featured during the tour.**



**Participants of the tour will also have the opportunity to visit the Reynolds/Chavez/Fountain House.**



**The state monument features a traditional Southwest style.**

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In the early 1950s, the property was purchased by J. Paul and Mary Daniels Taylor. The Taylors, who raised seven children in the home, have worked to preserve the building, which includes adobe, latillas and other traditional pueblo materials.

In 2003, the Taylors donated the residence and two adjoining commercial properties to the Museum of New Mexico as a state monument.

The popular Reynolds/Chavez/Fountain Home, 2250 Calle de Picacho, will also be showcased on the tour. Featuring a traditional adobe, territorial style and 5,000 square feet, the home is considered very large for those built in the 1860s. After changing hands several times, the home was purchased in 2004 by Lori Miller and Leonard Gambrell, who have restored the residence.

When John and Terry McCatherin came to the area in 2007, they found the home at 1911 Calle de Cura. In need of extensive repairs, the entire residence was gutted, leaving the remnants of three walls. Foam block walls, double-pane windows and 24 solar panels on the roof were added.

Lastly, the tour will visit the home of Sharon Meier, 1050 Marilissa Lane. Built in the late 1970s, the 4,000-square-foot home is filled with the owner's antique furniture and extensive collection of art from throughout New Mexico and Central and South America.

### Spreading the gift of music

In addition to offering a fun day of exploring the homes and history of the area, Alford said the home tour is the association's main fundraiser for the Las Cruces Symphony Association's Educational Outreach Program.

"The proceeds all go to fund the program," she said, adding that the guild's dues also go to outreach endeavors.

One program offered is the "Music in Our Schools," during which various ensemble groups with the symphony visit area elementary schools, educating students about the different instruments – from trumpets and violins to percussion.

"They talk with the kids, show them the instruments and play for them," Alford said. "For some of the kids, it's the first time they've seen the instruments up close. It's very enlightening for the kids."

Not just offering in-school educational opportunities, through the program the symphony also holds various free concerts in May at the New Mexico State University Atkinson Recital Hall.

Mini concerts, averaging about 45 minutes, are held for just for children, Alford said. During these concerts, about 18,000 youth from throughout the area are bused in to the NMSU campus to participate.

"It's music they'd like," Alford said.

Also held are family concerts, which take place on Sundays. In addition to the performances aimed for those 3 years of age and older, the public event include an instrument petting zoo that allows kids to get up close and personal with the musical apparatuses.

Tickets, which include a map and brochure, are \$15 for one or \$25 for two. They can be purchased in advance beginning Friday, April 1, at Color Your World, 540 N. Telshor Blvd., and Cutter Gallery, 2649 El Paseo Road.

On the day of the tour, they can be purchased at the Cultural Center de Mesilla. Light refreshments will also be served. The Good Time Singers will perform from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on the steps of San Albino.

For more information, call Alford at 524-7390.

## Recycling Briefs



**Peanut butter jars are one of the worst offenders when it comes to food contamination in your recyclables. These items should be thrown in the trash.**

### 'If in doubt – throw it out!'

Curbside recycling has forever changed how Las Cruces residents recycle, and with curbside, Friedman Recycling has launched "Recycle Right!" to help answer questions from residents about what's recyclable and what's not.

In case you are wondering about food, food waste is not a part of single-stream recycling. (Lots of food waste can be composted, but that's a whole other article...)

Friedman Recycling has developed a new message: "If in doubt – throw it out!" When you look at that plastic jar that still has peanut butter it, or the dog food can with dog food stuck on the inside, don't recycle it – it's better to throw it in the trash.

"Food-contaminated containers are especially damaging because we can't get them off the conveyor belt in time, and that downgrades the quality of our recyclable loads," said Morris Friedman, president/COO of Friedman Recycling.

Friedman Recycling processes 25 tons of recyclables every hour. The fast-moving conveyor belts are surrounded by employees separating recyclables by hand, then automated sensors, screening systems and multiple technologies separate other recyclables – but it's very difficult to spot containers with food residue inside.

At the recycling plant, it's also not uncommon to see half-eaten pizzas, apples, chicken legs and hamburgers on the conveyors. Food contamination is by far the biggest

problem in the recycling industry. Half-full plastic liter bottles of soft drinks or bottles of salad dressing go by on the conveyor belts – that kind of food contamination can ruin an entire load of recyclables.

What can you do to stop food contamination? "If in doubt – throw it out!"

If the item is recyclable and accepted in your single-stream list (look for the label on top of your curbside bin lid), the next step is to remove all residues from containers and rinse them with water. If there is too much sticky food to be removed, evaluate if getting the container clean is worth the water.

Grease also contaminates recyclables. This means pizza boxes with melted cheese and stained with grease are better thrown in the trash. Also full of grease and non-recyclable are fast food containers. Many are made of Styrofoam, which is non-recyclable altogether, but even cardboard containers stained with grease should be thrown in the trash – not recycled.

Last, but not least, liquids should be emptied from bottles and cans. Finish off or pour out and rinse out what's left in your water/soda bottle or beer can before tossing it in the bin.

Curbside recycling starts at 6 a.m. Monday, April 4. Your every-other-week curbside recycling pickup day information was attached to the bins. Be sure to have your bin at the curb at 6 a.m. on your day, and off the street by 7 p.m.

*Thank you for recycling! If you have curbside recycling questions, visit [www.friedmanrecycling.com/lascruces](http://www.friedmanrecycling.com/lascruces), or call Friedman Recycling at 877-500-RECYCLE.*



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# Time to grill

## Big Green Egg replaces all other barbecue sets

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The skies are blue, the wind is moderate (depending on the day) and the sun is shining in Las Cruces, making it the perfect time to gather the ones you love for a good old-fashioned cookout.

The family-cookout tradition began in the 1950s after the invention of the grill by Weber Bros. Metal Spinning Co. Before then, outdoor cooking took place over an open fire.

The act of grilling has continued to grow in popularity, becoming a staple of many celebratory events, such as tailgating during sporting games.

No matter if you're grilling, smoking or even baking bread, you can do it all outdoors in nature thanks to the Big Green Egg.

### What is it?

The Big Green Egg is a modern take on the "kamado," an ancient clay-cooking device. Big Green Egg Company founder Ed Fisher created it in 1974 in Atlanta.

Described by manufacturers as the most versatile barbecue or outdoor cooking product available, it has the capabilities of a grill, smoker and oven, creating everything from pizza and ribs to desserts. The product can reach up to 750 degrees in temperature.

The Big Green Egg is created from space-age ceramic bonded with a green, nontoxic glaze on the exterior. The glaze can

withstand temperatures from below 0 to 1,800 degrees, allowing it to be used throughout the year.

Because the grill is made from ceramic, its surface won't get as hot as a metal barbecue, allowing it to be safer to touch. Also, the fire is contained, making it less of a hazard.

The Big Green Egg comes in five different sizes, all of which can be wheeled around. The mini egg measures 9 inches in diameter, making it the right size for picnics and tailgating. It offers a 64-square-inch cooking surface that can cook two chicken breasts, two pork chops or one steak at a time.

The small egg has 133 square inches of cooking space that can handle a 12-pound turkey, four burgers, one chicken, two steaks or a rack of ribs.

The medium egg, which has a cooking space of 177 square inches, is ideal for cooking for two to four people and can cook an 18-pound turkey, six burgers, three chickens, four steaks or four racks of ribs.

Offering 255 square inches of cooking surface, the large egg is the ideal size for most families and is the company's most popular product. It can handle a 20-pound turkey, 12 burgers, six chickens, eight steaks or seven racks of ribs.

Lastly, for those who don't mess around with grilling, is the extra-large egg. Featuring a cooking surface of 452 square inches, it can cook two 20-pound turkeys, 24 burgers, 11 whole chickens, 12 steaks or 14 racks of ribs.

### How does it work?

With little to no assembly required, the Big Green Egg is relatively easy to use.

Fueled by natural lumped coal – which is made of charred hardwoods, such as oak, hickory and maple – the compartment is filled with the desired amount and ignited with a natural or electric fire starter. Lighter fluid isn't required.

Taking only 10 minutes to heat, the Big Green Egg has vents placed on its top and bottom to control the temperature. This allows users to reach the precise temperature they want for grilling, smoking and baking. Airflow is very important to the Big Green Egg and the items it cooks, and might take some practice to master.

Once the desired heat is reached, the ceramic material will retain the heat, keeping the temperature consistent and preventing those dreaded "hot spots."

When you're done and the coals have cooled, wipe the exterior with a wet towel. The interior works like a self-cleaning oven and any grease or leftover residue will be burned off.

### Where can it be found?

The Big Green Egg isn't sold online, however, Discount Pools & Spas, 111 S. Roadrunner Parkway, is a local dealer with the company. Other dealers throughout New Mexico and the nation can be found at [www.biggreeneegg.com](http://www.biggreeneegg.com).

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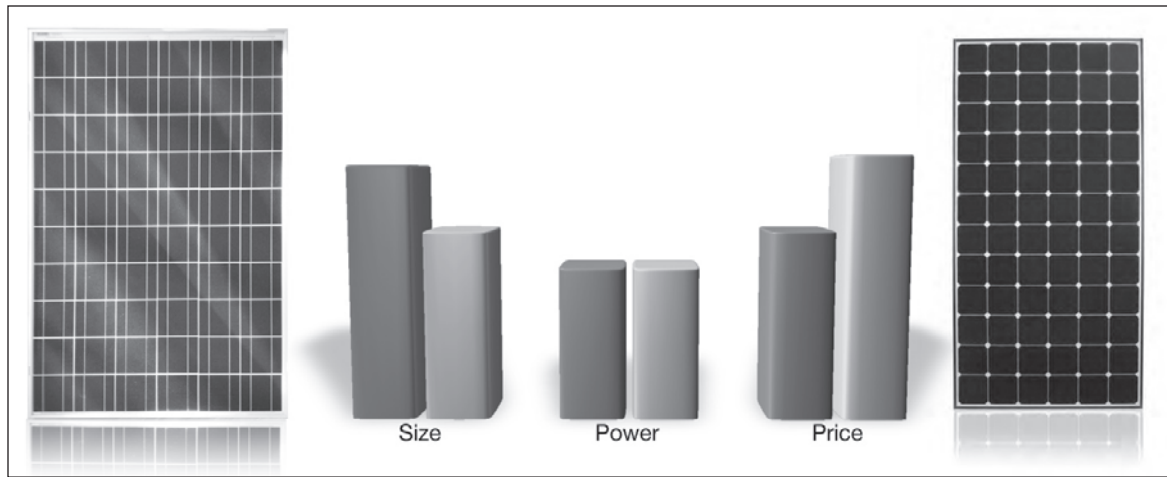


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# Talking about panel efficiency

## Less is more



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People always find a way to bring up the subject of solar when talking to me at local events. At some point in the conversation, someone will blurt out, "What about efficiency?"

"Exactly. What about efficiency?" I respond.

Silence descends before I follow up with, "What does efficiency mean to you?"

After a pause, I get the response, "It means the solar panel is better, cheaper and makes more electricity."

I suppose this response comes from our daily experiences when fuel efficiency and other efficiencies often mean "it costs less." In many products and services this is true, but not for solar panels – at least, not yet.

So what about solar panel efficiency? Are some solar panels more efficient than others? What exactly does efficiency mean?

Solar panel efficiency refers to how much electricity is generated by a specific surface area (square footage) of a solar panel. It is as simple as that. In this context, efficiency does not equate to quality nor does it address price, cost per watt or anything else.

As an example, if you compare two solar panels where each is rated at 230 watts, the more efficient panel would be a slight 10 to 20 percent smaller in size. This smaller size comes with a bigger price tag – approximately 20 to 40 percent more. So in the solar world, more efficient really means space-efficient, when

most of us are more concerned with cost-efficient. The more efficient panel might use slightly less roof space, but it consumes significantly more of your money.

Some of my conversations have ended with the statement, "When the efficiencies get better, then I'll start using solar."

This ignores several facts.

“Solar panel efficiency refers to how much electricity is generated by a specific surface area of a solar panel.”

First, efficiencies for commercially available solar panels have not increased significantly in decades. Many people confuse developments in solar with those in microelectronics. They assume each year will bring lower prices and dramatic improvements. This is just not the case for solar panels. Solar panels are very stable by nature, and this is good since they are expected to produce your electricity for the next 50 years.

I find the idea of waiting for the ultimate efficiency difficult to understand. Did you realize the engine powering your car converts

fuel to motion about as efficiently as a photovoltaic solar panel converts sunlight into electricity? Yet more than a few automobiles have been sold in the past 50 years without widespread complaints about efficiency. This dichotomy seems even more amazing when you consider the price of gasoline compared to the cost of sunlight.

For those of you with limited space for fitting solar panels and a desire to maximize the electricity production, it may be worth the premium cost. But for most homes and businesses, especially here in southern New Mexico, you have ample roof space, so you can take advantage of the better price/performance ratio found in the less "efficient" panel.

Here is what is important ... a 230 watt panel from Company X makes the same quantity and quality of electricity as a 230 watt panel from Company Y. There are differences in panel quality, but that does not relate to efficiency. There are well-made and poorly made panels at both ends of the efficiency continuum.

In the end, it does not matter nearly as much as the annual kilowatt-hours your system is forecasted to generate. Your financial return is derived from those kilowatt-hours versus cost, while considering the quality of the products and installation. To protect your bottom line, you need a reputable contractor who guarantees the annual production of your system. Case closed.

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# Ambassadors of the insect world

Good fortune is possible with the help of a ladybug

**Omar Martinez**

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Ladybugs can be added to your garden to ward off plant-destroying insects.

Bugs aren't always bad. Hard to believe, I know. The ladybug is not only good for the garden, but it is also a creative inspiration and an ambassador for the insect world.

This little lady of a bug has won our hearts to the extent that we have no doubts about releasing thousands of them at a time, setting them in flight to protect crops and ornamental plants alike. With spring here, it's time to think about adding these pest-control superheroes to your garden.

More than 5,000 species of ladybugs populate the world with more than 400 native to North America. The ladybug is a farmer's and gardener's friend because it eats pests – including up to 75 plant-destroying aphids a day. Ladybugs also eat fruit flies and mites. It protects itself from birds and steers away predators, with an unappetizing secretion by playing dead.

The male ladybug is smaller than the female, which apparently isn't an affront to its masculinity. Ladybugs are commonly known to be red with black spots, but they can also be found as orange with black spots or black with red spots.

The ladybug is considered lucky in more than gardening. In folklore of various cultures around the world, if one lands on you, it's thought to bring you luck or take away illness. If you kill one, misfortune is yours. Count a ladybug's spots to find out how much money you'll receive or how many children you'll have. Tradition tied closer to reality suggests the presence of a ladybug predicts a good harvest.

The round black-spotted red body of the ladybug is a familiar image in the United States. It's a

popular topic for nursery rhymes and children's books. The symbol of spring, it's depicted in fabric prints and artwork. It's the state bug for Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio and Tennessee. Ladybugs have even traveled to space as part of an experiment on NASA's space shuttle mission in 1999.

Come spring, you can buy ladybugs at garden shops and nurseries locally and online. A package of about 1,500 ladybugs will serve a home-sized garden.

Sprinkle water in the vicinity of your garden before releasing ladybugs, because they are thirsty from their shipping journey. The best time to release them is late in the day or early morning – make sure not to let them loose in the heat of the day.

Here's hoping generations of ladybugs will bring you good fortune.

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# Adding detail to get a designer look

Part two of two-part series examines architectural changes

**Maureen Villmer**  
Practical Design



Continuing the theme of my last column, here are some more ways to add detail to your home.

Architectural details can improve your home in ways that standard decorating tools cannot.

While a sofa gives you a place to sit, a window seat connects you to the outside. Window seats are appropriate for almost any style home, either traditional or contemporary. They are a built-in detail that softens the fabric of a home's structure and makes a space more inviting. Window seats give a sense of privacy or a small getaway to read, sit and meditate or talk to a friend.

Window seats are versatile. They can add storage with the lift lid or drawers to pullout below. Add a pad, some pillows and a throw, and make it a great little hideaway. If you have a window and two walls connecting, perhaps you should consider adding a window seat.

Fireplaces are normally a focal point of a room. They are architecturally built-in and add warmth and interest to a room. By adding detail to your fireplace, you make it even more important to the room.

Most fireplaces have a mantel. If yours doesn't, the addition of a simple mantel can enhance your room. Mantels can be made of stone or wood, carved or not. Don't forget that you can also include a niche above your mantel with simple molding if you don't have the space to go into your wall.

Cultured stone or brick can be added for a finished look. I added cultured brick around

my fireplace and then faux finished the rest of it to look like the brick crumbled for some aged detail. With access to granite pieces, I put a mosaic of granite on the hearth. This makes for interesting texture and a finished detail that makes the fireplace a real focal point.

By adding corbels (decorative brackets) to a square opening, you can give a sense of an arch to an otherwise uninteresting space. Corbels can be made of stone or carved wood, and a sense of architectural heritage can be added by finding carvings or moldings from a bygone era.

If you want a little more architectural detail, convert that square opening to an arch. Add moldings to the space for additional detail. Salvaged door pediments work great as added detail.

Don't think that every doorway has to match in your home. Pick an area to make a focal point, perhaps where you enter in the home or a special area. I found a carved pediment that came from the top of an old armoire, and I'm using it as a grand entrance into a master bathroom area. This particular home was begging for some architectural detail. It had age, but no details to go with it. Now, the room has detail.

Homes built 20 years ago or more often lack one very important thing: lighting. Just adding an eyeball that focuses on a fireplace makes it more important. One light in the center of a room does nothing to help existing or added detail. Track lighting can be added to focus on a variety of areas by the use of multiple heads. Recessed cans with dimmer switches added to an existing space will help focus on the details that you already have.

Most of the time, I see homes in daylight hours, so I have to imagine what will happen to the look when the sun goes down. It may seem like a small detail, but lighting can be one of your best ways to add drama, beauty and functionality, all in one swoop. New lighting fixtures that have more detail and interest can be a pleasant addition to any home.



Stone added to a fireplace will give a room more detail.

If you're considering new flooring, the addition of a medallion in your tile layout can create a new detail. Consider scale when you are determining how much floor to cover with your medallion. If you are planning to put a rug in the same space, then save your money by doing only the rug and not the medallion.

You can buy ready-made medallions that just insert into an existing space or your tile setter can cut tiles to make one. While you are tiling, consider adding tile to an existing kitchen backsplash. This will add interest, detail and beauty to your kitchen at the same time.

There are many books on the market today that will teach you how to decorate with architectural details. Look for them in your local bookstore. One of my favorite is "Decorating with Architectural Details" by Philip Schmidt and Jesse Walker. Have fun by adding details to your home that more interest in a creative flair to your space.

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## Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales	6	4	3
New Homes			

Closed Sales Existing Homes	12	16	10
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Pending Home Sales (All)	182	185	224
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	94	167	15

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$186,950	\$185,335	\$307,000

Median Price Existing	\$190,450	\$180,769	\$176,950
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,103	1,092	1,226

Real Estate Agents	397	396	450
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# ChileKnights

## Pepper pasta pleasures por favor!

Light, filling entrées just in time for spring

**Sunny Conley**  
Chile Knights



Pasta. I've come to appreciate it over the past few months not just for its flavor, but also its cost. Generally, pasta is less expensive than other starch offerings, and it can be colorful! Tri-colored farafalle (bow ties), ruote (wagon wheels) and fuscilli (corkscrew) create appetizing entrées.

Whether you toss a bowlful with light virgin oil or "beef" it up with veggies, poultry or seafood, pasta tastes especially scrumptious sprinkled and peppered with chile!



Pasta salads are not only cost effective, but they make a superb springtime entrée.

### Sassy Hot Sauce Pasta with Tuna and Arugula

1 (16-ounce) package dried fettuccine  
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil  
2 large garlic cloves, or more to taste, finely minced  
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce  
2 (6-ounce) cans tuna packed in olive oil, drained  
Kosher salt

1/2 to 3/4 pound baby arugula  
Bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and boil until al dente.

While pasta cooks, heat olive oil in a large skillet on medium-low heat. Add the garlic and hot pepper flakes, and cook until garlic is fragrant and sizzling. Add tuna and shred it into fine flakes with a fork. Season with salt. Keep warm over low heat.

Just before the pasta is ready, set aside 1 cup of boiling water. Drain pasta and return it to the warm pot set over moderate heat. Depending on the size of your pot and skillet, either add the arugula and the tuna mixture to the pasta in the pasta pot, or add the drained pasta to the skillet with the tuna mixture and add the arugula. Toss vigorously

with tongs, moistening with some of the reserved pasta water. The arugula will wilt in the heat of the pasta. Divide among warm bowls and serve immediately with toasted garlic bread. Makes 8 servings.

### Chickpea Parmesan Poblano Basil Salad

5 tablespoons olive oil, divided  
2 large yellow bell peppers, seeded and cut into strips  
2 large poblano peppers, seeded and cut into strips  
2 cloves garlic, cut into thin slices  
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
8 ounces rotelle pasta  
3/4 cup fresh basil leaves, stemmed and chopped  
1 1/2 cups canned chickpeas, rinsed and drained  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1/3 cup walnuts, chopped  
1/4 cup sliced green olives, optional

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat.

Add half of pepper strips and garlic; cook and stir 2 minutes. Cover; cook 10 minutes or until very soft, stirring occasionally.

Place peppers in food processor or blender. Add remaining 3 tablespoons oil, vinegar, salt and black pepper; process until smooth. Cool.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. Place in large bowl. Add remaining pepper strips and dressing; toss to coat. Cool slightly. Add basil, chickpeas, cheese, walnuts and olives to pasta mixture; toss to blend. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Makes 8 cups. (Recipe adapted from recipes.howstuffworks.com.)

### Grilled Banana Pepper, Corn Pasta and Halibut Salad with Cilantro-Fresh Dressing

Dressing:  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/3 cup red wine vinegar  
4 pinches fresh cilantro, chopped  
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

To make the dressing, whisk together oil, vinegar, cilantro, salt and pepper. Reserve 1/4 cup for grilled halibut and 1 tablespoon for corn. Set remaining aside.

Salad:

6 firm ripe roma tomatoes  
2 hot banana peppers (or substitute 2 serrano peppers)  
3 cobs of corn, husked  
12 ounces fusilli pasta  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
Four (6-ounce) firm halibut filets (about 1-inch thick)  
4 pinches fresh coriander, chopped  
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice

Hot pepper sauce to taste  
Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Core tomatoes, cut in half lengthwise and scrape out seeds. Remove core and seeds from peppers and cut into wide strips. Brush corn with reserved dressing. Place vegetables, skin-side up for tomatoes and peppers, on grill. Grill peppers for 8 to 10 minutes and tomatoes and corn for 15 to 20 minutes, with lid down, turning peppers and to-

matoes halfway and corn four times or until well browned. Transfer to a cutting board and let cool.

Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta for 8 to 10 minutes or until tender. (Don't overcook.) Drain and rinse with cold water until cool. Place in a bowl.

Chop tomatoes and peppers and add to pasta. Cut corn kernels off the cob into the bowl with a small serrated knife. Pour in remaining dressing. Toss to combine and season with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 1 day.

Preheat grill to high. Brush reserved dressing over fish filets. Place fish flesh-side down on grill. Grill for 3 to 5 minutes per side, turning once, or until white juices just appear for halibut. Serve immediately or chill before serving.

To serve, add cilantro and lime juice to pasta salad. Check seasoning and add hot pepper sauce to taste. Place on serving plates and top with grilled halibut. Makes 4 serving. (Recipe adapted from recipebridge.com.)

### Chilled Peanut Butter Asian Pasta Salad

Dressing:

4 tablespoons oil  
2 tablespoons sesame oil  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon ginger root, minced  
3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter  
4 tablespoons soy sauce  
4 tablespoons rice vinegar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1 chiles de arbol, crushed

Pasta:

1 pound tri-colored corkscrew pasta, cooked al dente and drained  
5 scallions, diced  
1 cup snow peas, steamed  
1 cup radishes, sliced  
1 cucumber, sliced  
Mix dressing ingredients together with fork until smooth. Toss with pasta and veggies. Chill for several hours in a covered container. Serve cold. Makes 6 servings.

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