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City candidates announce for Nov. 8 elections Smith first to vie for District 2 vacancy

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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The filing day is more than seven months away, but candidates already are announcing for the Nov. 8 Las Cruces municipal elections.

Up for election are mayor and council seats in Districts 1, 2 and 4, as well as the presiding municipal judge and possibly another judge opening.

Councillor Dolores Connor recently announced her bid for mayor and that she was vacating her District 2 seat.

Connor's news was quickly followed by Greg Smith's announcement that he was running for Connor's District 2 seat.

Smith, who owns a small business, is active in the community. He currently serves as president of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and was past president of the Paleozoic Trackways Foundation. He also has served as vice president of the Mesilla Valley Preservation Inc. and chairs the Mesilla Valley Centennial Planning Committee.

"I am proud to call Las Cruces home," Smith said in his campaign announcement. "I want to help this community achieve its potential and be a place in which we can all take pride."

Smith said he wants to help Las Cruces remain a safe and healthy community and promised to work hard on encouraging small business development.

Smith noted that during his tenure leading the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, the area has seen new restaurants open, work begun on reopening the north end of Main Street and La Placita nearly completed. He also cited his role in efforts for the city to acquire the Camuñez Building for nonprofit business incubation.

More information about Smith will be available soon on his website, www.gregorysmith.com.

Meanwhile, District 4 already reportedly has a candidate, Ryan Dailey who frequently attends City Council meetings. District 4

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Winter storm slams region



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson

Junior and Kari Oliver slide down the hillside of Aggie Memorial Stadium hill on a slip-n-slide Tuesday, Feb. 2.

City, county governments focus on public safety

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Normally, winter snow doesn't stick around more than a day in southern New Mexico.

But the storm that hit Tuesday, Feb. 1, was 2,000 miles wide and dumped heavy snow from New Mexico to Maine, snarling traffic nationwide and locally to a crawl and putting stress on the Western power grid.

Parts of the city and the county were subjected to rolling blackouts as part of an effort by El Paso Electric to conserve electricity.

At press time late Wednesday, Feb. 2, Doña Ana County spokesman Jess Williams said El Paso Electric had stabilized the grid, but that

blackouts were expected into the evening and officials were urging drivers to stay off the roads at night when wet streets were expected to freeze, making conditions more icy than the morning after the storm hit.

The Doña Ana County Emergency Operations Center was activated at 7 a.m. Wednesday to marshal resources as needed throughout the county. The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority was operating normally to receive both emergency 911 and non-emergency calls.

All schools closed for the day and even New Mexico State University students had a day off. Late Wednesday, Las Cruces Public Schools announced that schools would remain closed Thursday, Feb. 3, with most government of-

fices following suit.

Las Cruces utilities asked customers to limit water usage to help conserve electricity, because water wells are electrically powered. The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley was open Wednesday afternoon. RoadRunner Transit did not operate Wednesday, but was expected to operate on a two-hour delay Thursday, Feb. 3.

Meanwhile, police were busy responding to a variety of accidents.

Besides dropping several inches of snow, the storm was accompanied by very low temperatures with storm clouds and the cold lingering after.

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NMSU starts celebration of Black History Month

Photos by Todd Dickson

Amanda Kennedy, Danielle Athy and her daughter Zyre, 3, and Kayvonna Cherie are three New Mexico State University students who read from "Waddie Welcome the Beloved Community" Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the opening reception in the Corbett Center Art Gallery for Black History Month activities at NMSU and in the Las Cruces community, sponsored by NMSU Black Programs.



Anice Oryem and Pierre Orelus enjoy appetizers and refreshments before the reading. The next Black History Month event is an art show by Ben Hazard from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Corbett Center Art Gallery. Social justice activist Victor Lewis will be the speaker from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Corbett Center West Ballroom. There will be an open mic night at the Aggie Underground from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. California comedian Tony Baker will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Corbett Center East Ballroom.

Homeless count ending Friday is final day for homeless tally

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

Friday, Feb. 4, is the last day for a weeklong effort to count the local homeless of the purposes of federal statistics and funding.

"In 2009, we counted 72 individuals living on our streets in Las Cruces the night of Jan. 25, 2009," said Pamela Angell, executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. "Of that figure, 18 – or 25 percent – were veterans. Of the 72 individuals, 58 percent were considered chronically homeless, which means homeless for a year or more or four

times in the past three years with a disabling condition. The count did not reveal any unsheltered families on that night."

In area homeless shelters, including the teen shelter, the domestic violence shelter and the Gospel Rescue Mission, 163 people were sheltered.

Angell said the count is very important for agencies seeking government funding and also in targeting their services to meet the need, especially during these lean times for funding.

If there is a homeless person still uncounted, contact Angell at 523-2219, ext. 108, or by email at hope@zianet.com.

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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Las Cruces in Santa Fe

The 'City Different' became more alive than ever last week as 300 Las Cruces invaded our capital

In what may have been the highest participation ever, the 2011 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe event, hosted last weekend by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores, will be remembered by legislators and Santa Feans for many years to come.

The well-attended weekend included a Saturday evening reception, Sunday brunch and Monday breakfast at the historic La Fonda hotel, which is now managed by former Las Cruces John Rickey. Throughout the weekend, the Conquistadores hosted a lively hospitality room for all who were interested in networking with Las Cruces leaders.

On Sunday afternoon, Gov. Susana Martinez graciously hosted the entire Las Cruces contingent at her new Santa Fe home, formerly known as the Governor's Mansion. Martinez now chooses to describe her home simply as the governor's residence.

For the first time, and to help underline her commitment to transparency, the governor opened the doors to her entire home for visitors to tour. In the past, guests were allowed only to visit the entry, dining room and formal living room. However, this year, participants could roam freely among the governor's kitchen, family room, offices and bedrooms.

The Monday breakfast was held prior to the opening of the legislative session for the day. Primary speakers for the early morning event featured two of Las Cruces' favorite sons, Rep. Joseph Cervantes and newly appointed Secretary of Economic Development Jon Barela. Both men graduated from Las Cruces High School. Both are attorneys, committed to public service.

Cervantes reflected on the challenges of making the difficult decisions that are faced each session. He said the longest trip he ever takes is at the end of a difficult session when he makes the four-hour drive back to Las Cruces with only his thoughts of what he could have done or said better. He also commented about how others see him. In Santa Fe, his peers label him as a "conservative Democrat." However, he commented that somewhere around Socorro, he is somehow transformed into what the Las Cruces tea partiers have described as a "progressive liberal."

Barela was enthusiastic about his new role as the head of the state's economic development department. Like Martinez, he said he is committed to reducing waste and inefficiency in state government. In fact, the first thing he did when he was informed that with his appointment came a state-owned automobile, he immediately researched how many cars were in his department's fleet. Then, he proceeded to eliminate half of them, including his own. At the breakfast, Barela appealed to the legislators in attendance to support the exemption from the locomotive diesel fuel tax for the \$400 million Union Pacific project at the port of Santa Teresa. Without the exemption, the New Mexico project will likely die and move elsewhere he said.

For Doña Ana residents who were worried about Rep. Andy Nuñez after his "demotion" by house speaker Ben Lujan, Andy is doing just fine, thank you. As the only Independent in the House, Andy has discovered unprecedented acceptance and power in his new role. As he describes it, he can now hold an Independent caucus whenever and wherever he chooses. And he controls 100 percent of the Independent vote.

Don't you just love politics?

“ For the first time ... the governor opened the doors to her entire home ... ”



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Letters to the Editor

Likes Legislative Guide

Congratulations on another great Legislative Guide. I wonder if this is the only up-to-date guide around, since the Legislature's own website does not yet have the new members listed, as of Friday, Jan. 21.

Thanks for a useful, free product.

William Beerman

Be careful whom you call a moron

Michael Walsh (Letters to the Editor, Jan. 28) thinks the Second Amendment provides remedies to resolve disagreements. The Second Amendment guarantees a natural right, that of self-defense. Any weapon used against another person in aggression is a crime. The tragedy in Tucson was the result of the sick mind of a person with no political affiliation.

The questions that should be asked are: "How was he allowed to purchase a weapon?"; "Why his parents or the community college did not report his abnormal behavior to mental health authorities?"; and "Why the county sheriff did not autonomously provide security at that town hall meeting?"

Walsh uses insults against people he disagrees with. Tea bagger is a derogatory name, and I think Walsh is aware of that. I

am not a member of the tea party movement, but I agree with their fundamental beliefs. I believe the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and that interpretation should be limited. Change should be through amendment only. I believe in limited government. The founders believed these things.

I have no idea of what affiliation scientists assign to their politics and offer that we should not care.

I am not writing out of ignorance. I was assigned the title of engineer-scientist while at Boeing. I do not consider myself a scientist, but I do consider myself an engineer. I was given the title staff engineer at a leading federal research laboratory I worked at for 22 years. I am thoroughly trained in the "scientific method."

Science tries to unlock the secrets of the universe. Science does not attempt to prove the existence of Noah's ark, the Garden of Eden, talking snakes or fireproof burning bushes.

The Bible is a handbook that teaches morality, basic laws of civilized people and, most important, faith. Science cannot prove or disprove the existence of God.

Do you love your parents? Prove it.

Be careful whom you call a moron. You may see your reflection someday only to find the court jester.

Ronald Keith

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Things moving slowly in Santa Fe

Slow pace of cabinet appointments not unusual

Our state capitol is moving at a snail's pace so far this year. It took over a week for House standing committees to be named. Almost three months after her election, Gov. Susana Martinez has not filled her cabinet and some other top appointments.

But not to worry. There are good reasons for both. After losing eight seats to Republicans, Democratic House Speaker Ben Lujan was faced with adjusting the makeup of every committee to reflect the nearly equal balance between the parties.

Some of those decisions were tough. Loyal Democrats had to be removed from prestigious committees, such as Appropriations, Taxation and Judiciary.

Several committees are equally balanced and with the departure from the Democratic Party by Rep. Andy Nuñez, Democrats will be outnumbered on the House Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Martinez also started with a disadvantage. She won her office never having set foot in the Capitol Building. She had to start from scratch in statewide politics. She likely had very few people in mind for any office.

To complicate matters further, the Legislature was deep into a study of restructuring state government. With many departments, agencies and boards being considered for extinction, there isn't much sense in filling such positions. Besides, who would want to quit a job to fill a government post with a dubious life expectancy?

So Martinez has temporarily continued a number of top officials from the previous administration until she sees what comes of the current legislative session. That

means much of state government will be treading water for a few months.

Further complicating the situation is the necessity of getting all cabinet officials, plus some others, confirmed by the Senate. Not all of those confirmations will be easy. It is likely that by the session's end on March 19, all confirmations will not be completed.

“ State government is likely ... to move slowly ... until lawmakers realize the session is half over ... ”

That doesn't mean that parts of state government will come to a halt. Martinez's cabinet secretaries can continue on an acting basis. During the administration of former Gov. Gary Johnson, some confirmations were delayed more than a year.

State government is likely to continue to move slowly for another week or two until lawmakers realize the session is half over and they better get moving.

But don't think of our citizen legislators as slackers. New Mexico has one of the shortest legislative sessions in the nation and the work gets done. It is human nature to have to pick up the pace at the end whether a session lasts a month or a year.

Jay Miller
Inside the
Capitol



If you come to visit the Legislature, a parking garage across the street west of the Capitol makes the walking much easier. For the first time in many years, gasoline prices did not drop the week the session started.

Years ago, lawmakers became upset about Santa Fe's eternally high-priced gasoline. So they asked the attorney general to investigate. Little came of the probe except that gas prices dropped every year when legislators were in town.

The fact that gas prices haven't dropped this year may be a sign that retail dealers expect the price of oil to continue increasing. It makes a trip to Santa Fe more expensive but it is good news for the state's general fund and permanent funds, which depend heavily on the oil and gas industry.

In between debating extraneous issues, the Legislature does have an out-of-balance budget to create. How big a deficit do we have? Estimates vary between \$200 million and \$450 million.

Indications are that the Legislature is figuring on about \$200 million to cut and Martinez is using the high figure, claiming that the previous administration blind-sided her.

But the governor's proposed cuts so far are said to total less than \$200 million plus some further tax breaks for the oil industry.

Stay tuned to see what shakes out.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Trevor at the top

“Alone at the Top,” was how the Pro Rodeo Sports News Magazine described the crowning of Trevor Brazile, World Champion All-Around Cowboy, for the eighth time, a world record.

It took Sir Edmund Hillary seven weeks to climb Mt. Everest, Admiral Peary 23 years to find the North Pole, Freckles Brown was 46 when he rode Tornado and it took me two tries to pass Physiological Chemistry in vet school!

All monumental achievements. All-Around Champion should come with a prefixed title, some way we could address them properly like: Sir Trevor or Colonel Trevor or King Trevor. Others have earned their own titles; think of Princess Di, Judge Roy Bean, Super Man, Machine Gun Kelly, Slick Willie, or Speedy West. I guess Trevor wouldn't care if we called him “Champ.” Muhammad Ali was OK with that, but ...

“Alone at the Top.” I saw him do it at the National Finals Rodeo last December. When he made his last ride around the arena, the crowd stood and applauded for a full minute just to let it soak in. We knew what he had done and we wanted him to know, to understand, that we recognized his greatness. Trevor the Great.

Face to face, he seems like a regular person. He doesn't wear a crown, or an Elvis cape, or guns like Roy Rogers. But on the back of a good horse with a rope in

his hand, he becomes Zeus, the thunder rattling, lightning striking, mythical god of the sizzling twine-magic hand, two wraps and a hooley.

I'm put to mind of another all-around world champion who has not received the attention of the more flamboyant rough-stock world champions like Larry Mahan, six times winner, and Ty Murray, seven times winner. When I was doing the pre-rodeo announcing for the Snake River Stampede and the Caldwell Night Rodeo in the '70s, Tom Ferguson, Miami, Okla., was the Big Dog in the wolf pack.

He was a tie-down roper like Trevor, but also a steer wrestler. He dominated the game in his day. Like all world-champions will tell you, the competition was tough. He won the All-Around Champion buckle six times, but like no other rodeo cowboy to this day, Tom won the title six years in a row.

So with a tip of the hat to Tom, I pay homage to Trevor Brazile. Eight times All-Around World Champion Cowboy; the man, the machine, and the legend. Joe Louis “The Brown Bomber,” held the World Champion heavy-weight boxing title for 11 years and eight months. Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana won four Super Bowls each.

Trevor Brazile is not done.

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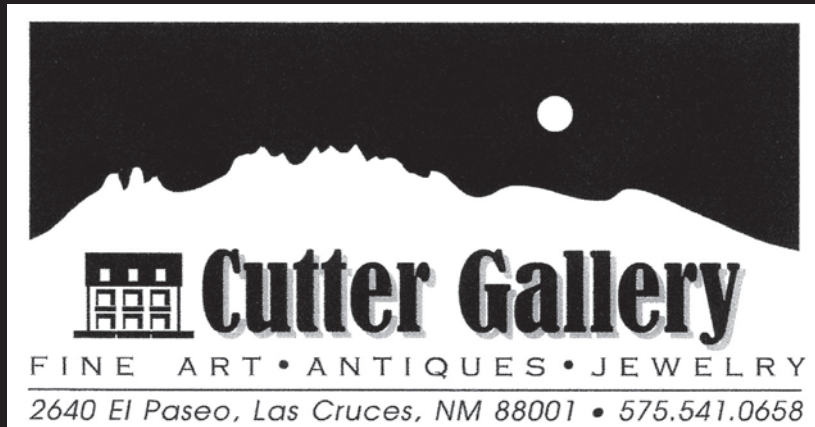
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Letter to the Editor

Health Security may be solution to health care problems in NM

"Too good to be true" was my first reaction to a copy of the synopsis of the health care reform bill proposal my colleague, Fran Clark, was showing me back in 2004. But soon after shaking my head in disbelief, I found myself immersed and totally committed to the Health Care Security for New Mexicans Campaign.

Affordability, universal coverage, portability, inclusivity (pre-existing conditions), etc. etc., plus non-government operated (like a co-operative), were features that made it so special to an idealist like me who has been cognizant of the broken health care system we have suffered from for too long.

Two credible studies (Lewin and Mathematica) underscored the merits of our plan and its superiority over all others presented at Santa Fe. The grass roots support enjoyed by the campaign is the envy of the other state proposals.

So, what are the prospects for the Health Security proposal now that the federal health reform law has passed? Yes, the Affordable Care Act is a milestone in the path to fixing a broken health care system. There are, for example, provisions that protect consumers from insurance company abuses.

Unfortunately, requiring that states adopt some version of the very costly Massachusetts insurance exchange system, although a boon for the private insurance industry, leaves the lambs and shepherds in a den of wolves (the culprits most responsible for our health care mess).

Exchanges are market places through which the uninsured not eligible for Medicaid will purchase private insurance. Subsidies by the federal government, will cover the high premiums – increasing the number of customers with virtually no cost controls.

So, what do we do? Our state lawmakers need to know the cost of setting up and running an exchange to their constituents. Legislation will be introduced that will require a cost analysis comparing insurance exchanges to Health Security.

New Mexico needs to be able to make an informed decision on what the best approach is for solving the problems of the uninsured and at what cost. This is critical especially in light of the looming \$400-million plus budget shortfall.

Fortunately, there is an escape valve built into the national law that allows states to create their own plan, providing that their plans pass muster with the law's standards.

The only catch is that states must wait until the year 2017 to apply for a waiver. The exchanges, however, must be set up by 2014. U.S. Sens. Wyden, D-Ore., and Brown, R-Mass., have introduced a bill that removes this roadblock and paves the way for New Mexico to choose our own home-grown Health Security plan.

Aside from the cost analysis legislation, a joint memorial (HJM 9) has been introduced already asking our congressional delegation to actively seek removal of the 2017 date.

So, what can you and I do? Let our legislators know that they need to support both the joint memorial (HJM 9) and the cost analysis legislation.

Fellow New Mexicans, We can make this right for pursuit of happiness and the dream of affordable health care for all a reality – yes, we can!

Maury Castro

The answer is 'government'

What is the question?

Every government is a parliament of whores. The trouble is, in a democracy, the whores are us.

– P. J. O'Rourke

The mantra for the last half of the 20th century: "The answer is government."

Few of us were alive back when that was not so. Our government attempts to be all things to all people in all ways and at all times. This is what many people want to hear, "The answer is government."

The government spends its time being nosy about my habits, such as if I intend to eat palm oil. They work hard to make sure I cannot – for my own good. I could go on, but it just makes me sick, and you know where that takes me, to the government rules on health care.

For every person who has said that it is a good thing for the government to get into health care because it will make it much better, cheaper, more fair and whatever else people have promised, I have a story.

I am generally happy and spend much of the day laughing and talking with people. I do very occasionally lose my charm. Let me tell you about the last time.

The other day I went to my pharmacy. I am an insulin-dependent diabetic. I went to get more insulin. How complicated could that be? I have done the same thing for years. There was a catch this time.

As I got my insulin I said, "Oh, and I ordered needles to use the insulin."

The pharmacy assistant at the counter gave a visible shudder, stuttered and finally blurted out, "The government rules do not allow us to dispense needles to you at this time."

The person hoped I would say, "Oh, fine, guess I will just get along with my insulin but no needles. Well, thanks, have a nice day."

Nope, I did not do it. I just lost my charm. And, I did not find it standing at the pharmacy.

Instead I asked, "Are you comfortable giving me insulin without needles?"

The issue was not who would pay for the needles, rather, I could have the insulin but no needles. The assistant reiterated it is a government rule, with a convincing nod of the head. Government rules must be followed.

I turned to the pharmacist, "How about you?"

The pharmacist shook his head sadly, "No, I'm not."

I left the store with my insulin, but no needles. Government rule, give insulin, cannot give needles. Go figure. Who did this? The answer is the government.

I thought of the P. J. O'Rourke quote, "Giving money

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys."

After a few days and some dialog, I got needles.

In newspapers and on television is the notion that cradle-to-grave government is the answer. No matter how many times this is shown to me, I am not buying it.

Government protection is an illusion, despite what the Homeland Security Secretary just said on the border, that the southern border has never been more secure. I am just not buying that notion, either.

The notion is that our government knows what it is doing economically when it borrows money from China so it can send some of the borrowed money back to China as foreign aid. Does it make any sense that about half of everything being spent by the national government is borrowed with no plan to pay any of it back? Who has no plan whatsoever to ever pay back the borrowed money?

The answer is government.

Maybe things will get better. I have always been an optimist about the future.

But it is getting harder. This government sells itself to the highest bidder and then pays those political debts with borrowed money. Not just now. For 40 years, government has taken our Social Security money each year and spent it without saving even one cent of it. Who did it? The answer is government.

At some point we Americans have to get beyond, the answer is government, and look at the question: "What is destroying our country?"

I will not keep you in suspense. The answer is this government.

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— PUBLIC MEETING —
Intermodal Transit Facility

The City of Las Cruces will hold a public meeting for citizens to view and comment on the design plans for the Intermodal Transit Facility to be located at the intersection of Alameda Boulevard and Amador Avenue. The facility will provide passengers with connectivity options to various modes of transportation.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Las Cruces City Hall
700 N. Main Street

For more information, contact
Project Manager, Sonya Harmon at 541-2573.
The TTY number is 541-2182.

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— PUBLIC MEETING —
HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The City of Las Cruces needs your input about how to spend the housing and community development funds it will receive during the next five years (2011-2015) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Activities must generally benefit low and moderate income persons. The City is starting a process called the consolidated plan, which will help determine how these federal funds will be spent. We ask you to participate in one of the meetings listed:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sunrise Elementary School
5300 Holman Road

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Central Elementary School
150 N. Alameda Blvd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Hermosa Heights Elementary School
1655 E. Amador Ave.

For more information, contact David Dollahon,
Neighborhood Services Administrator at 528-3060.

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event, please contact us 48 hours before this event at (575) 528-3060. The TTY number is 528-3157.

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Coming Up

Checkpoints ahead

The Las Cruces Police Department has scheduled at least two sobriety checkpoints to be conducted within city limits between the dates of Feb. 4-26.

The department's sobriety checkpoints are intended to reduce the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated. Additional enforcement activities conducted this month by LCPD may include saturation, underage and party patrols.

The Las Cruces Police Department encourages those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to arrange ahead of time and use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

Doña Ana County residents can take advantage of Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time), an initiative of the local DWI Program. For a nominal fee, Project HOME offers a safe ride home to anyone who may have consumed too much alcohol.

Project HOME is available Fridays, Saturdays and holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. For more information, call 524-TAXI (8294).

Gym Magic offers children's classes

Gym Magic, 2341 Entrada Del Sol, has listed its upcoming events and classes.

A beginners swim clinic will be held from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. Participants must be age 5 and up to attend. Gym Magic will also be working on freestyle and side breathing for kids who are swimming already. Cost is \$25 a clinic, but a \$5 discount is offered to anyone who brings a friend not in the program.

The Gym Magic and New Mexico State University Cheer Boot Camp will be Saturday, Feb. 12. Cost is \$39 at the time of the camp. Each camp will focus on a different aspect of cheerleading.

A spring break camp will be from Monday, March 21, through Friday, March 25. Costs for the camp will be:

- 7:30 to 9 a.m.: Pre Camp – \$7.50 per day or \$32 per week
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Full-day camp – \$156 per week
- 4 to 5:30 p.m.: Post Camp – \$7.50 per day or \$32 per week
- All camps, all week – \$215

The camp will feature swimming and arts and crafts on Monday and Wednesday, sports fun in the sun and a visit to the park on Tuesday and Thursday, and a gymnastics camp in the morning and a movie in the afternoon on Friday.

For more information, call 523-1616.

Sierra pancake breakfast is Feb. 5

The Sierra Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) with the assistance of the Mesilla Valley Kiwanis, will have a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in the school cafeteria, 1700 E. Spruce Ave. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from SMS students and staff or at the door. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and choice of orange juice or coffee. Proceeds will support learning opportunities, special projects and field trips.

For more information, call Caren Gioannini at 642-3980.

Rep. Pearce opens office in Las Cruces

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will have a grand opening of his Las Cruces

office at noon Friday, Feb. 4. The office, located at 570 N. Telshor Blvd., is intended to facilitate communication between Pearce and his constituents. Pearce is scheduled to attend. The event will include a ribbon cutting and open house. All members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 517-7382 or email eric.layner@mail.house.gov.

Alameda book fair

Alameda Elementary School, 1325 N. Alameda Blvd., is hosting a Scholastic book fair through Tuesday, Feb. 8. The school also will be open from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5, for a family and community event that is part of the book fair.

For more information, call Susan Saunders at 527-9486 or email ssaunders@lcpd.k12.nm.us.

Fun run canceled

Organizers have announced that the Super Bowl Fun Run, originally scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 6, near the New Mexico State University Golf Course, has been canceled. For more information, call Genia Shepan at 649-1063.

DACSAR meeting

Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc., a volunteer search and rescue team, will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St., in Room 114. Visitors are welcome, and the group is currently accepting and training new members.

For more information, call 526-4918 or visit www.dacsar.org.

Archaeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tues-

day, Feb. 8, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. Margaret Berrier will present "The Rock Art of Scandinavia." She will show many examples of Scandinavian rock art that was created between 5000-1700 B.C. and the time of the Vikings, 800-1100 A.D. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 524-9497.

Racquetball league

The City of Las Cruces is holding registration for an adult racquetball league through Saturday, Feb. 5, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The individual registration fee is \$12. Games will begin Tuesday, Feb. 8, with 12 games and the league will conclude with a single-elimination tournament. All players must present proof of age.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

ALR lectures set

Miriam Chaiken and W. Thomas Conelly, professors of anthropology at New Mexico State University, will discuss the negative and positive aspects of life in Africa over four Academy for Learning in Retirement lectures at 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Feb. 7 and 14, and Wednesdays, Feb. 9 and 16, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. Topics will include African history, rural agricultural life and the contributions of development programs in Africa. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation. There is a nominal \$5 fee for each lecture, and no advance registration is required.

For more information, call Adrian Edwards at 521-1485 or visit www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR.

Academy open house Feb. 8

Las Cruces Academy, 212 S. Main St., will have an open house from 8 to 10 a.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. The academy is a K-12 private, nonprofit school for gifted and academically advanced students. Visitors may speak with teachers and observe classes in the morning, while late-afternoon visitors may tour the academy and speak with the teachers.

The academy provides a challenging, yet supportive environment, encouraging academic excellence over a wide range of subjects. The academy is now accepting applications for K-sixth grade for the 2011-12 school year.

For more information, call 521-9384 or visit www.lascrucesacademy.org.

Educational retirees luncheon

The luncheon meeting of the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The topic will be travel. All retirees who have worked in any educational position and their spouses are welcome to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is \$8. RSVPs are requested to Nova Jenet at 523-1129.

Genealogy society meets at library

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Branigan

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Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Quentin Ford, former dean of the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University, will present a program about genealogical research done on those living in the Gila River area. All meetings are open to the public, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information, email dacgslc@gmail.com.

Masons meet Feb. 9

The Jornada Lodge of the Masons will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Jornada Lodge, 1200 W. University Ave., in Mesilla.

The Aztec Lodge will hold its York Rite monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Aztec Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road.

Minnesota Club

The Minnesota Club of Las Cruces will meet at the Golden Coral Restaurant, 601 S. Telshor Blvd., at noon Wednesday, Feb. 9. All former Minnesotans are invited.

Native Plant Society schedule

The Native Plant Society has announced its schedule of events for February.

Curtis Monger will present "Native Plants on the Move: How New Mexico's Grasslands, Shrublands, and Forests Expand & Contract in Response to Climate Change" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the conference room of the social center at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Lori Kae Schwab will lead a field trip at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, to Alamo Mountain and Otero Mesa

to see plants and petroglyphs. The excursion involves medium to difficult climbing, but is not lengthy. Participants should meet at the east end of the Rio Grande Bank parking lot at the corner of University Avenue and Telshor Boulevard.

For more information, call Carolyn Gressitt at 523-8413 or Al Krueger at 532-1036.

J.P. Taylor Academy meeting set Feb. 9

The J. Paul Taylor Academy will have a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call Bea Jenkins at 635-0264.

Prescribed burn at Dripping Springs

The Las Cruces District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to conduct a prescribed fire project at Dripping Springs, 12 miles east of Las Cruces on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Highly trained BLM personnel from fire and resource management programs along with other firefighting personnel from neighboring agencies will be on site to carry out the burn. The upper portion of the DSNA, which includes the visitor's center and the Dripping Springs Trail, will be closed to the public Feb. 8-10 to ensure public and firefighter safety. Smoke will be present during the ignition phase of the burn.

On a prescribed burn, ignition is dependent on weather and fuel conditions on the days of the burn. Conditions, including temperature, humidity, wind speed and availability of fire personnel and other resources must be within a pre-identified ranges or the burn will be

postponed.

For more information, call Loretta Benavidez at 749-3278 or visit www.nmfireinfo.com.

City flag football tourney this month

The City of Las Cruces is holding registration through Friday, Feb. 1, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., for the fourth annual 4-on-4 Gridiron Classic Flag Football Tournament.

The tournament is open to the first 12 teams. All players must be 18 and over and present proof of identification upon registering. The tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Soldados Soccer Complex at the corner of Walnut Street and Hadley Avenue.

Each team will play five games on Saturday, followed by a single-elimination tournament on Sunday. The cost is \$200 per team, and six games are guaranteed. All documentation is due prior to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

For more information, call 541-2551. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Dog Park Coalition

The Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in the Conference Hall of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, 150 E. Idaho Ave. The meeting will involve the election of coalition officers and members of the Board of Directors. Goals for the next two years will also be adopted. The event will include a buffet dinner, a silent slide show on the development and progress of the Las Cruces Dog Park and the coalition. Entertainment will be provided by Ross LeCompte and the Jazz

Hounds. The event is free to coalition members who make a reservation prior to Wednesday, Feb. 9. Nonmembers with reservations by Feb. 9 will be charged \$10, and guests without reservations will be charged \$15 at the door.

All proceeds will benefit the Dog Park Coalition, a nonprofit charity dedicated to maintaining, improving and expanding leash-free dog parks in the Las Cruces area.

To make a reservation, email armstrongkevin@hotmail.com or call Vivian Hawn at 523-6856.

HSSNM adoptions

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico in partnership with PetSmart will be hold a two-day "Looking for Love" adoption event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 12, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave.

Enchilada dinner

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star (OES), will host its annual Enchilada Dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The dinner will include red enchiladas, beans, rice, cole slaw, dessert and drink. Tickets are available from any OES member and at the door. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Takeouts will also be available.

Federal retirees to meet Feb. 12

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in the Columbus Conference Center, Days Inn Suites & Mesilla Valley Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Dan Duggan, a volunteer

at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, will share information about activities, exhibits, classes and permanent features of the museum. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet, and reservations must be made by Tuesday, Feb. 8, by calling Joy Davenport at 522-1160.

SWEC river cleanup

The Southwest Environmental Center will have a cleanup on the Rio Grande near Mesilla from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Participants should bring gloves and sun protection and are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of the Calle del Norte (Mesilla) bridge, across the river from the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, and work south. SWEC will provide water to fill water bottles, lemonade and trash bags.

For more information and to sign up, contact Lauren at 522-5552 or lauren@wildmesquite.org.

SEA Share Fair

The 12th annual SEA Share Fair will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in front of the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

The share fair is sponsored by the Science Education Alliance (SEA), a nonprofit educational organization in partnership with the museum.

The share fair is a science and math fair full of activities and demonstrations. Scientists and mathematicians from organizations around the community will be conducting hands-on science activities appropriate for elementary- and middle school-aged children. There is no charge to attend.


For more information, contact Pamela Egan at 527-9314 or email sciad@lcps.k12.nm.us.

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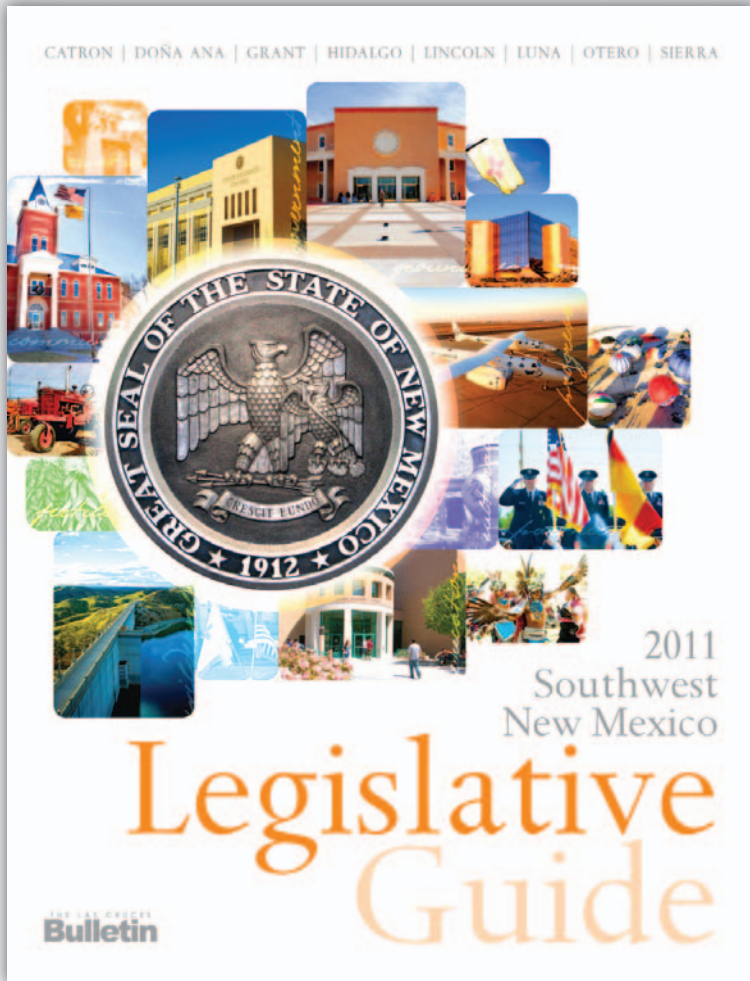
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Two appointed to courts

Gov. Susana Martinez made appointments to fill two vacancies on New Mexico's Third Judicial District Court – Susan Riedel and Jacinto Palomino, both of Las Cruces, to fill the vacancies created by the retirements of Judge Jerald Valentine and Judge Stephen Bridgforth.

Riedel and Palomino were both recommended for their positions by the Third Judicial District Court Nominating Commission.

“Ms. Riedel and Mr. Palomino have dedicated

their careers to protecting New Mexico's children and families and upholding the law to the fullest extent,” Martinez said. “Both have served capably as prosecutors and have proven themselves as tenacious and fair representatives of New Mexico's legal system.”

Riedel currently serves as chief deputy district attorney for the Third Judicial District and Palomino currently serves as deputy district attorney for the Third Judicial District.

CrimeStoppers

Armed robberies



Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrests of the suspects who may be responsible for as many as six armed robberies that have been committed in the past couple of weeks.

The armed robberies were Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Eagle Quick Mart at 4790 Stern Drive; Friday, Jan. 28, at the Eros bookstore at 2200 W. Amador Ave.; Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Lotaburger at 1300 S. Valley Drive; and Sunday morning, Jan. 30, at Domino's Pizza at 2645 Missouri Ave.

In addition to those four armed robberies another was reported late Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Chucky's convenience store in Doña Ana and an attempted armed robbery was reported at the Pic Quik store at 3925 S. Main St.

All six armed robberies were committed during late-evening or early-morning hours.

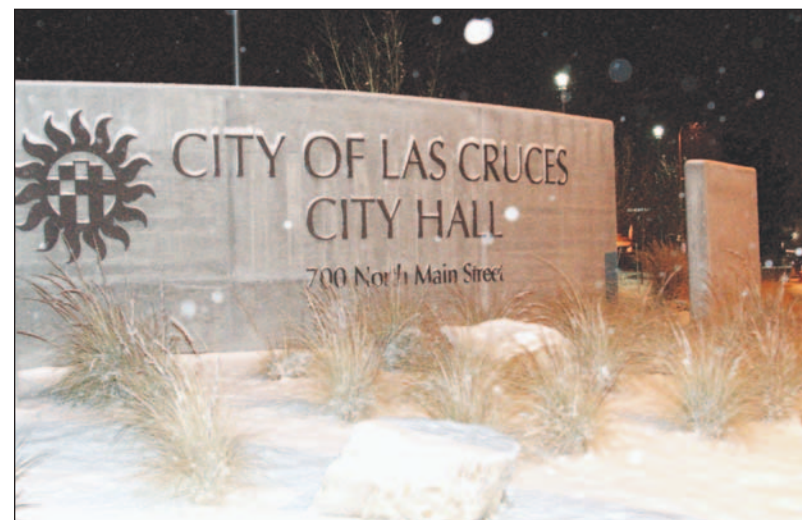
Of the six armed robberies, at least four

have similarities that lead detectives to believe they may have been committed by the same two or three young men or teenage boys.

The suspects in each of those four cases are described as young Hispanic or black men or teenage boys, all of whom were wearing masks or dark-colored hoodies. The suspects were said to be armed with handguns and, in at least one case, possibly a shotgun.

The suspects in some of the armed robberies may be driving a white, older model sport utility vehicle – possibly a Suburban or Tahoe.

If you have any information on the identity of the suspects you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477). The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.



Snow collects on the Las Cruces sun logo outside City Hall as a winter storm hits the area Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Storm

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Official records weren't readily available at press time, but the record low for Las Cruces is minus 10 degrees from January 1962, according to Weather.com. Temperatures recorded at the Las Cruces International Airport during the storm gave the lowest temperature during the storm at 10 degrees.

If misery loves company, New Mexicans

weren't alone. The storm was felt in at least 29 other states, affecting an estimated one third of the U.S. population.

More than 5,600 flights had been canceled on Wednesday alone. There were power outages to more than 375,000 customers from Texas to New England. The Texas power grid operator imposed rolling blackouts to 3 million homes.

The National Weather Service is predicting the storm to clear out by Thursday night, after freezing daytime and overnight temperatures.

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is currently represented by Nathan Small.

District 1 is represented by Miguel Silva and Ken Miyagishima is currently mayor.

Some potential candidates are waiting for

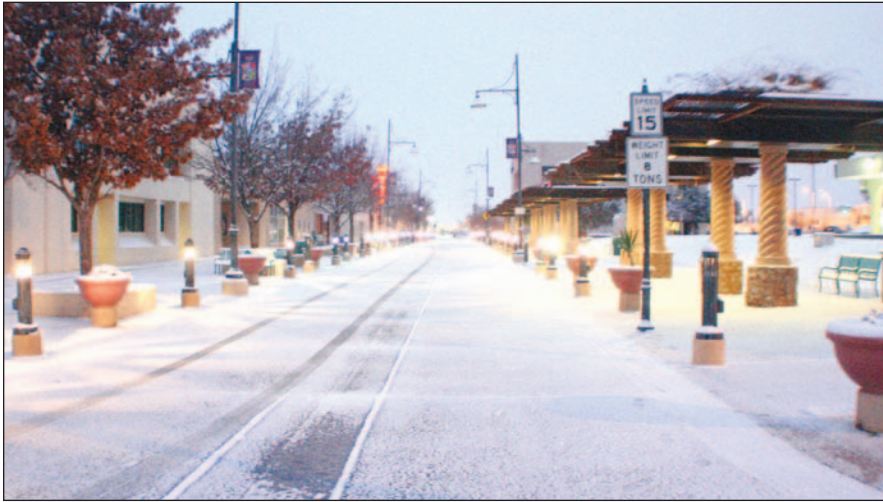
the results of redistricting, a process that will begin this spring and end by mid-summer. All the districts up for election are expected to grow to equalize population with the East Mesa districts that saw much growth before the housing bubble collapsed.

Official declarations of candidacy are to be filed with the city clerk Sept. 28.

Slip slidin' away ... Snow day in Las Cruces

Downtown daybreak:
Daylight joins the street lights on Main Street in the early morning of Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney



Arin Oliver and Junior Oliver slide down in their homemade sled at Aggie Memorial Stadium on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson



New Mexico State University students and others turned the slope of Aggie Memorial Stadium into a winter super slide Wednesday.

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A yucca pierces the snowstorm in the Doña Ana Mountains, Wednesday, Feb. 2.

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Director Pat Hynes speaks to attendees about the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, organized by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce (GLCCC) Jan. 29-31.



State Rep. Andy Nuñez welcomes visitors to Santa Fe.



Conquistadore chair Troy Tudor welcomes LCDSF participants to Santa Fe during the opening reception Saturday, Jan. 29.

Conquistadore Savonne Griffin and GLCCC past chair Kiel Hoffman



Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds visits with state Rep. Mary Helen Garcia during the governor's reception.



State Rep. Joseph Cervantes addresses the crowd about the tough road ahead during the 2011 session at the Legislators Breakfast Monday, Jan. 31.

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Hearing prompts GOP walkout

Democratic chairman calls action 'ridiculous'

By Trip Jennings
The New Mexican

Six Republican lawmakers marched out of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Monday, Jan. 31, the first skirmish of what could turn into a war over environmental and energy legislation this legislative session.

Provoking the GOP lawmakers' ire was the committee chairman, Rep. Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe, whom they accused of playing political games by dressing up propaganda as facts during what was billed as an informational session on the state's oil and gas industry.

"This is something for the chairman of the committee to give a black eye to the industry," Rep. William Gray, R-Artesia, said.

Egolf responded in turn, accusing the GOP lawmakers of overdramatization.

"They're doing a little show for you," Egolf said. "This is not real. This is just them trying to feed into this absurd notion that we're unfair on the committee. It's ridiculous."

Monday's drama illustrates the potential for combustible debates on the committee likely to hear important and controversial legislation in this year's 60-day session.

One bill likely to come before the committee would repeal greenhouse-gas emissions rules that were adopted in the final months of former Gov. Bill Richardson's administration. Representatives of the state's oil and gas industry have publicly said they're worried that Egolf's chairmanship of the committee might complicate Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's desire to roll back environmental regulations.

The House energy panel boasts a geographical diversity that breaks along political lines. The Republicans on the committee, for the most part, come from oil and gas-producing areas such as Farmington, Hobbs and Aztec. The Democrats on the committee, on the other hand, hail from non-oil and gas-producing regions such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos and Las Cruces.

"Every one of them on our side has oil and gas production in their districts," Gray said. "On the other side, they don't have a barrel of oil or a BTU of gas."

Monday's walkout punctuated an otherwise quiet meeting. House Minority Whip Donald Bratton, R-Hobbs, interrupted another lawmaker during a question-and-answer session to question the credibility of Kim Sorvig, one of two speakers Egolf invited to make presentations on the oil and gas industry. Egolf cut Bratton off, saying he was out of order. Bratton then left the committee room, followed by five other GOP lawmakers.

Sorvig is a research associate professor at the University of New Mexico's School of Architecture and Planning. His presentation spanned several topics, including new technologies the

oil and gas industry is using, tax breaks the industry receives in New Mexico's tax code and the state's pit rules, which have emerged as a perennial flashpoint between environmental advocates and oil-and-gas industry supporters. Supporters say the pit rules protect groundwater near oil and gas wells from contamination. Critics say the rules scare away oil-and-gas jobs.

In his presentation, Sorvig appeared to challenge a central tenet held by critics — that the extra cost companies must cover to comply with the new rules is what drives business away.

The market price of oil and gas, much more than the pit rules, affects the number of industry jobs in New Mexico, he said, pointing to a graph he created showing the price of oil and gas rising in unison with rig counts, which are often cited as an indicator of oil and gas employment.

The pit rules protect public safety "without driving out the industry," Sorvig said.

Some Republicans acknowledged Monday that the pit rules aren't the only factor in New Mexico's loss of oil and gas jobs in recent years.

The global price for the commodities is "the biggest reason" for job losses, Gray agreed. But the pit rules "show that New Mexico is not friendly to the petroleum industry," Gray added. "Because Oklahoma doesn't have it. Texas doesn't have it. Colorado doesn't have it."

Sorvig also came in for criticism for another chart he put together that appeared to show that New Mexico recovered faster than neighboring states after the 2008 economic crash despite the pit rules. The chart compared the number of rigs in New Mexico to those in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Kansas.

Republicans wanted to know where were statistics for Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, three big oil-and-gas states nearby.

"Two of the very most important states that he did not cite any statistics from were Texas and Oklahoma," said Rep. Candy Spence Ezell, R-Roswell.

Bratton said later Monday that what gave him pause about Sorvig's credentials as an oil-and-gas expert was that he is a professor of architecture and planning.

"To bring forth someone like that under the guise of trying to educate new members I think is paramount to moving the agenda toward propaganda as opposed to using credible testimony to elevate the knowledge of the members," Bratton said.

But Egolf said the facts presented by Sorvig spoke for themselves.

"When you show the amazing correlation between rig count and price, you don't have to be an expert to understand it," he said. "These presenters didn't create that data. The state of New Mexico created the data and the Baker Hughes company provided the rig count."



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Martinez urges expansion of Katie's Law

AG also backs DNA testing of all arrested for felonies

Attorney General Gary King is joining Gov. Susana Martinez in supporting expansion of Katie's Law.

Katie's Law is named after Katie Sepich, a New Mexico State University student who was murdered in 2003. DNA testing eventually led to the conviction of her murderer, but the killer would have been found earlier if his DNA had been tested during other arrests.

After their daughter's murder, David and Jayann Sepich urged the passage of Katie's Law in New Mexico in 2006, which allowed for DNA collection for certain felonies. Martinez, King and others in a bipartisan group are urging lawmakers to pass legislation to have all arrested for felony offenses be subjected to DNA testing.

"If we wish to make our communities safer, we must give law enforcement officials the best possible tools to prevent crime and convict criminals," Martinez said. "Expanding Katie's Law to require DNA samples from all individuals arrested for a felony will prevent horrific crimes in the future by putting some of society's most heinous criminals behind bars. I have called on the Legislature to work across party lines to protect the safety of New Mexico's children and families and deliver justice to those who would commit unspeakable acts of violence against them. I'm thankful for the bipartisan support this legislation has received to this point, and I look forward to continuing our push for the passage of this critical public safety legislation."

"We simply cannot take the chance that criminals are still on the streets because law enforcement is unable to take a simple DNA swab at the time of arrest for felony crimes," King said. "Collecting DNA samples from these individuals will solve crimes faster, rule out possible suspects, and make our investigations more targeted and more efficient. This is a critical tool in our mission keep New Mexico safe by executing the full extent of the law against criminals."

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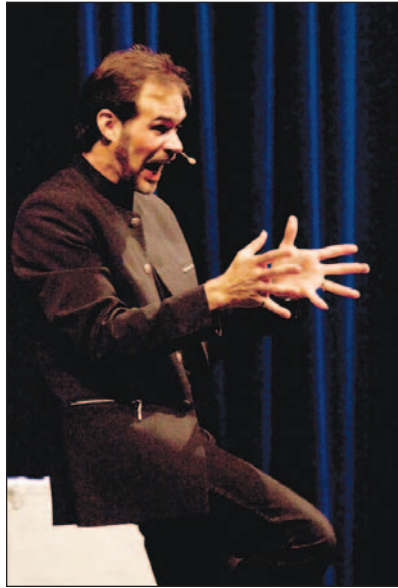
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Magical fundraising for Jornada Elementary School

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Magician Garry Carson teaches 6-year-old Anthony Estrada a magic trick during a Jornada Elementary School fundraiser held at the Rio Grande Theatre Tuesday, Feb. 1.



Carson parades his leopard around the stage for the audience.




Carson and his assistant magically make a leopard appear in the cage.

Carson pumps up the crowd at the fundraiser held by the Jornada Elementary Parent Teacher Organization.




Carson asks for audience participation at the fundraiser.

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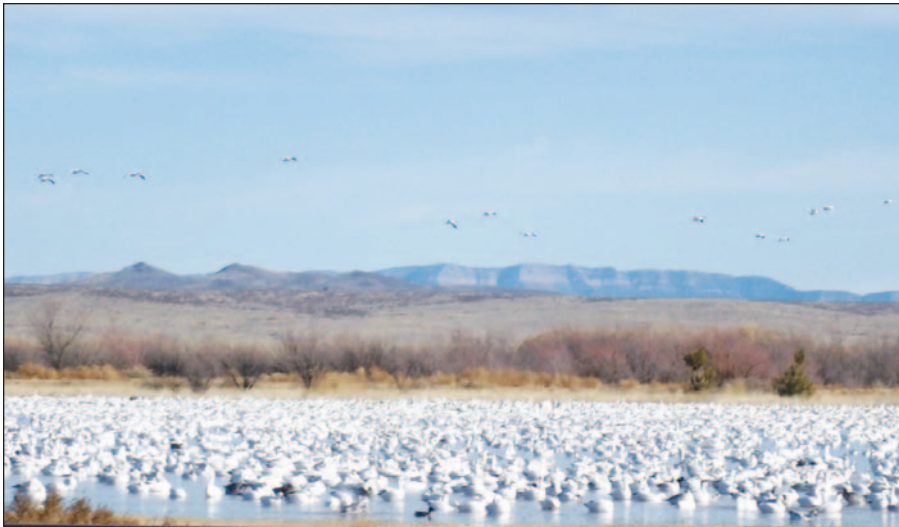
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Watching wildlife at the Bosque del Apache refuge

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Jury clears city in death lawsuit

Pursuit not cause of fatality

In a unanimous decision, a 12-member jury Tuesday, Feb. 1, found the City of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Police Department not liable in the death of 68-year-old Alvin Moore.

Moore was in a crosswalk at the corner of El Paseo Road and Main Street the morning of July 25, 2005, when he was struck and killed by a man involved in a pursuit with Las Cruces police after allegedly robbing a middle aged woman and stealing her sport utility vehicle.

"This unanimous verdict proves that the City of Las Cruces has an extremely qualified and highly trained police department, with officers who work well under pressure and who are capable of making proper split-second decisions," said City Manager Robert Garza. "It sends a message to the public that we trust our police officers and are proud of the work they do."

Garza said the city's outside legal counsel, Damien Martinez, was able to show the jury that the police officers involved in the incident acted within the scope of their duties and were in full compliance of police procedures and the law.

"This was an extremely long and complicated trial," Garza said. "But it was very important that we - the City of Las Cruces - saw it through to the end to demonstrate that we stand behind and support our police officers."

The six-and-a-half-day civil trial held in Third Judicial District Court in Las Cruces began Jan. 24 before State District Court Judge Michael Murphy.

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An Aggie Super Bowl moment



Richard Coltharp
That's the Way of the World

The Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl? Again?

Since my painful divorce with the Dallas Cowboys Feb. 25, 1989, (JJ-Day), I've only had a passing interest in the Super Bowl. These days, I'm more entertained by the commercials, the halftime shows and the occasional wardrobe malfunction.

But for 18 years I bled blue and silver, following the NFL in excruciating detail. I still remember phone numbers by the jersey numbers of Cowboys from 1971-88.

Did you know one of the greatest Super Bowl moments involved a former New Mexico State University Aggie?

It was Super Bowl X, January 1976, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas. The first person to touch the football was former Aggie Roy Gerela, the Steelers' placekicker. While proudly wearing the No. 56 Thomas Henderson Cowboys jersey I'd just gotten for Christmas, I anxiously awaited Gerela's kickoff. Henderson, later nicknamed "Hollywood," was then just one of 12 Cowboy rookies – nicknamed the "Dirty Dozen" – who helped propel Dallas into the Super Bowl.

Gerela's booming kickoff landed in the hands of Cowboy Preston Pearson, who sprinted up one sideline only to hand off to Henderson, perhaps the fastest linebacker who ever played in the NFL.

Henderson reversed it the other way, surprising everyone in the Orange Bowl except for the savvy Aggie, Gerela.

Having crossed midfield, the future "Hollywood" was en route to a certain touchdown, and another slam dunk over the crossbar (Henderson was the first NFLer to do that, earlier that season).

Gerela had other ideas and flung his little 5-9, 175-pound, body at the speeding No. 56, knocking him out of bounds.

But that wasn't the greatest moment.

Later, Gerela missed a field goal. After the errant try, Dallas safety Cliff Harris, one of the only Cowboys I never liked, mockingly patted Gerela on the helmet. The Steelers' fearsome middle linebacker, Jack Lambert – he of the missing front teeth – stormed to Harris, grabbed him and hurled him like a rag doll into the asphalt-hard AstroTurf. No flag was thrown.

A thing of beauty.

You won't see anything that cool this Sunday.

And as you're eating your Green Bay bratwursts or your Primanti Brothers' Pittsburgh pastrami sandwiches, bear in mind the wonderful quote from Cowboy great Duane Thomas. Following Super Bowl V, which Dallas lost in the final seconds to the Baltimore Colts, Thomas sagely asked, "If this is the ultimate game, how come they're playing it again next year?"

Ramondo: The sky's the limit

Mayfield standout will play at Michigan State

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield lineman Matt Ramondo said he never gave any thought to playing college football until that first letter arrived.

It was a simple invitation to attend a football camp at Notre Dame and it arrived during the summer between his sophomore and junior year. Since then, athletic honors, phone calls and, of course, letters from college recruiters have poured in at an impressive pace.

"Tons of letters ... it's ridiculous," Ramondo said earlier this week. "It makes you feel great to be wanted."

The 6-5, 300-pounder, who played nose guard and offensive tackle for the state champion Trojans, signed a letter of intent on Wednesday to attend Michigan State University and play for the Spartans. He's expected to be a defensive lineman for the Big 10 Conference school.

Ramondo's football journey to this point didn't get off to a flying start.

"He came in late, and to be honest, I don't remember much about him his freshman year," Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said. "He was a good-sized kid as a freshman, probably 6-2. But that next spring and summer, you could tell he was going to be a football player."

But right after Ramondo began flashing that athletic ability, he hit a bump in the road academically. He was ineligible to play football the first nine weeks of his sophomore year.

When a football recruiter from the University of New Mexico was visiting Mayfield that year, Bradley asked him to speak with Ramondo and help convince him that the sky

was the limit, but he had to first take care of his classroom work.

"He's really a good kid and very respectful," Bradley said of Ramondo. "This was just part of his journey and it sort of woke him up. Without the grades, you don't have a chance. He really buckled down in the classroom after that."

“ Having someone like him on the defensive line for three years is like gold. ”

MICHAEL BRADLEY,
Mayfield football coach

Ramondo became a dominant player during his junior year, forcing at least two blockers to try to contain him every play. He was equally effective as a senior even though he missed some time with a concussion and a foot injury. He also started as an offensive tackle last fall.

Mayfield has always had good linemen, but never anyone with Ramondo's size and strength.

"Having someone like him on the defensive line for three years is like gold," Bradley said. "He played nose guard the last two years and he was just dominating. He would take on two guys and push them both backwards."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey

Matt Ramondo had to overcome academic issues and injuries but the Mayfield High School lineman helped lead the Trojans to a state championship.

"He's so coachable and tough as nails, but was hurting a lot this past season."

Ramondo was one of several Mayfield players who battled back from injuries to make an impact down the stretch. After uncharacteristically losing four games during the regular season, the Trojans got hot in the playoffs and earned their third state championship under Bradley.

Ramondo didn't want his recruiting to be a distraction during

his senior year, so he gave a verbal commitment to attend Arizona State before the season started. It wasn't until two weeks ago that he changed his mind after being invited to East Lansing to check out Michigan State.

"Arizona State was fun and I liked the social atmosphere there," Ramondo said. "But it didn't feel like a family. Michigan State is very family oriented and they took me

See **Ramondo** on page A18

Ag football announces recruiting class

Receivers, defensive backs highlight group

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University football coach DeWayne Walker announced the Aggies' 2011 signing class Wednesday, Feb. 2. Nineteen students signed National Letters of Intent to attend NMSU and play football.

"I feel pretty good about (the recruiting class)," Walker said. Obviously you want to hit on all cylinders, offensively and we went heavy on receivers."

"We took a young quarterback (Travaughn Colwell) who fits our offense in terms of being a dual threat, not only in doing things with his legs but having enough arm strength

and good size."

Walker said he was pleased with his recruits at the tight end position.

"We are going to look at (Matthew) Jaramillo, a kid that played quarterback, and we're going to look at him in both positions," he said. "We really like his size and athleticism."

"You look at the receivers, we like Kemonte Bateman and another kid whose papers haven't come in that are really going to help us. We need these guys to come in and play right away."

On the offensive line, Walker said Andrew Kersten is probably going to be one of the Aggies' starting guards.

Walker said he expects some of the recruits to have an immediate impact on the defensive

side of the ball as well.

"Alexander LaVoy is a very good linebacker and will come in and create some competition at that position. We may take another linebacker after signing day as well," Walker said. "We expect LaVoy to start for us."

"We took two junior college corners and a JC safety. We signed the JC guys to come in and play for us right away."

"The two cornerbacks we signed we think have a chance to be pretty good players for us. There is also a safety, Lester White, who was really a BCS player coming out of high school. Things didn't work out, but he had a pretty good junior college career."

See a list of NMSU recruits on page A22

Another home win at the NMSU vs Idaho basketball game

Photos by Chris Mortenson



New Mexico State point guard Hernst Laroche had four steals against the Idaho Vandals during the Aggies' 73-65 win in the Pan American Center Saturday, Jan. 29. The Aggies play at Fresno State at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, before returning to Las Cruces to play Louisiana Tech at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7.



Aggie forward Troy Gillenwater reaches for the ball over an Idaho defender. The Aggie victory extended their unbeaten streak in WAC home games to 11, dating back to last season.



NMSU's forward Bandja Sy attacks the goal during the Aggie win.



The New Mexico State University ROTC honor guard presents the flag during a halftime ceremony honoring recruits who were sworn into the armed forces at the game.



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Ramondo

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in and made me feel like a part of their family."

Ramondo, who also considered offers from the University of Arizona, New Mexico and New Mexico State, will fit in well at Michigan State, Bradley said. The coach spent three years as a graduate assistant coach on Hayden Fry's staff at the University of Iowa before coming to Mayfield, so he is familiar with the schools in the Big 10.

"New Mexico State recruited him hard, but I think he wanted to get out of town," the coach said. "Michigan State and the other Big 10 schools are first-class programs. He's going to have to step up and lead. He knows he's going to have to work, but I expect to see them play him some this year.

"He really took the challenge and set a goal to be a Division I player. He can go as far as he wants to go."

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Aggie Insider



Swimmers hope for good finish vs UNM

Track team setting school records

It is senior day for the swimming and diving team Saturday, Feb. 5, at the New Mexico State University Natatorium. The Aggies are saying goodbye to five seniors and looking to beat New Mexico for the fourth straight time in the dual meet.

It all starts at noon and admission is free to the event. Head coach Rick Pratt, again, has assembled a team that competes at the top level in the pool and the classroom. Their grade point averages are all above a B and are moving toward and overall GPA of a B+.

Seniors Mariesa Cloud, Kelly Conrad, Alannah Lawrence, Kelly Runstrand and Theresa Illgen will be competing in their last home meet, but hardly their last performance for the Crimson and White. Conrad has earned another WAC Swimmer of the Week award for her performance two weeks back. It is the third time she has garnered the honor from the WAC front office.

Pratt calls this time of the year taper time, because this is when the times need to start coming down. Pratt's team swims more than 75,000 yards per week. That is more than 2,000 lengths of the pool all season long. If all that comes together, a fraction of a second will come off the times, but that miniscule amount of time can mean the difference between a conference title and the long wait until next season. Pratt said UNM is a formidable opponent.

"UNM has a young squad



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

with good distance swimmers and great diving. It will be a great meet to finish with for our seniors, and a special time to honor their accomplishments," he said.

Off and running: The New Mexico State women's track and field squad broke several school records at the University of New Mexico Invite, Jan. 28-29. The 4-by-400-meter relay time, the mile and 60 meter hurdles bests were rewritten early in the year.

The NM State relay foursome of sophomore LaSasha Aldredge, sophomore Samantha Thompson, junior India Cleveland and senior Leah Benton broke the previous school record with a time of 3:51.65, a second and "change" better than the previous mark at the UNM Invite. The previous school record was 3:52.93. Thompson and Cleveland set new marks in the mile and 60 meter hurdles, respectively. Thompson shaved two seconds off the old record, while Cleveland was two-tenths of a second faster zooming over the hurdles. Coach Orin Richburg thinks this is a good start.

"We're doing what were trying to do for conference. We're on the right track," he said.

The Aggies have claimed the WAC Cross Country title, so the indoor championship is the next logical step.

Golfers swing into play

Aggies posted strong fall season, both on and off the golf course

It's an exciting time for Aggie golf, as we look forward to continuing the solid play from this past fall.

Historically, we haven't wasted too many good shots in the fall, but this year's squad posted top five finishes in all five fall events. To equate this to a win-loss record versus other teams, the Aggies are 54-12-1 with a win against then No. 1 Pepperdine.

Individually, senior Tim Madijan and junior Joon Lee won titles this fall. This is the first time since the 2005-06 season that multiple players have won.

The New Mexico State men's golf team is in full swing as we prepare to begin our spring season Feb. 21-22 at the Rice Intercollegiate. Right now we are playing in team qualifying events to determine who our five starters will be for Rice.

The spring will take us to Texas three times, California twice and Oregon, and we will finish the regular season at what seems to be our favorite tournament, the WAC Championship in Las Vegas. We've captured the WAC Championship four out of the last five years, and would love nothing more than to add one more this May. Who knows, there could be a place for the Aggies at the NCAA Championship in June. I don't see why not.

That's enough about golf. It's really about the student athlete.

Not many people have the opportunity to play Division I athletics. Even fewer will play beyond college. In our program, we stress the importance of being a student athlete. As a coach, I am very proud that our team average GPA is consistently above 3.0.

Last spring, we were recognized

Scott Lieberwirth
Men's Golf
Head Coach



by the NCAA for being in the top 10 percent of our sport for academic progress rate (APR). In a nutshell, our student athletes stay eligible and graduate.

I'm also proud of our student athletes who have chosen to take positions of leadership with the athletic department and the university. Junior Miko Alejandro serves as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and junior Gaston De La Torre is the vice president. Also, De La Torre was recently elected as a senator of Associated Students of NMSU for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Kind of like a potluck dinner, I ask that our student athletes bring something to the table to make the team better. Work ethic, leadership and excellence in the classroom are qualities that our student athletes bring besides their golf game to make our team truly successful.

NM State has an impressive group of more than 400 student athletes with much the same story as ours. Their hard work and dedication on and off the field of play is something we all should be proud of. The Las Cruces community is the lifeblood of the men's golf program and the athletic department in general. We appreciate your support of all programs for many years to come.

Remember, it's really about the student athlete.
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Men's Tennis

Southern Miss
Las Vegas, Nev.
10 a.m.

Track and Field

UNM Classic
Albuquerque
9 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Men's Tennis
Cal Poly
Las Vegas, Nev.
10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 7

Men's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

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Aggie student-athlete spotlight



India Cleveland
Junior
Track and Field

Junior India Cleveland set a new school record in the 60-meter hurdles (8.66) at the New Mexico Invite, Jan. 28-29. Her time was two-tenths of a second better than the previous record.

Cleveland was a member of the 4x400 meter relay that also broke a school record.



Danisha Corbett
Senior
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Danisha Corbett scored a career-high 31 points in NM State's win at Boise State, Jan. 27. Corbett also set a career mark with seven made 3-pointers in nine attempts

against the Broncos.



Troy Gillenwater
Junior
Men's Basketball

Junior forward Troy Gillenwater posted a career-high 34 points in the 96-87 overtime victory against Boise State, Jan. 27. He scored nine points in overtime and has three 30-point performances this season.

30-point performances this season.



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Onthegreen

Snail-paced play mires golf in slump

Industry executives need to find ways to address speed of game

Editor's note: This is the first of several articles on the golf industry.

Unless you've been living in a cave for the past few years, it should come as no surprise that the golf business has been in a steady decline since before the recession began. Having just attended the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando – the industry's premier showcase convention – I was struck by not only the stagnation of the golf business, but by the lack of any sense of urgency to think and move outside the box. Last year, for example, three times as many golf courses closed than opened.

I recently did a straw poll of a dozen adults who have either quit the game of golf or aren't interested in playing at all. I was mostly wondering about their reasons for staying off the links. I can summarize the results of my survey as to why golf fell into disfavor with these folks very succinctly: It takes too much time, it's too expensive and it's too frustrating.

Compared to, say, leisure walking or bird watching – both alternative activities mentioned in national studies dealing with the death of golf – golf is rather expensive, and I can relate to the negative feelings of frustration from time to time, although that element seems to tap into a more visceral and deeply rooted need, or perhaps personality style.

Some folks are better off training for marathons, some are better hitting practice balls. I know plenty of golfers who can't break 100, but don't leave the golf course angry or ready to explode.

Tour players are typically the trunk-slamers.

My attention was drawn to the biggie excuse that "golf just takes too long." And the golf's snail pace becomes even more underscored when you consider that the near-term future of golf is not retired geezers playing in Sun City. It's busy folks 20 to 55 who multi-task their way through the day and who are already in a clock crunch. Down the road golf isn't going to survive on slackers who waste five hours a day thumbing their iPhones. It's the successful people with money who like active, upscale outdoor sports who are the target audience for golf. But golf is too slow.

Part of the difficulty stems from golf courses that are too long for the average player. One golf industry executive, Barney Adams, former CEO of Adams Golf, thinks a round of golf is lengthened by designers who improperly create golf courses that are not golfer-friendly, by over-watering of American courses, and by course set-ups that are much too long for the average golfer.

Adams has a point, but my analysis tells us the problem

goes much deeper and is much more complicated, because there isn't any one main cause of golf played at a snail's pace.

Let's start with what golfers see on television. Heck, even Jack Nicklaus has said that watching golf on television is like watching paint dry. The PGA Tour (weekly televised) is promoting slow play on both public and private links by the way they run their tournaments.

On his flat screen, Joe Hacker at home is naturally fixed on Tiger as Tiger checks and re-checks his club selection for an announced "critical" approach shot, while caddy Steve Williams bullies paying spectators 50 feet away to shut up.

Then, after Tiger leaves his shot in a hazard, short of the 270-yard carry he had planned, he's now waiting for a PGA rule Nazi to show up to tell him what to do. He sure doesn't want to make some minute slip-up and have a viewer call in to the tour and find out he signed for a wrong score and get DQ'd.

So he waits, and we watch him wait.

As an aside, I'm not sure I'd be too impulsive or rushed when chasing sports immortality. As I said, it's complicated.

And we haven't even made it to the green, where Tiger is compelled to stalk his now par putt from seven different angles. C'mon, man!

TV has also created slow play by example and default. And it's an example that is dreadful for golf.

I don't think the slow-play problem boils down to bad golfers. When I played in Orlando recently, my threesome found itself behind three chops who couldn't advance the golf ball straight ahead from the tee if they had to in order to save the world. Mostly, they hit a couple of more "overs" on each hole and moved up to where they could see the green. But they moved, and after a few holes these guys were way ahead and never got in our way. They were hackers, true, but not delusional ones, thinking they were being taped by a CBS-TV camera with Jim Nantz announcing.

The threesome I just mentioned usually put a ball down somewhere in the middle of the fairway and scraped it onto the green from there. In effect, they created their own "drop areas." If golf courses had designated drop areas or "play zones" at about 150 yards out from the green it might speed things up. Novice players could start from there. When a beginner golfer tops the ball along the ground 3 or 4 times to get to where he can finally get a shot airborne (at about 150 yards) no wonder he or she leaves the property in frustration. Nor did he or she appreciate the guys behind yelling obscenities and hitting into them.

I don't have the answer to the slow-play dilemma. But I do

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



anticipate that if golf does not address this as an industry-sensitive issue, it will spell even further trouble in participation and even deeper losses as time goes on.

Emerging market segments, such as teens and young adults, won't have the attention span or the interest to tolerate a chunk of six or seven hours (including commute time to a golf course) to devote to a singular entertainment form like a round of golf.

Golf courses have tried using signs, advisories, education and cajoling to speed up play. Notices on carts and other tactics to get golfers moving seem to go unheeded. Even marshals and golf course "ambassadors" have little influence on folks who think it's their rightful entitlement to poke along as long as they bloody well please if they have paid their money.

Most of these initiatives are short-lived, fizzling out after player complaints decline a bit. Resort courses generally do a bit better job in policing dawdling golfers, principally because they're keenly interested in two things: getting golfers on and off the golf course (think turning tables at a restaurant), and making sure their guests have a good golfing experience.

Many golf course operators just don't get that. It should be understood, however, that most major resorts rigorously train their golf course marshals and empower them to enforce pace of play policies, something the public courses often fail to do.

Still, resort courses don't have to deal with what I call the "notorious groups." These are the groups (usually several foursomes) that play ego-driven games for money and don't care who they inconvenience. They're like the idiot drivers who don't use their turn signals or cut you off, not caring if they inconvenience you.

The bad-boy bozos should be put on the clock, and their groups relegated to starting times that don't inconvenience us faster players. Providing electric carts that shut off when you drive slightly off the beaten path is fine, but what we really need is carts that won't go after the four-hour allotted golf round time limit has expired.

Regularly, golfers are charged "green fees" for a certain number of holes, like nine or 18, but maybe they should be charged for four hours' course occupancy and ushered away when the time has expired.

Golf needs to dig deeper to grow the game. Change has to start at a bedrock level. Moving outside the box, golf needs to market six-hole rounds, more executive golf courses and a pace of play that moves along briskly.

Industry execs need to go to The Villages just south of Ocala, Fla., and see what really nice, really short, really playable executive courses look like, and play like. Those layouts might just be the future of everyday golf.

TPC Sawgrass and televised professional tournaments are not the future of everyman golf.

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Geneva Hernandez

Geneva Hernandez is 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is the senior point guard for the Lady Sonblazers' basketball team. Hernandez is averaging 11 points, nine assists and six rebounds per game this season. She is one of three seniors on the Lady Sonblazers basketball team who has stepped up to provide leadership to the younger athletes on the team, with her dedication and commitment. She is as dedicated to school academics, with a 4.0 GPA. When not in school or on the basketball court, Hernandez enjoys spending time with her friends and attending her church youth group.



Garrett Hendren

Garrett Hendren is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays guard for the Sonblazers' basketball team and is currently averaging 14 points and four rebounds per game. Hendren is an outstanding three-point shooter, positional defender and rebounder. He was selected to the All-Tournament team in December 2010 at the 4A Tournament, as well as being selected to the All-Tournament team at the Santa Rosa Tournament. He is one of the "glue" players on the varsity team – he keeps things together. His coach said that Hendren is a "joy to coach." His leadership is quiet but very effective. He is admired for his ability to accept any challenge. Hendren is a good student, with a 3.2 GPA. In his spare time he is an avid recreational outdoorsman. He is also a huge "Aggie" fan and loves to play golf.

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Northern Colorado is Ags' opponent in BracketBuster Game will be at Pan Am Center Feb. 19

The New Mexico State men's basketball team hosts Northern Colorado, Saturday, Feb. 19, in the ESPN BracketBuster game. The Aggies have the home court advantage this season after traveling a year ago. Game time will be announced at a later date.

"Geographically, I'm happy with the draw," head coach Marvin Menzies said. "It's relatively easy travel for the return trip next year. It's good, strong competition to have here and, in the second round of conference games, it will be nice to see new faces. I'm disappointed we didn't get a TV game, but we can't worry about things we don't control."

Currently, Northern Colorado is 11-8 and 7-1 in the Big Sky Conference. The Bears had a seven-game win streak snapped with a 72-71 loss at Weber State, Jan. 29. Redshirt senior guard Devon Beitzel leads Northern Colorado with 19.1 points per game while redshirt senior forward Neal Kingman adds 11.2 points per contest.

The Bears have a 2-0 lead in the all-time

series, but the teams haven't met since the 1941-42 season. Northern Colorado won both previous games, 36-31 in overtime, Dec. 18, 1941, and 35-30, Dec. 19, 1941, in Las Cruces.

The WAC will have one of the 11 televised games, featuring No. 21 Utah State at Saint Mary's. Utah State will travel to play Saint Mary's at 7 p.m. MT Feb. 19 on ESPN2.

Other WAC games in the BracketBusters include Boise State at UC Santa Barbara, Hawai'i at UC Davis, Idaho at Montana State, UC Riverside at Fresno State, Georgia State at Louisiana Tech, UC Irvine at Nevada and Weber State at San Jose State.

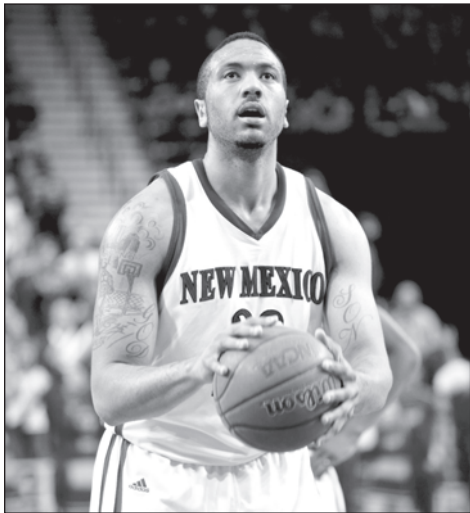
As of Wednesday, Feb. 2, NMSU is 12-11 and 6-3 in conference play. Junior forward Troy Gillenwater posts a team-high 19.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per game while junior guard Hernst Laroche contributes 11.6 points and 4.7 assists per contest.

The Aggies played at Fresno State Thursday, Feb. 3, and return home to host Louisiana Tech at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the Pan American Center.

The Aggies are 5-0 in BracketBuster games and have played four of the last five contests in Las Cruces. Last season, NMSU outlasted Pacific, 84-78, Feb. 20, 2010, in Stockton, Calif.

The ninth annual BracketBusters event, a three-day men's college basketball extravaganza pitting potential NCAA Tournament hopefuls against each other Feb. 18-20, features 11 nationally televised games-on either ESPN2 or ESPN-selected from a pool of 114 teams. For the sixth straight year, ESPN, the 24-hour college sports network, will televise five BracketBusters games while ESPN2 will televise six contests.

The BracketBusters concept, named because of the success of teams from these conferences in NCAA Tournament play through the years, provides participating programs with an opportunity to play top non-conference opponents about three weeks before Selection Sunday. Each conference selected its participating teams before the season, and the matchups for the event were determined by ESPN in conjunction with the conferences.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson
The ESPN BracketBuster game at the Pan American Center Saturday, Feb. 19, will feature one of the WAC's top players in New Mexico State's Troy Gillenwater.

H I G H S C H O O L SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School

Friday, Feb. 4	Girls Basketball	at Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
Feb. 4-5	Swimming	at District 5-A Meet (Hobbs)	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 5	Wrestling	at Deming Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Girls Basketball	Oñate High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Oñate High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11	Girls Basketball	at Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
Feb. 11-12	Tennis	at Americas Tennis Tournament	TBA



Mayfield High School

Friday, Feb. 4	Boys Basketball	Cathedral High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5	Wrestling	at Deming Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Girls Basketball	at Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11	Girls Basketball	Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
Feb. 11-12	Tennis	at Americas Tennis Tournament	TBA



Oñate High School

Friday, Feb. 4	Girls Basketball	Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Girls Basketball	at Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11	Girls Basketball	Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
Feb. 11-12	Tennis	at Americas Tennis Tournament	TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Feb. 4	Girls Basketball	Lordsburg High School	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Lordsburg High School	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8	Girls Basketball	Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11	Girls Basketball	Tularosa	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Tularosa	6:30 p.m.



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Samantha Thompson
Sophomore, Track and Field

Sophomore Samantha Thompson set a new school record in the mile run at the New Mexico Invite, Jan. 28-29. She recorded a time of 5:01.54 and beat her previous school record by more than two seconds. Thompson was a member of the 4x400 meter relay that also broke a school record.

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**New Mexico State
2011 Football Signees**

- Kemonte Bateman**, WR, 6-1, 185Los Angeles (Pasadena JC/Crenshaw HS)
- Brandon Betancourt**, RB, 5-11, 185Las Cruces (Mayfield HS)
- Sean Brown**, DE, 6-5, 253Oakland, Calif. (Chabot College/Oakland Tech.)
- James Calhoun**, WR, 5-11, 180.....Riverside, Calif. (Riverside JC/North HS)
- Houston Clemente**, OL, 6-1, 285Honolulu (St. Louis HS)
- Travaughn Colwell**, QB, 6-3, 185Manvel, Texas (Manvel HS)
- Andy Cunningham**, OL, 6-4, 290.....Frisco, Texas (Frisco HS)
- Anthony Edwards**, DB, 6-0, 185.....Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley College)
- Jeremy Harris**, DB, 6-2, 180.....Dorsey, Calif. (East Los Angeles JC/Dorsey HS)
- Abram Holland**, DT, 6-2, 260.....Rio Rancho, N.M. (V. Sue Cleveland HS)
- Matthew Jaramillo**, TE/QB, 6-5, 245.....Albuquerque (West Mesa HS)
- Andrew Kersten**, OL, 6-6, 305Minneapolis (El Camino JC/Washburn)
- Alexander LaVoy**, LB, 6-2, 230.....Reno, Nev. (Butte C.C./McQueen HS)
- Joseph Matthews**, WR, 6-1, 175.....Tucson, Ariz. (Rincon HS)
- Faison McKinnis**, OL, 6-7, 300Frisco, Texas (Centennial HS)
- Germi Morrison**, RB, 6-0, 191...Panorama City, Calif.(LA Valley CC/Monroe HS)
- Samuel Oyenuga**, DB, 5-10, 165.....Rowlett, Texas (Rowlett HS)
- Valerian Ume-Ezeoke**, OL, 6-2, 267... Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial HS)
- Lester White**, DB, 6-2, 200Riverside, Calif. (Riverside JC/North HS)

2011 Gray Shirt Signees

Gray Shirts are student athletes who signed a National Letter of Intent in 2010, but would count against the 2011 signing class.

- Jackson KaKa**, TE, 6-4, 210.....Kahuku, Hawai'i (Kahuku HS)
- Adam Shapiro**, WR, 6-0, 175.....Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)
- Daniel English**, WR, 6-3, 190.....New Westminster, B.C. (New West. Secondary)

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SportsBriefs

Aggies picked fifth in baseball poll

The New Mexico baseball team has been selected to finish fifth in the 2011 Western Athletic Conference regular season in a vote by the league's head coaches. The coaches also voted senior outfielder Chace Perkins to the preseason all-WAC team.

The Aggies received 16 points after finishing the 2010 season with a 36-23-1 record overall and a 14-9-1 conference record. NMSU finished second in the regular season last year and was ousted in the second round of the WAC tournament, losing to eventual WAC Tournament Champion Hawai'i. Head coach Rocky Ward has high expectations for his teams and knew Fresno and Hawai'i would be atop the poll.

"I expected to see Hawai'i and Fresno at the top of the poll, but am a little surprised that we were picked fifth. I think the other coaches were impressed with the returning pitching of San Jose and the maturity of the Nevada team and concerned with the quality of hitting that we lost to graduation," Ward said. "We are looking forward to introducing our new offensive attack, which I think the league will realize is better than last year."

Perkins, a native of Sparks, Nev., was the only preseason All-WAC selection for NMSU this year. He was also named a 2011 third team Preseason All-American by CollegeBaseballLine-

up.com (formerly PING!Baseball), Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The Aggies open the season with the Annual Alumni Game, Saturday, Feb. 12 at Presley Askew Field, before opening the regular season with a three-game series against Houston Baptist, Feb. 18-20 in Las Cruces. For season tickets to watch the Aggies, call 646-1420 or visit www.nm-statesports.com.

Softball team gets fourth-place nod

The New Mexico State softball team placed two players on the 2011 preseason all-conference team and were selected to place fourth in the league by the coaches in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), the league office announced recently.

Senior first baseman Hoku Nohara and junior outfielder Tiare Jennings earned preseason All-WAC nods for the second straight season. In 2010, departed senior Angie Ortega joined the duo in the preseason selections. NMSU was one of just three 2011 squads with multiple all-league selections, alongside Hawai'i and Fresno State. Nohara smashed the NMSU all-



NOHARA

time record for home runs of 29 last season as a junior with a career total of 40, after blasting 16 round trippers in 2010. The single-season mark of 16 homers ranks second all-time behind fellow honoree Jennings's 17 homers during the 2009 campaign.

Junior outfielder Tiare Jennings earned 2010 first team All-WAC honors after earning second team honors in 2009. The junior played in all but one game last season, logging 54 contests in the NMSU outfield with a .963 fielding percentage.

Last season the Aggies finished sixth overall in the WAC with a 27-28 overall record and 7-14 conference ledger. The Aggies continued their home run success as a team by belting 62 balls out of the park, second all-time only to the 68 sent over the wall in 2009. The team also posted the second-best RBI total in program history with 280 helpers only behind the 314 mark set in 2009. The Aggies' 321 runs scored in 2010 were just eight home plate touches shy of the all-time mark set the year before.

WAC softball coaches chose defending champion Hawai'i to repeat their finish from last year. The Rainbow Wahine took the top spot in the preseason poll with 48 points and six first-place votes. Fresno State came in second, picking up two first-place votes and 43 points, followed by Boise State in third place with 33 points.

The Aggies begin their 2011 campaign at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, against the Northern Colorado Bears in the annual Hotel Encanto Invitational. The Aggies follow that game up with a battle against Colorado State in the second game Friday evening.



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- Doug served on the Board of Advisors for Aggie Athletic Club (f.k.a. Aggie Athletics Fund) from 2002 – 2006
- Family legacy of service to others through agriculture and improvement of the state's land-grant institution – Peggy's father was instrumental in recruiting President Emeritus Roger Corbett to NMSU in 1955
- Hosted the Hawaii Women's Basketball Team during the 2007 Western Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament

Make a Difference

The husband and wife team of Doug and Peggy Bogart is a shining example of Aggies in action. The Bogarts place emphasis on showing up and supporting the team, whether at a Men's Basketball game, Women's Basketball game, or athletic fundraising events. Their all-time favorite Aggie Athletic figure is Eric Channing because he studied hard, earned good grades and was a talented student-athlete. While neither participated in competitive sports during their education, they believe it is important to help student-athletes. Doug and Peggy encourage you to follow their example and help make Aggie dreams come true by making a gift to the Aggie Athletic Club today.

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NMSU swimmers host UNM Lobos

Swim meet will be final event for five Aggie seniors

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team hosts New Mexico at noon Saturday, Feb. 5, in the regular season finale at the NMSU Natatorium. The meet is also senior day for the Aggies.

NMSU is looking for its fourth consecutive win in the series over the Lobos. The Aggies defeated UNM, 158-142, Nov. 14, 2009; 178-105, Jan. 28, 2009; and 159-140, Jan. 31, 2008.

"This Saturday's meet is important for several reasons," head coach Rick Pratt said. "First, it's our last chance to race before conference. We must be

confident in our strategies and skills. It is also important because of the rivalry against UNM. They have tough distance swimmers and some young talents swimming well, not to mention great divers. We'll have to take advantage of our depth in several events to win."

In addition to the final tune-up prior to the WAC Championships, this is the final event for seniors Mariesa Cloud, Kelly Conrad, Theresa Illgen, Alannah Lawrence and Kelly Runstrand in Las Cruces.

"Most importantly it is the last dual meet for our five seniors, and what a great event for them to finish with," Pratt said.

"This class has done so much for our program and to recognize them during the second break of the meet will be an emotional event for sure. They were the first class to defeat UNM and several other programs in school history, and each one has scored in the top eight at the WAC Championships."

Admission to the meet is free and the doors will open at 11 a.m.



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Coach Rick Pratt gives instructions to his swim team during a swim meet at the New Mexico State University Natatorium in October 2010.

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By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

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While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

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Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically

any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch a large sum. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come

to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer, "Old coins and paper currency. For as

long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

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Photos by Derek Brandt

Sgt. Frank Flores of the Las Cruces Police Department and the rest of the force were wearing armbands in memory of Katlin Tru Benavidez, a 6-year-old daughter of an officer who passed away last year.



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Officer Ricky Bardwell is all hands as he makes the 30-yard catch in the flag football game held each year to benefit La Casa domestic shelter.

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HAM flew a half-century ago

Chimpanzee helped pave way for human astronauts

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



A young chimpanzee named HAM influenced 9-year-old Barbara Radding to fly to space.

“Barbara said that ‘ever since they first sent a chimp into space, I wanted to go,’” Grace Corrigan wrote in “A Journal for Christa.” Corrigan’s daughter was Christa McAuliffe, the first in the Teacher-in-Space program, who died in 1986 aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. Had McAuliffe not flown, Radding, now Barbara Morgan, would have taken her place. Morgan did finally achieve her dream, in 2007, aboard Shuttle Endeavour.

HAM, an acronym for Holloman Aero Medical, at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo where the primate was trained, launched on his 15-minute sub-orbital mission on Jan. 31, 1961. HAM’s given name was Chang. There is evidence that Cold War-era government officials had his name changed because they feared Americans would balk at a name that was common in communist China.

HAM preceded the first American, Alan Shepard, into space. At the time, scientists were “concerned about the psychological aspects of man being able to perform” in the vacuum of space; as well as whether a human’s “physiological functions” would “begin to deteriorate,” reported “Animal Astronauts: They Opened the Way to the Stars.” Because of the “intelligence and reasoning ability,” scientists chose chimps to test those theories.

Not all scientists concurred, though. Some, “Animal Astronauts” said, “questioned using the chimpanzee since, at the time, we did not possess near the information needed for physiological baselines. The dog baselines were firmly established, meaning that certain physiological data from this animal could be

extrapolated to man. ... Part of this group also, and quite loudly, said we would be wasting much time and money simply because the chimpanzee could not be trained to perform under stress conditions.”

Proponents of training chimps pointed out that “you can teach a dog a lot of tricks, but you can’t teach him to do specified tasks under stress, in the confines of a closed life support system like a space capsule,” said “Animal Astronauts.” In addition, the proponents said, “the chimpanzee has human-like hands and even feet that resemble hands. He can do relatively complicated tasks and his order of intelligence is next to that of man. We knew that he could be taught and that he retained that knowledge.”

In 1958, “the program of training chimpanzees for space flight began at Holloman,” said “Animal Astronauts.” The next year, “the Aeromedical Field Laboratory at Holloman ... became the over-all manager of all large biological specimen flights in connection with the Project Mercury man-in-space program.” The goals were to study chimp “psychophysiology ... under altered environmental conditions,” determine how they responded under restraints, teach them “a series of conditioned responses,” and “orient (them) to conditions of actual flights.”

“The psychologists of the Comparative Psychology Branch design(ed) and devise(d) the ways and means of training the chimpanzees,” said “Animal Astronauts.” “The psychomotor performance tasks they finally devised after much research in a short time period provided them the equipment necessary to evaluate performance during simulated and actual space flight.”

Alamogordo resident Edward C. Dittmer Sr. trained HAM as well as Enos, who, in a subsequent flight, became the first chimp to orbit Earth prior to John Glenn’s mission.

In a 1987 oral history at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, Dittmer said training taught HAM he’d receive a reward when he pulled levers “so many times for a drink of water and so many times for a banana pellet.”

Conversely, pulling incorrect levers caused



The remains of HAM, who was born in Cameroon, Equatorial Africa, are buried at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, the location marked by this plaque.

Michael Shinabery/
New Mexico
Museum of Space
History

a “mild electric shock through the sole of the foot,” “Animal Astronauts” said, adding that the “shock that the chimp gets is not injurious at all. It is a reminder that he has made a mistake. He catches on fast.”

“Animal Astronauts” also told of a congressman “who had witnessed a chimpanzee concluding an exercise run of 7,000 responses, missing only 20. The congressman then tried and made mistakes immediately, not doing near as well as the chimp.”

On flight day, Dittmer said he suited up HAM, attached EKG electrodes and respiration sensors, sealed the chimp into a compartment called a “couch,” and then assisted loading him into the Mercury capsule atop the 83-foot tall Redstone rocket.

Shortly after launch, a “hot engine” in the Redstone “consumed all of its fuel in five seconds,” which triggered an abort, reported “Moon Shot.” “The automatic control system ... blew the spacecraft away from the rocket with a great shriek of flame that sent the craft much higher and faster than it was intended to go.” The craft was programmed for apogee

at 115 miles in altitude, but instead reached 157 miles. The website nasa.history.gov states that as a result HAM endured 52,000 pounds of thrust for one second,” traveling “7,540 feet per second, against a planned 6,465 feet.”

“Men From Earth” documented that HAM survived a “re-entry deceleration of almost 15 Gs.” When he splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean he was 418 miles off the Florida Coast – 122 miles off course. He was in for a two-hour wait in the rough Atlantic Ocean during which the capsule took on “about 800 pounds” of water, history.nasa.gov said. According to “Moon Shot”: “By the time the recovery choppers showed up to lift the craft out of the waves, it was on its side, filled with so much water they had a sputtering, choking, near-drowned chimp on their hands.”

The flight was HAM’s only mission. He died on Jan. 18, 1983, at the North Carolina Zoological Park.

Michael Shinabery is an education specialist and Humanities Scholar at the New Mexico Museum of Space History.

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Hazeltons earn LCHA honor

Divisional winners in Gymkhana announced

By **Marvin Tessneer**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Horseman's Association named Steve and Mackey Hazelton Honorary Lifetime Members during its year-end awards banquet. The Hazeltons are only the 12th and 13th members to be awarded the recognition in the association's 30-year history.

The Hazeltons ride in the 40-and-older category. The LCHA reported in its awards booklet, "Honorary Lifetime Members serve as shining examples to all of us, displaying generosity, helpfulness, kindness, friendliness, respect for others and an overall good attitude throughout their membership."

The Harry Jiron Good Sportsmanship award was won by Lila Albertson. Jiron was one of the founders of the LCHA, and the award is presented to the member who shows, "the conduct of good sportsmanship, especially insistence of fair play and the capacity to win or lose gracefully,"

according to the LCHA booklet.

Gymkhana first-place award winners by age divisions were:

Forty-and-older: Nancy Alexander, 305 points; 18 to 39, Brady Reno, 362; 13 to 17, Justine Smith, 358; 10 to 12, Caroline Taylor, 338; 7 to 9, Cameron Taylor, 353, and Weslynn Reno, 356.

The Gymkhana Division had 70 qualified contestants, and 33 had perfect attendance for the nine events. Twenty-two youths participated in the October Southwest New Mexico Finals in Lordsburg.

Hunter Jumper Division first-place winners were: Medium hunters, Megan McNelis, riding Andre the Giant, 96 points; Green hunters, Kristi Gottsponer and Miss American Pie, 151; Jumper division, Kelsey Gray and Chumley, 130; Beginning hunter, Rebekah Bowden and Café Latte, 120; Schooling hunter, Taylor Row and Simplicity, 83.



New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture, third from left, and Provost Wendy Wilkins, far left, pose for a group photo with members of the NMSU Board of Regents during their meeting in Santa Fe Monday, Jan. 31.

NMSU tracking legislation

More than 50 higher ed bills introduced

At a regular meeting Monday, Jan. 31, in Santa Fe, New Mexico State University's Board of Regents heard reports on the legislative session and the university's enrollment.

Bernadette Montoya, interim vice president for student success, said the NMSU Las Cruces campus total enrollment is up slightly.

The largest increase is found in transfers from out-of-state at all levels. Each of the NMSU community college campuses is up, except for Carlsbad.

Ricardo Rel, NMSU's assistant vice president for government relations, updated the regents on bills that have been introduced during the legislative session to-date that

are of interest to the university.

Rel said there are more than 50 bills that the university is currently tracking directly related to higher education and other bills that are administratively related.

For more information on the university's state funding requests as they move through the legislative process, visit www.nmsu.edu/~legislat.

Santa Fe Mayor David Coss was a special guest at the meeting and welcomed the board of regents to Santa Fe. Coss is a 1977 graduate of NMSU.

"We commend you for what a great university New Mexico State University is," Coss said.

News Briefs

Red Cross seeks heroes

The American Red Cross in Southwestern New Mexico is now seeking nominations for its upcoming Spirit of The Red Cross Awards given at the Mayor's Gala on May 20.

The awards are given to ordinary citizens in local communities who have, in the past year, exhibited extraordinary courage and compassion through selfless service to others. These heroic acts exemplify the principles, humanitarian mission and "spirit" of the American Red Cross.

Nominations are open to the public and apply to anyone who went above and beyond the call of duty in Catron, Grant, Luna, Hidalgo, Sierra, Doña Ana or Otero counties last year. Past award winners have included outstanding students, positive community role models, animal rescuers and local philanthropists.

Awards are presented in seven categories, including Armed Forces, Professional Emergency Responder, Volunteer Emergency Responder, Animals & Wildlife, Good Samaritan Adult, Good Samaritan Youth and Philanthropist.

Proceeds from the event support disaster preparedness, response and recovery assistance to local communities, and help support emergency communications services to the Armed Forces.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, April 15. For more information, or to nominate a hero, call Helping Hands Event Planning at 522-1232, or visit www.spiritoftheredcross.com.

Massacre movie returns

Allen Theatres will once again show a documentary on the Bowling Alley Massacre on the anniversary of the unsolved murder spree.

Charlie Minn's "A Nightmare in Las Cruces" revisits the events of Feb. 10, 1990, in which two unknown men in an apparent robbery of the Las Cruces Bowling Alley shot seven people "execution style," resulting in four deaths and a scene of almost unimaginable carnage.

It debuted at the Cineport 10 last year on the 20th anniversary date and will show again Thursday, Feb. 10, Minn said.

NMSU students prepare for UN Model contest

Students in New Mexico State University's Model United Nations organization have announced that Edward Perkins, former U.S. ambassador to South Africa and the United Nations, will give the keynote address at their third annual "Night at the U.N." banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The event is sponsored by NMSU's International and Border Programs and the Department of Government.

Ambassador Perkins' address is titled "The United Nations in the 21st Century."

"International and Border Programs and NMSU's International Relations Institute are honored to have Ambassador Edward Perkins as our keynote speaker," said Delano Lewis, NMSU dean of International and Border Programs and himself a former U.S. ambassador. "Perkins, a retired career diplomat, has such vast knowledge and experience in diplomatic affairs, including his service as U.S. ambassador to the U.N. He is a friend and colleague, as well as an adviser to the IRI, and we welcome his thoughts and ideas on the U.N. in the 21st century."

Perkins is the author and editor of several books, the most recent of which is his memoir, "Mr. Ambassador: Warrior for Peace," published in 2006 by University of Oklahoma Press.

The annual spring event is a fundraiser for the Model U.N. organization and will include a silent auction. Proceeds will help support the group's travel expenses to the National Model United Nations-New York conference April 19-23.

Tickets for the dinner are \$60 per person (\$45 for students). Corporate and organization sponsorships of 10-person tables (nine guests plus one sponsored Model U.N. student) are also encouraged. Tickets and tables can be reserved on the web at www.nmsu.edu/~govdept/modelun/a-night-at-the-un.html or by calling the group's treasurer, Randy Taylor, at 644-3582. To ensure availability, reservations should be made by Feb. 16.

According to Ashley McMillan, Model U.N. president, doors open for the banquet at 6 p.m., at which point silent auction bidding will begin, accompanied by chamber music led by NMSU music graduate student Bartolo Vargas. There will also be a cash bar. Dinner will be served shortly before 7 p.m.

This year's silent auction includes a dinner for eight at Ambassador and Mrs. Lewis' house, an art piece donated by Nambé, a wooden jewelry box custom designed for the event by Curtis Donohue, a one-night stay at Hotel Encanto, Sonoma Ranch golf passes and a spa package with items from Duncan Noble, Serenity Massage and Ruby Red Nails.

Table sponsors and silent auction item donors will be recognized in the printed event program and on a banner displayed in the banquet room.

NMSU's Model U.N. team has racked up remarkable success over the past six years, most recently winning awards for both "Outstanding Delegation" and "Best Position Papers" three years running. This year the NMSU team will be representing Lithuania. More than 4,000 delegates from the United States and other countries attend the conference each year.

For more information, visit www.nmsu.edu/~govdept/modelun.

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

JOHNSON

On January 27, 2011, John Johnson (Papa) was called to his Father in Heaven. Born on December 25, 1925 in Red River, New Mexico to Calvin and Alba Johnson, John was a WWII Navy veteran. Survived by his wife, Mildred Johnson, daughter Joyce (Ron) Kolkmeier, daughter Carolyn (Wes) McCabe, son John (Reba) Johnson, 10 Grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren, one brother, Homer Johnson in California, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services were held February 1, 2011.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM For private condolences, or to sign the online guest book log on to: www.GetzCares.com

ELDRIDGE

Vivian Charles Eldridge, 93, of Las Cruces passed away on January 26, 2011. Vivian was born to Winston and Maggie Eldridge in 1917. Vivian married Martha Evelyn Floyd, and worked with various contractors of Space Programs many years. Vivian is survived by his wife Eva Eldridge, his three step children; Ronald Moore, (Judy), Leslie Moore, (Lynn) and Patty Pool (Sam). He was preceded in death by his mother and father and his wife Evelyn, his brothers Nolan and Glenn. Services were held Monday, January 31, 2011 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home, Fred Flores officiating.

To send the Eldridge family condolences log on to www.lapaz-grahams.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.



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Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



Every year, the Super Bowl becomes a feeding frenzy of sorts.

The storied game provides not just entertainment, but a chance for consumers to soak up American culture and corporate advertisements.

Most watchers who tune in happily indulge in snacks, booze, the company of their friends and family and the ever-present plugs and ads that sometimes tend to overshadow the game itself.

Remember the dancing gerbils? How about the Bud Light referee commercials? Or the "Waaaasssup?" guys that love their Budweiser? Or the E-Trade talking baby, who debuted in 2008?

I know I can definitely remember the Michael Jordan and Larry Bird shooting showdown pushed by McDonald's in the 1993 Super Bowl. Classic.

But can you remember who won the Super Bowl those years? Chances are, probably not, proving that advertisements have more of a lasting effect than the games themselves.

But that's what good advertising does.

Some balk at the idea of paying up to \$3 million for 30 seconds of ad time, but companies that target their messages just right have seen tremendous benefit.

Take E-Trade, Monster.com and Apple (1984), companies with relatively little market share when they debuted Super Bowl commercials and subsequently grew in profit and popularity in the coming years.

I personally love the comic relief from the ads and I definitely prefer to watch commercials over the halftime show.

Given that the American economy could use any and all help as it pertains to a boost in consumer confidence, I encourage everyone to continue the Super Bowl tradition of conscious ad watching. More than 90 million people do every year. You can even vote for your favorite ad at www.adbowl.com.

Not only will you get to watch the work of our nation's finest ad and marketing departments at work, but you may find ideas to market your own business.

Rumors are that on Sunday, Justin Bieber and Ozzy Osbourne will star in a hilarious Tron-inspired commercial for

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A united voice in Santa Fe

Regional business interests take center stage at the capital

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Although a wide swath of representatives from the public and private sectors were in Santa Fe to represent Las Cruces Jan. 29-31, regional business and job-creation initiatives were the main focus of the weekend's lobbying efforts.

Among the most talked about requests during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe were a need for more jobs, the passage of locomotive diesel fuel tax exemption, a call to improve border infrastructure in southern Doña Ana County, stability within the administration at Spaceport America and cutting the red tape that prevents or hinders many businesses from expanding or relocating to New Mexico.

"In past years we've had great attendance and a lot of good conversation, but this year we wanted to take the extra step and make sure that Las Cruces delivers its message clearly to the Legislature," said Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce past chair Kiel Hoffman during a Legislative Brunch at the La Fonda hotel on the Santa Fe Plaza.

More than 250 people from Las Cruces attended the weekend events.

Job creation

Davin Lopez, CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), said MVEDA is making its own recommendations to the Legislature that focus specifically on job creation and retention.

"No one wants their taxes raised, and we work very hard to recruit companies to the area," he said. "Having these companies coming to New Mexico and Doña Ana County will be our only new voluntary tax base."

MVEDA in essence is the marketing arm of Doña Ana County, having helped bring com-



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

Gov. Susana Martinez, center, sports a jacket given to her by the Conquistadores, the goodwill ambassadors of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, during a reception held at her residence as part of Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Jan. 30.

panies such as Sitel and Sapphire Energy to the area.

"That means we'll have to at least retain or expand the recruitment budget for the State of New Mexico," Lopez said.

Current job incentives offered by the state must be kept in place, Lopez urged. Those incentives include the job training program, the high-wage job tax credit, the technology jobs credit and the manufacturing investment

credit.

"We're requesting \$5 million for the job training incentive program," Lopez said. "In 2003, it was funded at well over \$10 million. How will we create workers with higher skill sets if we don't have job training? We're fighting to maintain that."

Employers that create high-wage jobs and jobs in high-tech industries also get a tax credit

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Hiring incentives provide relief

Businesses should be aware of critical incentives, credits

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The HIRE Act and Work Opportunity Tax Credit contain provisions that allow business owners to recoup part of their labor force investment and should not be overlooked by local business owners trying to maximize their bottom line.

That was the message delivered by David Estrada, senior manager for Moss Adams LLP, during the February Business on the Border forum hosted by the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Lorenzo's de Mesilla.

"The HIRE Act was enacted last year by president Obama and signed into law on March 18, 2010," Estrada said. "As part of that, businesses now qualify for two new hiring and retention incentives."

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Business owners and nonprofit managers should be aware of new tax credits implemented by the Obama administration last year before filing April 15.



Jon Barela, secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, pledges his support for the spaceport during a Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe reception held at La Fonda on the Santa Fe Plaza.

LCDSF

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from the state for doing so.

"We're not asking for more, we're just asking to maintain the status quo," Lopez said.

The manufacturing investment tax credit, offered to companies that set up manufacturing plants in the state, is crucial to job growth in Doña Ana County, Lopez added.

"We're seeing tremendous manufacturing and logistics growth in the south county," Lopez said.

Lopez also said constituents should urge legislators to increase the budget for the New Mexico Partnership, the state agency tasked with marketing New Mexico to outside interests and industry.

"That budget has been reduced to \$1.1 million," he said. "The greater Phoenix area alone has a \$4.1 million budget for recruitment and El Paso has a recruitment budget of \$1.5 million, yet we're shrinking ours year after year."



Zoe Richmond, Union Pacific spokeswoman, urges Las Cruces to lobby the Legislature to pass a locomotive diesel fuel tax exemption.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Theresa Montoya Basaldua

Union Pacific and diesel taxes

Just days after taking office, Gov. Susana Martinez announced the intention of Union Pacific (UP) to build a \$400 million intermodal rail facility near Santa Teresa, a project that she said hinged on the Legislature's approval of a locomotive diesel fuel tax exemption that is critical to establishing UP operations in New Mexico.

"This bill, passed three years ago, has just sunsetted and we're asking for it back," Lopez said. "We're talking about \$400 million in direct capital investment by UP and construction GRT taxes of \$23 million for our area. That will create 400 direct permanent jobs and \$57 million in GRT over the next 15 years."

Zoe Richmond, UP spokeswoman, said UP originally planned to build the facility three to four years ago, but UP's business suffered drastically in the recession.

"Our business was down 35 to 40 percent and at that point we couldn't make any decision for such a large capital outlay investment," she said.

If the Legislature does not approve the locomotive diesel fuel tax exemption, UP will have to strongly reconsider its options in other states, Richmond said.

Stability at the spaceport

The state's Department of Economic Development, one of the state's smallest, is tasked with the administrative regulation of Spaceport America through its branch agency, the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA). Shortly after taking office, Martinez acted swiftly to remove every member of the NMSA board of directors and accepted the resignation of former interim NMSA Executive Director Rick Homans.

The governor's actions caused unrest for many in the industry and for Las Cruces and southern New Mexicans who are banking on the future economic development promise of the world's first purpose-built spaceport.

Jon Barela, a small business owner who grew up in Las Cruces and was recently appointed to head the Department of Economic Development, said his agency was making it a priority to quickly reorganize the NMSA administration.

"Let me state on behalf of the governor and

on behalf of the economic development department that we are fully committed to seeing the spaceport succeed," he said. "It will be imminent that we announce a new spaceport authority board that all of you should be excited about ... and shortly thereafter we will name a new executive director."

Pat Hynes, director of the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium at New Mexico State University, said it's imperative the state supports the \$200 million public-funded project.

"We will likely fly more people to space in the next five to seven years out of Spaceport America than the 500 or so people who have been in space since 1969," she said.

In addition to the spaceport, Barela pledged to support the other agencies associated with the economic development department, including New Mexico MainStreet, the Department of Science and Technology and the Administrative Services Division.

The red tape dilemma

Businesses expanding or opening in the state of New Mexico may no longer have to navigate through the maze of regulations scattered throughout the government's departments if Martinez's red-tape reduction plan is approved by the Legislature.

The governor announced in her State of the State Address that she intended to support legislation that cuts or consolidates the procedural processes required to open or expand a business.

"At our department, we've created an office of business advocacy so that when small business people have questions when it comes to regulations, licensing or where to get capital, they can call the economic development department and help them," Barela said. "As we speak we're already helping businesses navigate through the maze of regulations."

Barela said a uniform procedures bill would soon be introduced that will seek to streamline the regulatory processes in the state.

"It can be a minefield," he said. "One of my priorities is to make sure we pass that act."

Barela also said a five percent in-state preference bill will make its way through the halls of the Rotunda in the weeks to come.

"In the past, our preference bill has not been very effective, and this piece we're introducing now enjoys bipartisan support," he said.

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New board embraces the future

CFSNM volunteers will build on past accomplishments

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico started the New Year with a new board and a wider range of philanthropic responsibility following the merge with the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico (HFSNM).

“The Community Foundation’s merger with the healthcare foundation has been such a positive. The merger allows the CFSNM to better collaborate with potential donors, and to focus on making a positive impact on the healthcare of residents in southern New Mexico,” said CaraLyn Banks, CFSNM board president. “In addition, four members of the former healthcare foundation board joined the community foundation board as part of the merger and transition process.”

The CFSNM Board of Directors are Leah Salas, Ammu Devasthali, Karen Bailey, Abel Covarrubias, Donna Tate, Jane Ann Day, Beth Fant, Diana Seward, M. Lea Brownfield, CaraLyn Banks, Denten Park, Jeremy Settles, Kevin Haddrill and Reese Carson.

“The primary focus for the board this year will be endowment building,” Banks said. “One exciting change within the CFSNM this year is our focus on childhood obesity, and our new opportunities to work with local organizations in addressing this issue. The CFSNM is also looking at new ways to work with professional advisors and individuals whose investments are managed by professional advisers.”



CFSNM Board of Directors, front, Leah Salas, Ammu Devasthali, Karen Bailey, Abel Covarrubias; middle, Donna Tate, Jane Ann Day, Beth Fant, Diana Seward, M. Lea Brownfield, Caralyn Banks; and back, Denten Park, Jeremy Settles, Kevin Haddrill and Luan Wagner Burn. Not pictured is Reese Carson.

Both the CFSNM and HFSNM have impressive accomplishments from 2010, something Banks said will continue in 2011. The CFSNM acquired and managed permanent assets of \$2 million and total invested assets of \$1.4 million through 78 endowments, of which 34 were local nonprofits, and created four new endowments and added five new funds.

In an effort to impact the community, the CFSNM awarded \$34,000 through designated and unrestricted endowed funds – more than

40 scholarships totaling \$65,053, \$59,700 in grant funds to local nonprofits and \$12,000 to Border Region Coalition participants for assistance with surveys and information dissemination. In addition, the CFSNM secured a \$110,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation for an after-school middle school collaborative, served as the fiscal sponsor of the Adolescent Health Services program in Las Cruces and Gadsden school districts, held the 18th annual Estate Planning Institute, of which 76 professional advisers attended and established the Young

Philanthropists to create a new generation of charitable givers.

The HFSNM acquired and managed total assets of \$8.4 million and managed 94 permanent endowments, with a total principal of \$2.7 million. The group awarded \$74,000 of distributable income – scholarships totaling \$5,000 as well as \$37,000 for a new Childhood Wellness initiative. Following one of the largest capital campaigns in the community, the board celebrated the fifth anniversary of the First Step building, and in an effort to meet the needs of underserved women, funded 24 mammograms.

“Over the next year, the CFSNM will continue to provide information about the role of a community foundation, the opportunities for charitable giving through the CFSNM and how the CFSNM can work with donors to address community needs,” Banks said. “With the merger, the CFSNM is in an even better position to serve as a resource for those who wish to make a long-term commitment to improving the health, education and welfare of individuals in southern New Mexico.”

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that donors need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, donors can sustain local charitable organizations,

provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to their heart. Through our planned giving programs, donors can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The CFSNM can advise donors on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.



Super Bowl

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Best Buy; GoDaddy.com will unleash a new, even more risqué commercial to sell web hosting; Adrien Brody will make his best pitch to sell Stella Artois beer; and I’m sure Budweiser and Pepsi Co. will be back, as always, with more hilarity. And I’m hoping

the Chevy Transformers commercial is as good as is being talked about.

On that note, because I’m a San Francisco 49ers fan, I’ll be cheering for the Green Bay Packers, whom I’m hoping will stop the Pittsburgh Steelers from winning seven Super Bowls. That’s the most in the NFL followed by, of course, the 49ers and that other team from Texas.

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Sales of area bank-owned and short-sale properties double

Foreclosures bad news for sellers, good for buyers

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The number of Las Cruces area bank-owned and short-sale properties closed during the fourth quarter of 2010 was more than twice the number of distress sales reported during the third quarter of 2010, according to statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR).

Closed sales. During the third quarter of last year, 9.9 percent, or 21 of the 213 sales of existing, single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums, were reported as bank-owned (REO) or short sales. A short sale is one in which the lender accepts a price that is below the amount owed on the property. REO is the banking acronym for Real Estate Owned. During the fourth quarter, 24 percent, or 48 of the 201 closed sales of existing-homes, were in the distress-related category.

Pending sales. Of the 122 existing homes currently under contract and waiting to close, 44 units, or 36 percent, are either owned by banks or are selling for less than what is owed on the property.

Active listings. Fourteen percent, or 128 of the 938 existing Las Cruces area homes currently for sale, are in the quick-sale category.

The rise in the number of distress-related sales is not good news for local sellers. The fact that more than one-third of the current pending sales are being sold at reduced prices will put downward pressure on values, further reducing the selling

Las Cruces area short sale and REO inventory

	938 Active	70 REO	58 Short sale	14 percent
Existing homes	122 Pending	22 REO	22 Short sale	36 percent
	201 Sold	36 REO	12 Short sale	24 percent

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors

prices of Las Cruces-area homes.

Nationwide, upwards of 2 million "shadow inventory" REO and short-sale homes are currently in the queue and waiting to be added to the supply of available stock. According to foreclosure specialists at RealtyTrac.com, it will take at least two to four years to clear the excess inventory. Until those properties have been liquidated, prices will continue to remain soft and could decline further.

On the flip side, lower prices make for increased affordability. If you are one of the lucky ones who are able to purchase a home at today's fire-sale prices, it won't be long until I ...

See you at closing.

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is a member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, and is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico 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.

Watch your step



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

A United States Post Office worker lays down salt at the steps of the U.S. Post Office at 201 E. Las Cruces Ave. the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 2. Many businesses, nonprofits and other public and private spaces open to the public had to be salted to prevent black ice from forming and injuring pedestrians after one of the heaviest snow storms to hit the city crippled transportation, businesses and other services.

New Mexico greenhouse regulations a bad idea

Tilting at windmills won't reduce global temperatures

It looks like environmental issues will be a flashpoint during this state legislative session. Front and center is a likely attempt to repeal the carbon-trading scheme enacted in the waning days of the previous administration. The scheme, promulgated by the Richardson-appointed Environmental Improvement Board, would have reduced greenhouse gasses by 3 percent per year.

Gov. Susana Martinez had tried to deep-six the plan through executive order, but a lawsuit won by the New Mexico Environmental Law Center has forced publication of the new rules. This means that the action will shift from the Governor's Mansion to the Legislature, where tempers are already running hot.

Six Republican lawmakers marched out of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee late last month in protest over testimony on pit rules. While not directly related to greenhouse gas regulation, it's clear

that partisan bickering will be the norm this session.

Global warming is a real issue. Human activity is increasing the global concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. These increases have and will warm the climate. Continued emissions will have adverse affects on the environment. But this being true, New Mexico's greenhouse trading program remains a bad idea and the governor and her legislative allies are right to seek to its repeal.

The program works by imposing a cap on the emissions of greenhouse gases by large sources – mainly electric power-generating plants. Those sources that can reduce emissions below their cap generate credits that can be sold to other sources. In this way, the overall cap can be met at least cost – so far, so good.

The problem arises when the long-run is considered. Cap-and-trade increases

the cost of doing business in New Mexico, thereby inducing industry to locate to other, unregulated states. The net effect is little reduction in greenhouse gases. So, New Mexico bares the cost of greenhouse gas abatement with little or no benefit to the global environment. We are Don Quixote tilling at windmills.

New Mexico's program is part of the Western Climate Initiative, a consortium of six western states and four Canadian provinces that have agreed to create a single regional carbon trading market. This regional coordination is insufficient to overcome the fundamental problem – New Mexico and its partners in the WCI are acting locally, but the problem requires a global solution. Without a global solution, greenhouse gas regulation is futile.

So I'm with the governor – New Mexico's greenhouse gas regulations need to be repealed. But I'm also with the environmental-



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

ists – we need to develop a global system of regulation that addresses global warming by reducing global greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, I'm not very optimistic. Much of the temperature increase expected over the next century is already cooked into the cake. The public, despite the science, is skeptical of human-caused global warming, making it hard for democracies to act. Even if we could somehow come to an agreement on how to deal with greenhouse gas emissions, enforcing global environmental policy is a daunting task.

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20110352	Narcisco Montoya	Alice P. Ames and Sandra Y. Tutor	Res/Add	5232 Derringer Road	\$20,000	\$291
20110365	A & A Roofing Inc.	Manuel M. and Leticia S. Piñon	Reroof	427 E. Bowman Ave.	\$6,764	\$68
20110332	Ronald Billingsley and Warren Ammons	Alan Quigley and Warren D. Ammons	Reroof	616 W. Court Ave.	\$3,000	\$45
20110256	Ivonne S. Legarda Silvia	Ivonne S. Legarda Silvia	Reroof	1615 Rio Grande St.	\$1,000	\$35
20110315	Progreen Superior Coating & Roofing Inc.	Richard H. Swartz	Reroof	1500 Mariposa Drive	\$12,000	\$98
20110369	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Steven Lare	Reroof	3067 Chippewa Summit	\$14,433	\$113
20110371	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Michael A. and Janice Morehead	Reroof	2807 Cheyenne Drive	\$11,116	\$93
20110370	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Sergio and Jessica Gonzales	Reroof	2521 Los Alamos Court	\$17,048	\$128
20110374	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Sharon Lynn Evanoff	Reroof	650 Frank Maes Ave.	\$11,597	\$96
20110383	JDI Construction	Hometown Encantada LLC	Res/Add	904 Fawn Lane	\$3,788	\$50
20110368	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Mario S. and Jorjean R. Moreno	Reroof	1914 Del Mar Ave.	\$2,500	\$42
20110373	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Billy J. and Linda N. Moya	Reroof	2627 Cheyenne Drive	\$15,000	\$116
20110385	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7574 Sierra De Luna Place	\$186,960	\$1,787
20110384	Sky Vista Custom Homes	Hoeksema Enterprises LLC	Res/New	4132 Benisa Place	\$171,626	\$4,071
20110298	Gulfstream Roofing & Construction	Vongkham Chang	Reroof	2706 Custer Way	\$11,830	\$97
20110392	Abba Masonry	Geza J. Vella and Geza A. Vella	Res/Alt	5635 Jamison Drive	\$10,000	\$87
20110378	Ramon Reyes	Ramon O. and Emma G. Reyes	Reroof	804 Hansen Ave.	\$5,000	\$57
20110393	GS Roofing	Annie C. and Cecilia Monge	Reroof	105 Ridgecrest Drive	\$7,200	\$70
20110390	Vica One Inc.	Services for Seniors Inc.	Res/Alt	342 N. Tornillo St.	\$80,000	\$396
20110433	Desert View Homes	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	4001 Monte Sombre Ave.	\$1,431,000	\$334
20110334	Wright Hospitality LLC	Kholwad Investments LLC	Comm/New	2142 Telshor Court	\$4,125,000	\$11,928
20110443	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7541 Sierra De Luna Place	\$152,274	\$896
20110438	Flair Homes Inc.	D W Development LLC	Res/New	1704 Winton Drive	\$145,386	\$4,026
20110432	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2828 San Lorenzo Court	\$150,470	\$1,476
20110454	Approved Roofing	Hector and Martha Arreola	Res/Add	763 Horizon View	\$20,000	\$146
20110447	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7533 Sierra De Luna Place	\$169,740	\$1,758
20110479	B & L Roofing Inc.	Robert L. and Peggy S. Risner	Reroof	3110 Hillsdale St.	\$9,000	\$81
20110483	Twilight Construction	Twilight Mission Espada LLC	Res/New	4071 Bella Sierra Court	\$176,792	\$3,920
20110427	G Bishop Roofing LLC	University Methodist Church	Reroof	2000 Locust Drive	\$32,013	\$198
20110476	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	3509 Sierra Prado Court	\$196,178	\$3,864

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Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Jan. 22-28

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
36256	Kona Investments LLC	Horace and Catherine Hicks	Res/New	5075 Camino Leon Court	Soledad Vista	\$798
36257	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	5667 Via Estrella	Tierra Escondida	\$1,077
36259	Desert Sky Builders	Jason and Barbara Gazeley	Res/New	4860 Round Up Road	Los Vaqueros Subdivision Phase II	\$1,008
36260	Jose Rivera	Jose Rivera	Reroof	5771 Crest Drive	Desert Shadow Subdivision Phase II	\$80
36261	Desert Hills Roofing	Naomi Hall	Reroof	2635 El Camino Real	Jornada Acres	\$170
36262	Roadrunner Construction	Susan A. Krueger	Reroof	2913 W. Union Ave.	N/A	\$190
36266	Tuscan Valley Properties	Hamlet Mortgage	Res/New	168 Osprey Court	Desert Shadow Phase V	\$425
36268	Pools By Design	Las Uvas Valley Dairy	Swimming Pool	725 Uvas Springs Road	N/A	\$148
36270	John and Margie Benton	John and Margie Benton	Reroof	661 Watson Lane	N/A	\$60
36271	Santillan Plumbing Inc.	Jose Santillan	Res/New	1310 Artesia Court	Brazito Acres Phase III	\$607
36274	Bear Creek Builders	Steve Kirby	Res/New	143 Roe Deer Court	Los Venados Phase II	\$886
36275	At Your Service Remodel	Joe Alexander and Judith Messal	Reroof	4384 Sandalwood Drive	Mission Bell Estates Unit I	\$80
36276	Wendell Hall Association	Joe M. Garay Jr.	Reroof	5737 Leasburg Drive	Doña Villa	\$140
36279	Sonrisa Builders	Coronado Development	Res/New	8291 Pissarro Drive	Mansiones de Galicia	\$621
36280	Pinetop Construction	Otto and Charlene Brock	Reroof	5040 Shalem Colony Trail	N/A	\$150
36281	Gilbert & Sons	Marshall J. and Kerri K. Tjaden	Reroof	4835 Campbell Road	N/A	\$150
36283	Daniel J. Herrera	Daniel J. Herrera	Res/New	1124 Enchantment Drive	Desert Aire Estates	\$383

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People on the move

Boys & Girls Club names new director



ANAYA

The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces has selected April Anaya as the organization's new chief professional officer. Anaya, previously the marketing and community outreach coordinator at Mesilla Valley Hospice, will be in charge of managing the strategic planning and operation of the Boys & Girls Club in support of the organizational mission and goals. She will be joining Brian Johnson, program director, and Liz Fruchey, finance coordinator. Anaya has more than five years of experience working in the nonprofit sector for different organizations throughout the Las Cruces area, such as United Blood Services, and The ARC of Las Cruces.

Las Cruces graduate from Connect NM

Leadership New Mexico has announced that Raymond Guerra, electronics engineer with White Sands Missile Range, and Gerardo Valencia, business relationship manager with Wells Fargo, are among the 29 statewide young professionals who recently graduated from the Leadership New Mexico Connect New Mexico "The Next Generation of Leadership" program. Open to 25- to 40-year-old leaders, Leadership New Mexico's Connect New Mexico Program is designed to offer young professionals the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills, learn how New Mexico systems and structures work and explore critical issues facing the state. Participants represent the various geographic regions and communities, from the public, private, government and nonprofit sectors.

Rawson tapped for investment council



RAWSON

The New Mexico State Senate confirmed the appointment of former state senator and Las Cruces businessman Leonard Lee Rawson as a member of the New Mexico State Investment Council (SIC). Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle sponsored Rawson's confirmation on the Senate Floor. The primary responsibility of the SIC is to manage the state's \$14 billion permanent trust funds, including the Land Grant Permanent Fund, the Severance Tax Permanent Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund. It also provides investment management services to 19 other New Mexico clients, such as the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority and the State Land Office. The Senate confirmed Rawson's appointment unanimously, 36-0.

March of Dimes names new board members

The Southern New Mexico Division of the March of Dimes Foundation elected and installed officers at its most recent board meeting Jan. 13. The board of directors will oversee March of Dimes events and programs for 2011 in Las Cruces and southern New Mexico. Jeffrey Silva will serve as board chairman, while

Kirk Clifton and Robert Paquette will serve as co vice-chairs. Secretary of the board is Steven Chavira and Margarita Salazar will serve as Volunteer Development chair. Other members of the board include Audrey Hartley, David Hicks, Isaac Chavez, Ernesto Garcia, Tim Altamirano, Laura Pierce and Margo Morris. Silva, Chavez and Hicks will also represent southern New Mexico on the New Mexico chapter statewide board of directors.

Schoonover named Agent of the Month



SCHOONOVER

Jim Schoonover has been named Agent of the Month for January by Garland Realty & Development of Las Cruces LLC. Schoonover was the top producer of gross commission for the month of December 2010. This marks the third consecutive month Schoonover has been named Agent of the Month. Garland Realty & Development is located at 2970 N. Main St. For more information, visit www.garlandrellc.com.

NMSU professor helps build 'strong kids'

While people are becoming more aware of the increasing problem of bullying and acting out, New Mexico State University's Ivelisse Torres Fernandez has been working with a method that has proven results for decreasing these actions and for making a better school environment. The Strong Kids program teaches children from preschool to grade 12 how to identify and express their feelings appropriately. The program covers anger management, problem solving, empathy and how to get along well with others. In 2008, Torres was invited by NMSU professor Lisa Grayshield to work together at Hermosa Heights Elementary School to use the Strong Kids curriculum. Since the start of the program, the two have been able to work with close to 250 students. For two years in a row, the school has received an award for being the most improved in standardized test scores. Beginning this spring, the curriculum will be expanded to high school students, who are also taking college courses, using the Strong Teens curriculum, which parallels to the Strong Kids curriculum.

Local judge named to advisory committee



MILLER-BYRNES

The New Mexico Supreme Court has appointed Las Cruces Municipal Court presiding Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes to the New Mexico Municipal Judge Advisory Committee. Miller-Byrnes has been presiding municipal court judge since 1999. The seven-member committee reviews minor complaints or concerns about municipal court judges in the state filed with the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts and seeks equitable solutions. The committee is now in its fifth year. As presiding judge of the municipal court, Miller-Byrnes is responsible for supervising administrative matters related to the municipal court, which includes court personnel, budget, docket management, as well as establishing internal and

external policies and procedures. In 2006, Miller-Byrnes became a fellow of the Institute for Court Management through the National Center for State Courts.

NMSU faculty member assists in Afghanistan

A New Mexico State university faculty member is helping improve the lives of villagers in Afghanistan through his role in the erection of a windmill in a village in Afghanistan. Craig Runyan, NMSU extension water resource specialist, traveled to Afghanistan to install irrigation systems as part of the NMSU-led Afghanistan Water, Agriculture and Technology Transfer program.

While there, Runyan worked for several days with the South Carolina National Guard Agricultural Development Team on an irrigation project. The SC-ADT also showed interest in obtaining and establishing a windmill demonstration unit. When the South Carolina National Guard finished its tour of duty in August, its replacement unit from Nevada agreed to continue with the windmill project. The Nevada unit successfully installed the windmill at a provincial agricultural center.

Runyan assisted the Nevada National Guard team through email during the installation. The windmill is helping provide clean drinking water and irrigation water for the villagers and the center. Requests for advice and assistance with similar projects have since come to Aermotor and Runyan from other military units in Afghanistan. For more information, call Runyan at 646-1131.

Davis elected to New Mexico State Bar



DAVIS

Glenn Davis, a shareholder practicing in the estate planning, probate and trust law group of the ScottHulse law firm, was recently elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Real Property, Trust and Estate Section of the State Bar of New Mexico. Among other activities, the section works to improve New Mexico statutory law concerning real property and wills, trusts and estates. Davis represents individuals and institutional clients in a variety of wealth-transfer, preservation and taxation matters in both Texas and New Mexico. Davis is board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. ScottHulse is a full-service law firm with offices in El Paso and Las Cruces representing individuals and major participants in the industrial and commercial sectors of the El Paso, Juárez and Las Cruces borderplex since 1889.

City names interim assistant city manager



DENMARK

Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza announced the appointment of an interim assistant city manager to temporarily fill the position he vacated when the city council selected him as city manager Dec. 13, 2010. Chosen as interim city manager is current city Facilities Department Director Brian Denmark. Denmark, who will continue to oversee the Facilities Department, started in his new capacity Jan. 10. As facilities director, Denmark has overseen many high-profile city construction projects, including the new City Hall, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, Las Cruces Convention Center and the reconstruction of runway 12-30 at the

Las Cruces International Airport. He has administrative authority over Building Services, Fleet, Project Management, the airport and Parks and Recreation. He oversees 176 full-time employees and administers an annual budget of nearly \$20 million.

Justus named NMSU's new chief audit officer



JUSTUS

Ross Justus has been chosen to be New Mexico State University's next chief audit officer. Justus, an audit manager and assistant director with NMSU's Office of Audit Services since 2008, was one of three finalists for the position. Justus is a New Mexico certified public accountant and New Mexico State University graduate. He received the Dean's Award for Outstanding Graduate for NMSU's College of Business in December 1999. Prior to joining the Office of Audit Services, Justus was an audit manager with Moss Adams LLP in Albuquerque. There, he performed external compliance and financial statement audits of various for-profit and nonprofit entities, including several institutions of higher education. He also has served as a divisional controller for the First National Bank of Arizona and worked in public accounting for KPMG LLP, an audit, tax and advisory services firm. He is a native of Los Alamos, N.M., and a lifelong New Mexico resident.

MMC's January Shining Star



WADYKO

Registered Nurse Jo Wadyko was recognized as Memorial Medical Center's Shining Star for the Month of January. For the past three years, Wadyko has provided quality and compassionate nursing care in the Intensive Care Unit at MMC. Wadyko graduated from Doña Ana Community College in 2008 with an associate's degree in nursing. The Shining Star of the Month is nominated by peers and supervisors based on a team member's commitment to excellence and performance.

Bravo Mic adds news anchor



JARAMILLO

Noreen Jaramillo has joined Bravo Mic Communications as news anchor for the Bravo Mic Radio Network. She will be heard through the day on KVLC, KXPZ, KMVR and KOBE. The Belen native has more than 17 years of journalistic experience. Jaramillo has served as a TV news anchor and reporter in Roswell, San Francisco and El Paso, where she spent 10 years as an anchor for KFOX-TV and three years at KVIA-TV.

Jaramillo has received nearly 60 awards for journalistic excellence, including as a nominee for 2001-02 Best Anchor Emmy Award for her coverage on the anchor desk during the 9/11 terrorists attacks.

She has also received several New Mexico Broadcasters Association awards, Edward R. Murrow awards and the recipient of the 2008 Texas Council Child Welfare Board Broadcast Media Award for her reports featuring children in child protective custody.

FDIC takes control of First Community Bank

U.S. Bank to acquire assets of more than \$2.1 billion

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continue to conduct their banking as they have in the past, Elmore said. U.S. Bank said it will soon be providing additional information to FCB customers about this transaction. FCB customer deposits are now backed by the financial strength and security of U.S. Bank, Elmore said.

The U.S. Bank National Association has acquired Taos-based First Community Bank (FCB) – with three locations in Las Cruces – following a decision by the New Mexico Financial Institutions Division that closed the doors on the bank's New Mexico operations.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp facilitated the transaction. The FDIC has closed some 200 banks since 2008.

Under the terms of the FCB transaction, U.S. Bank will receive approximately \$2.1 billion of assets and assume approximately \$2.1 billion of liabilities, including \$1.8 billion of insured and uninsured deposits. U.S. Bank will not acquire any assets or liabilities of FCB's parent holding company, First State Bancorporation, headquartered in Albuquerque.

"This acquisition is an extension of U.S. Bank's banking franchise into its 25th contiguous state, and it immediately establishes us as one of the top three banks in terms of market share in the attractive New Mexico market," said John Elmore, executive vice president of community banking at U.S. Bank. "It is a great fit for both companies since First Community Bank and U.S. Bank share a similar community banking model, which will help to ensure a smooth transition for customers and employees."

All FCB branches, including the three in Las Cruces, will continue to operate under their current name and will be re-branded as U.S. Bank branches in the near future. FCB customers should

"Our community banking strategy has proven to be very successful and includes local decision making, strong community involvement and leadership combined with the consumer and business banking products and services of the nation's fifth largest bank," Elmore said. "This purchase of 38 First Community Bank branches in New Mexico (35 branches) and Arizona (3 branches) presents a great opportunity for us to deepen customer relationships by offering U.S. Bank's extensive mix of products and services to more than 50,000 new deposit customers, and we expect to increase our presence further in this new state through future de novo branch expansion."

The acquisition of the banking operations of FCB is structured as a whole bank purchase and assumption transaction without a loss share agreement. U.S. Bank said it conducted extensive credit due diligence, and purchased FCB for an asset discount of approximately \$380 million. The transaction exceeds all internal hurdles for financial returns with very conservative loan loss assumptions, U.S. Bank said.

FCB customers with questions are being asked to contact their local branch, at www.fcblnm.com or use their typical customer-service channels.

For more information on U.S. Bank, visit www.usbank.com.

Building Las Cruces Okazuri Sushi Bar

Photos by Gabriel Vasquez

A new floating sushi bar is coming to Las Cruces. Okazuri Sushi Bar, with two locations in El Paso, is renovating a retail space at the Pan Am Plaza, 1715 E. University Ave., near Milagro Coffee y Espresso. The remodeling job was temporarily halted by the City of Las Cruces in mid-January for a lack of a building permit. The restaurant will feature fish, rice, teriyaki and other dishes in addition to a "floating" sushi bar that will serve customers on small boats. The owners plan to open sometime in March. The restaurant is currently hiring. For more information, call 524-6250.



The interior of a Pan Am Plaza retail space is being gutted to make room for the new Okazuri Sushi Bar.

Keeping secrets while raising money

Nondisclosure agreements: another tool for entrepreneurs

By **Yasine Armstrong**

Associate, Flywheel Ventures

Courtesy of Finance New Mexico

Entrepreneurs with an idea for a product or startup company are often concerned about revealing information until they are far enough along that others can't copy them. The concern is reasonable. The economy is globally competitive and entrepreneurs are looking to protect any edge they have.

One tool entrepreneurs often use is the nondisclosure agreement (NDA). NDAs protect against the release of proprietary information and trade secrets. They are commonly used when outside technical expertise is required, when sensitive work must be outsourced or when discussing the potential sale of the business.

But NDAs are increasingly rare. Many states do not enforce them, there are easy ways for those with malicious intent to circumvent them and pursuing legal action is more expensive than most startup companies can afford.

In the venture capital business, hundreds of new business ideas come from entrepreneurs each year. In general, most venture capital investors will not review a business proposal if asked to sign an NDA. There are several reasons for this.

Most investors focus on specific industries. Within those sectors, trends and opportunities are broadly recognized; therefore, investors are often presented with several similar proposals at a time. Many aspects of each proposal will turn out to be less original than the entrepreneur thought.

If an investor signs NDAs for each propos-

al and eventually provides funding to one and rejects the others, the rejected entrepreneurs might take legal action based on a mistaken belief that the investor shared confidential information with the company that received funding.

The most important reason venture investors won't sign an NDA, though, reflects an often-misunderstood ranking of what matters to investors. With rare exceptions (such as the recipe for Coca-Cola or the molecular formula for a specific pharmaceutical compound), ideas are plentiful and cheap, but not original. Market opportunities, on the other hand, are rare and valuable. Great entrepreneurs who can successfully target a market opportunity and build a profitable business are the rarest of all. Thus, venture investors spend time looking for great entrepreneurs, somewhat less time looking for new and changing

market opportunities and nearly zero time searching for ideas. The success of a startup company almost never involves proprietary information.

Venture capitalists recognize that confidentiality and discretion are key to their success. An entrepreneur is far better off investing time and energy in seeking referrals to and references for trusted investors than worrying about an NDA.

One of Flywheel's investors had this advice for entrepreneurs: "The only decisions that ultimately matter for entrepreneurs involve deciding who to trust, from employees to customers to investors. If you get those decisions right, everything else will be fine. If you get those decisions wrong, no NDA will protect you from failing anyway."

For more information about Flywheel Ventures, visit www.flywheelventures.com.

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Briefs

December unemployment rate unchanged

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Las Cruces metropolitan statistical area was 8.5 percent in December 2010, unchanged from the November 2010 rate. In 2009, the area's unemployment rate was 8 percent. Over the month, employment fell by 200 jobs in the Las Cruces area. The private sector remained at last month's employment level, while government jobs declined by 100 jobs each at the state and local levels. Over the year, the Las Cruces area added 1,600 jobs for growth of 2.3 percent. The local area has now recorded positive job growth for eight consecutive months, following 16 months of year-over-year losses. The December 2010 unemployment rate in New Mexico was 8.5 percent, unchanged from the rate in November 2010.

NMDWS mails 1099s

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions has mailed IRS 1099 forms to unemployment insurance claimants. Claimants who do not receive their forms or have questions should call 505-841-8069 to report an issue with their IRS 1099 form. Unemployment insurance claimants may also view and print their IRS 1099 form online on the department website, www.dws.state.nm.us, and click on "View My 1099."

Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail voting starts

The New Mexico Tourism Department is back with the latest incarnation of its popular, web-based Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail, encouraging restaurant owners, staff and patrons to nominate their favorites for inclusion on the trail. Nominators can submit entries at www.newmexico.org/greenchilecheeseburger until March 1, followed by the voting for New Mexico's most beloved burgers March 7-25. The new trail and interactive map will be posted on the website later this spring. For more information, call 505-982-2041.

BLM announces 2011 grazing fees

The federal grazing fee for 2011 will be \$1.35 per animal unit month (AUM) for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and \$1.35 per head month (HM) for lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The 2011 fee is the same as last year's.

SpringBoard! offers scholarships for women

SpringBoard!, a women's fund administered by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM), will be awarding a second round of scholarships in April. Women

attending community colleges or trade schools in southern New Mexico are strongly encouraged to apply. Scholarship applications are available from the CFSNM at 301 S. Church St., Suite H, or online at www.cfsnm.org and must be submitted to CFSNM no later than 5 p.m. March 28. For more information, call 521-4794.

Congressman to speak on economy

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will appear this week on the local Comcast cable access channel 98 and online to discuss the nation's economy and other issues. The television program, "Relevant Talk," features local businessman Mike Tellez interviewing Pearce. The program airs at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7; at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8; at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9; and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The program is also streamed live on the Internet at those times at lascruceschannel.com.

New Mexico DOT receives equipment funding

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall has announced the New Mexico Department of Transportation will receive \$723,873 to purchase new buses and improve existing bus facilities. The funding was made possible through the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. The funding will provide for equipment purchases, including 30-foot buses, vans, fare boxes, radios, GPS systems, security systems, signage, benches, computers and a small rehabilitation of a maintenance facility for 12 rural public transportation systems in 13 counties.

Girl Scout cookies now on sale

An estimated 3,000 girls throughout the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest's jurisdiction will be selling Girl Scout Cookies: Thin Mints, Shortbread, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades and this year's new cookie – Shout Outs! – a Belgian-style caramelized cookie, throughout various Las Cruces neighborhoods and businesses until March 13. An online cookie locator is available at www.gsdsw.org through February.

Vote for your favorite Super Bowl ad

While Pittsburgh and Green Bay battle it out in Dallas, consumers across the country will weigh in on the brands battling for top position in the annual AdBowl, picking the game's advertising winner. Viewers can vote online, or on their iPhone, letting advertisers know if they produced a "touchdown" or a "fumble." Results are announced just after midnight Monday, Feb. 7. On Feb. 6, viewers can visit www.adbowl.com or use the free ad-bowl and rate commercials on a scale between one and five. A complete listing of the results, including a breakdown of winners as selected by gender and age groups, will be posted between midnight and 1 a.m. Feb. 7.

On the Agenda

Green chamber First Friday Series

City of Las Cruces Sustainability Officer Tom Schuster will explain the city's Sustainability Action Plan during the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce First Friday Series event from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at El Tiburon restaurant, 504 E. Amador Ave. Buffet lunch is available for \$7. The event is open to the public. For more information, email elisa.lucia@gmail.com.

Date: Friday, Feb. 4

Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Location: El Tiburon
504 E. Amador Ave.

Contact: elisa.lucia@gmail.com

ROJO launch party

NMSU business graduates Aron Jones and Jose Rodriguez have achieved national attention for their clothing line ROJO Apparel, which feeds 50 needy children with each product purchase. The founders, MVS Studios and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce will host a launch party for their new product line from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at MVS Studios, 535 N. Main St. The founders will answer questions about the product line development and how to become a local retailer for the shirts, which will not be available for sale online. For more information, visit rojoapparel.com or email rojoapparel@rojoapparel.com.

Date: Friday, Feb. 4

Time: 4 to 5 p.m.

Location: MVS Studios
535 N. Main St.

Contact: rojoapparel@rojoapparel.com

AdFed meeting

The strange and successful story of Sparky's Restaurant in Hatch will be featured at the Advertising Federation of Las Cruces meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Lorenzo's de Mesilla, 1750 Calle de Mercado. Restaurateur Teako Nunn will review the "adventure" and challenges of roadside marketing that includes controversial large advertising figures, including a giant rooster, Yogi Bear, Uncle Sam, the Statue of Liberty and Sparky the college-bound robot. A representative of the Discovery Channel will attend. Cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for nonmembers and includes a buffet lunch. RSVP to 647-4676 by Friday, Feb. 4.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 8

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Lorenzo's de Mesilla
1750 Calle de Mercado

Contact: 647-4676

Chamber offers candidates' college

American Majority and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidate Training School and Activist Training starting at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Regardless of campaign experience, the American Majority's Candidate Training Program invites any member of the public interested in running for public office. American Majority's Candidate Training Seminars are designed specifically to educate candidates on every level how to run effective and victorious campaigns and prepare them to become successful elected officials. Candidates are encouraged to bring their campaign staff or volunteers. The course will end at noon. Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For more information, call the chamber office at 524-1968.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 10

Time: 8:45 a.m. to noon

Location: Ramada Palms de Las Cruces
201 E. University Ave.

Contact: 524-1968

Home & Garden Show seminar

The Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico (BIA-SNM) will host a free seminar to help current and prospective exhibitors maximize their presence at the 29th annual Home & Garden Show. The seminar will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the BIA-SNM offices, 2825 N. Main St. Business coach Steve Chavira will be the speaker. As the founder of SUCCESS...Incorporated, Chavira has spent time working with sales professionals, managers and business owners to help them incorporate the strategies necessary to achieve success. To reserve a spot or for more information, call 526-6126.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 10

Time: 3 to 5 p.m.

Location: Building Industry Association
of Southern New Mexico
2825 N. Main St.

Contact: 526-6126

LCAR Lunch & Learn

The Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) will host a Lunch & Learn workshop on the topic of tax lightning from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the LCAR office, 150 E. Idaho Ave. Doña Ana County Assessor Andy Segovia will discuss property taxation issues currently affecting all property owners and every county assessor in the state. A silent auction will be held. LCAR agents and affiliates are welcome, as are BIA-SNM members. Lunch is \$5. No RSVP required. For more information, call LCAR at 524-0658.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 17

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

Location: Las Cruces Association
of Realtors
150 E. Idaho Ave.

Contact: 524-0568

Free real estate seminar

Toby Jansen and Elaine Heitz of Re/Max Classic Realty will present "What do I do Next?" a seminar that focuses on short sales, foreclosures and bankruptcy in real estate at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Bueno Title, 2802 Doral Court. The seminar will address questions dealing with back payments, unemployment, bankruptcy and foreclosure. For more information, call 524-8788.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 26

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Bueno Title
2802 Doral Court

Contact: 524-8788

Solar Energy Zone public meeting

Las Cruces, a federally designated solar energy zone, is being looked at for further utility-scale solar production. A public-comment meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Individuals may register to speak at a meeting in advance through the Solar PEIS project website, <http://solareis.anl.gov>, or may register prior to the public meeting. The public may also review maps and informational posters that will be on display. Additionally, computers for reviewing the project website or for submitting electronic comments will be available. There is no cost to attend the meeting. For more information, call Kendra Barkoff of the Department of the Interior at 202-208-6416.

Date: Thursday, March 3

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces,
705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Contact: 202-208-6416

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. People on the Move will appear the last Friday of every month, as space permits.

China pecan exports lose momentum

Valley growers facing an erratic market

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Chinese pecan exports, which have encouraged New Mexico growers in recent years, have lost their momentum for the 2010 crop season, market observers have reported.

Early data indicates that North American – including Mexico – estimates for 2010 pecan exports to China total 40 million in-shell pounds, compared with 120 million pounds the previous year, said Phillip Arnold, San Saba Pecan broker.

Chinese consumed about 85 million pounds of pecans, which left a carry-over of more than 30 million pounds from the previous year.

Since then, the Chinese pecan export growth trend has been decreasing.

In 2010, 25 percent of the North American pecan crop was exported to China, which caused a shortage in the domestic market.

“Because of the shortage, prices have been

going up,” Arnold said.

In-shell prices have been varying, depending on the volume of lots, from \$2 for small farms to \$2.60 and \$2.70 per pound for larger producers.

“You have to figure in a lot of factors, handling, grading,” Arnold said. “If I’m buying from a large grower with a large volume and good grading, he may get a premium price.”

Pecans are graded by their “meat,” or kernel, content. Improved varieties, such as the western Schley, which are grown in New Mexico, have average meat content of 55 to 61 percent.

For this market season, the Chinese buyers have been turning to Georgia to purchase Southeast pecans. Southeast pecans average only 48 percent meat content and are offered at lower prices.

“The Chinese would really want North American pecans because of the higher meat content,” Arnold said. “But the prices for the higher-quality pecans have priced the Chinese

out of the market.”

Early estimates were that New Mexico pecan growers would harvest a near-record of 55 million pounds from the 2010 crop.

“But I think that it will be closer to 60 million in-shell pounds,” Arnold said.

The state record for a pecan harvest was 75 million pounds in 2007. Pecan growers received an average of only \$1.30 cents per pound that year for in-shell pecans, and the state revenue was \$96.2 million, the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics reported.

The year 2010 was supposed to be an off year in the general pecan alternating-bearing cycle, Doña Ana County Extension Service horticulture agent Jeff Anderson said.

The year 2009 was an on-year, but during the 2009-10 winter, the orchards received more than average rain.

“So the yields are up,” Anderson said. “It looked like we had two on-years in a row.”

Pecan revenue varies yearly, depending on yields, the market and prices paid to growers, but it puts a great deal of money into the state economy.

New Mexico pecan production totaled 43 million pounds in 2008, a low-bearing year, and growers received an average of \$1.45 per pound, bringing the value to \$62.4 million. This compares with \$96.2 million in 2007 and \$87 million in 2006, according to the latest New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Doña Ana is the most productive pecan county with 25,597 acres of nut-bearing trees, 1,145 pecan farms and a production of 331.4 million pounds.



Although the Chinese prefer pecans with a high kernel content, they've opted to purchase cheaper, lower-kernel content pecans from the southeast United States.

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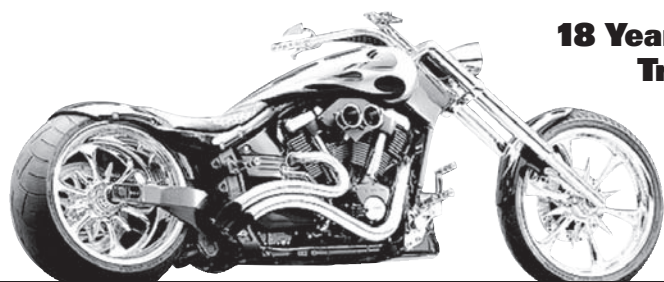
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Business takes center stage at Las Cruces Day in SF

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Bill Allen, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, addresses a large crowd gathered at a Legislators Reception during the first day of Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe events Saturday, Jan. 29, at the La Fonda hotel on the Santa Fe Plaza.



Freshmen Reps. from Doña Ana County Rick Little and Dr. Terry McMillan discuss the agenda items minutes before a House session at the state capitol Monday, Jan. 31.



State Rep. Joni Gutierrez accepts a token of goodwill – a framed photo of the Organ Mountains taken by local photographer Mike Groves – from Conquistadores chair Troy Tudor at the Legislators Reception.



More than 250 Las Cruces from the private, public and government sectors attended the Legislative Brunch held Sunday, Jan. 30, at the La Fonda hotel.



Davin Lopez, CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, speaks with state Sen. Mary Kay Papen during the Legislators Reception.



Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta greets the first gentleman, Chuck Franco, at the governor's residence Sunday, Jan. 30.

You're invited to learn how YOU can make a positive difference in your community & state!



When: Thursday, February 10

Where: Ramada Palms, 201 E. University Ave.

Time: Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.
Activist training will end at noon
Candidate training will continue until 3 p.m.

Who: Anyone interested in running for office or becoming a more effective activist

Tuition: \$50 for Candidates and \$25 for Activists through online registration. Add \$10 for at-door registration.

Details: Workshop - training on becoming better bloggers, how to micro-target, hardwiring your precinct & becoming more effective grassroots organizers. Candidates will be educated in how to run an effective campaign, take interviews, fundraise and engage with constituents.

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Profile

April Anaya: A gem in the nonprofit world

Boys & Girls Club director brings experience, stability

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Born and raised in Las Cruces, April Anaya had big aspirations at an early age.

A graduate of Oñate High School, she didn't have a clear-cut career path, but because she enjoyed working with and helping people, a career in hotel, restaurant and tourism management was the best fit, she said.

"I was always the kid that wanted to do everything," she said. "I had my hand in everything, but didn't have a set career path until I got involved in the nonprofit world and that's where I felt the most at home."

Anaya graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, with minors in business administration and marketing. Her first job out of college was working with The Arc, a nonprofit that provided services to persons with differing mental abilities.

"I was helping them run and manage one of the local thrift shops they had," she said. "I worked along with their clients at the thrift shop as a store supervisor for about two years."

After The Arc, Anaya took a position working at Pete's Hacienda restaurant – now The Game Sports Bar & Grill – before returning to the nonprofit world working as a donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services.

"Basically, I was responsible for ensuring the blood supply was stable by conducting blood drives throughout the southern New Mexico territory," she said.

To further hone her business administration and marketing skills, Anaya began working at Mountain Dreams Publishing, where she was an advertising account manager for Ventanas and Home Improvement magazines.

"It was much different than working for a nonprofit, but what I liked is that there were a lot of different learning opportunities," she said. "Because of the opportunities at Mountain Dreams, I was able to take a lot of those concepts of promoting a business and branding a business and eventually apply it in the nonprofit realm."

In 2008, Anaya was hired as the marketing and community outreach coordinator for Mesilla Valley Hospice, the only standalone facility of its kind in the state.

"People always asked me while I was working there, 'Isn't it hard to go to work sometimes? How do you do it?'" Anaya said. "And sometimes it was hard, but there are stories and memories I have from working there that will stay with me the rest of my life."

"If it wasn't for hospice, I would have never had the chance to meet some of the most amazing people. The people we served had amazing life stories, and they were always willing to share them. In essence, I was a part of our patients' and our

family's journeys."

As outreach coordinator, Anaya often visited the outlying communities in Doña Ana County to inform residents of the services provided by Mesilla Valley Hospice.

"It was a personally fulfilling experience," she said. "To make sure that we reached even the most underserved places in our county – from Chaparral all the way to the north valley – that was very rewarding to work in those small rural communities and later see them use our services. They came full circle."

She said while working at Mesilla Valley Hospice, she "learned to be a proponent of fighting for the little guy."

"To be able to help a person who doesn't have the means to get those services, that was very important to me," she said.

"That's one of the main reasons I continue to work in the nonprofit world."

Anaya took over as the director of the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces Jan. 18, filling a position that had been vacant since October 2010.

"I've learned very quickly in two weeks," she said. "My main duty is to make sure the club is operating in accordance with the Boys & Girls Club mission, which is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens."

The Boys & Girls Club serves children ages 6 to 18 and provides them with educational and fun opportunities during the day, after school and during the summer. Activities include computer classes, day trips, nutritional education, athletics and study sessions.

"One of the challenges for us is that we don't have common areas like many other clubs around the state do," Anaya said. "We don't have a gymnasium, so our physical activities are sometimes limited."

With only three full-time employees and dozens of kids to serve, the need for more funding is apparent, Anaya said.

"We do charge for club attendance, but more than 20 percent of our kids are on full scholarships and our fees are offered at a sliding scale so anyone can afford it," she said. "To supplement that, we do a lot of fundraising and grant writing. We have been lucky that the Wolslager Foundation has really believed in our mission and have been a strong supporter of ours for three years."

The Boys & Girls Club also operates two satellite locations, at César Chávez and Mesilla Park elementary schools.

"It would be great if we could expand to other underserved areas in the future," Anaya said.

Much of the credit for the organization's success is due to a hardworking and committed board of directors, Anaya said.

"It's one of the hardest working boards in Las Cruces," she said. "They are a huge resource to the club."

Anaya said despite the challenges ahead, she knows she'll continue working in the nonprofit sector for years to come.

"At the end of the day, when you come home, it's great to know that you're a part of something that's bigger than yourself," she said. "That you're not just working a job, you're impacting people's lives. That's important to me."

“To be able to help a person who doesn't have the means ... was important to me.”

APRIL ANAYA,
Boys & Girls Club CPO

Details

April Anaya
Chief Professional Officer

Family

- Husband Jeff Johnson
- Son Avery Johnson, 7

Education

Bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, New Mexico State University

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- Conquistadore, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
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10-3283 FC01

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201003256

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

LOUISETTE H. CONLEY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LOUISETTE H. CONLEY, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Nicholas F. Williams, Occupants, Whose True Names are Unknown, if any, and The Unknown Spouse of Nicholas F. Williams, if any.

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4682 Rimrock Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4682 Rimrock Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 12 in Block numbered D of Parkhill Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Parkhill Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 7, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 372-373.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC
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Keya Koul
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WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy
10-4070 FC01

Pub # 10384
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200802442

MATRIX FINANCIAL

SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

VICTOR M. MEZA; SANDRA O. MEZA; CITIFINANCIAL, INC.; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9, BLOCK 5, OF CANYON POINT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 27, 1995 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 243-245, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 4675 Rock Canyon Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 20, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$83,270.67 plus interest from April 15, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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.

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
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Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2011

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

Cause No. CV-10-1735
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

RANDAL SOUTHERLAND and MELISSA SOUTHERLAND, husband and wife, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 8, 2011, at 11:10 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 218, AMBER MESA SUBDIVISION, 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. 1868 on October 20, 1988 in Book 15 Pages 326 through 349 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 6531 Topaz Rlad., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into January 12, 2011, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose two notes and two mortgages held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$78,021.09 (\$73,967.10 plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale in Count I), \$4,053.99 plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale in Count II), 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 State:

Lot 32, of PRADERA DORADA, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 19, 1996 in Plat Book 18, at Page 436-437 as Plat No. 2785, records of Doña Ana County

The address of the real estate is 1001 Aguilera Court., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into on December 13, 2011, 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 \$169,372.97 (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 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 February, 2011.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 11-0025
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES J. MCALLISTER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Tracie L. Valenzuela and Timothy M. McAllister were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of James J. McAllister, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of James J. McAllister, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Co-Personal Representatives c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2011.

Tracie L. Valenzuela
Co-Personal Representative

Timothy M. McAllister
Co-Personal Representative

Prepared by:

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KATHERINE N. BLACKETT,
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Pub # 10390
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 11-0024
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE R. JOHNSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Marilyn Cox was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marjorie R. Johnson, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Marjorie R. Johnson, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

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In July 2010, Carlos Gonzalez, owner and CEO of JBC International, was referred to the New Mexico International Business Accelerator (IBA) in Santa Teresa by the Western New Mexico University Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

IBA Director Jerry Pacheco recently named JBC the IBA Client of the Year for 2010.

JBC International is a five-year-old company with 29 employees, specializing in plastics, cardboard and pallets recycling. Gonzalez was interested in establishing a new plant in New Mexico, due to the fast growth of the company's operations in Ciudad Juárez.

"The IBA's staff shared with us a tremendous amount of information on incentives, tax credits and other benefits we could gain by establishing our business in New Mexico," Gonzalez said. "They also

guided us through the process of understanding New Mexico's business climate to assure the success of our new operations."

On Oct. 2, 2010, the company purchased 3 acres in Chaparral, to build its new 8,000-square-foot recycling plant, which will be operational in early 2011.

"The IBA has held our hand throughout the entire process," Gonzalez said. "Their knowledge has made the transition easy. With the assistance provided, we have created 12 new jobs in New Mexico."

When asked if he would recommend the SBDC to other businesses, Gonzalez said, "The SBDC will work tirelessly to promote your business and help you succeed. They are familiar with all of the state and local entities and can provide almost immediate feedback on requested information. We are very grateful for the New Mexico SBDC's International Business Accelerator program."

For more information on the IBA, visit www.nmiba.com or call 589-5212.

To learn more about the New Mexico International Business Accelerator, visit www.nmiba.com.



GONZALEZ

Taxes

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The HIRE Act

The Obama HIRE (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment) Act has two new tax benefits for employers that hire workers who were previously unemployed or were only working part-time.

Employers who hired unemployed workers last year – after Feb. 3, 2010, and before Jan. 1, 2011 – may now qualify for a 6.2-percent payroll tax incentive, Estrada said. That provision exempts employers from paying a share of Social Security taxes on wages paid to workers after March 18, 2010.

"A bill placed into Congress last week seeks to extend the HIRE Act through the end of 2011," Estrada said. "But there's still an opportunity for businesses to take advantage of it this year. Businesses who hire employees that qualify for this should be aware."

In addition to the unemployed worker incentive, the HIRE act allows employers to claim an additional general business tax credit, up to \$1,000 per worker, for every employee they retained last year when they file their 2011 income tax returns.

New hires who fill existing positions qualify for the retention credit as well, and in that case an employer can apply for both credits for the same worker, but only if the workers they replaced left voluntarily or was fired for cause. Family members and relatives of the business owner don't qualify

for the credit, Estrada said.

The two tax benefits are especially beneficial to employers who have grown or expanded and added positions over the year, he said.

"This means cash savings, increased cash flow and a potentially large credit for new hires over the year," he said.

In addition, the HIRE Act requires that an employer get a statement from each eligible new hire certifying that he or she was unemployed for 60 days prior to beginning work, or, worked no more than 40 hours for anyone during the 60-day period.

"These tax breaks offer a much-needed boost to employers willing to expand their payrolls, and businesses and nonprofits should keep these benefits in mind as they plan for the year ahead," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman.

Businesses, agricultural employers, tax-exempt organizations and public colleges and universities qualify for the tax benefit for new hires.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit, or WOTC, was signed into law in 1996 and was just extended through the end of 2011, Estrada said.

"It's an incentive for employers to hire individuals who have barriers to employment," he said.

WOTC provides eligible employers with a tax credit of up to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of first-year wages of a new employee who is a member of a "targeted

group" of workers who face difficulty finding a job.

"The new employee must not have worked for the hiring employer anytime in the past and may not be a relative or dependent of the employer," Estrada said.

The target groups, which are created and expanded every year, were recently updated. Employees who now qualify for the WOTC include:

A person or member of a family who has recently received financial help through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

- A person or member of a family who is receiving or has recently received food stamps
 - An 18-40 year old person who is a resident of a federally designated "Empowerment Zone"
 - A summer youth employee
 - A qualified veteran
 - A Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient
 - Someone convicted of a felony or recently released from prison
- "Single moms and vets typically generate the largest tax credits (for employers)," Estrada said. "There are a lot of dollars out there if you just look, and they generate quickly."

Estrada said, typically, employers can get back \$2,400 for each new adult WOTC hire, \$1,200 for each new summer youth hire, \$4,800 for new veteran hire and \$9,000 for each new long-term family assistance recipient over a two-year period.

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Valentine's Day

If you love it or hate it, the day is near. Find out what to do in Las Cruces.

Contemporary Arts Festival

New art festival hits Las Cruces' streets Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 7-9

Contemporary Arts Festival

New-age festival mixes art scenes

The Contemporary Arts Festival combines art, music, drama, entertainment

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Although contemporary art commonly describes art created after World War II, Fred Bugbee, an associate professor of music at New Mexico State University, is taking contemporary to the next level through a festival to be held Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 7-9, at the Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus.

This three-day event will consist of art and music unique to anything Las Cruces has seen before.

"The Contemporary Art Festival involves all forms of art," Bugbee said. "We really wanted to bring something new to Las Cruces. Since the different art departments are so far from each other – in relation to distance on campus – we look forward to any event that allows us to come together."

Inspiration for the Contemporary Arts Festival came from a similar event that was held around the 1970s and 80s, Bugbee said. He also got creativeness for the festival from grad student Brack Morrow, who created a large metallic sculpture, "Partum Sanus," which contains three musical instruments and will serve as the backdrop for the festival.

"The sculpture has three separate instruments," Bugbee said. "The first is a percussion instrument – but really you can beat on the sculpture anywhere to make a pleasing noise. The second instrument is blown and the third is a string."

Even in its inaugural year – and Bugbee is already anticipating an even bigger event in 2012 – composers, artists and musicians have managed to incorporate three intricate musical events, creating a separate feel to each concert.

"(Monday, Feb. 7), will be very modern, with a real mix of sounds all within a contemporary style," Bugbee said. "But this night also has a tonal side, and people might leave the concert humming and singing tunes."



"Convergence" by Jackson Pollock will be featured during a performance Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Contemporary Arts Festival.

Artist Joan Tower is known for her Grammy-winning contemporary works and will be featured with other iconic composers Monday night.

Monday will also feature the works of transformative contemporary masters Louis Andriessen, Gerard Grisey and Sam Shepard.

Bugbee said Tuesday provides a different mix, with inspirational New Mexico composers Scott Wilkinson and Warner Hutchison and incorporates a Jackson Pollock painting. Wilkinson has taught at the University of New Mexico, assisted in coordinating the university's composer's symposium and was also involved with the John Robb Musical Trust at its inception. Hutchison, a former NMSU music professor, was twice a resident at the MacDowell Colony and the Ernest Bloch Composers Symposium. He has also appeared as a guest composer in various concerts nationwide.

"Wednesday will be different from both of

the other nights," Bugbee said. "Pieces from the works of John Cage will be used. It will be different than you expect or think."

Cage is considered to be a pioneer of chance music, electronic music and non-standard use of musical instruments. He is a leader in many musical fields and critics have lauded him as one of the most influential American composers of the 20th century.

"We hope to get people involved and on stage all three nights," Bugbee said. "The audience will be welcomed to come on stage after each concert and play with the sculpture. I think they will have a lot of fun with it."

Monday and Tuesday concerts will begin and end with performances on "Partum Sanus" – these nights, four audience members will also be chosen to perform with La Catrina String Quartet. Wednesday night will include an opening performance on the sculpture only.

With a different audience each night,

Details

What

Contemporary Arts Festival

Where

Atkinson Recital Hall
on the NMSU Campus

When

7:30 p.m. Monday through
Wednesday, Feb. 7-9

Cost

Free

Call

646-2901

Bugbee anticipates the mood of the show to change and evolve.

"The process changes as members of the audience change, that is something I am really looking forward to," he said.

Bugbee's professional orchestral background makes him the perfect candidate to start a festival as such. With performances in the El Paso Opera, Las Cruces Symphony, Juarez International Symphony, Brevard Music Festival Orchestra, Santa Fe Symphony, Santa Fe Opera, El Paso Symphony and many more, Bugbee has the experience to make the festival a success.

Other participating members include, NMSU faculty members Rhonda Taylor, Bugbee, Laura Spitzer, Martha Rowe and Nancy Joy as well as the La Catrina String Quartet, actress Monika Mojica and choreographer Deb Knapp.

All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be preceded by performances on Brack Morrow's installation piece. Pre-concert performances will begin at 6:45 p.m.

All shows are free and open to the public. Donations for the Warner Hutchison Scholarship Fund will be taken at the door. For more information, contact Bugbee at 646-2901.

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The percussion ensemble is hard at work preparing for the new-age festival.

Featured artists: Artists of Picacho Hills

From muse to muse

Picacho Hills artists gain passion through inspiration, encouragement

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

It all started three to four years ago with a small number of ladies who enjoyed various forms of art. Since then, the Artists of Picacho Hills has expanded to an organized society of women that inspires members to grow in their respective media and share new ideas.

"Originally, a group of residents of (Picacho Hills) got together just to share ideas about art," said Marilyn Hanson, vice president of the group. "Now we are an organization with officers and dues. We have between 30 to 40 members that have a variety of interest in various medias of art."

The group hosts a monthly meeting and participates in two art shows each year – For the Love of Art Month during February and Art in the Garden during the fall. The society

of artists has also been accepted to take part in a juried show at the Branigan Cultural Center in November.

"This is our third year to participate in (For the Love of Art Month) and it's proven to be well attended," Hanson said. "The first year we only opened the event to Picacho Hills residents because we didn't know how people would respond. Last year, we opened the event to the public and held the event at Picacho Hills Country Club. Again, the event was very well attended."

This year, the exhibit will be held at Picacho Mountain Visitor Center, a vacant home that currently houses Picacho Mountain Development offices and has been generously donated by Bob and Karen Pofahl for the event. The event will be open to the public.

"Eighteen artists will be involved in the show," Hanson said. "A boutique section with six artists who share an area and 12 single exhibits will be on display."

Art will range from oil and watercolor paintings to woodworking, jewelry, fiber arts, reed weavings, sculptures and more. All of the art will be on sale by individual artists.

"The event will be informal, and I think that's why people enjoy it so much," Hanson said. "You get a chance to meet the artists – to get to know the people behind the art."

Although not every member can participate in every show, Jan Harrison, a Picacho Hills fiber artist, said the group is full of "worker bees,"

Details

What

Artists of Picacho Hills For the Love of Art Exhibit

When

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6

Where

Picacho Mountain Visitor Center
7068 Calle Estancias

Cost

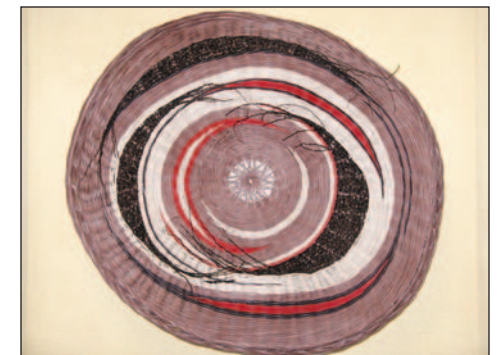
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www.artistsofpicachohills.com



This painting by Donna Wood will be on display at the Artists of Picacho Hills For the Love of Art event.



Reed work by Jan Severson will be on display at the event. All artwork will also be for sale by individual artists.

helps me clarify and understand the process even more. It makes me feel like I'm giving back to my art, and this groups adds to that feeling."

The Artists of Picacho Hills show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Picacho Mountain Visitor Center, 7038 Calle Estancias. The show is free, and door prizes will be awarded. For more information, visit www.artistsofpicachohills.com.

Mission Statement

The Artists of Picacho Hills are dedicated to promoting original art. They provide social and educational opportunities for artists who live in the Picacho Hills community and produce art on a professional or emerging level of skill.

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Upcoming Events

Fri Feb 4	Artist Reception: Luis Navarro FREE! Rio Grande Theatre, 5pm-7pm
Fri Feb 4	Downtown Ramble MainStreet Downtown, 5pm-7pm
Fri-Sat Feb 4-5	Crime & Punishment Black Box Theatre, 8pm
Sat Feb 5	GRAND OPENING – Disease Detectives LC Museum of Natural History, 2pm-4pm
Sun Feb 6	Crime & Punishment Black Box Theatre, 2:30pm
Tue Feb 8	La Cella Bella Rio Grande Theatre, 5:30pm
Fri Feb 11	Mike Dowling & Randy Sabien Rio Grande Theatre, 5:30pm
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Museums celebrate a month of art

Las Cruces exhibits partake in For the Love of Art Month

In the Mesilla Valley, February is a month to celebrate love – and the arts. While For the Love of Art Month brings both performing and visual arts to venues throughout the area, Las Cruces Museums also celebrate with a wide range of exciting programming.

Love of Art central is the Branigan Cultural Center on the north end of the Downtown Mall, where ArtForms, the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild and the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter all have exhibits. ArtForms has organized this special month

for the last 13 years. All three exhibits will be open during the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

Just across the courtyard from the Branigan, the Las Cruces Museum of Art opens a very special retrospective exhibit of the art of New Mexico sculptor Michael Naranjo titled "Sight Unseen." Naranjo is blind due to an injury he sustained while serving in Vietnam. The museum will be conducting outreach programs for the visually impaired, inviting them to enjoy the sculptures through their

sense of touch. Naranjo will give a talk at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Branigan Cultural Center and will be present to greet museum visitors during the Downtown Ramble.

The Railroad Museum at Las Cruces Avenue and Mesilla Street offers two special programs in February. The free public program Riders on the Orphan Train, funded by The New Mexico Humanities Council, is coming to the Railroad Museum at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. This historical presentation tells the story of orphans and unwanted children who were given away at

Cheryl Fallstead
Las Cruces Museums



train stations throughout the country.

Also at the Railroad Museum at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 8, Charles Gruver will present part one of "Living in the Present While Working in the Past: My Story of Coal Fired Steam Driven Trains." Gruver worked for the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad beginning in 1980.

At the Museum of Natural History, a new exhibit opens from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. "Disease Detectives" is an interactive exhibit that encourages families to learn more about microscopic organisms that affect our lives. This fascinating display will be at the museum the Mesilla Valley Mall through June 5.

All four of the city's museums are supported with advocacy and finances by the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums, a non-profit volunteer organization. Membership opportunities are available for any museum lover. Friends receive invitations to special events not open to the general public.

Another way to support the museums is to volunteer at the museums of your choice or to drop a donation in the box while you visit. An additional opportunity to consider is applying to become a member of the foundation board. We have openings for a few very special people who would like to use their skills to support our city's museums. For more information about the foundation, go to www.flcm.blogspot.com or link to the foundation through the museums' website, www.las-cruces.org/museums.

For the Love of Art events

Feb. 4

American Southwest Theatre Company Mardi Gras Gala 7 to 11 p.m.
Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.
Tickets \$30, or 10 for \$275
Call 646-4515

"Sheesh-ka-deesh" 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Mikey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St.
Tickets \$10

ArtForms Artists Association of N.M. Member Exhibit

5 to 7 p.m.

Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter "I See Red" 5 to 7 p.m.
Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

"New Endeavors" exhibit by the GFWC Progress Club 5 to 7 p.m.
Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild "By George" Challenge 5 to 7 p.m.
Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

Feb. 5

A Map of One Journey by C.C. Cunningham 4 to 6 p.m.

Unsettled Gallery and Studio, 905 N. Mesquite St.

Feb. 6

Artists of Picacho Hills exhibit 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Picacho Mountain Visitors Center, 7038 Calle Estancias
Call 523-1740

Multi-media by Georjeanna Feltha
Noon to 2 p.m.
Tombaugh Gallery, 2000 S. Solano Drive

Feb. 10

"A Night With Cupid" jewelry and fashion 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road

Call to Artists

'A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE'

The Preston Contemporary Art Center announces a call for artists for an exhibition titled "The Photographic Experience."

In celebration of all photographic media and processes – from non-silver to silver-based and digital collage – the exhibition will include 24 of the finest photographic-based works. The exhibition will be displayed at the Preston Contemporary Art Center from May 13 to June 30. Selected works will also be showcased in Photo Technique magazine or the Photo Technique website. Three works from the 24 selected will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 and valuable camera case systems from f-stop. The top winner will also be awarded a workshop from Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops.

The exhibit is open to all photographers. Judging will be based on aesthetic concept and skilled presentation using any photographic-based process. To enter, a non-refundable \$30 entry fee must be paid prior to sending the images for submission.

Payments should be made online at www.regonline.com/photo_technique_juried_exhibition_contest. After paying the entrance fee, artists can enter up to five works online at exhibition@phototechmag.com. Image size should be 300 dpi, 6 inches on their longest side and jpeg compression no less than 7. Any subject matter is acceptable. Please label your images as follows, "last name_first initial_title." In the email message, please include a list of images submitted by title and the medium and size of each work submitted. Also include artist name, email address, mailing address and phone number to match the submission fee payment receipt. Submissions must be received by Monday, Feb. 28.

AUDITIONS FOR 'THE SPITFIRE GRILL'

No Strings Theatre Company will hold auditions for "The Spitfire Grill," a play based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff, with music and book by James Valcq and lyrics and book by Fred Alley, at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 6-7, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

Performances will be April 8-24, with a possible extension to a fourth weekend. In "The Spitfire Grill," a feisty parolee follows her dreams, based on a page from an old travel book, to a small town in Wisconsin and finds a place for herself working at Hannah's Spitfire Grill. The grill is for sale, but there are no takers for the only eatery in the depressed town, so newcomer Percy suggests to Hannah that she raffle it off. Entry fees are \$100 and the best essay on why you want the grill wins. Soon, mail is arriving by the wheelbarrow and things are definitely cookin' at the Spitfire Grill. Available roles include: one female to play a character in her 20s with range to D, some head voice; one female to play a character in her 70s with mezzo/alto range; one female to play a character in her 30s with a folk soprano to D; one female to play a character in her 50s with a strong mezzo/alto chest range and ability to harmonize; one male to play a character in his 40s with tenor to G; one male to play a character in his 40s with no singing or speaking part, but in need of strong stage presence; and

one male to play a character in his mid-late 20s tenor with strong range to G. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and the performance of a prepared piece of music. A perusal script is on reserve at Branigan Library Reservation Desk. All music is in the folk/country genre and the audition piece should be appropriate. For more information, email the director Nikka Ziemer at nziemer@hotmail.com.

THE MINI ART GALLERY SHOW

Senior Programs will be participating in For the Love of Art with a show at the Munson Senior Center. This show highlights artwork by senior artists – people 50 years of age or older – and crafters from the Las Cruces area. The Love of Art Show has been set for Tuesday through Friday, Feb. 15-18. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to noon Friday. Artists 50 and older who wish to show their work can bring it to the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Friday, Feb. 11. An artist reception will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15. The show is open to the public. Submitted work may include paintings, drawings, china paintings, stained glass, pottery, woodcarving, jewelry, quilts, embroidery, crochet and knit items and other crafts. There is a limit of two items, with only one being a painting. Stained glass items may also be limited. If you are only showing jewelry and greeting cards, four items will be allowed. For more information, call the Munson Center at 528-3000.

OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Artists residing in the Alameda interested in participating in a one-day Open Studio Tour must reside in the area and be willing to open their studio to the public for an event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21. For more information, contact Georjeanna Feltha at 704 El Prado Ave. or email gfelththatheartist@gmail.com. Deadline for entries is Monday, Feb. 14.

ART MUSEUM SEEKS SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITS

The Las Cruces Museum of Art seeks submissions of utilitar-

ian and sculptural ceramics for the 2011 exhibition "From the Ground Up XXV." The submission deadline is April 8. This call for submissions is open to ceramic artists from the Rocky Mountain region of the United States – New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Artists may submit up to four entries that were completed within the past three years. The submission fee for one to four entries is \$30 and is payable to Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. Submission forms can be downloaded from the Las Cruces Museum of Art website, www.las-cruces.org/museums. Mail entries to Museum of Art, Attn: From the Ground Up, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004. For more information, call 541-2137.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested artists and digital photographers to display their work. For more information, call 522-2933, stop by the gallery for an application or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

TOMBAUGH GALLERY of the Unitarian Universalist Church hosts a showing of abstract paintings by J. Carey Crane and Deborah Welch. The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Crane is currently the curator of exhibits for Las Cruces City Museums. Welch's abstract paintings are full of color, reflecting the theory of hue contrast. Welch's artistic goal is to push and pull the parameters of hue contrast to the extent of invoking fresh new images. The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

OPENING

TOMBAUGH GALLERY will host "Colored," an exhibit of all new work by Las Cruces artist Georjeanna Feltha to coincide with Black History Month. The show will run from Feb. 6 to March 4, with an artist's reception from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. An artist talk will be held during the reception. The show is titled "Colored" because when Feltha was born, in the space on her birth certificate where it asked for race, it said "colored." In celebration of Black History Month as well as For the Love Art Month, Feltha presents the many facets of color. The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM is showing "Greetings to You: Historic Postcards," Friday, Feb. 11. With the arrival of email, text messaging and phones that can take photographs and deliver them to a family member or a friend in seconds, communication has changed dramatically in recent years. But there's still nothing like opening your mailbox and holding in your hand a colorful postcard sent by a friend in another city or a family member on vacation. The exhibit traces the history of postcards and is an extensive exhibit that features more than 500 postcards that date back as early as the 1880s. 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.

UNSETTLED GALLERY & STUDIO will host an artist reception for an exhibition of new work by C.C. Cunningham titled "Traces a Map of One Journey." The event kicks off the For the Love of Art Month celebration at Unsettled Gallery & Studio during the month of February. The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, followed by an artist talk from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday,

Coming soon

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Saturday, Feb. 12

Feb. 6. Cunningham, who recently relocated to Colorado, will be welcomed by her many area friends and collectors.

Cunningham's work blends elements of the push and pull of her journey – her ties to the Las Cruces art community and love of the Southwest light and desert landscape as well as her connection to, and feelings for, the iconic figures from "Affection" (her first solo exhibit in Las Cruces). The exhibit also displays the uncertainty of the unknown, the creation and birth of her grandchild, the determination to move on and the process of relocating. Unsettled Gallery is 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.

SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER hosts "Raptors of the Southwest," Friday Feb. 4, 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. There will also be a public talk about raptor conservation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. The gallery is at 275 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 522-5552.

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 Friday, Feb. 4, through Saturday, April 2. A reception for the artist will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Naranjo will also present a lecture at Branigan Cultural Center at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. Naranjo sculpts in stone, wax and clay. 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-size 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.

ONGOING

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM will host "Masked Traditions of Venetian Carnival." This exhibit explores the vibrantly colorful tradition of "il Carnevale di Venezia" through display of costumes, masks and photographs. A major

part of the festival of carnival has traditionally been masquerade, which provides a way for ordinary people to adopt an extraordinary personality or character. Many of the masks in this exhibit were commissioned from Venetian mascherari (mask-makers) by costume designer Shawn Dudley Reeves for use on popular soap operas, such as "The Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns." The museum is at 1280 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-5161.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will participate in the eighth annual For the Love of Art Month celebration in Mesilla in conjunction with the Las Cruces celebration. The gallery will hold the annual "My Masterpiece" contest. "My Masterpiece" challenges local artists to mimic oil-famous artists, such as Charles Russell, R.C. Gorman, Monet and many more. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner of the contest. The gallery will also feature Carol Lopez and Karin Bradshaw during the month of February. Lopez has been involved in the arts for more than 25 years, working with a variety of media, including the ancient painting medium encaustic (beeswax). Bradshaw's work depicts traditional Pueblo Indian designs burned into beautiful symmetrical gourds. From a distance, these decorated gourds look like Indian pottery.

The gallery is pleased to announce new member Aubrey de Cheubell. Both an art historian and a working studio artist, Cheubell has developed into a unique perspective on creating ceramic art. Cheubell has participated in numerous art shows and received many awards. The gallery is 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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "By George!" through Saturday, Feb. 26. "By George!" (the theme of the 2011 President's Challenge exhibit) presents the exciting possibility for a wide variety of interpretations in the use of George Mendoza's fabrics. Mendoza, now a Las Cruces resident, was a promising high school athlete when a degenerative eye disorder caused legal blindness. Mendoza's talents remained intact as he became a world-class runner, a motivational speaker and a full-time artist. His colorful art has become a 100-percent cotton fabric collection that debuted at the International

Quilt Market Show in October 2009.

The Las Colcheras Quilt Guild will hold hand-quilting demonstrations from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the month of February. An opening reception with light refreshments will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, during the Downtown Ramble on Main Street. Awards will be presented at 5:30 p.m. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

THE CUTTER GALLERY will host "The Bridge to Tir na nog" by Rosemary McLoughlin. The exhibit is a tribute to her brother Bill, who recently died of cancer. Tir na nog is the land of eternal youth, and her show is a reminder of her brother's wonderful spirit. McLoughlin is well known for her whimsical paintings with cats, family and friends flying around her work in a dreamlike way. Settings for her work are both magical and based on real life with references from Brooklyn, Europe and Mesilla predominant in her work. The gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER will host "I See Red," an intimate exhibit by the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society through Saturday, Feb. 26. The New Mexico Watercolor Society was founded as a statewide chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society of Dallas in 1969. In 1975, the NMWS became an independent entity. Founded in 2001, the southern chapter is located in Las Cruces and serves the state's southern counties. NMWS promotes watercolor as an art medium



"Goddess" by Georjeanna Feltha is on display at the Tombaugh Gallery.

and educates the public as to the significance of watercolor as an important painting medium. Its goal is to make New Mexico known nationally for its watercolorists. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY features Material Girls Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst and Ann Angel through February. Fiber artworks include hand-dyed silk, quilted constructs and hand weavings. Other artists exhibiting at the Main Street Gallery include Winfrey Hearst, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Margaret Berrier, Joanna Bradley, Rudy Lucero, Paula Gonzalez, Jan Severson and Annette Paajanen, Robert "Shoofly" Shuflet and Woody Hoffman. The gallery is 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.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents the 2011 Art Faculty Biennial exhibition. The exhibition showcases current work by NMSU studio art faculty in a wide variety of media, including photography, sculpture, metalwork, painting, ceramics and drawing. The

exhibit will remain on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. The gallery is at 1390 E. University Ave. on the NMSU campus. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-2545.

THE ADOBE PATIO GALLERY & STUDIO hosts an exhibition focusing on regional excellence, featuring the works of local and area artists. The exhibition includes the vinyl tile murals of Tony Pennock; Joseph Ireland, a long recognized regional artist; the powerful watercolor and pastels of Glenda Bucci; and many more. The building contains spaces that were designed to show off a variety of paintings and sculptures. The gallery is at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-0573.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER presents the first of six exhibitions of 2011, including Craig Cully, painting; Fernando Delgado, photography; Ed Freeman, photography; Charlotte Segull, drawing; and Leandra Spangler, handmade paper sculpture. 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.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 2/4

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. The host is Dick Thomas. Free. Call 521-9314

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 p.m. Spur Ride Band concert, Cattleman's Steak House, 3375 Bataan Memorial West. Dance to classic country music. No cover. Call 649-6175.

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. Join Howling Coyote's sixth anniversary during For the Love of Art Month. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

7 to 11 p.m. ASTC Mardi Gras Gala, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Carrie Hamblen. The event will include music, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a costume contest. Cost \$30. Call. 646-4515.

7:30 p.m. Friday Night at the Symphony, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. Cost \$5-\$15. Call 646-3709.

SAT. 2/5

8 to 11 a.m. PTSO pancake breakfast fundraiser,

Sierra Middle School, 1700 Spruce Ave. The Sierra Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization is raising funds for learning opportunities. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and drink. A silent auction will also be held. Cost \$5. Call 642-3980.

9 to 10 a.m. Fine Rug Weaving seminar, Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Free. Call 541-0658.

9 a.m. to 1:30 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 staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Book fair and needle art, Barnes & Nobles Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Sponsored by the Las Cruces Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America. An in-store display of needle arts will be shown from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Call 525-4684.

10 a.m. to noon, Author Kimmer Lindemood book signing event, COAS Bookstore, 317 N. Main St. Lindemood will be available to sign copies of her novel "The Ghost of Island Lake." Free. Call 888-361-9473.

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 Louise O'Donnell 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.

1 to 3 p.m. "Tierra Red" book signing, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Free. Call 525-8656

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7:30 p.m. Classics Four Concerts performance, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. Cost \$35-\$45. Call 646-3709.

SUN 2/6

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, Mesilla Valley Mall in front of Sears in the parking lot. 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 beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

3 to 7 p.m. Open Mic, Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

3 p.m. Classics Four Concerts performance, Atkinson Recital Hall on the



The 2011 ASTC Mardi Gras Gala will be held Friday, Feb. 4, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Jokers John Dunn and Richard Kaselow put their unique masks on display for the camera during the 2010 gala.

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MON. 2/7

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet in the café for fun and 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 beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

6 p.m. Understanding Basic Nutrition, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Join Daniel Garcia of A New You Chiropractic Clinic during this event. Free. Call 523-0436.

7 p.m. NMSU vs. Louisiana Tech men's basketball game, Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Cost \$8-\$31, NMSU students get in free with their student IDs. Call 646-1420.

TUE. 2/8

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. La Cella Bella quartet, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403.

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.

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WED. 2/9

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6 to 7:30 p.m. Emotional Freedom Technique, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Join Genevieve Mitchell during this event. Cost \$12-\$15. Call 523-0436.

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 or visit lascrucestitches.multiply.com.

THU. 2/10

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Support Sierra Middle School while they raise funds for future learning opportunities during a pancake fundraiser, Saturday, Feb. 5, at the school, 1700 Spruce Ave.

7 p.m. Not a Simple Farmer lecture, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Terry Reynolds presents the story of Don Jose Martine Amador. This talk will highlight his agricultural interests and endeavors and their impact on the Las Cruces community. Cost \$2. Call 522-4100.

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. 2/11

6 to 9 p.m. Live music,

Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6:30 p.m. Mike Dowling and Randy Sabien concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Cost \$15. Call 523-6403.

SAT. 2/12

9 a.m. to 1:30 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 staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. River clean up, Rio Grande near Mesilla, southeast corner of the Calle del Norte (Mesilla) bridge. The Southwest Environmental Center will provide water (to fill water bottles), lemonade and trash bags. Bring gloves and sun protection. Free. Call 522-5552.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Loni Todoroki will be the storytellers at the Downtown location, and Judith Ames 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.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Unravelers Knitting Guild, the Health and Public Services Building, Room 294, on the DACC main campus. A meeting and a workshop on up-cycled T-shirt yarn will be held. Bring old T-shirts, jersey sheets or knit fabric yardage; sharp scissors or rotary cutter and mat; and knitting needles U.S. 11 to U.S. 15. Free. Call 523-0442.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ninth annual For the Love of Art celebration, Mesilla Plaza. The event will highlight several area artists and feature artwork, including jew-

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7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center

Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

7 p.m. Yolanda Martinez concert

Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Cost \$15. Call 523-1223.

Film illustrates the controversy of love

A tangled affair with a married woman spurs revulsion between cowboys and businessmen

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Feb. 5, will be "Hi Lo Country" (1999, 114 minutes, rated R, made in New Mexico).

"I always felt that the great high privilege, relief and comfort of friendship," Katharine Mansfield wrote, "was that one had to



Hi Lo Country will play Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Fountain Theatre. The film displays a sordid affair that interferes with friendship.

explain nothing."

That is one of the defining keys of the relationship between Pete Calder (Billy Crudup) and Big Boy Matson (Woody Harrelson), who are re-united after serving in World War II. These best friends live in the prairie town of Hi-Lo, N.M., where Jim Ed Love (Sam Elliott), the largest landowner, is greedily devouring small-time ranchers. Big Boy, who loves cattle drives and being free under the big sky, is angry that his younger brother (Cole Hauser) works for this successful businessman.

Pete, who serves as the film narrator, is smitten by Mona (Patricia Arquette), a sexy married woman who is the kind of person who can make — as one character puts it — "a man's teeth itch." This yearning is complicated by the fact that Big Boy is having a heated affair with her. His intentions instead turn to Joseph, played by Penelope Cruz in her U.S. film debut.

These combustible elements — familial anger, sexual jealousy and the clash between cowboys and businessmen — test the depth of the friendship between Pete and Big Boy. Stephen Frears directs this leisurely paced film, which is based on a 1961 novel by New Mexico author Max Evans. Strong and heart-felt performances by Crudup and Harrelson make Hi-Lo Country an immensely appealing drama, moved along by its beautiful cinematography and grand soundtrack.

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 theatre!

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 theatre is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287, and leave a message.

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ArtsBriefs

'Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead'

American Southwest Theatre Company at NMSU Theatre Arts presents the edgy comedy, "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," Friday, Feb. 18, through Wednesday, March 6, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus. An "unauthorized parody," "Dog Sees God" follows the life of the Peanuts gang in modern times as a group of misfit teenagers. Charlie Brown and his friends struggle against the trials of the adult world, confronting love, death, sexuality, abuse and the devastating effects of hatred. The play contains adult content and is not intended for youth. The production is directed by NMSU alumnus and visiting assistant professor Ken C. Peterson. All evening performances will be held at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the Hershel Zohn Theatre Box office from noon to 4 p.m. or by calling 646-4515.

Studio Tour Stop

The New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter will hold a Studio Tour Stop in conjunction with For the Love of Art Month.

The FLOA Studio Tour Stop will be held at Mesquite Street Studios, 922 N. Mesquite St. Feb. 12-13. This tour stop includes an exhibition of members' paintings and a variety of watercolor demonstrations. Seventeen artists will be showing 25 paintings. Artists will be on hand to answer questions about their work and assist patrons with sales throughout the week-

end event. The event is free and open to the public. The studio will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

Yolanda Martinez in concert

Yolanda Martinez will perform at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Martinez is a singer, songwriter, performer and recording artist. Her musical roots go back to her early childhood, when she would sing with no instruments.

Yolanda is a Native American Grammy Winner in 2004, named "Best Female Artist." She was also nominated in 2000, 2003 and 2007 and is up again this year for her new CD. Martinez is also considered to be a master drum maker and holds workshops and drumming circles all over the U.S. and Europe. She just returned from touring in Norway where she did concerts and a drum making workshops in Kristiansand.

The second half of the concert will be a drumming circle. The audience is invited to bring drums and percussion instruments. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 523-1223.

'Crime and Punishment' extended

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Crime and Punishment" through Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The remaining performances of "Crime and Punishment" are at 8 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 4 and 11; Saturday, Feb. 5; and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays,

Feb. 6 and 13. Tickets are \$10 regular admission and \$9 students and seniors over 65. For more information, call 523-1223.

Mike Dowling and Randy Sabien in concert

Thunder Moon Productions presents jazz violinist Randy Sabien and singer/guitarist Mike Dowling, Friday, Feb. 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The duo has been playing together in various configurations for almost 20 years. They are a shining example of what two virtuoso musicians can do when they know each other well. They put their spin on rootsy sounding country, swing and blues. The concert is at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 523-6403.



Mike Dowling and Randy Sabien will perform Friday, Feb. 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

'Love Letters'

No Strings Theatre Company presents their 11th annual production of A.R. Gurney's 1988 "Love Letters," with a performance on Valentine's Day, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. No Strings Theatre Company's annual production features a different couple each year. Steve and Meredith



Loring star in the 2011 production of this delightful two-character play, which chronicles the life-long relationship between a man and a woman solely through their correspondence.

"Love Letters" tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner, whose poignantly funny friendship and ill-fated romance takes them from second grade through adolescence, maturity and middle age. "Love Letters" has gained a unique reputation all over the United States and overseas owing to the celebrity casts who performed it throughout the 1990s. It is a truly unique and imaginative theatre piece, which, in the words of playwright Gurney, "needs no theater, no lengthy rehearsal, no special set, no memorization of lines and no commitment from its two actors beyond the night of performance." The letters, as the actors read them aloud, create an evocative, touching, frequently funny, but always telling pair of character studies. Refreshments will be served after the performance. Tickets are \$10 regular, and \$9 students and seniors over 65. For reservations, call 523-1223.

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Serving a new wave of delicacies

La Iguana offers tasty breakfast, lunch and dinner options

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

It was a lovely evening. My girlfriend Cindy and I went out for a fine dinner and a night at the theater. Everything was great, but the icing on the cake – the croutons on the salad or the ice cream on the gluten-free brownie as it were – was the whole thing happened in Downtown Las Cruces.

We went Downtown, had a wonderful meal, drove a few blocks (we could have walked if we hadn't had to rush to another show right after) to the theater and saw a play – right in the heart of town. Sort of like it's supposed to be.

This scenario was more possible with the much-anticipated opening of La Iguana on the Main Street side of the old Popular Dry Goods building. Not to take away from other eateries in the Downtown area, where one can get great pizza, Hawaiian food, a burger or late-night comfort food, but La Iguana offers a pretty distinctive dinner menu with dishes we aren't accustomed to.

We showed up at about 6:30 p.m. – without a reservation I might add – but were seated promptly. We chose to share an appetizer – the black bean and corn tostada. It is a corn tortilla (not fried, but somehow crisped up a bit) with corn kernels, black beans, a dollop of plain yogurt and cilantro on top. For the main course, Cindy chose the grilled marinated pork loin, which is served with a pan-seared polenta cake and both are covered with a tangy mole sauce. It comes with sautéed green beans. I picked the shrimp scampi, served with a mound of basmati rice, a couple of artichoke hearts and two crunchy croutons. She had a glass of red wine, and I had the house coffee.

Entrées come with a house salad, and I just want to say, the salads here are really outstanding. They are made with a mix of spring greens, red onions, carrots, raisins, feta cheese and a made-on-premises balsamic vinaigrette. I am



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Edwards
Michael and Mary LeBlanc stand in front of a stained glass iguana named Kermit which was donated by a customer.

not sure what makes them so delicious, but I am really hooked. Everything was well-prepared, nicely presented and fantastic tasting. We skipped dessert (stupid weight-loss challenge), but I vowed to return for a gluten-free brownie, which I am told are just as delicious as the gluten-enlaved ones.

We were ready for the theater by 7:30 p.m., even though the restaurant was full. Dinner is only served Wednesday through Saturday and seating is limited, hence reservations are strongly recommended.

My other experiences at La Iguana have involved the lunch or light-lunch (served from 2:30 to 4 p.m.) and a variety of sandwiches. I have consumed a chicken salad wrap, roast beef and Swiss on a ciabatta roll, a turkey and avocado on a gluten-free roll and – this was a killer – a grilled salmon BLT on a gluten-free roll. Try some of the signature espresso drinks also available, such as the Aztec mocha. So now the only thing lacking in my La Iguana education is some of the fabulous-sounding breakfast items.

La Iguana owners Michael and Mary LeBlanc got tired of the frigid winters in Maine, where they made cheesecakes for local supermarkets. They were also cheesecake vendors for outdoor markets and fairs during the warmer summer months. The warmer climates were calling, and while they originally thought they might try Santa Fe, the weather in southern New Mexico appealed to them even more.

It has taken a year to get the restaurant open, with all the planning and construction, and it has been eagerly awaited.

"We have had such tremendous support from the community," said Mary LeBlanc. "So many people have told us how much they want us to be here and

that is awesome. That feels really good."

The LeBlancs never intended to get into the restaurant business to this level, Michael LeBlanc said.

"We thought maybe a cheesecake and coffee bar – very laid back," he said.

They decided to offer a number of gluten-free items because their son Eric, who manages the kitchen, is intolerant and they remembered how difficult it was for them to find something for him to eat when they went out.

"The gluten-free items have been very popular," Mary LeBlanc said. "We run out of the rolls quite often and people have come in and told us that their lives have been changed."

There are plans to continue working on improving the building – expanding the formal dining area (which features an area for live music), adding some partitions and separating the bistro area so it's more defined as a someplace to get a coffee or dessert. Speaking of desserts, starting on Valentine's Day La Iguana will start offering those cheesecakes, many of them gluten-free as well. The garage doors on the front of the building will open and sidewalk seating will be starting as the weather improves.

Michael LeBlanc says they have been listening to the community since they started construction and are really trying to find out what they are looking for. "This isn't just our restaurant," he said. "It definitely belongs to the community, and it's more about what they want."

"Some people call us pioneers and some call us nuts, I prefer the nuts part. Of course if we are successful, people will say how smart we were."

There's nothing nutty about the dedication the LeBlancs have to making La Iguana a place where you can get some delicious food in a great atmosphere prepared by people who really care about what they are doing.

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An artist reception at The Cutter Gallery

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Artwork by Rosemary McLoughlin graced the walls of Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, during an artist reception held Saturday, Jan. 29.



Guests mingled in the gallery and sipped on punch during the artist reception.



McLoughlin talks with guests during her exhibit.



McLoughlin stopped to chat with jewelry artist Joyce Deaso.



Alexandra Nason Hall and Heather Pollard pose in purple next to one of McLoughlin's paintings.

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	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)	World	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need to Know (N)	Frontline (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3 News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Defenders (N)	Super Bowl's	CSI: NY	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7 News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Supernanny (N)	Primetime: What	Matter of Life	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX	8 Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC	9 News (N)	News	News (N)	George	Who Do You	Dateline NBC (In Stereo)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14 Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	Videos	Vault	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb
WGN	15 Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	Videos	Vault	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb
ESPN	26 SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball Dallas	Mavericks at Boston Celtics.	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets. (Live)	SportsCenter	Live	Final	NBA	Sports.				
ESPN2	27 2011 All-Star Football	Challenge (N)	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live)	SportsCenter	Live	Final	NBA	Sports.						
USA	31 NCIS	NCIS "Caged"	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene				
TNT	32 Bones	"Pilot"	Bones	** "Speed 2: Cruise Control" (1997) Sandra Bullock.	"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"	D.O.A.								
TBS	33 Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	** "The House Bunny" (2008)	(:10) ** "The House Bunny" (2008)	(:10) "Spanglish"							
COM	35 Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Presents	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Comedy	Comedy	John Caparulo	Comedy-Roast		
LIFE	39 Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba		
FOOD	40 B. Flay	Best	Chopped	Diners	Diners	Food	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Food	Best	
HGTV	41 Hunters	House	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	
A&E	43 Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds			
HIST	44 Stan Lee's	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels (N)	Modern Marvels	American Pickers	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels			
TLC	45 Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings (N)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes			
DISC	47 Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska				
ANPL	50 The Haunted	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions				
FAM	51 Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	Whose?
DISN	52 Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Good	Good	Good	Good	Wizards	Fish	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
NICK	54 Anubis	iCarly	Big Time	Victo	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57 "The Terminator"	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)
SYFY	59 "Golden Compass"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Merlin "Gwaine" (N)	Being Human	Merlin "Gwaine" (N)	Stargate SG-1								
CNN	62 John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper								
CNBC	63 The Kudlow Report	"The Pixar Story" (2007, Documentary)	Coca-Cola	Mad Money	"The Pixar Story" (2007, Documentary)									
MSNBC	64 Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	Lockup "Inside L.A. County"	Lockup "Riverbend"	Lockup: Holman								

SATURDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 5, 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	22 PBS NewsHour	Bob Build	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	organic	Liv'g	
CBS	3 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)	Busytown	Busytown	Doodlebop	Trollz (El)	Horseland	Horseland			
ABC	7 Sports	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	House	Fast Meals	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl		
FOX	8 Dual Saw	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (El)	Willa's	Pearlie
NBC	9 Paid Prog.	Faith Ave	Today Recent unemployment numbers; chili. (N)	Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon	Dragon	
CW	14 (3:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger						
WGN	15 Makeovers	Emergency	Total Gym	Lifelock	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	College GameDay (Live)	College Basketball			
ESPN	26 SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
ESPN2	27 NFL Great	English Premier League Soccer	Stoke City vs. Sunderland.	SportsCenter Special	SportsCenter	College Basketball						
USA	31 90 Days!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Fairly Legal "Benched"	Royal Pains	NCIS "The Bone Yard"	NCIS "Terminal Leave"				
TNT	32 Law & Order "Shadow"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Chattel"	The Closer	*** "Red Eye" (2005) Premiere.	Speed 2	(8:55) ** "Phenomenon" (1996) John Travolta.					
TBS	33 Harvey	Harvey	(:10) *** "Spanglish" (2004) Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni, Paz Vega.	** "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon.	*** "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1991)							
COM	35 Paid Prog.	Take It Off!	Comedy	Comedy	** "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen.	** "The Little Rascals" (1994) Travis Tedford.	*** "Rookie of the Year" (1993) Gary Busey					
LIFE	39 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	USA Faces	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Deep in My Heart" (1999) Anne Bancroft.				
FOOD	40 All Star Chocolate	Big Daddy	Italian	Day Off	Mexican	30-Minute	Ingred. Fix	Paula	Paula	Secrets	Chef	
HGTV	41 Kitchen	Bathtastic!	Sweat Equ.	Over, Head	Holmes on Homes	Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Income	Designed	To Sell	
A&E	43 My Ghost Story	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House		
HIST	44 Snipers: One Shot, Kill	Ancients-Badly	Rome: Engineering an Empire	Extreme Marksman	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up		
TLC	45 TRIALaser	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Flying Wild Alaska	American Chopper				
DISC	47 Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Flying Wild Alaska	American Chopper				
ANPL	50 (4:00) Animal Planet Dog	Championships "2007"	Dogs 101	It's Me or the Dog	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss				
FAM	51 *** "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen.	** "The Little Rascals" (1994) Travis Tedford.	*** "Rookie of the Year" (1993) Gary Busey									
DISN	52 Charlie	Einsteins	Little	Jungle	Chugging	Movers	Manny	Agent Oso	Penguins	T.U.F.F.	iCarly	Jackson
NICK	54 Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Planet	Planet	Penguins	T.U.F.F.	iCarly	Jackson
AMC	57 Paid Prog.	Bed	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	**** "The Gunfighter" (1950) Gregory Peck.	** "Legend of the Lost" (1957) John Wayne.	** "The Prophecy" (1995) Christopher Walken.					
SYFY	59 Paid Prog.	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom				
CNN	62 Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom				
CNBC	63 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Bikini	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Booty!	Paid Prog.	Salad Chef	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)	The Crossbow Incident		

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 5, 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	22 Hometown	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Endless	Avec Eric	Legislators	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3 College Basketball	St. John's at UCLA.	PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.							
ABC	7 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wipeout "Ladies Night"	I Believe You-Violence	ESPN Sports Saturday	Sports anthology. (N)				
FOX	8 Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Meaningful	Traveler	Raceweek	Donate	We Have a Dream Inspiring Americans. (N)	Two Men	Two Men			
NBC	9 Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Figure Skating				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
CW	14 Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Into Wild	Wild Am.	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	
WGN	15 Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	The Unit		
ESPN	26 College Basketball	College Basketball Baylor at Texas A&M. (Live)	College Basketball Memphis at Gonzaga. (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball Rhode Island at Temple.	College Basketball Iowa at Indiana. (Live)	College Basketball					
ESPN2	27 College Basketball	College Basketball Rhode Island at Temple.	College Basketball Iowa at Indiana. (Live)	College Basketball								
USA	31 NCIS "Heart Break"	NCIS "Chained"	NCIS "Blackwater"	NCIS "Doppelganger"	NCIS "Witness"	NCIS "Witness"	NCIS "Witness"	NCIS "Witness"	NCIS (In Stereo)			
TNT	32 (10:30) * "Speed 2: Cruise Control" (1997)	(:15) "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"	*** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.									
TBS	33 Phenomen	(:25) ** "The Bucket List" (2007)	Jim	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King		
COM	35 Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Hot Rod" (2007) Andy Samberg.	** "Joe Dirt" (2001, Comedy) David Spade.						
LIFE	39 "When Andrew Came Home" (2000, Drama)	** "To Love, Honor and Deceive" (1996)	** "Long Lost Son" (2006) Gabrielle Anwar.									
FOOD	40 Contessa	Contessa	Worst Cooks	Chopped	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef America	Challenge					
HGTV	41 Unsellable	Get It Sold	Curb/Block	Design	Cash, Cari	Bang, Buck	Candice	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	Dream Home 2011	
A&E	43 Flip This House	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		
HIST	44 Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot		
TLC	45 Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life		
DISC	47 Finding Amelia A man searches for the truth.	Bermuda Triangle	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"	Behind Bars "Kansas"		
ANPL	50 Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101		
FAM	51 *** "Happy Feet" (2006) Voices of Elijah Wood.	*** "Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano.	Pixar Short Films									
DISN	52 Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake It	Hannah	Hannah	Phineas	Phineas	
NICK	54 Big Time	Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57 Legend	*** "The Undeclared" (1969) John Wayne, Rock Hudson.	** "Broken Trail" (2006, Western) Robert Duvall, Thomas Haden Church.									
SYFY	59 "The Seamstress" (2009) Lance Henriksen.	"Children of the Corn III: Urban Harvest" (1995)	"Children of the Corn" (2009) Kandyse McClure.									
CNN	62 Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Situation Room			
CNBC	63 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hot Bodies of 2011	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64 Deadly Secret	Out for Revenge	Vanished	Music Man	Secret	Crimes Caught on Tape						

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		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	News	Heartland	Ebert	News	Monarch of the Glen	Wait...	Red	Austin City Limits	Afropop: Cultural Exchange	Taste				
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Dead Air"	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	News	Extra (N)	Judge J.				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	Wipeout	★★ "Shrek the Third" (2007) (In Stereo)	ABC 7	(:35) Cheaters	Ent					
FOX	8	14	House "The Itch"	The Unit	Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted	News	Seinfeld	Fringe	30S		Office		
NBC	9	9	Raymond	News	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck	Law-Order L.A.	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live	(N)			
CW	14	★ "Married to It" (1991)	Beau Bridges.	★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993, Action)	The Hills	The Hills	Chris	Payne	South Pk	South Pk					
WGN	15	Bones	Bones	Funny Home Videos	News	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Warriors			Entou	Curb					
ESPN	26	College Basketball	College GameDay	College Basketball	College Basketball	Kentucky at Florida.	SportsCenter	Basketball Final		SportsCenter					
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	High School Basketball	All-Star Football Challenge		MMA Live		(Live)						
USA	31	NCIS	NCIS "Red Cell"	NCIS "SWAK"	NCIS "Twilight"	★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.		Royal Pains							
TNT	32	★★★★ "The Dark Knight" (2008, Action)	Christian Bale.	(:15) ★★ "The Dark Knight" (2008) Christian Bale, Heath Ledger.	Fallen										
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★ "Mamma Mia!" (2008) Meryl Streep.	(:15) ★★ "The Bucket List" (2007)	(:15) ★★ "The Holiday" (2006)									
COM	35	Kevin James	Larry/Cable	Billy Gardell	Billy Gardell	Larry/Cable	Kevin James	South Pk	Jackass						
LIFE	39	"Amber's Story" (2006) Elisabeth Rohm.	"Taken From Me: Tiffany Rubin Story"	Tiffany Rubin	Kids	Kids	Mother	Mother							
FOOD	40	Unwrapped	Challenge	Challenge (N)	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Challenge	Iron Chef America							
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Candice	Color	Dear	Cash,	House	Hunters	Hunters	Dear	Cash,	House	House	
A&E	43	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
HIST	44	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Top Shot	Modern Marvels	(:01) Top Shot	(:01) Top Shot					
TLC	45	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.					
DISC	47	Almost, Away	Track Me-Can	Almost, Away	Kidnap & Rescue	Track Me-Can	Almost, Away	Kidnap & Rescue							
ANPL	50	Pit Boss	It's Me or the Dog	Pit Boss	Pit Boss (N)	Pit Boss	Pit Boss (N)	Pit Boss	Pit Boss (In Stereo)	It's Me or the Dog					
FAM	51	Pixar	★★★★ "Toy Story" (1995) Tim Allen	★★★★ "Toy Story 2" (1999) Tim Allen	★★ "The Flintstones" (1994, Comedy)		Prince								
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	Suite Life on Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	
NICK	54	Big Time	iCarly	Victo	Big Time	Jackson	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	
AMC	57	(2:00) "Broken Trail"	★★★★ "Open Range"	(2003) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner.	★★★★ "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner.										
SYFY	59	"The Cursed" (2010)	Costas Mandylor.	★★ "Husk" (2010, Horror)	Devon Graye.	"Hallowed Ground" (2007, Horror)	★★ "Husk" (2010)								
CNN	62	Newsroom	Rogue Justice	Piers Morgan	Newsroom	Rogue Justice	Piers Morgan	Newsroom							
CNBC	63	American Greed	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt Part	Debt Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt Part	Debt Part					
MSNBC	64	Thieves Caught	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	The Squeeze	The Squeeze						

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PBS	22	Afropop	Taste	McLaughlin	Contrary	Santa Fe	Scully	Need to Know (N)	Wash.	Legislators	Religion	McLaughlin	
CBS	3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	The Nation	Nieman	Foods	Dual Saw	Pregame		
ABC	7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Hannah	Suite Life				
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L.	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Magic Blit	Paid Prog.	Road to the Super Bowl	
NBC	9	9	Bellator	Old House	Today (N)		Back Pain	Church	Foods	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Mthw	Hockey
CW	14	(2:30) Storm Track Weather	24/7				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
WGN	15	Winston	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Paid Prog.	Word	Funnest Home Videos	★ "Autumn in New York" (2000) Richard Gere.				
ESPN	26	SportsCenter	Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown	From Dallas. (Live)		SportsNation			
ESPN2	27	Mike and Mike	SportsCenter	ESPN First Take	(In Stereo Live)								
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	White Collar	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
TNT	32	Law & Order	(In Stereo)	Law & Order	(In Stereo)	Law & Order "Savior"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Switch"	Law & Order (In Stereo)				
TBS	33	(4:45) ★★ "Must Love Dogs"		(:45) ★★ "Michael" (1996, Drama)	John Travolta.	★★ "Failure to Launch" (2006)							
COM	35	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Presents	★★ "Hot Rod" (2007) Andy Samberg.	★★ "The Girl Next Door" (2004) Emile Hirsch.							
LIFE	39	In Touch	Hour of Power	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Chris	Chris	"Dark Beauty" (2008) Elizabeth Berkley.					
FOOD	40	30-Minute	Day Off	Chef	Nigella	Rachael Ray's	Giada	Giada	Cooking	Aarti Party	Sandra Lee	Dinners	
HGTV	41	Kitchen	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes	Holmes Inspection	Over, Head	Disaster	Yard	Income	House	Hunters		
A&E	43	Biography	Biography	Private Sessions	★★ "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch.		TBA						
HIST	44	Modern Marvels	More American Eats	American Eats "Pizza"		American Eats "Soda"		American Eats					
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	Auction	Auction	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		
ANPL	50	Animals	Animals	Funnest Animals	Dogs 101	Dogs 101		Dogs 101					
FAM	51	★★ "The Little Rascals" (1994) Travis Tedford.	★★ "Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano.	★★ "Cars" (2006) Voices of Owen Wilson.									
DISN	52	Charlie	Einsteins	Little	Jungle	Chugging	Movers	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Planet	The Troop	iCarly
AMC	57	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	★★ "Executive Decision" (1996, Action) Kurt Russell, Halle Berry.		★★ "Demolition Man"					
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bed	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Reliable Sources	State of the Union					
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Booty!	Twist	90 Days!	Paid Prog.	People	Get Hot!	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)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON										FEBRUARY 6, 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	22	News	New Mexico In Focus	Moneytrk	Wider	Opinion	Healthy	Greener	Field Trip!	Travel	Antiques Roadshow		
CBS	3	College Basketball	Michigan State at Wisconsin.	PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round.	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.						
ABC	7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NBA	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics. (Live)	To Be Announced		Entertainment Tonight				
FOX	8	14	Inside the Rings	Super Bowl XLV Sunday Pregame Show (In Stereo Live)	NFL Football								
NBC	9	9	NHL Hockey: Penguins at Capitals		Skiing	Paid Prog.	Dual Saw	Fat Loss	AAA	Paid Prog.			
CW	14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funnest Moments	Storms	Storms	Kickin' It (N)	Latino TV	Latiniation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut		
WGN	15	★★★ "Evelyn" (2002) Pierce Brosnan.	★★★ "Bounce" (2000) Gwyneth Paltrow.	Scrub		Scrub	Chris	Chris					
ESPN	26	NFL Countdwn	College Basketball Ohio State at Minnesota.	PBA Bowling		30 for 30		30 for 30					
ESPN2	27	(10:00) SportsNation	Track and Field New Balance Indoor Grand Prix.	2011 All-Star Football Challenge									
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Divorce"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Grief"	★★ "Disturbia" (2007)					
TBS	33	★★★ "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (2002) Nia Long.	★★★ "Joe Dirt" (2001, Comedy) David Spade.	★★★ "The Girl Next Door" (2004) Emile Hirsch.		★★★ "Family Sins" (2004) Kirstie Alley.							
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★★ "Devil in the Flesh" (1997) Rose McGowan.		★★★ "Devil in the Flesh 2" (2000) Jsu Garcia.					
LIFE	39	★ "Devil in the Flesh" (1997) Rose McGowan.	★ "Devil in the Flesh 2" (2000) Jsu Garcia	★★ "Family Sins" (2004) Kirstie Alley.									
FOOD	40	Home	Guy's, Bite	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America (N)	Worst Cooks	Restaurant: Impossible			
HGTV	41	My First	First Place	Estate	Selling NY	Bang, Buck	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	For Rent	Unsellable	Cash, Cari	To Sell
A&E	43	To Be Announced	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds
HIST	44	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	American Pickers	Pickers	Pickers	Pickers	Pickers	Pickers
TLC	45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras
DISC	47	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Destroyed	Destroyed
ANPL	50	America's Cutest Dog	Dogs 101 "Puppies"	Puppy Bowl VII Puppies at play. (N) (In Stereo)	Puppy Bowl VII Puppies at play. (In Stereo)		Puppy Bowl VII Puppies at play. (In Stereo)						
FAM	51	(9:00) Cars	Pixar Short Films	★★★★ "Toy Story" (1995, Comedy) Tim Allen		"Buzz Lightyear of Star Command"							
DISN	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake It	Hannah	Hannah	Wizards	Wizards
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Parents	Fanboy	Fanboy	Fanboy	Big Time	Victorious	Anubis	Anubis	Anubis	Anubis
AMC	57	(10:00) ★★ "Demolition Man" (1993) Mel Gibson.	★★★ "The Terminator" (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991)									
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Newsroom	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Million \$	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Take It Off!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	90 Days!
MSNBC	64	The Last Voyage	Meet the Press	Honeymoon From Hell	Hunt Texas	Hunt Texas	Hunt Texas	Hunt Texas	Hunt Texas	Sex Slaves in America	Sex Slave-Teen	Sex Slave-Teen	Sex Slave-Teen

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	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	Globe Trekker	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (In Stereo)	Alistair Cooke	Black	Art-Century	Spain	Europe	Rudy					
CBS 3	News	News	60 Minutes (N)	Undercover Boss	CSI: Miami	Hawaii Five-0	News	Cold Case	Paid					
ABC 7	News (N) ABC	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	*** "Knocked Up" (2007) Seth Rogen.	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty						
FOX 8 14	NFL Football: Super Bowl XLV -- Steelers vs. Packers			Post	Glee (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Mother	Office	Mother					
NBC 9 9	News	News	Who Do You	Who Do You	Dateline NBC (In Stereo)	News	Lopez	Nieman	Paid					
CW 14	* "Autumn in New York" (2000)			** "I, Robot" (2004)	Will Smith.	Access Hollywood	Ugly Betty	"Jump"	Brothers & Sisters					
WGN 15	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	Monk	Monk	Monk				
ESPN 26	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	SportsCtr	NFL PrimeTime	SportsCenter	(Live)					
ESPN2 27	(4:00) 30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	Bowl	Bowl	NFL's Greatest				
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar	White Collar	Law & Order: SVU					
TNT 32	(4:00) "Disturbia"	*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright.			(15) *** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.	** "Failure to Launch" (2006)								
TBS 33	(3:15) "The Holiday"	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990)			South Pk	South Pk	"Jackass 2.5"	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
COM 35	Girl Next	** "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007)	Ben Stiller.		South Pk	South Pk	"Jackass 2.5"	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
LIFE 39	"Living With the Enemy" (2005)		"The Tenth Circle" (2008) Kelly Preston.		** "Family Sins" (2004) Kirstie Alley.		Mother	Mother						
FOOD 40	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Cupcake Wars	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks							
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters		
A&E 43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds					
HIST 44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn		
TLC 45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras		
DISC 47	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy		
ANPL 50	Puppy Bowl VII Puppies at play.				Puppy Bowl VII Puppies at play.				Puppy Bowl VII Puppies at play.					
FAM 51	**** "Toy Story 2" (1999) Tim Allen	*** "Cars" (2006) Voices of Owen Wilson.			Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Zola Lev	Take It					
DISN 52	Wizards	Good	Wizards	(:35) ** "Tinker Bell" (2008)	*** "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams.	Shake it	Hannah Forever	Deck						
NICK 54	** "The Rugrats Movie" (1998)	Chris	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny		
AMC 57	"Terminator 2"	*** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence.			*** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence.	"Demolition Man"								
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	"Titanic II" (2010, Action) Bruce Davison.		** "The Ferryman" (2007) Kerry Fox.	** "The Reeds"								
CNN 62	Newsroom	Selling the Girl Next	Piers Morgan	Newsroom	Selling the Girl Next	Piers Morgan	Newsroom							
CNBC 63	Debt Part / Wall St.	Marijuana: Industry	Marijuana USA	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed							
MSNBC 64	Slaves, Suburbs	Sex Slaves: Texas	Minh's Story	Trafficked: Slavery	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Trafficked: Slavery							

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 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)	World	Antiques Roadshow	American Experience	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS 3	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Rules	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC 7	News (N) ABC	News (N) Ent	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)			(:01) Castle (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX 8 14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	House (N)	The Chicago Code	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC 9 9	News (N) News	News (N) Lopez	Chuck (N)	The Cape (N)	Harry's Law (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late						
CW 14	Chris	Chris	90210 (N)	Gossip Girl (N)	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access					
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Scrub	Scrub	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb			
ESPN 26	College Basketball			College Basketball	Missouri at Kansas.	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Final	SportsCenter					
ESPN2 27	Women's College Basketball			Women's College Basketball		SportsNation	SportsNation	NBA	NASCAR					
USA 31	NCIS "Chimera"	NCIS "Requiem"	WWE Monday Night RAW		(:05) White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene						
TNT 32	Bones	Bones	Bones	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY						
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan				
COM 35	(4:30) ** "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007)	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama	Daily			
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	** "In the Cut" (2003) Meg Ryan.	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will			
FOOD 40	Flay	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Best	Good	Good	Frasier	Best	Best		
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Cash,	Hunters	First Pla.	First Pla.	House	Hunters	Cash,	Hunters
A&E 43	The First 48 "Gone"	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention (N)	Heavy (N)	Heavy	(:01) Intervention	(:01) Intervention						
HIST 44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers				
TLC 45	Cake Boss	Unpop	Unpop	Cake	Cake	19 Kids	19 Kids	Unpop	Unpop	19 Kids	19 Kids			
DISC 47	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska				
ANPL 50	Bad Dog!	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	(In Stereo)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	(In Stereo)				
FAM 51	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	Greek "Fumble" (N)	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club	Who?	Who?	Paid	Paid					
DISN 52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	*** "Cars" (2006) Paul Newman	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards					
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	Power	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny		
AMC 57	(3:30) "Bad Boys"	**** "Rocky" (1976, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.			**** "Rocky" (1976, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.	*	"FearDotCom" (2002) Stephen Dorff.	Being Human	Moonlight					
SYFY 59	(3:30) "Serenity"	Being Human	Being Human (N)	* "FearDotCom" (2002) Stephen Dorff.	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC					
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	The Facebook	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC					
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show							

TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 8, 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	Pioneers, Television	Frontline (In Stereo)	Independent Lens	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles	The Good Wife (N)	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC 7	News (N) ABC	News (N) Ent	No Ordinary Family	V "Concordia" (N)	(:01) Detroit 1-8-7	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
FOX 8 14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Glee (N)	Raising	Traffic	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb		
NBC 9 9	News (N) News	News (N) Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo)	One Tree Hill (N)	Hellcats (N)	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access				
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	One Tree Hill (N)	Hellcats (N)	WGN News at Nine	Scrub	Scrub	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		SportsCenter	NFL Live	NBA	SportsCenter			
ESPN 26	College Basketball	Indiana at Purdue.	College Basketball			SportsCenter	NFL Live	NBA	SportsCenter					
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Cincinnati at DePaul.	NBA Coast to Coast	(Live)		Homecoming	Final	SportsNation	NBA					
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar (N)	Royal Pains	Fairly Legal	White Collar							
TNT 32	Bones	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004)	Southland (N)	Memphis Beat	Southland	CSI: NY	CSI: NY							
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan				
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Billy Gardell	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Onion	Futurama	Daily			
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Kids	Kids	One Born Ev.	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will	
FOOD 40	Flay	Best	Challenge	Cupcake Wars (N)	Chopped	Private Chefs	Cupcake Wars	Chopped						
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Hunters	Selling	House	Hunters	Selling	House	Hunters			
A&E 43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48					
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Larry the Cable Guy	Top Shot	Larry the Cable Guy	Pawn	Pawn	Larry the Cable Guy				
TLC 45	19 Kids	19 Kids	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Fabulous Cakes (N)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Fabulous Cakes					
DISC 47	Pitchmen (N)	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs (N)	Auction	Auction	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Auction	Auction					
ANPL 50	Weird	Weird	I, Predator (N)	Human Prey	Maneaters	I, Predator	Human Prey	Maneaters						
FAM 51	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club	Who?	Who?	Paid	Paid					
DISN 52	Shake it	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Fish	Sonny	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Good	Good	Deck	Wizards	Wizards
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC 57	(3:30) "Rocky"	**** "Rocky II" (1979, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.			**** "Rocky II" (1979, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.	*	"Life" (1999)							
SYFY 59	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Requiem	Requiem	Requiem	Gurren	Highlander					
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC					
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Mexico's Drug War	60 Minutes on	60 Minutes on	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	60 Minutes on	60 Minutes on	60 Minutes on					
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show							

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		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	Nova scienceNOW	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley																	
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Live to Dance	Criminal Minds (N)	Blue Bloods (N)	News	Letterman	Late																	
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Better	Family	Sunshine	Off the Map (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live															
FOX	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol (N)	Human Target	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb																
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It (N)	Chase (N) (R)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late																	
CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Nikita (R)	The Vampire Diaries	The City	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	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball																								
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball																								
USA	31	NCIS "Stakeout"	NCIS (R)	NCIS "Jurisdiction"	NCIS "Moonlighting"	Fairly Legal (R)	Royal Pains (R)	CSI: Crime Scene																				
TNT	32	Bones (R)	Bones Suspects.	Bones (R)	Bones (R)	Southland (R)	CSI: NY "Bad Beat"	CSI: NY Parts.																				
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	There	There	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan																
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Daily													
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Intervention (R)	Intervention (R)	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will															
FOOD	40	Flay	Best	B. Flay	B. Flay	Worst Cooks	Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks	Restaurant: Im.																	
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	House	First Pla.	Hunters	Holmes	Inspection	Vanilla	House	First Pla.	Hunters	Holmes													
A&E	43	The First 48 (R)	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage													
HIST	44	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Reagan (N) (R)	Modern Marvels	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Reagan (R)	Modern Marvels	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	(:01) Reagan (R)																		
TLC	45	Michael Jackson	Strongest Toddler	Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras	Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras	Strongest Toddler	Strongest Toddler	Strongest Toddler																
DISC	47	MythBusters (R)	MythBusters (R)	Desert Car Kings	MythBusters (R)	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings	MythBusters (R)	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings	Desert Car Kings															
ANPL	50	Monsters Inside Me	Animal Nightmares	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	The 700 Club (R)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid																
FAM	51	** "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy)	** "The Wedding Date" (2005)	The 700 Club (R)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid																				
DISN	52	Fish	Fish	Fish	Fish	Hannah	Shake it	Wizards	Wizards	"Tinker Bel"	Deck	Wizards	Wizards															
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny															
AMC	57	(3:30) "Rocky II"	(3:30) "Rocky III" (1982)	Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T.	*** "Rocky III" (1982)	Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T.	*** "Rocky III" (1982)	Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T.	Breaking Bad (R)																			
SYFY	59	Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Face Off (N)	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Face Off	Highlander (R)																				
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (R)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed															
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed (N)	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	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												FEBRUARY 10, 2011															
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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	News	Field	Globe Trekker	Aviators	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley															
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene	The Mentalist (N)	News	Letterman	Late															
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (N) (R)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Private Practice (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live																
FOX	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol (N)	Bones (N) (R)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb															
NBC	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 (N) (R)	The City	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	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	SportsCenter (R)	NFL Live	Final	SportsCenter (R)																
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball																			
USA	31	NCIS (R)	NCIS "Obsession"	Royal Pains (N)	(:01) Fairly Legal (N)	White Collar (R)	Royal Pains (R)	Inside the NBA																			
TNT	32	Bones (R)	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Celtics	NBA Basketball	Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets.	Inside the NBA																					
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	*** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy)	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan																		
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily												
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	*** "Disappearing Acts" (2000)	Sanaa Lathan. (R)	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will															
FOOD	40	Flay	Best	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Unwrap	Chopped	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Unwrap																
HGTV	41	Hunters	First Pla.	First Pla.	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters												
A&E	43	The First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)	The First 48 (N)	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48																			
HIST	44	Modern Marvels	American Pickers	Swamp People	Larry the Cable Guy	Modern Marvels	American Pickers	(:01) Swamp People																			
TLC	45	Cellblock 6	Police Women	Police Women	Cellblock 6	Police Women	Cellblock 6	Police Women																			
DISC	47	Man vs. Wild (R)	Man vs. Wild (R)	American Chopper	Auction	Auction	Man vs. Wild (R)	American Chopper	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction														
ANPL	50	I, Predator (N)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)	Planet Earth (R)															
FAM	51	Funny Home Videos	*** "Matilda" (1996)	Mara Wilson.	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club (R)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid																	
DISN	52	Good	Good	Good	Good	Wizards	Wizards	"Starstruck" (2010, Drama)	Deck	Wizards	Wizards																
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny														
AMC	57	(3:30) "Rocky III"	** "Rocky IV" (1985)	Sylvester Stallone.	** "Rocky IV" (1985)	Sylvester Stallone.	*** "Crocodile Dundee" (1986) (R)																				
SYFY	59	* "Dragon Wars" (2007)	Jason Behr.	** "Eragon" (2006)	Ed Speleers. (R)	"Fire & Ice" (2008)	Amy Acker. (R)	Highlander (R)																			
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (R)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed														
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Supermarkets	Made-Millions	Pet Food-Dog	Mad Money	Made-Millions	Pet Food-Dog	Mad Money	Made-Millions	Pet Food-Dog	Made-Millions	Pet Food-Dog														
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show																			

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

7	9	2	3	5	6	8	1	4
3	4	1	2	8	9	6	5	7
8	5	6	4	1	7	9	2	3
9	1	5	7	2	4	3	6	8
6	2	8	9	3	5	7	4	1
4	3	7	1	6	8	5	9	2
5	7	3	6	4	2	1	8	9
2	6	9	8	7	1	4	3	5
1	8	4	5	9	3	2	7	6

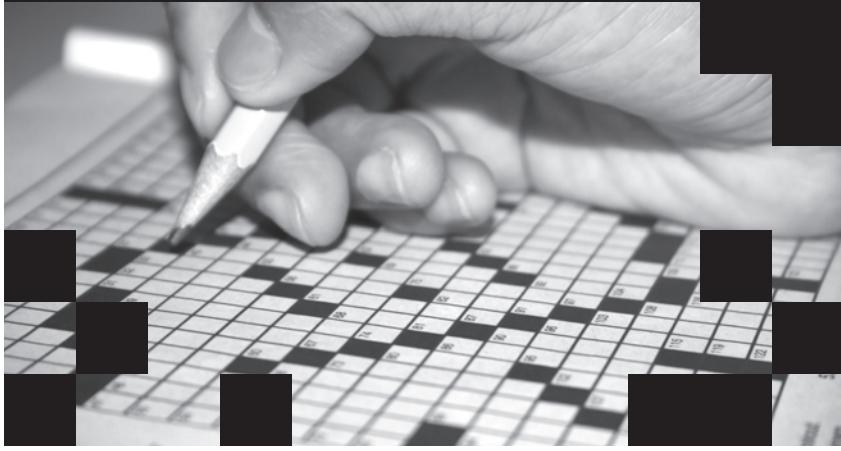
CHALLENGER

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7	2	3	9	4	6	1	8	5
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1	3	2	4	9	8	5	7	6
6	8	5	3	7	2	4	1	9
9	4	7	6	5	1	2	3	8
4	1	9	7	6	3	8	5	2
3	5	6	2	8	9	7	4	1
2	7	8	5	1	4	9	6	3

EXPERT

5	1	7	2	8	6	3	4	9
8	9	6	4	3	7	2	1	5
2	4	3	5	1	9	8	7	6
7	8	4	1	6	2	5	9	3
1	2	9	7	5	3	6	8	4
3	6	5	8	9	4	7	2	1
4	5	1	6	7	8	9	3	2
9	7	2	3	4	5	1	6	8
6	3	8	9	2	1	4	5	7

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.

AN EARLY BLIZZARD

ENGLISH
 CANCELED
 DANGEROUS
 DEEP
 HEAVY SNOW
 NO MAIL
 ON THE ALERT
 SEVERE
 STAY HOME
 TO PILE UP
 TO WARN
 TURMOIL
 UNSAFE

SPANISH
 CANCELADO
 PELIGROSO
 PROFUNDO
 NIEVE PESADA
 NINGÚN CORREA
 ALERTA
 SEVERO
 ESTANCIA CASERA
 APILAR
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 TORMENTA
 INSEGURO

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 S S P V T O W A R N Ú V D G M
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Crossword Puzzles

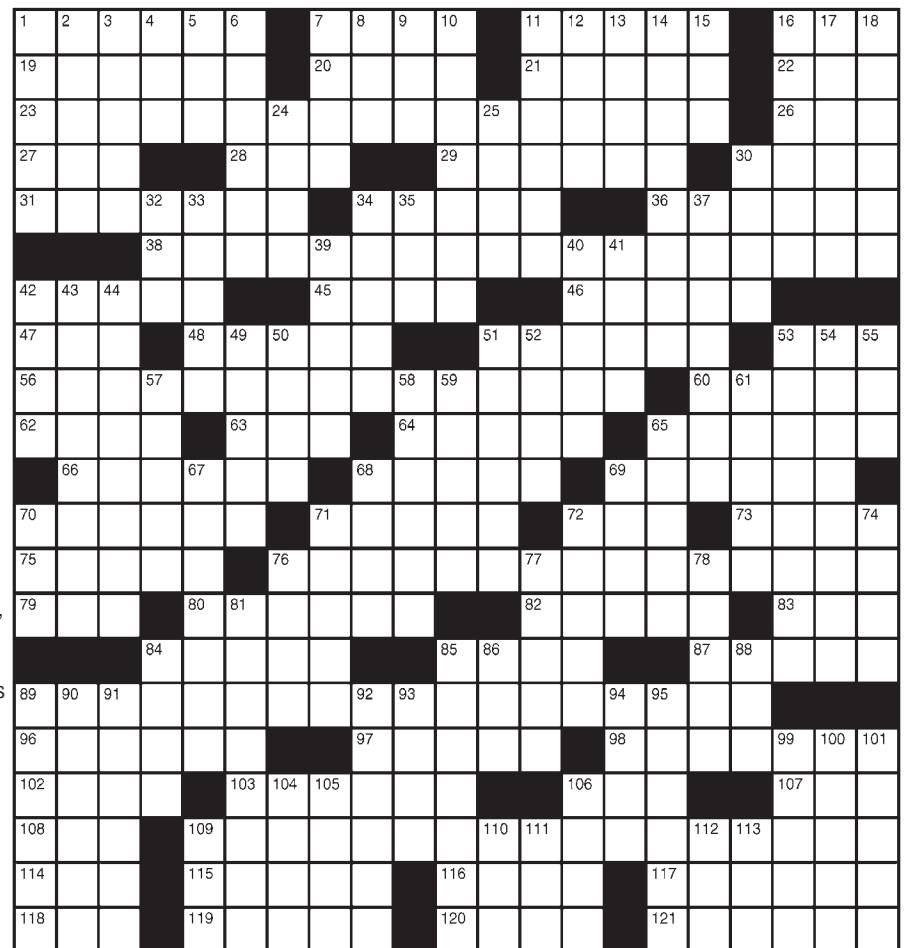
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 Massage center
 - 4 Started
 - 7 Lady's
 - 8 Hall and Oates song, "___ Smile"
 - 9 Lecter's first initial
 - 11 Red deer
 - 12 Christmas worker
 - 13 Touch off
 - 16 Bombard
 - 17 Access
 - 18 Price reduction opportunity
 - 19 Rhine tributary
 - 20 Courageous
 - 21 Springsteen's birthplace
 - 23 Nepalese recluse
 - 27 Refine
 - 28 Gloom
 - 30 Baseball's Hank
 - 31 What a scarecrow would say if he could talk
 - 33 Outdoor eaters
 - 35 Dumbo's likeable trait
 - 36 Roll call answer
 - 37 Memory loss sufferer
 - 42 Longing
 - 47 Ancient civilization
 - 48 Callas's forte
 - 49 Got alert again
 - 55 Sediment
 - 56 Aquatic organism related
 - 57 Symbol of peace
 - 58 Preconception
 - 60 Beauty shop employee
 - 61 Slippery character
 - 62 Highway tie-up
 - 64 Madras material
 - 67 Dissertation
 - 68 Titan
 - 69 Parched
 - 70 Imagined
 - 71 Black gold
 - 72 Wise trio
 - 73 Gulp
 - 76 Butterfly or man?
 - 77 Getty aesthetics
 - 78 "Live and ___ Die" movie
 - 79 "Law and Order" concern
- DOWN**
- 1 Change gears
 - 2 Fondle
 - 3 Half-circle
 - 4 Devout non-clerics
 - 5 Fish-feeding eagle
 - 6 Pops
 - 8 Bake eggs
 - 9 Back street
 - 10 Government by elite
 - 12 Wrigglers
 - 14 Ox-like antelope
 - 15 Utmost degree
 - 16 Top of the head
 - 18 Heat source
 - 20 Snow or Canadian
 - 21 Game official, abbr.
 - 22 Fashion designer, Anna
 - 23 Go on and on
 - 24 Formerly, for Keats
 - 25 Peak
 - 26 Homeland Security replaced it
 - 27 Wind instrument
 - 29 Bended or Wounded?
 - 30 Tree with winged fruit
 - 31 Black or Red?
 - 32 Over-acting actor
 - 34 Roth, maybe
 - 38 Silicon rich rock
 - 39 Sign, a contract
 - 40 Completed successfully
 - 41 River oarsmen
 - 43 Sniffer-related
 - 44 Writer, Murdoch
 - 45 Zilch
 - 46 Old pistol
 - 49 Cool in the 80's
 - 50 Civil War General, John
 - 51 Years
 - 52 Nicolas Cage is an arms dealer in this movie: "Lord of ___"
 - 53 Adam's apple girl
 - 54 Pa. neighbor
 - 58 Eagle type
 - 59 Rub the wrong way
 - 62 Uncover
 - 63 Fasten
 - 64 "Tender Buttons" writer
 - 65 Wing
 - 66 Drive by force
 - 68 Slang
 - 69 Main artery
 - 70 Challenge
 - 72 A million bucks
 - 74 Schoolboy
 - 75 Decorative vase

PRODUCT PLACEMENT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cartoon apparition
 - 7 Overcharge
 - 11 Premiere notables
 - 16 File marker
 - 19 Programs with pop-ups
 - 20 Glazier's piece
 - 21 Ruthless
 - 22 Buckeyes' sch.
 - 23 Offer really big reward?
 - 26 One-eighth of a byte
 - 27 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
 - 28 Sent to the canvas
 - 29 Editorial symbols
 - 30 Tibetan monk
 - 31 Display of oils
 - 34 Rubberneck
 - 36 Equal-angled figure
 - 38 Watch over fledgling avian?
 - 42 Slope contraptions
 - 45 Like many cheeses
 - 46 One of the "Pump you up!" duo
 - 47 Hockey defensive great
 - 48 Curly-tailed pooch
 - 51 Vacation option
 - 53 Resort amenity
 - 56 Promote West African nation?
 - 60 Info-gathering mission
 - 62 Title city in a Russell Crowe flick
 - 63 Armed hostilities
 - 64 Livid
 - 65 Crazy Horse tribe
 - 66 Bonnet holder
 - 68 Scoffs
 - 69 Printer fill-up
 - 70 Barbecue locales, often
 - 71 High winds
 - 72 Pod find
 - 73 Ball-shaped cheese
 - 75 Features of faces
 - 76 Wreak havoc on hidden forest clearing?
 - 79 Cul-de-___
 - 80 Tanker mishaps
 - 82 Unhurried runner
 - 83 Fortune
 - 84 Motor or mechanism starter
 - 85 Sch. groups
 - 87 Bridge seats
 - 89 Flatter muscular Trojan
 - War hero?
 - 96 Except that
- DOWN**
- 97 Fluctuates repeatedly
 - 98 Word for word
 - 102 Muffed
 - 103 Gaucho domain
 - 106 Gumshoe
 - 107 ___ du Diable
 - 108 Sock end
 - 109 Observe
 - Kilauea's huge outpouring?
 - 114 Resinous secretion
 - 115 Florida city
 - 116 Novelist
 - Murdoch
 - 117 Call together
 - 118 Compass pt.
 - 119 Cornered
 - 120 Reach an optimum
 - 121 Beekeeper's milieu
 - 1 "Meet John Doe" director
 - 2 Freud colleague
 - 3 Workout wetness
 - 4 Beatnik's abode
 - 5 Energy unit
 - 6 Assault the nostrils with
 - 7 Raced
 - 8 Galoot
 - 9 Diligent insect
 - 10 Hotel room opener
 - 11 Made a basket, say
 - 12 Steadfast
 - 13 Polly, to Tom
 - 14 Greek wines
 - 15 Furtive
 - 16 Trinidad's partner
 - 17 "Foundation" series author
 - 18 Fuel for a lighter
 - 24 Inventor Elias
 - 25 National poet
 - 30 Polish city
 - 32 Old map abbr.
 - 33 Goes after
 - 34 Molasses base
 - 35 Menlo Park initials
 - 37 Enhanced combined effect
 - 39 Gainesville athlete
 - 40 Helpful
 - 41 Court order
 - 42 Drinking mug
 - 43 Commotion
 - 44 Fragrant
 - 49 Fuzzy fruits
 - 50 Lendl or Pavlov
 - 51 Uncouth
 - 52 Piper following
 - 53 Tabloid fare
 - 54 Spot pattern
 - 55 Santa ___ winds
 - 57 Smooth fabric
 - 58 Caves in
 - 59 Canadian tribe members
 - 61 Architect Saarinen
 - 65 Sound off
 - 67 Take over
 - 68 Monopoly corner
 - 69 Profound
 - 70 Networked units
 - 71 19th-century round dance
 - 72 Matter-of-fact
 - 74 Big Apple team
 - 76 ___ Ridge (Derby winner, 1972)
 - 77 Highland units
 - 78 Fantastic
 - 81 Potential customer
 - 84 Brood
 - 85 Wage receipt
 - 86 Brace or span
 - 88 Chopper
 - 89 Not obvious
 - 90 Borrowed
 - 91 Take to the cleaners
 - 92 Side action
 - 93 Course
 - 94 Writer Waugh
 - 95 Turnip-shaped root vegetable
 - 99 Rodeo accessory
 - 100 Pile wood
 - 101 Suspicious and distrustful
 - 104 Pequod skipper
 - 105 Colorful fabric panel
 - 106 Assignment
 - 109 Fluffy scarf
 - 110 Exist
 - 111 By way of
 - 112 Dine
 - 113 "___: Miami"
 - 118 Menlo Park initials
 - 119 Psychic's power



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

T O B R I N D P A R E L O S C
 Í U N C L G N O C D N A R G U
 B Í T O G E T S N E R I L Y Ñ
 R T A I L I M A F A M I L Y G
 T O B R I N G T O G E T H E R
 O H E I N L A W S O L E U B A
 C E I L E B R A R C U N D A N
 E R C U N A D A H R H R L H D
 L M N R E T S I S C E O C N P
 E A U E U T I O P H R S O B A
 B N A U N T R E B T S M E U R R
 R A G E R C N O C L A C S T E
 A W W E N R E V E N U I V N
 T E S U T O P R I M O I S N E T
 E T S A W A L N I R E T S I S

Diagramless

R A F T S
 I N E B R I A N T
 B A L A N C E D D I E T S
 L E S L I E D E S C R I E S
 C O N S U L S M A H I M A H I
 L U G E S S P A C E M O N
 S E D A T E W O R K S A R C A
 C A L L C L E R K S R E N T A L
 G A R Y S R O D E A I R L I N E S
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 B I D S D R E S S T I R E S S E T I
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 R E H A S H E S O R A L C A C A O
 S E C T O R L E P E R S O V E N
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 Two plates were discussing the upcoming meal. One told the other, "Lunch is on me!"



AtTheMovies

Film teaches to love and trust

A surprising romance between two strangers in 'Nothing Personal'

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As pointed out on this page every so often, I watch too many movies. It has become a way of life for me – one that I keep thinking will bring an end to originality and surprises as I wade through any number of films, good and bad.

However, the first surprise for me this year is "Nothing Personal."

When we think of romance, clichéd or not, we often think of the cliché itself – hearts, flowers, walks on the beach, candlelight, soft kisses by the fireplace.

Not often will we think of a withdrawn, cynical young woman leaving her home in Holland after what appears to be a failed marriage, taking off on foot and ending up on the seacoast of Ireland.

But such is the case for this young woman with a shock of blazing red hair, who is only identified by the word "You." Certainly this could be an analogy for any woman who has left a relationship, good or bad.

In this case it also helps keep the distance between her and Martin, the man whose isolated small farm she alights upon.

After seeing "You" in a several situations that clearly define her loss and continued feeling of being lost and bitter – digging through a trash can at a roadside rest, while eschewing the offer of fresh food from a kindly woman picnicking nearby with her family, accepting a ride with a driver who of course has other things on his mind, tramping through the stormy, albeit beautiful seaside weather – she happens upon Martin's small tidy home, behaving somewhat like Goldilocks of the old fairy tale.

Without question, Martin, a hermit in his own right who only said that his wife has died, offers "You" food in exchange for

work in his vegetable garden. Silently, she agrees, and the two reach an accord ... no names, no questions, only a "work for food" agreement. Martin (who is only identified during the last moments of the film) is somewhat older than she, but oh so slowly they chip away at each

other's veneer. By noting her interest in music, everything from classical and opera to a wisp of Patsy Cline (is it ironic that the Cline song used is "Crazy?"), he slowly starts inviting her closer. "You" responds, not readily but convincingly, and surprises Martin with her gourmet and house care skills.

All of this is done to the backdrop of the gorgeous west coast of Ireland, which thoroughly enhances the story as directed by Polish director Urszula Antoniak, who gets the very best performances possible from the stunningly beautiful and effective Lotte Verbeek and Stephen Rea. This is essentially the first non-television work for Antoniak and Verbeek, and one hopes they will both be in a lot more big-screen offerings in the future.

As "You" and Martin continue to learn to trust again, the nearly feral "You" quietly indulges her sensual side in several ways – rolling naked on the clean sheets of Martin's inviting bed, while purposely leaving one strand of bright red hair behind, displaying those culinary skills, digging her fingers into the rich dark earth of Martin's garden. While Martin, in a slightly different way, quietly shares his health concerns, some of which seem to come from his past military duty.

Five intertitles are used in the film, including "Loneliness," "The End of a Relationship," "Marriage," "The Beginning of a Relationship" and "Alone," all of which add



Lotte Verbeek and Stephen Rea learn find love and faith in "Nothing Personal," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

to this sumptuous, often almost-dialogue-free story of two people learning to love and trust again.

Nothing personal, but no one has written to me at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com for months.

FILM REVIEW

"Nothing Personal" opens Saturday, Feb. 5, for a week run at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Too moody and quietly sensual for young ones, adults will appreciate it much more. In English, it runs for an all too brief 85 minutes.

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AtTheMovies

A gut-wrenching '127 Hours'

Survival of the fittest, indeed

Review by **Jeff Berg**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It was through the good graces of the folks who run the wonderful Denver Film Festival (DFF), which takes place every year in early November in the fair city, that I got to see this fantastic film several weeks before it came out.

It was one of the festival's red carpet events, which takes place at the beautifully appointed Ellie Calkins Opera House, near the heart of the downtown district. The events can be rather posh affairs, since they are truly red carpet events, at which the public can pretend they are at the Academy Awards and stand behind the velvet rope while a DFF media person announces the arrival of each filmmaker guest. It is also a time where folks can dress up if they like, and boy, some of them certainly do. I even changed my shirt for this event. It's a bit cheesy, but very fun.

One of this year's guests was Denver native Aron Ralston. Ralston, not exactly a movie mogul, is, however, the subject of "127 Hours." Ralston, you

see, is the adventuresome young man who amputated his own arm after it became caught under a boulder while he was hiking in a slot canyon in Utah.

Ralston introduced the film and spoke briefly of its accuracy and of the superlative acting of star James Franco. He spoke of his life after the incident, which took place in 2003, and noted that he still does mountain and rock climbing, and is married and now has a newborn son. He also does motivational speaking and has written a book about the incident. Off and on, he wears a "hook" type prosthesis.

In the film, director Danny Boyle keeps the pace frantic and at a high pitch from the first scene. It is early morning, and Ralston (Franco) is carelessly (as usual it seems) putting together a day kit to take with him for an adventure in the Utah wilderness (one of my favorite places on Earth). We see him reaching high on a shelf for some gear, but overlooking what might have possibly been the worst thing he could overlook, a new Swiss Army knife.

Driving like a native Las Crucean to get to his destination, he is soon in an area near Moab, Utah, where he unlimbers his mountain bike and races across the beautiful slick rock desert destination, Blue John Canyon.

Along the way, he meets two young women hikers who are sort of lost, and they spend a fun afternoon with Ralston, taking advantage of his vast knowledge of the area.

Upon their departure, it is not long before a horrible fate intervenes as Ralston accidentally loosens a boulder that pins his right arm against the wall of the tight crevice he was exploring. His first comment is a quiet "oops."

From here, the film is all Franco all

the time, except during his hallucinations and dreams. He tries several ingenious methods to move himself or the boulder, but to no avail. Water is running low, and it is actually quite early on when he considers the idea of self-surgery.

Franco does a remarkable job in this role, one in which he is truly the only person on screen much of the time. By the time he reached his last-hope decision, I was so into the character that I was still thinking that he would wiggle out of the situation, even though I knew better. Franco plays Ralston as a real and very likable guy – a victim of his own vitality and carelessness.

Boyle also directed "Slumdog Millionaire" a couple of years ago, achieving Oscar fame with that picture. Utilizing some of the same camera tricks here, they work well and help to build the tension, but he also speckles the story with Ralston's real irony-dripping sense of humor.

"127 Hours" is an amazing and honest true adventure. Even though you probably know most of the plot, it is so well acted and directed, that it doesn't make any difference. For me it was like I'd never heard of this story at all.



127 HOURS

Starring:
James Franco

Director:
Danny Boyle

Running time:
94 minutes

Rated: R

Film Review

I've seen a million movies, and I couldn't watch a couple of those self-amputation scenes.

Grade A+

it's really happening.....

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AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

No Strings Attached

Rating: R
Plot Overview: In this comedy, Emma and Adam are lifelong friends who almost ruin everything by having sex one morning.
Starring: Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher
Director: Ivan Reitman



The Rite

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The battle against the devil, which is the principal task of Saint Michael the Archangel, is still being fought today, because the devil is still alive and active in the world.
Starring: Anthony Hopkins
Director: Mikael Håfström



The King's Speech

Rating: R
Plot Overview: The story of King George VI of Britain, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it.
Starring: Michael Gambon, Colin Firth
Director: Tom Hooper



Season of the Witch

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A heroic Crusader and his fellow soldier must transport a woman accused of being a witch to a remote monastery.
Starring: Nicolas Cage
Director: Dominic Sena



Tangled

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: When the kingdom's most wanted – and most charming – bandit hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel.
Starring: Mandy Moore
Directors: Nathan Greno, Byron Howard



Black Swan

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A psychological thriller set in the world of ballet. Nina, a featured dancer, finds herself locked in a web of competitive intrigue with a new rival at the company.
Starring: Natalie Portman
Director: Darren Aronofsky



The Mechanic

Rating: R
Plot Overview: Arthur Bishop (Jason Statham) is a "mechanic" – an elite assassin with a strict code and unique talent for cleanly eliminating targets.
Starring: Jason Statham, Ben Foster
Director: Simon West



127 Hours

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A mountain climber becomes trapped under a boulder while canyoneering alone near Moab, Utah, and resorts to desperate measures in order to survive.
Starring: James Franco
Director: Danny Boyle



The Fighter

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A look at the early years of boxer "Irish" Micky Ward and his brother who helped train him before going pro in the mid-'80s.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amy Adams
Director: David Russell



Yogi B

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Yogi, everyone's favorite pic-a-nic basket-stealing bear, must prove he really is "smarter than the average bear," to find a way to save Jellystone Park from closing forever.
Starring: Dan Akroyd
Director: Eric Brevig



The Dilemma

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A comedy about a man who finds out that what you don't say to a friend is just as important as what you do and how far you can bend a brotherly bond before it snaps.
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Kevin James
Director: Ron Howard



True Grit

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A tough U.S. Marshal helps a stubborn young woman track down her father's murderer.
Starring: Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin
Directors: Joel and Ethan Coen



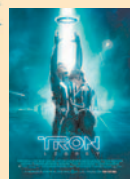
The Green Hornet

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Britt Reid, aka the Green Hornet, and his human weapon Kato, jump into action to rid the city of the mob once and for all.
Starring: Seth Rogen, Cameron Diaz
Director: Michel Gondry



Tron Legacy

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Sam Flynn looks into his father's disappearance and finds himself pulled into the digital world of Tron, where his father has been living for 25 years.
Starring: Jeff Bridges
Director: Joseph Kosinski



Sanctum

Rating: R
Plot Overview: The 3-D action-thriller follows a team of underwater cave divers on a treacherous expedition to the largest, most beautiful and least accessible cave system on Earth.
Starring: Richard Roxburgh
Director: Alister Grierson
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The Roommate

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A psychological thriller about a deranged college freshman who becomes obsessed with her new roommate.
Starring: Leighton Meester, Minka Kelly
Director: Christian E. Christiansen
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New this week on DVD

Tuesday, Feb. 8

For Colored Girls

Rating: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Anika Noni Rose, Thandie Newton
Director: Tyler Perry

Life as We Know It

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Josh Duhamel, Katherine Heigl
Director: Greg Berlanti

Paranormal Activity 2

Rating: R
Genre: Horror, Suspense
Starring: David Berend
Director: Tod Williams

You Again

Rating: PG
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Kristen Bell, Sigourney Weaver
Director: Andy Fickman

Middle Men

Rating: R
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Starring: Luke Wilson
Director: George Gallo

Top Grossing Jan. 28-30

- 1 **The Rite** (Week No. 1)
\$14,789,393
- 2 **No Strings Attached** (Week No. 2)
\$13,410,229
- 3 **The Mechanic** (Week No. 1)
\$11,422,006
- 4 **The Green Hornet** (Week No. 3)
\$11,184,361
- 5 **The King's Speech** (Week No. 10)
\$11,064,781
- 6 **True Grit** (Week No. 6)
\$7,518,265
- 7 **The Dilemma** (Week No. 3)
\$5,665,730
- 8 **Black Swan** (Week No. 9)
\$5,118,269
- 9 **The Fighter** (Week No. 8)
\$3,960,280
- 10 **Yogi Bear** (Week No. 7)
\$3,167,440



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Wow, what a difference a month makes

Natisha Hales
Adventures in Dieting



This week was exciting for weight loss challengers.

We have successfully gotten through our first month of instilling healthier eating habits and adding an exercise routine to our lives. While our weight has fluctuated from week to week, this week we also took our measurements so we have a better picture of how we are doing.

And we are doing well.

So far, Lou Holguin is off to a great start and has lost a total of 22.2 pounds since we first started. She has also shed 1.5 inches from her arms, 3 inches from her chest, 3.5 inches from her waist, 4 inches from her hips and 2.5 inches from her thighs. I think she even surprised herself, since she was starting to get a little discouraged with her weight loss. Although she continues to lose each week, she is not losing nearly as much as when she first started, and she said she was getting confused. But it's working, Lou, and it's working very well.

Theresa Montoya Basaldua has not been losing as much weight as Lou, but her busy workout schedule has paid off. She has shed 4 inches from her waist and was so excited. She won a prize this week, since Bill said, "She's so enthusiastic. She has a great attitude about it."

David Edwards is not far behind with losing a total of 17.4 pounds and 3 inches from his chest, waist and hips.

While others have not lost as drastically as Dave, Theresa and Lou, we've all consistently lost. I won this week's weight challenge, thanks to the flu that helped me shed 5.2 pounds this week and forced me to miss Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe.

Laura surprised me with a nice immunity booster, since I've been sick so much ever since I've met her. Thanks, Laura. She also commended Theresa and Daniel Basaldua for being the only ones in the hotel gym in Santa Fe.

I'm so proud of everyone as well. Beth Sitzler and I were just talking about how we crave refreshing lemon water in the morning, when we weren't too keen on the idea at first.

Alyssa Davila is overcoming her addiction to sweets. She admitted that she would hide boxes of snack cakes and candy in luggage and other secret areas so she could binge when her husband, our fitness expert Bill, would leave the house. But she resisted the cravings and had a piece of cantaloupe when she craved something sweet. That is awesome.

I'm still struggling with my addiction to fast food, but the cravings are slowly subsiding, especially since I haven't had much of an appetite. I'm even happier that my habits are carrying over to my daughter, Maya.

She also was sick last week, and during our visit to the doctor, he paused

See **Challenge** on page D4

Fighting childhood obesity

Organizations work to get local kids healthy, more active

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With a staggering 32.7 percent of New Mexico children considered overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, organizations in Las Cruces are not waiting for government mandates to combat the issue of childhood obesity.

Taking a preventive care approach, Las Cruces Public Schools has been tweaking school menus and implementing new programs that encourage healthier lifestyles. Many of the programs are starting at the elementary level and slowly working their way up to middle and high schools.

"Children's habits develop very young," said Nancy Cathey, LCPS director of nutrition services. "The younger we can try to impact and change those habits, the better (the results)."

Healthier food choices

In more than 50 percent of Las Cruces elementary school classrooms and in one middle school, LCPS has initiated the Breakfast in the Classroom program.

"Studies have shown that people who eat breakfast generally weigh less than those who don't," Cathey said.

The district also has implemented a recess-before-lunch program at each elementary school but one. The idea is that students who get a chance to be outside and run around will eat more fruits and vegetables as well as drink more milk, according to a study conducted by the district, Cathey said. Seven elementary schools also have programs where students receive a fresh fruit or vegetable snack every day.

"We use a variety, so a lot of (the snacks) are familiar to the students and also unfamiliar, so that we can expose them to new and different things," she said.

To get children interested in fruits and



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Francisco Tafoya

Events such as **Ciclovia Las Cruces**, held Sunday, Jan. 30, at Young Park, are designed to encourage physical activity among Las Cruces families. The monthly events are sponsored by Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach and the Doña Ana County Diabetes Coalition.

vegetables – and even with trying new foods – a nutrition education program has been started in 22 of the elementary schools. Once a month, the students learn about fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and get to taste them as well.

"It also involves using math, reading and writing skills, but it's built around the tasting of these foods," she said.

In breakfasts and lunches served at the schools, there are more wheat options. Cathey said dinner rolls served contain more than 50 percent of whole wheat flour, as well as cinnamon rolls, muffins and some cookies.

"We've done a lot of work over the years,

and we've been leaning in that direction for a number of years," Cathey said. "We serve strictly fresh fruits and vegetables in August, September, April and May – when they're available. We're increasing the number of whole grains on the menu, and all of our Spanish rice is made with brown rice instead of white."

While giving children more options of healthier foods in their meals, LCPS is also restricting their access to unhealthy foods.

"We have our board policy on nutrition that restricts what can be sold at schools, even in fundraisers and vending machines," Cathey

See **Obesity** on page D5

Local PE teacher earns national fitness award

Esparza recognized for dedication to area youth

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It has been a lifelong passion for Tommy Esparza to encourage local children to maintain active, healthy lifestyles, so it's no surprise that the Central Elementary School physical education teacher has been recognized for his contributions.

This year, Esparza is one of just 28 people nationwide to receive the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition Community Leadership Award. The recognition is given to those who make sports, physical activity, fitness and nutrition-related programs available in their communities. The council is made up of 25 volunteers appointed by the president to serve in an advisory capacity through the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services with a mission to promote healthy lifestyles.

"It is our pleasure to present this award to Thomas Esparza," said PCFSN Executive Director Shellie Pfohl. "Physical activity, sports participation and good nutrition are important components of living a healthy lifestyle, and we are pleased to recognize individuals like Tommy who are committed to making a difference and positively influencing the health of their communities."

For more than 20 years, Esparza has worked with the Las Cruces Public Schools district and other organizations throughout the community to promote the healthy lifestyles for local youths.

"I just try to be involved," he said. "I just see it as an extension of what I do."

In addition to teaching PE at Central Elementary, Esparza coaches a local summer track team that competes in the Hershey's Track and Field Games. The event is free for the kids, who practice with Esparza each morning at Las Cruces High School throughout the summer.

"It's one of my greatest joys," he said. "Track's a love of mine, and we didn't have track clubs



Central Elementary School physical education teacher Tommy Esparza teaches a class about movement and how important it is to be active.

or programs in (my hometown of) Deming. I started this 20 years ago, just because the kids wanted to do something."

Along with coaching the Stallions, Esparza has lent his expertise to several school district committees and has assisted in organizing an annual track meet. He also is in his third year of teaching programs at the monthly *Ciclovia* Las Cruces event, such as Punt, Pass and Kick;

See **Teacher** on page D4

Surgeon general urging support for breastfeeding

Worksite policies and programs suggested

Bulletin Staff Report

Breastfeeding support for new families was spotlighted in an unprecedented document issued Jan. 20 by the Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Regina Benjamin.

The Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding challenges the entire nation to work toward removing obstacles that can make it difficult for women to achieve their breastfeeding goals, and serves as a model roadmap for governments across the world to robustly address similar challenges.

The International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) and United States Lactation Consultant Association (USLCA) support and endorse the document, reminding the public that it takes an entire community – health care providers, employers, families, policymakers and the general public – to create an environment where mothers have the support and confidence to initiate and sustain breastfeeding.

The surgeon general identified 20 evidence-based actions that are needed, including establishing worksite policies and programs that are supportive to employees who are breastfeeding, implementing maternity care practices in hospitals and birthing facilities, reducing marketing of infant formula products, and ensuring access to services provided by International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs).

According to Cathy Carothers, president of the ILCA, “IBCLCs are a lifeline to new mothers who are unsure about how to breastfeed successfully, or who encounter challenges along the way. Most mothers today want to breastfeed. If things don’t go as planned, an IBCLC can help them get back on track. We are thrilled that the Surgeon General recognizes the importance of IBCLCs in helping mothers reach their goals.”

Laurie Beck, president of the USLCA, a national affiliate of ILCA, agrees.

“IBCLCs support the mother’s goals,” she said. “We work with the entire health care team and in our communities to be sure that mothers have an easier time with breastfeeding.”

IBCLCs are the only health care professionals

who specialize in, and are credentialed in, lactation management. More than 22,000 IBCLCs are available worldwide in hospitals, community-based clinics, government agencies, and private practice to help mothers get off to a good start with breastfeeding in the hospital, address breastfeeding challenges that may arise, assist mothers who return to work or school, help mothers with preterm babies and infants at risk and answer questions as their babies grow. Research has shown that breastfeeding rates are higher among women who had babies in hospitals or birthing facilities where IBCLCs are on staff.

“The IBCLC is often the one who has the time and the expertise to listen to a mother, understand her goals and her needs, and help her find a plan that will work for her,” Carothers said. “We hear many stories from mothers who say their lactation consultant made the difference.”

ILCA provides a Find a Lactation Consultant Directory to help mothers quickly and easily find an IBCLC in their community at www.ilca.org. ILCA and the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE), the organization that administers the international IBCLC credential, also announced today the launch of a brand new online resource, the IBCLC Care Directory, which lists more than 200 hospitals and birthing facilities receiving the IBCLC Care Award.

This recognition was given to facilities that have IBCLCs on staff, provide ongoing breastfeeding training for all care providers who see new mothers and babies, and which offer breastfeeding support programs for new families. The IBCLC Care Directory is available at www.ibclccare.org. In addition, ILCA publishes a Worksite Lactation Support Directory for employers seeking IBCLC expertise in setting up a lactation support program in the workplace at www.ilca.org.

For more information about the important role of IBCLCs in meeting the U.S. Surgeon General’s Call to Action, visit the ILCA website or contact the ILCA office at info@ilca.org or info@uslcaonline.org, or call toll free at 888-ILCA-IS-U (452-2478).

Health Briefs

Volunteers sought for county alliance

Doña Ana County is seeking volunteers to serve on its Health and Human Services (HHS) Alliance, which acts as the primary advisory body to the HHS Department regarding improvements to the health status of Doña Ana County’s residents.

The alliance improves coordination and collaboration, nurtures public understanding, strengthens accountability, promotes informed policy-making and provides an opportunity for effective community input. According to HHS Director C. Silvia Sierra, members of the alliance have the opportunity to participate in border-wide issues. The alliance considers a broad range of health and human services needs and facilitates direct lines of communication between internal departments and external agencies.

According to alliance Chair Tony Martinez, membership reflects a cross section of the community. The membership includes individuals with a wide range of strengths, abilities, experiences and resources found within the community. Diverse membership enhances collaboration and helps the alliance develop a more comprehensive response to community needs.

The alliance is soliciting applications for the following vacant categories: advocate, consumer, educational and/or provider. To request an application for alliance membership, contact Laura Henry, alliance facilitator at the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department, at 525-5834 or laurah@donaanacounty.org. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21.

Gift of Life scholarship available

The Betty Montoya Gift of Life Scholarship is an essay contest that will award two \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships to New Mexico high school seniors. The essay contest is jointly sponsored by the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico (OTAP) and Rotary District 5520. Students planning careers in health-related occupations are especially encouraged to apply.

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting

New Mexico youth with higher education. Approximately 108,000 people are awaiting an organ transplant in the United States, and more than 1 million will need a tissue transplant this calendar year, according to OTAP. Increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation can help others make an informed decision about giving the gift of life.

To apply, download a scholarship application from otapnm.org and submit a completed application along with a three-page essay about organ donation by Feb. 14, National Donor Day. The application includes submission instructions.

The Betty Montoya Gift of Life scholarship honors former Albuquerque Public Schools teacher and kidney transplant recipient Betty Montoya. Montoya taught U.S. history, social studies and physical education for 19 years. She received numerous nominations and awards during her tenure and was recognized by many. Montoya was also an activist, educating the public about organ and tissue transplantation and was instrumental in establishing the Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO) Gift of Life scholarship for New Mexico students.

Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition annual meeting

The Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in the conference hall of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, 150 E. Idaho Ave.

Coalition members with reservations prior to Feb. 9 will enjoy a free buffet dinner, a silent slide show of the development and progress of the Las Cruces Dog Park and the coalition and the music of Ross LeCompte and the Jazz Hounds. Tickets for nonmembers who reserve by Feb. 9 are \$10. Tickets at the door are \$15.

Reservations can be made by emailing armstrongkevin@hotmail.com or by phone with Vivian Hawn at 523-6856. All proceeds benefit the Dog Park Coalition, a nonprofit charity dedicated to maintaining, improving and expanding leash-free dog parks in the Las Cruces area.

The meeting will involve the election of coalition officers and members of the board of directors. Goals for the next two years will also be adopted.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

While she teaches at MountainView’s Women’s Resource Center, Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will begin offering a free t’ai chi chih class at Young Park on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

T’ai chi chih offered at Young Park

Serene movements increase energy, decrease stress

By Natisha Hales
Las Cruces Bulletin

Combining the great outdoors with the serene benefits of t’ai chi chih, Rose Alvarez-Diosdado is now offering a free class for practitioners of all levels and ages from 10 to 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Young Park.

Alvarez-Diosdado is encouraging the public to join her regular classes, which she currently teaches at the MountainView Regional Medical Center Women’s Resource Center, to experience the benefits that participants are receiving on a regular basis.

“This is the best thing I’ve ever done for myself,” said participant Sharon Bond who has been attending t’ai chi chih classes for nearly a year.

“(T’ai chi chih) really helps me take a minute and slow down,” added Kathy Beckwith.

Not to be confused with the martial art of

t’ai chi – which translates to supreme ultimate – t’ai chi chih means knowledge of the supreme ultimate. It is not an exercise, but a moving discipline consisting of 19 easy-to-learn soft, gentle movements and one pose.

The goal is to circulate the chi – the vital force – that Alvarez-Diosdado said flows within everyone and assists in lowering the level of stress and raising energy levels.

“When you are moving, you activate the chi, and it causes circulation and massages your internal organs,” she said. “When your organs are feeling good, that gives you a sense of well-being and your body can work harmoniously.”

Some benefits reported by t’ai chi chih practitioners include improvement in balance, concentration, focus, flexibility, increased productivity, awakening creativity, weight management and positive energy.

One participant has also seen an

improvement in her overall health. Sophia McNutt began attending classes in 2007, when Alvarez-Diosdado taught from her home, after she had back surgery and was unable to walk.

“It helps to improve the mind, body and soul,” McNutt said.

Perhaps one of the best parts of practicing t’ai chi chih, Alvarez-Diosdado said, is that anyone can learn it and nothing is required, except a bottle of room-temperature water to nourish your organs.

“There is no special clothing or equipment necessary,” she said. “All you need is a little space and maybe some water. You can do t’ai chi chih sitting down and mentally – do the movements in your head. And it complements any exercise that you do.”

Her next class at Young Park is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10.

Healthy Happenings



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.

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 classes each Tuesday, with beginners classes from 9 to 10 a.m. and classes for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the fourth-floor Women's Resource Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. Cost is \$2, or free for Senior Circle and Healthy Woman members. For more information, call 526-3016.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church on the corner of St. James and South Main streets. For more information, call 647-5684.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday 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.

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. each Monday 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.

YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín 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_fn@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

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. each Wednesday 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.

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.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

FEDERATION OF THE BLIND MEETS

The Mesilla Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call Nato at 571-2604.

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.

LA LECHE LEAGUE MEETINGS SET

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 at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Beltran at 635-6683 or reneeelbeltran1@comcast.net for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

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.:

- Areobics: 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 & Recreation Department at 541-2550.

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUPS

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St., and 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 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. each Tuesday. The group is open to all

with a focus on the GLBT 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.
- 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 Thursday of each month. Share camaraderie while learning new skills and receiving support and advice on raising a GLBTQ youth.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. each Monday. The group is a 12-step program for anyone dealing with sexual compulsion.
- A LBTQ women's group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first and third Mondays 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.
- 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.
- Southern New Mexico Trans Support Group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5. 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.

- 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.

HABITS OF HEALTH SYSTEM TAUGHT

During February, certified health coach Katia LeMone will teach the "Habits of Health System" from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays at 525 E. Lohman Ave., and from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at 2801 E. Missouri Ave., Suite 12. The "Habits of Health System" is a comprehensive program designed to give participants control over their daily habits and behaviors in order to create a life of vibrancy and optimal health.

For more information, call LeMone at 636-4627.

NEUROPATHIC MEETINGS SOUGHT

Anyone who suffers from a neuropathic disorder and who is interested in having a meeting to discuss it is asked to call 507-848-0530.

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.cdfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

HEALTH SCREENING OFFERED AT RHSNM

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave., will offer a free community health screening for people suffering from upper- or lower-extremity paralysis caused by central nervous system injuries from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. For more information or a screening time, call 521-6401.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Las Cruces Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will have its monthly meeting at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The topic will be "The Alphabet Soup of Hearing Aid Technologies: T-Coils, Blue Tooth, N and M Ratings," presented by Julie Stanton of ATS Resources. The Saturday, March 19, meeting will discuss living with multiple limitation and will be a joint meeting with the National Federation of the Blind and the Blind Veterans Association. All are welcome. For more information, call Ann Switzer at 521-8890.

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Don't fuel the fire

Try to de-escalate the situation

Last week, I reviewed the verbal self-defense strategies covered so far and explained the difference between a martial arts class and a self-defense class. Both are great, but they are not exactly one and the same.

Today, let's get back on track talking about the best way to "use your words," like the preschool teachers say. When someone is mean to you, your first instinct likely is to be mean right back. This will trigger their instinct to say something meaner, possibly causing you to want to reply in a meaner way. This "escalates" the situation. That is not what you want.

When I speak about this at a school, I provide a handout that shows a guy with his arms crossed over his chest, leaning back, demonstrating unfriendly body language, giving some examples of bad responses to a mean person. Imagine the mean person calling you a name. The first listed is, "It takes one to know one." Sure, it's funny, but it basically invites the mean person to continue the confrontation. You'd rather they go away, right?

The second bad response listed is "I'm telling the teacher." I tell the kids, if you feel the need to tell the teacher, just tell the teacher. Announcing it first does nothing but make them want to stop you or tease you about it. The third bad response listed on my handout is, "Look out, I took a self-defense class." It's great if you took a self-defense class, but don't say anything that gives the message that you want to turn this verbal fight into a physical fight.

The final bad response listed is "oh yeah, well..." This is an example of something you might say if you want to think of something mean to say but can't. People who don't understand verbal self-defense might even wake up in the middle of the next night realizing the perfect mean thing they wish they had said. But, as you now know, you don't want to say something mean to a person who is mean to you. It just makes them keep talking to you. Wouldn't you rather they go away or at least talk about something else?

Marcy Shoberg
The Art of Self-Defense



So, how do you reply to someone who says something mean? I'll give you several possibilities. These, and more great information, can be found in an online course for parents of bullied kids, available at www.vistelardefense.com. You may choose what fits you and the situation or try them all in a row.

For one, you could verbally "blow them off," saying something like "aight" (a made-up word) or "OK then." Follow this immediately by walking away or changing the subject. Or, you could make a joke out of it. Chan Lee, a martial art instructor, suggests a kid called "stupid" could say, "Thanks, I'm entering a stupid contest."

In certain situations, it may be appropriate to apologize like by saying, "Is there something I have done that makes you angry?" Also, don't forget the option of asking them to stop. Remember the magic formula? It's worth a try. In fact, anything that doesn't escalate the situation is worth a try.

Finally, you may list for them reasons to stop. I don't mean threaten them. Use that putting it off on a third-party technique I spoke of in an earlier article and say what would happen if a parent or some type of supervisor heard their comments. For example, in the case of workplace harassment, you could act like you don't mind personally, but say, "If the boss heard us joking around like this..."

Next time, we'll discuss a five-step method to use when someone is yelling at you.

Marcy Shoberg is owner of Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 Boutz Road, which teaches sport and traditional taekwondo, as well as self-defense, to pre-schoolers, kids, teens and adults. She is also director of Las Cruces Self Defense, which specializes in teaching no-nonsense, reality-based self-defense to women, children and men. Shoberg can be reached at 526-4429 or gmtkd@zianet.com.

Prepare for colder weather with layers

In extreme storm conditions, move the workout indoors

"It's 9 o'clock on a Saturday, the regular crowd shuffles in..."

When Billy Joel wrote these opening lines to one of his earliest hits, "Piano Man," he was referring to a 9 o'clock Saturday evening "regular crowd."

The same lines, though, could be used to address just about any group of weekend warriors who visit the gym at 9 o'clock on a Saturday morning, shuffling in, bouncing in, running in or walking in. Their goal? To lift, run, pedal, dance, grunt, groan or sweat their way to a better physique and hopefully longer life by gaining strength, losing weight or getting their heart rates up. The motivation behind people's desire to work out varies from one person to the next, but the common thread that runs throughout them is that they are doing something.

Nine o'clock on a Saturday morning may seem a bit early for some of you, but consider the people who are up and about even earlier than that – running, walking or biking at 5 or 6 a.m. when it's cold. Unless an air conditioner in the gym is on Arctic freeze full blast at 9 in the morning, an indoor workout environment usually is not too bad. The folks who exercise outside have no control over the weather. However, even if they cannot control the weather, they certainly can control how they dress for it.

The Mayo Clinic suggests you protect your hands by wearing a thin pair of gloves under a pair of heavier gloves or fleece- or wool-lined mittens. They should be removed if your hands start to sweat. If it's cold enough for possible frostbite, you should wear a headband or hat to protect your ears. Don't forget about your feet, either. Wearing exercise shoes a half-size or one size larger than usual will let you



Bob Nosbisch
Getting the Word Out

wear thick thermal socks or another pair of regular socks.

Cold, rainy weather may prevent you from keeping your core body temperature high enough. Wearing layers of clothes won't help if you're soaked. In these conditions, you may want to skip your exercise for a day or two, or maybe exercise indoors. The wind can also make it unsafe to exercise outdoors, even if you dress warmly. Again, you may want to exercise indoors or take a day or two off from exercising.

One thing that's easy to forget when exercising is sunscreen, however, you can easily get sunburned in the winter. This is especially true if you're exercising at high altitudes or in the snow. The Mayo Clinic recommends you wear a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 and one that blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Also, a lip balm that contains sunscreen should be applied. If you're exercising in the snow, dark glasses or goggles will help protect your eyes from snow and ice glare.

If it's possible, you should do the latter half of your workout with the wind at your back. This will reduce your chances of getting chilled.

Finally, while it's easy to remember to drink plenty of fluids in hot weather, it's just as important to stay well hydrated in cold weather. Even if you're not really thirsty, the Mayo Clinic advises you to drink water or sports drinks before, during and after your workout.

It's possible to exercise outdoors successfully, but precautions should be taken to ensure an enjoyable and healthy workout. Even if you're not a piano man, the Mayo Clinic does want you to stay healthy for the longest time.

Bob Nosbisch is a senior program specialist in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services.

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Teacher

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Pitch, Hit and Run; the Junior Olympic Skills Competition; Jump Rope for Heart; Hoops for Heart and Hershey's Track and Field meets. He also coaches youth sports year-round in city leagues.

"Anything organizations do to get my kids involved," he said.

He said he does it, not only to encourage children to be active, but to combat the issue of childhood obesity.

"One-third of kids are obese or overweight," he said. "This is the first generation that is not expected to outlive their parents, due to diabetes or heart issues, and this can be

cured with regular fitness. Insurance costs are skyrocketing, and parents stay home with their sick children, so it hurts their productivity.

"It's an alarming issue that we need to get behind. Many people are starting to see the need for extracurricular and quality PE programs. It's so easy to sit in front of the TV with a Gameboy or iPod, it's not exciting to sweat or get dirty."

Esparza said he's going to continue to do what he loves, and hopefully motivate local children.

"It's getting tougher and tougher to find ways to get kids active," he said. "Let's live a long, healthy life, let's not be on medical supplements in our 30s. Genetics are hard enough without having to deal with unhealthy habits."

Challenge

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when he read over her chart and said, "I wrote down that she was overweight during her check-up in July. But she looks great. You must have really been working on it."

Thanks, Doc. We both have been working on it, together.

It's amazing what one month can do to our bodies, and you can tell by just looking at everyone's faces. The changes are there.

But I'm even more amazed at what a month can do for our habits and our mindsets.

Have we motivated you, too? Tell me how at natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Obesity

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said. "You cannot sell anything except milk and water at elementary schools. In the middle schools, it's the same thing, except they can also have small juices. In high school, it's a larger juice, and after lunch, they can have Gatorade or caffeine-free, sugar-free sodas. That has been in place for the last four to five years. It's a statewide regulation we adopted and strengthened a little bit more."

Even at LCPS-sanctioned events with concessions sold, healthy options must be available as mandated by the state. This also holds true for dinners held at schools.

"These are guidelines they have to have, and we're being considerate of people with diabetes," Cathey said. "The idea is that there are always healthy options available no matter what."

The New Mexico Department of Health is encouraging families to continue healthy eating habits outside of the school by partnering with local organizations and assisting in sponsoring family-based programs.

Working with the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, the Department of Health participates in Fit Families, which educates families on nutrition, feeling positive, goal setting and physical activity, said Rosa Lopez, special projects dietician with the Community Wellness Program of the Department of Health.

The department also teams with the extension service program Kitchen Creations, a cooking

initiative for people with diabetes and their families, including those who are at high risk for developing diabetes. While teaching families how to cook certain foods, the program also assists with understanding weight management, Lopez said.

Focusing primarily on nutrition, Lopez also offers a program at 4 p.m. each Monday specifically for children and their parents.

"It's a bilingual kids group," she said. "We talk about nutrition and setting goals because not everyone has access to something like that."

"There aren't very many resources for individuals working on weight management, and we're a safety net that does give people access to care. We're not waiting on it to become mandatory, people are already trying to start focusing on prevention."

Getting active

The programs implemented at LCPS go beyond meals and also encourage physical activity among the students.

"In our district, we've worked really hard to have consistent PE programs in Las Cruces Public Schools," Cathey said. "We have additional programs and after-school programs that include physical activity and workshops every year to teach teachers how to use physical activity and incorporate learning techniques into their core curriculum."

A number of schools are also using the Nintendo Wii for exercise in the morning, added health and nutrition specialist Barbara Berger.

"That's the hot new thing," she said, "and all the middle schools

have received equipment to get the kids moving during the lunch hour."

It was the idea of getting kids moving that sparked the start of Ciclovía Las Cruces, a monthly event held at Young Park on the last Sunday of each month. With a variety of programs, including jumping balloons and exercise classes, the purpose is to get Las Cruceans active while still having fun.

“The idea is that there are always healthy options no matter what.”

BARBARA CATHEY,
LCPS Nutritional
Services director

Ciclovía is sponsored by the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach and the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition.

"As you come out, you don't realize that it's an effort to change lifestyles," said June Donohue of the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach. "It's for a serious reason that we host them, but it needs to be fun."

"Facepainting is the only thing that isn't a physical activity, but the kids love it. That's our effort to show that this is good and this is fun, but it's subtle."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Francisco Tafoya

Held the last Sunday of each month, Ciclovía events include activities in which the whole family can participate.



MEDICAL UPDATE LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17,
at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave.

Speakers for the event include:

- **Kevin Burgess**, CEO of Mesilla Valley Hospital
- **Suzanne Quillen**, CEO of Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico
- **Pamela Schultz, RN**, Interim Director of the New Mexico State University School of Nursing

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Gilbert gearing up for a day of free dentistry

Dentistry from the Heart is in its fifth year in Las Cruces

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's a hard day that requires a team of more than 50 volunteers, but at the end of the day, it's all worth it.

Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental, his team and others from throughout the community will come together to provide Dentistry from the Heart for the fifth year

Details

Dentistry from the Heart

When

7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11

Where

Bright Star Dental
2010 E. Lohman Ave., Suite A
Park at Young Park, off Walnut Street

Contact

526-4334

from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

Throughout the day, patients will get their choice of a free cleaning, filling or extraction on a first-come, first-served basis. For some of these patients, it will be their first visit to the dentist in a long time, or maybe their first visit to the dentist ever.

"Some have never been to a dentist," Gilbert said, "and some may be down on their financial luck and may be looking for a job. It's a wide mix of people, but we can help them get out of pain and maybe help them with their smile."

About 200 people each year have received free dental care, and four additional hygienists have volunteered for the day. Although no dentists will be assisting him this year, Gilbert said the team has established an efficient pace so they will be able to serve just as many patients as they have in years past, if not more.

In Bright Star Dental's new location at 2010 E. Lohman Ave., Suite A, there is more room for cleanings, and Gilbert said they shouldn't skip a beat.

"This is our first Dentistry from the Heart in our new facility, and we should be able to work even more efficiently here," he said. "Getting here early is key."

Those interested in attending are asked to park at Young Park so as not to disturb neighboring businesses. Two shuttles will be provided from the park to Bright Star Dental from 6 a.m. to noon, and one shuttle will transport patients from noon to 4 p.m.

If their dental work requires more than the service provided, Gilbert said he will provide referrals and everyone who needs it is provided with post-op information and a prescription for antibiotics.



Photo by Cheryl Fallstead

Dozens of volunteers assist with Dr. Brian Gilbert's busiest day of the year, Dentistry from the Heart, which provides free cleanings, fillings and extractions on a first-come, first-served basis.

"It has worked out really well and we have had very few post-op troubles," he said.

While Dentistry from the Heart has provided patients with much-needed dental care, it has also benefited the volunteers.

"I do it because I love Las Cruces and this is my way to give back to the community," Gilbert said. "I want to encourage others to do the same. It means a lot to our team members that they're doing something that's bigger than themselves."

"People really appreciate the services, it's very moving."

Dentistry from the Heart is open to anyone 18 and older with a valid, government-issued photo ID. A brief health history is required, and patients must be prepared to wait their turn for care.

The waiting area is outdoors, so bring a jacket if it is chilly. Wait times are not incredibly long, and those getting a cleaning are usually seen within an hour.

Gilbert's participation in Dentistry from the Heart is part of a national project that has provided free dental care to more than 50,000 people since it was started in 2001. Founded by Dr. Vincent Monticciolo of Port Richey, Fla., Dentistry from the Heart is a nonprofit organization that reaches thousands of patients each year throughout the United States. For more information, visit www.dentistryfromtheheart.org.

The February event isn't the only way Gilbert gives back to the community. Each November, Gilbert hosts the Halloween Candy Buy-Back that offers local children money for excess candy they have received while trick-or-treating. The candy is then donated to Operation Gratitude, a nationwide effort to send care packages to military personnel serving overseas.

During the spring, Gilbert also provides scholarships to five high school students interested in the health care field.

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Soaring high at the Gym Magic annual meet

Photos by Niki Rhynes



Ireland Kelley gracefully leaps during a floor exercise during the Gym Magic annual gymnastics meet, held Jan. 29-30 at Gym Magic. Children ages 6 to 14 traveled from as far as Albuquerque to compete.



Coach Tracy Galemore watches the form of a gymnast during the competition.



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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.

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.

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.

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 Senior 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 Senior 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 instructor Jason Shoberg are held from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donation suggested.

CHINA PAINTERS

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

CHESS

Chess games are played from 8:30 a.m. to noon

Fridays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, boards and clocks, if available.

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Munson Senior 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 Senior 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.

PINOCHLE

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

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind

Munson Center. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

CANASTA

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

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

A free men's 8-ball tournament open to men 50 years of age and older is held at 9:15 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign-up is from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

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.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

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

STAINED-GLASS

Beginning and advance 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 Senior 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.

TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center and is currently booking the following trips:

- **Indian Cliff Ranch and Cattleman's Steakhouse in Fabens, Texas:** Feb. 25. \$75 per person includes dinner.
- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds:** Saturday March 5. \$28 per person.
- **Bisbee/Kartchner Caverns:** March 22-23. \$210 per person double \$235 single.
- **Las Vegas and Hoover Dam:** April 11-15. \$385 double, \$410 single.
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota:** May 14-22. \$760 double, \$1,019 single.
- **Alaska Cruise and Tour:** Sept. 7, 11 days/10 nights.

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- **Hawaii Cruise:** Oct. 22. Call for details.

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

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. Trips are subject to cancellation. For more information or to sign up, call 528-3000.

WALKING GROUP

All walks depart from Munson Senior 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.

MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart from Munson Senior 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.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Senior 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. the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Cost for lunch is \$9, including tax and gratuity. Cost for bridge is 60 cents. All are welcome.

For more information, call 523-6106 or 373-9309.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The Community Action Agency (CAA) and AARP will be offering free tax preparation beginning Tuesday, Feb. 1, and continuing through Friday, April 15, at CAA office, 3880 Foothills Road. Service hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday. Evening hours will be offered starting in mid-February on days to be determined. In addition, taxes will be prepared at the Anthony Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln St. starting in mid-February. For more information, call 527-8799.

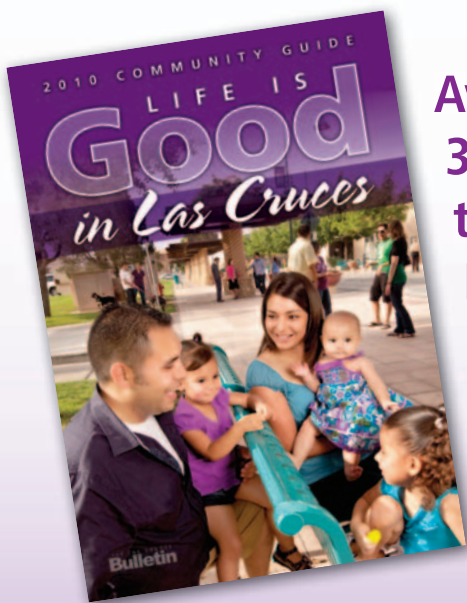
SENIOR OLYMPICS KICKOFF EVENT

The Doña Ana County Senior Olympics will kick off the 2011 Games with its annual registration and awards program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Trails West clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. All residents age 50 and over are invited to participate in one or more of the 26 sports. For more information call the Senior Olympic office at 541-5171.

Frequently called numbers

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EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER	310 N. Tornillo St.....	541-2304 or 541-2305
MESILLA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER	304 W. Bell Ave.	541-2455
IN-HOME SERVICES	304 W. Bell Ave.	541-2451
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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessneer
Out of the Past



100 years ago

• Demonstration Day at the state agriculture college attracted more than 200 visitors to the school. Many questions were asked of professors demonstrating their experiments. The crowd streamed along an avenue of corrals filled with fine stock, including chickens, sheep and pigs. A rumor that lunch was being served at Hadley Hall caused the crowd to hurry through the dairy exhibit.

• Bills were introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to allow the Bureau of Reclamation to lease electric power from reclamation dams, such as the one under construction at Engle, for periods of longer than 10 years.

• John Kerr, vice president of the Texas Nursery Co., was in Las Cruces with a carload of pear trees. He told an enquirer that the Mesilla Valley had better opportunities and greater prospects than any other section of the country and "when the big damn is completed, the sky should be the limit."

75 years ago

1936

• Mrs. Henry Stoes was elected director general of the Pan Am Round Table. Other

officers elected were Mrs. Frank Amador, assistant director general; Mrs. M.B. Stevens, secretary; and Mrs. Joe Buergo, treasurer,

• Professor G.L. Guthrie, assistant to the president at the New Mexico State College, was named a member of the Founders' Committee of the National Committee on Advertising. Guthrie was the author of the book "Problems and Exercises in Applied Economics," and that, with his research on advertising, gained him membership in the national organization.

• Sales tax collections in January totaled \$214,603, the highest monthly total collected in a single month, according to Tax Collector Benjamin Luchini.

50 years ago

1961

• NMSU's Warren Woodson was named the Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

• The formal dedication of Lynn Junior High School was to be Jan. 29. Special guest would be the widow of Fred Lynn, who the school was named after. The namesake was superintendent of the Las Cruces Municipal School System during 1924-25, and was principal of the Union High School District from 1925-37.

• The New Mexico State University Aggies defeated Pasadena Nazarine College 94 to 86. Billie Jo Price scored 18 points while George Knighton 23 points.

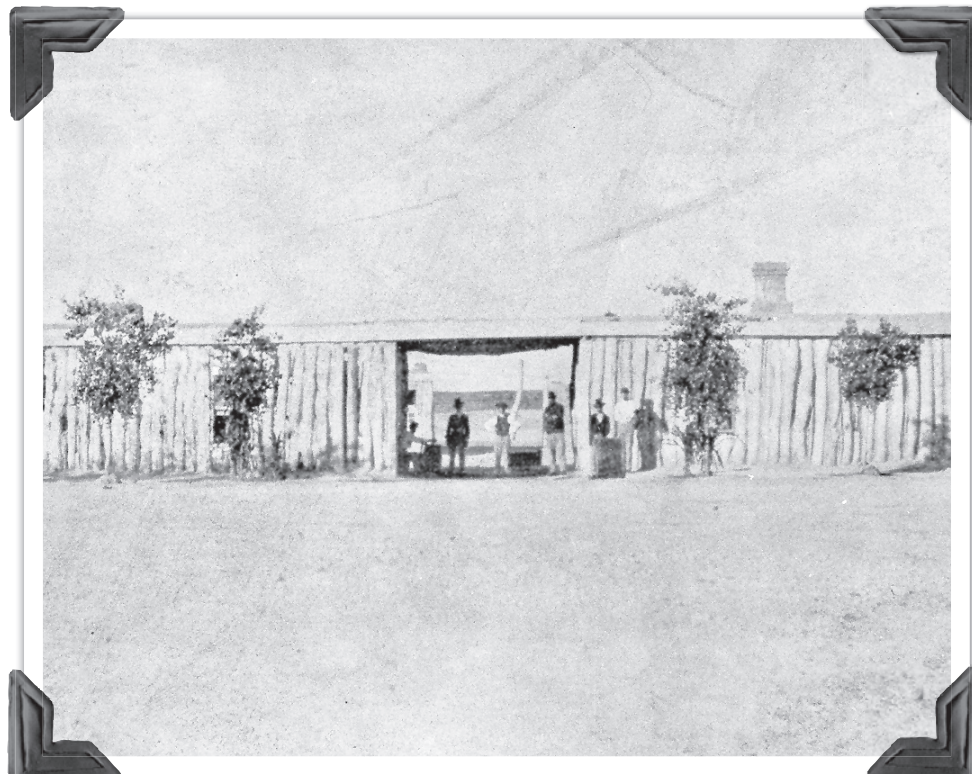


Photo reproduced courtesy of the New Mexico State Library Rio Grande Historical Collection. One of the gates of Fort Craig as it appeared when it was still occupied. A wooden stockade formed a perimeter for the fort at that time.

25 years ago

1986

• Foes of the city's annexation plans on the East Mesa presented a petition to the Las Cruces City Council asking the city to have the state boundary commission resolve the dispute. Most council members seemed to oppose the idea.

• The New Mexico State Aggies were preparing for a road trip to San Jose State and struggling Utah State, which despite having

the Pacific Coast Athletic Association's lead scorer in Greg Grant, had only two conference wins and stood at six and 12 overall.

• Miguel "Mike" Gonzales announced his candidacy for Doña Ana County Sheriff. Gonzales cited his 20 years of law enforcement experience as a qualification for the position.

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CALVARY GROUP

El Calvario United Methodist Church will hold a Calvary Group for college students from 5 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday at 2505 Chaparral St. The group will be lead by Chris Baca. For more information, call 571-5467.

NEW CLASSES AT UNITY

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will begin a new series of classes. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, will be "Unity Basics," which will discuss the beliefs and five basic principles of Unity. From 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 3, and 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5, will be "Fillmore for Today," a class about Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

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'The Gospel of John' comes to town

Off-Broadway performance presented at First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces

It took nearly five months for actor Brad Sherrill to memorize all 20,000 words of the Gospel of John.

He had plans to perform it just once at his home church in Atlanta, but has now presented John's gospel more than 600 times since 2001 in professional theaters and churches across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland. At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Sherrill will bring his celebrated touring performance "The Gospel of John" to First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces, 200 E. Boutz Road.

Over the past decade, "The Gospel of John's" 600 performances have included a six-week run off-Broadway at New York City's historic Lamb's Theatre (2003) and at professional theaters in Chicago, Washington, D.C., Toronto and Atlanta (from 2001 through 2010.)

"The Gospel of John's" European Cathedral tours (2007, 2008 and 2009) brought the performance to large, historic cathedrals in the

U.K., Ireland and Northern Ireland, including Westminster Cathedral (London), Lincoln, Lichfield and Gloucester Cathedrals (U.K.), Christ Church Cathedral (Dublin), St. Fin Barre's Cathedral (Cork) and St. Peter's Cathedral (Belfast.)

With perhaps a dozen very simple props used in a variety of ways, Sherrill transforms the gospel into a captivating drama, presenting the entire story of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. An estimated 180,000 people worldwide have now experienced a rare opportunity to see and hear an entire gospel presented live in this dramatic way. Response to "The Gospel of John" has been overwhelmingly positive from clergy, lay members and the press.

"An amazing achievement!" writes Kathy Janich in her review for the The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "The overriding question here is whether the word of God can work as a drama. Sherrill proves that it most certainly and suc-

cessfully can. You need only watch him as John the Baptist, testifying to his first sighting of Jesus Christ, to become a believer. And this moment comes less than 10 minutes into the show."

The Washington Post adds, "The Gospel of John is a sweaty, gritty tale of a miracle-working idealist who runs afoul of the law. Passion, longing, envy, greed, ambition, intrigue and betrayal – it's all here, and it is riveting!"

Sherrill has acted professionally in Atlanta since 1983. He was selected by Atlanta Magazine in 2000 as Atlanta's Best Dramatic Actor and by Creative Loafing (another Atlanta publication) in 2001 as Atlanta's Best Actor. He has performed in 15 productions at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre and is an Artistic Associate for the Georgia Shakespeare Theatre, where he has acted in more than 50 productions in 22 seasons. Sherrill began acting at the age of 11 at Chamblee First United Methodist Church where he is still a member.

Seating for the performance at First Presbyterian Church begins at 5:45 p.m. Child care will be available on request. Contact the church office at 526-5559 to reserve child care for your family or for more information. Or you can visit www.gospelofjohn.com.



Brad Sherrill stars in the one-man show "The Gospel of John" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

Mujeres Metodista Unidas (United Methodist Women) will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St. The meeting will be followed by a meal. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, call 525-2708.

TORTUGAS FUNDRAISER

Our Lady of Guadalupe in Tortugas will hold its Tortugas Treasure Sale fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, and after all masses Sunday, Feb. 6. For more information, call 526-8171.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTER PROGRAM

A Mothers and Daughters Fertility Awareness and Chastity Program will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Bella Ballroom, 5585 S. Main St. The age-appropriate seminar is for girls 13 to 16 years old and their mothers and will discuss God's gift of chastity and fertility and God's plan of growing up as a woman. Cost is \$20 for mother and one daughter or \$25 for mother and two or more daughters. Seating is limited. For more information, call 640-8358 or 382-9231.

CREATING OPTIMISM CLASS

Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road, will offer a six-week work-study session on dealing with depression from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Monday, Feb. 7. Led by Rev. Bonnie Smith, the topic will be based on "Creating Optimism" by Bob Murray and "This Thing Called You" by Ernest Holmes. A love offering is suggested.

For more information, call 382-8218 or 647-2560.

CALL TO ACTION EVENT

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces Welcoming Congregation Committee will hold Standing on the Side of Love Call to Action from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The event celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the community and letters/valentines will be written in support of marriage equality and domestic partnership benefits to state and local representatives. For more information, call 522-7281.

EASTERN STAR FUNDRAISER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will host its annual enchilada dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The dinner will include red enchilada, beans, rice, csa slaw, dessert and drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will host "The Gospel of John," a one-man show by Brad Sherrill, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Child care is available on request. For more information, call 526-5559 or visit www.gospelofjohn.com.

VOW RENEWALS

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, will celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine's Day at its 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Feb. 12. Those who are in a committed relationship are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to renew

their vows. After the service, there will be a catered dinner also celebrating the Chinese New Year. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and should be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 6. For more information, call 644-5025.

FREE WEDDINGS

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will once again hold free weddings on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14. For more information and times, call 526-5592.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Us Dreams for Spiritual Unfoldment." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

GREEN ENCHILADA SALE

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., will hold a green enchilada sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the fellowship hall. The plates will be \$6 each, take out or eat in. For more information, call 524-1230.

MAKE A BLANKET DAY

The Las Cruces Chapter of Project Linus will host its annual Make a Blanket Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Grace Covenant Church, 3111 N. Main St. The event is open to anyone who would like to crochet, knit or sew a blanket for a child in need. Volunteers are asked to bring their own sewing machines, quilting projects, crochet hooks, knitting needles and yarn. Projects will also be available. For more information, call 526-3695, email sgstolt13@gmail.com or

visit www.projectlinus.org.

REBECCA ST. JAMES CONCERT

A performance by Grammy award-winner Rebecca St. James at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God, 5605 W. Bataan, will launch Mesilla Valley Christian School's \$12-million campaign to build a new campus for mid-high and high school students. Tickets range from \$100 for platinum seating and an opportunity to meet the artist, \$75 for platinum seating only, \$50 for gold seating and \$30 for blazer blue seating. Tickets can be purchased at the school, 3850 Stern Drive; at the NMSU box office; or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation. A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays in Classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held at 11:15 a.m. weekdays at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

EASTERN STAR MEETINGS

The Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern

Star, will hold monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. A potluck dinner will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. All OES members in good standing are invited to attend.

ALPHA COURSE

The public is invited to a 10-week, video-based small group study course on the Christian faith at Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive. The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and a potluck supper will be held beforehand at 5:30 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 521-3770.

DIVORCE CARE

Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive, will hold a 13-week, video-based discussion and support group for those suffering from the pain of separation or divorce at 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Participants can enroll at any time for the free group, and child care will be provided. For more information, call 521-3770.

CALVARY GROUPS

El Calvario United Methodist Church is starting a group approach to empower Christian believers to become better disciples. Calvary Groups, to be led by Rev. Raul Dominguez, are planned for various areas in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in participating, whether they're a member of the congregation or not, should call the church office at 524-1230.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore,

co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend.

STUDY GROUP

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., has a study group for "The Course In Miracles" from 11 a.m. to noon every Saturday. For more information, call Lisa at 644-2977.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies holds group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. There is no fee. For more information and location, call 382-6400.

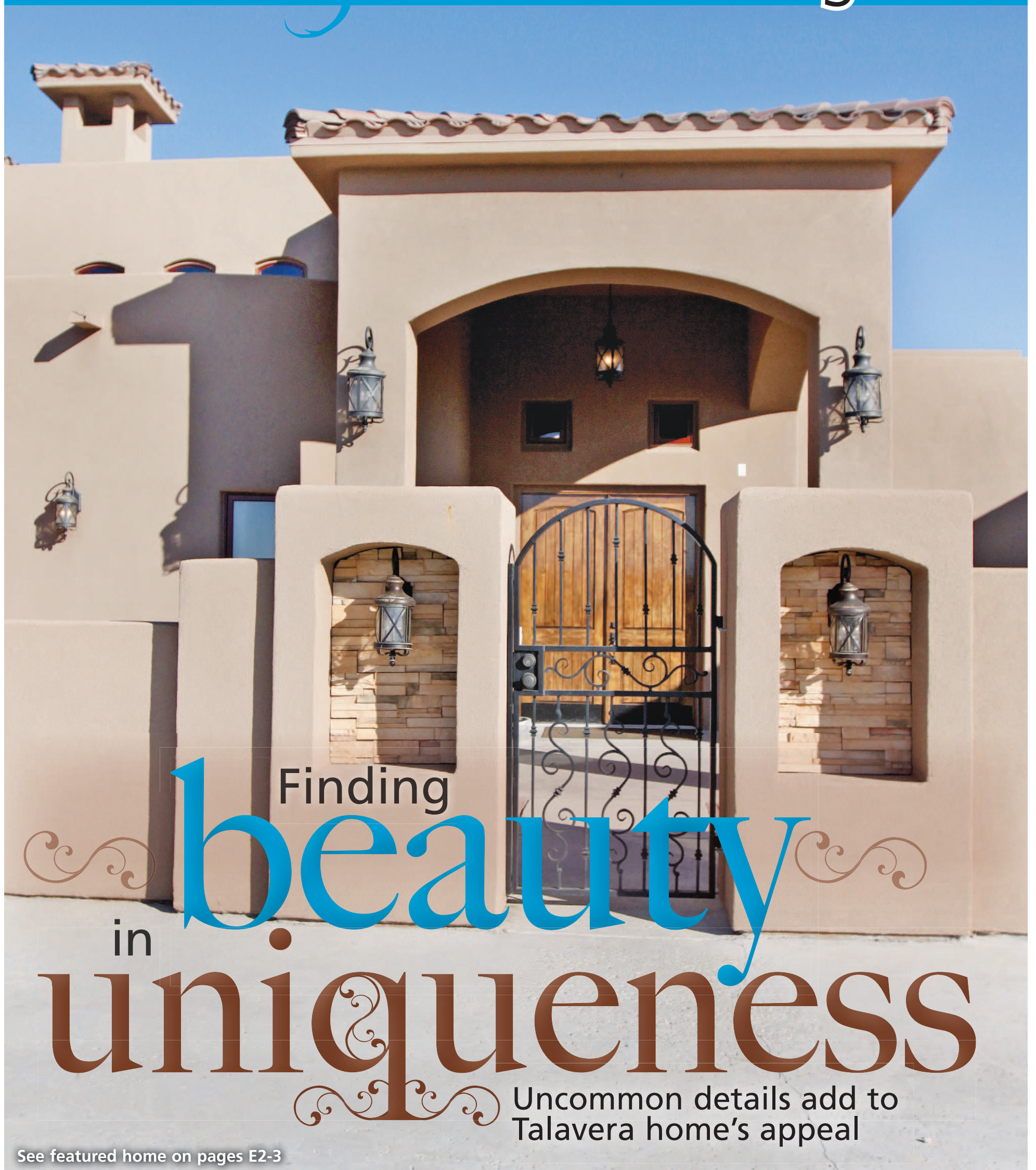


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Uncommon details add to Talavera home's appeal

See featured home on pages E2-3

Featured home: 4435 Organ Mesa Loop

Photos by Niki Rhynes

The home at 4435 Organ Mesa Loop sits on 2.1 acres and features a view of the Organ Mountains.



The foyer features several windows for natural light as well as a chandelier.



Stairs to a loft can be found in the great room, which also includes a stone-and-tile corner fireplace.



As with the entire house, the formal dining room features acid-stained concrete, which includes a variety of colors.

A large covered patio is just the place to enjoy the scenic views.



The kitchen is home to a 9.5-foot-long island covered in speckled granite.



Location, location, location

Stylish home features views, easy access to town

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The journey to a dream home begins with the location, and for Mark Isler and his family, that location was Talavera.

After living in Las Cruces for several years, Isler said they had always wanted a place in the peaceful area that offered seclusion and quiet.

"It's a country setting, but it's not too far from town," he said. "If you need anything, you can just hop in your car and drive down the road into town."

Finally deciding to build in their ideal location, Isler began looking for a lot that captured everything the area had to offer, especially a view of the picturesque mountainscape.

He found just the property at 4435 Organ Mesa Loop, a 2.1-acre lot sitting beside a paved street, a unique feature for the Talavera area, which consists of several dirt roads.

"We liked the way it was positioned with the mountains," he said. "There are no houses behind it to create a problem with the view."

After securing the location, next came designing the residence. Wanting something rustic and spacious, Isler said they hired

Medallion Homes to construct a 4,025-square-foot, Mediterranean-inspired abode.

Taking more than a year to plan and about six months to construct, in 2007, the Islers moved into their dream home, which combines aspects of Mediterranean and Spanish mission styles to create a feeling of warmth and refined details.

"We tried to stay away from a Southwest home," he said. "We went for a more rustic feel instead of a highly polished contemporary Southwest design."

Past the horseshoe driveway that encircles a variety of native shrubs and brush, guests come to a courtyard area enclosed behind a wrought-iron gate surrounded by a stucco wall with stone accents.

The concrete path leads through the brick-covered courtyard to the 10-foot front door.

Inside, Venetian plaster covers the walls throughout the home as stained concrete floors with tile baseboards fill the space.

"The floors and walls, visually, are the most unique part," he said.

Using an acid stain to create a speckled floor that showcase a variety of brown hues, Isler said the concrete flooring doesn't have any grout

lines and requires very low maintenance.

The foyer features an expansive ceiling with several small box windows for light.

"The entrance is just beautiful," said Realtor Divelia "D.I." Babby of Exit Realty Horizons, who represents the listing.

While the home contains an abundance of windows, Isler said many are covered by overhangs to prevent heat from entering the home.

From the foyer, arches lead to different areas of the home – including a formal living room directly to the right that includes a granite-lined bar and chandelier as well as a great room.

"What's unique is probably the layout," Isler said. "It has this grand room at the center, and everything else feeds off of that."

Rectangular windows line the wall, bringing in the view of the backyard and Organ Mountains, as a stone and tile fireplace rests in the corner. The great room also features extremely high ceilings, thanks to an upstairs loft.

"We wanted a loft upstairs to take advantage of the views," he said.

Hand-scraped hardwood stairs and wrought iron railing lead to the loft, which includes a bathroom and door to a balcony that looks over the front of the home and Tortugas Mountains.

Also connected to the great room is the family room, originally designed to be a game area.

"It's where the family gets together," he said, adding that double doors close off the room to the great room area, allowing for more privacy.

The kitchen and informal dining room are also open to the great room. The same speckled granite countertops found throughout the home line the countertops, including the 9.5-foot-long island.

The master suite and a half bathroom are also found in the area. The master bedroom features a fireplace and access to the backyard. The bathroom, illuminated by a skylight, features a jetted bathtub and tiled walk-in shower.

The other end of the home contains the other bedrooms and a full bath. In addition to two bedrooms, each of which have walk-in closets, the wing includes a room that can be either another bedroom or at-home office.

Another feature Isler said he especially

Details

Featured home
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4,025

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Bedrooms
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The family room, which has access to the backyard, can be closed off to seclude it from the rest of the house.

enjoys is the attached RV garage, which rests beside the finished three-car garage.

Out back, the family focused on low-maintenance landscaping.

"The last home we had, every weekend we were outside pruning and mowing and just taking care of the upkeep," Isler said.

In addition to the slow-growing trees and native vegetation, the yard includes a small area of grass and a few short palms. The yard, which can be enjoyed from the large covered patio, also features a fountain.

"There is plenty of space inside and out with gorgeous views," Babby said.

Isler said the efficiency of the residence was important. In addition to the Energy Star-rated appliances and heating and cooling system, the home also includes 2-by-8 walls and energy-efficient windows.

"We really went above and beyond all the normal specs," he said. "These are huge energy savers. I was surprised, our energy bill was lower than I expected it to be."

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Another look at baby boomer home trends

Technology plays an important role in aging in place

Technology has taken over in our homes, whether you are a Gen Xer or baby boomer, and the current scene is definitely going green.

You can introduce solar panels to save electricity and reduce your carbon footprint, or simply save energy with efficient windows, fluorescent lighting, Energy Star appliances and tankless water heaters in your home-remodeling projects. Utilizing recycled and sustainable products has never been easier to incorporate in your home-remodeling plans. Keep in mind that the green scene is here to stay in the e-friendly homes that are important to all generations. This is a new era in the homebuilding and renovation industry. Keeping abreast of home renovation and design trends in incorporating these new standards will keep your home in good standing should you ever decide to sell.

One of my favorite new technology advances is network video cameras. If you're a baby boomer and have an aging parent living afar, you can hook up a network video camera with two-way audio 24/7. From a computer or smart phone, you can view your parents' activities and well being anytime of the day or night. If you have worries about aging parents, you can be as close as a video camera to see their activities.

Other camera applications are tied to your front door so you can see who is coming to the door before you have to answer it. For security purposes, this makes a great addition to a home. It can be added to any home quite easily.

I'm sure you're all aware of the pendants that people can wear to contact a service to provide assistance (Lifeline or the like). Now remote health monitoring is available for anyone needing constant vital signs or blood pressure checking with a remote health monitor.

Technology should be fun to use and not just utilitarian. I'm using a product that's designed

Maureen Villmer
Practical Design



for all ages called Dragon Speaking. I speak into a microphone connected to my computer, and it types my spoken words. Yes, I have to remember to say "period" and "exclamation point," but it's working very well. I do all of my correspondence, emails and Facebook on Dragon.

You can hardly walk into an airport, waiting room, restaurant or coffee shop without seeing a plethora of electronic devices. iPads, iPods, book readers – they're everywhere. In addition, a high percentage of phones are smart phones, which access the Internet and keep you up to date, get directions, communicate with friends and family without actually calling, etc. There is no question that we are all better connected with each other. There are even shoes available with built-in GPS units so you will know where the wearer is at all times. Scary, isn't it?

How about walking into a room and a light comes on? If you walk out of the room, within so many seconds, the light turns off. It uses less energy, and you never have to remember to turn off the light again. (We've come a long way from "clap on clap off.")

I've been using simple doorjamb switches for years. When you open a closet door the light comes on, when you close the door the light goes off. If you're remodeling or building, any of these innovations can be added simply and inexpensively.

2011 will be a year of significant progress in technology for the aging population. Many classes are offered on how to use all the technical products. These technologies and services are there to help individuals, families and professional caregivers supply a better life for those aging in place.

Maureen Villmer is an interior designer in Las Cruces with 35 years of experience. If you have questions you would like answered in her column, email her at maureenvillmer@hotmail.com, visit www.environmentonline.com or call 496-7605.

A grilling companion

Flaky fish, small foods not a problem for the angled turner

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the Super Bowl just mere days away, the time to fire up the grill and cook up a bevy of savory delights is quickly approaching.

While burgers, hotdogs and slabs of barbecued meat tend to be game-watching favorites, add some healthier dishes to the mix. From fresh fish to various vegetables, there is some room on that grill for some nutrition.

When it comes to grilling delicate items, such as flaky fish and tiny asparagus, you may notice that turning, moving and picking them up can be difficult. Normal spatulas have a hard time getting under the foods, and tongs cause them to crumble.

Take care of all your lifting, flipping and removing needs on the grill, and in the kitchen, with an angled turner.

What is it?

The angled turner – also known as an angled fish turner or angled fish spatula – makes quick work of all of your food-maneuvering needs.

The tool can be found in two types – slotted and solid. Both varieties can do your desired cooking job, however, a slotted turner will be helpful when cooking items that have excess water or juice. The juices will drain, allowing the meat – if that's what you're preparing – to cook more thoroughly in the center.

The angled turner also comes in a variety of materials including nylon, silicone, wood and metal. While each has its own benefits, such as durability and heat resistance, the metal variety

tends to offer the finest edge possible. Also, a stainless-steel turner is easy to clean and is dishwasher safe.

How does it work?

Whether slotted or solid, the angled turner is easy to use for just about any cooking application.

Simply wedge the razor-thin edge under the corner of your food and gently position it until the item is fully supported. Thanks to its flexibility, the gadget can be easily worked under the most stubborn dishes. Next, flip, turn, drain or remove the food from the pan.

The gadget is especially ideal for fish, because it is designed to get under the fish at the appropriate angle so not to disturb the filet too much and break apart the meat. The angled turner, however, can be used with a wide spectrum of foods.

Capable of easily moving vegetables, meat or poultry, the angled turner is especially good for moving delicate foods, such as eggs and crepes. More importantly, the angled turner allows you to pick up multiple small foods at once, saving you time and energy.



Featured kitchen gadget: Angled turner

Where can it be found?

You can find the angled turner around town at Las Cosas Kitchen Shoppe in Mesilla. It can also be purchased online at www.amazon.com and www.williams-sonoma.com.

How much does it cost?

The angled turner costs anywhere from \$10 to \$30, depending on its material and brand.

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OPENING SOON
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Stretching the uses of pantyhose

Fashion staple has several household tricks

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the fashion world, everything old is new again, just give it time.

This is especially true for pantyhose. Created as an alternative to thick stockings, pantyhose is a thin nylon material that comes in a variety of sheer colors to give exposed legs some coverage and warmth.

Since its invention in the 1960s, just in time for the miniskirt, pantyhose has come in numerous styles, each fitting the fashion and women of that decade. This has ranged from fishnets and patterns to opaque colors, footless and even shape wear.

If your drawer is full of old pantyhose that resemble those found in a ZZ Top video or something a Fly Girl would wear, or if you happen to have a few unopened pair of the sheer material laying around, put them to use around the home.

1. Find lost treasures: Small objects, such as earring backings, can be easily lost, especially in long carpet fibers. Get help finding these tiny items from pantyhose. Cut off the leg of an old pair and cover the opening of a vacuum hose with the toe section. Secure the fine fabric with a rubber band and turn the vacuum on. Carefully glide the nozzle over the area where you lost the item. The pantyhose will act like a filter and catch the small item.

2. Keep your hairbrush clean: Is a dirty hairbrush putting a

damper on your morning routine? A good way to keep it clean is with pantyhose. Cut a long strip of the stocking and push it through the bristles of a new or freshly cleaned brush. Use a bobby pin or comb to help work the fabric down, if needed. When it comes time to clean the hairbrush, just remove the layer of pantyhose, taking with it the dead hair, lint and other dirt particles, and insert a new strip.

3. Get a clog-free spray bottle: When using recycled spray bottles for your homemade cleaners or furniture polishes, you may notice the nozzle becomes clogged. Prevent potential blocks by covering the opening of the tube with pantyhose. Cut out a small square and cover the part of the tube that goes inside the bottle and secure it with a rubber band. Once again, the pantyhose will act as a filter, keeping large particles out.

4. Hold potpourri or mothballs: Whether you want to store potpourri in a draw or hang mothballs in your closet, get just the container you need with pantyhose. Just pour your desired potpourri recipe or selection of mothballs into the toe section of an old pair of stockings. Knot off the contents and cut off the remaining portion. If you want to hang your homemade bag, be sure to leave a few extra inches for tying.

5. Make a dish scrubber: A good way to scrub your nonstick cookware or delicate dishes is with pantyhose. Create a homemade scrubbing pad by crumpling up a pair of old, but clean, stockings and moistening it with warm water. Add a few drops of liquid dish detergent and rub away. You can also make a scrubber by covering a sponge with the toe of the pantyhose.

6. Dust under the refrigerator: One of the toughest places in your kitchen to clean is most likely under your refrigerator. Get a helping hand from an old pair of pantyhose. Ball up the hose and attach it to a long stick, such as a coat hanger or yardstick, with a rubber band. Shove the pantyhose in the tight area and use the stick to reach the very back. The dirt will stick to the fabric, and it can be cleaned and reused.

7. Store flower bulbs: Keep those various types of flower bulbs organized with the help of pantyhose. Cut off the leg of the nylons and stuff them with the bulbs. Knot them at the end and attach a tag identifying the contents. Hang them in a cool, dry space, and the pantyhose will allow air to circulate around the bulbs freely, preventing mold and rot.

8. Stop houseplants from eroding: Soil erosion in houseplants from excess water can be very annoying. Keep the soil in its place with pantyhose. Before filling a new pot, place a piece of the hose in the container's bottom. It will act as a liner, allowing leftover water to flow out without taking the soil with it.

9. Apply wood stain to tight spaces: Don't let narrow corners and delicate crevices prevent you from giving that new bookcase, table or chair a finely applied stain. Skip trying to find a brush to fit these small spaces and instead use pantyhose. Take a strip of the fabric, fold it over a few times and attach it to the tip of a popsicle stick with a rubber band. Next, dip the homemade tool into the stain or varnish and easily coat those hard-to-reach areas.



Around-the-house item: Pantyhose

10. Shine your shoes: Keep your freshly polished shoes looking good by buffing them with a strip of pantyhose. The soft fabric will shine the shoes without causing damage.

11. Reuse your soap scraps: Instead of throwing away all those leftover pieces of bar soap that are too awkward to hold, reuse them with the help of pantyhose. Gather all of the tiny soap pieces you have and stuff them into the toe portion of the stockings. Secure a knot at the end so the bits don't fall out. Place the baggie next to the sink and use it to wash your hands.

12. Remove nail polish: If you have run out of cotton balls, you can remove that chipped nail polish with pantyhose. A great money saver, just cut a strip of the stuff, fold it several times and dip in polish remover. In addition to being absorbent, the material is soft on your nails.

13. Hang winter sweaters: Most sweaters must be line-dried to prevent shrinkage, but it can be difficult to do so with out leaving marks from clothes pins. One way to hang them without denting the fabric is with pantyhose. Using a pair of stockings in its entirety, weave a leg through each arm and tie it to the line.

14. Relieve itchy skin: Soothe itchy skin caused by chicken pox, eczema, poison ivy, acne, psoriasis, sunburn and bug bites, among other conditions, with the help of oatmeal and pantyhose. A natural itch reliever, pour the oatmeal into the foot of the hose and place it into a bath of warm water. Soak in the tub, constantly squeezing the sack and releasing the oatmeal's calming enzymes. You can also rub itchy areas with the baggie for more targeted relief.

15. Take a fragrant bath: Even if you don't need a soothing oatmeal bath, pantyhose can still be used during a relaxing soak. Once again, fill the feet of the nylons, but this time using dried orange, lemon, grapefruit or lime peels. Hold the package under the warm running faucet water. You can also let it soak in the water for a stronger scent.

NMSU offers cheesemaking demonstration

Mark calendar for a class on artisan dairy creations

With the increased popularity of handcrafted cheeses, many people are getting into the cheese business either as a hobby or for profit. New Mexico State University offers the perfect way to learn the basics.

A three-day hands-on artisan cheesemaking workshop for home cheesemakers and small dairy processors will be given Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 24-26, by the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences food technology program.

"Participants will learn how to make cheese at home or as a small business," said Nancy Flores, Extension food technology specialist. "They will learn how to make a variety of cheeses including asadero, farmhouse, feta and mozzarella.

"This year with the help of Nancy Nathanya Coonridge, a local cheesemaker, we are also making raw milk cheese, which is a slightly different process than making it with pasteurized milk."

Joining Flores as speakers during the workshop will be Willis Fedio, NMSU food safety laboratory director; Alf Reeb, New Mexico Department of Agriculture dairy inspection division director; and Michael Patrick, NMSU Extension agricultural economist.

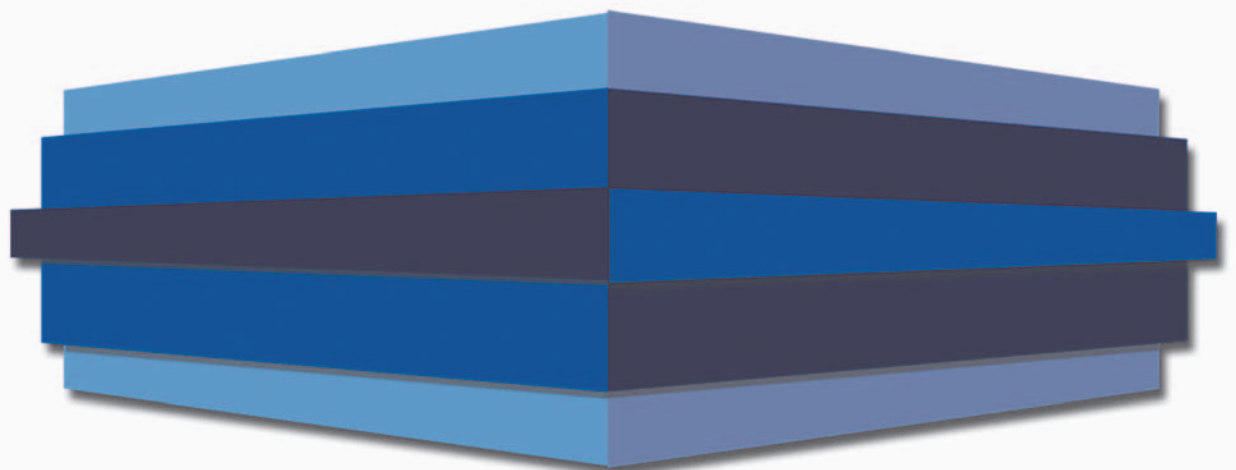
The workshop will cover finer points of cheesemaking, including the processes for making soft and crumble cheeses, aging cheeses and developing cheese cultures. Participants will learn about food safety issues such as sanitation, packaging and storage of cheese, as well as NMDA regulations. The course will also include basic business concepts and cost formulation.

The event will conclude with cheese tasting on Saturday.

Early registration fee is \$250 for reservations made by Friday, Feb. 11. After Feb. 11, registration fee is \$300. Admission cost includes all materials and books as well as refreshments and lunch.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants, so participants are encouraged to register soon by calling Gloria at 646-2198. For more information, view the workshop brochure online at aces.nmsu.edu/ces/foodtech/documents/artisan-cheese-brochure-feb-2011.pdf

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Looking for a property manager?

Potter brings love of people to renting

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin



POTTER

Las Cruces residents looking to rent property now have a new rental and property management company to which to turn – FRILC LLC, established by qualifying broker Angela Potter.

While FRILC wasn't formed until Jan. 12, Potter said she has worked in the property management field for more than 24 years, and even grew up around the industry in Europe.

"My parents owned real estate, and when I was younger, I was sent around through the apartment complex to collect rent," she said.

Originally from Germany, Potter's military husband Troy brought the couple to the United States. With a bachelor's degree in business earned in Europe, Potter said she decided to get her real estate license in 1986 when she lived in Washington, D.C., to solely focus on property management.

"I love the business and the interaction with people," she said. "When you sell a house, you don't see those clients again, usually. With property rentals, you deal with them on a monthly, sometimes daily, basis."

The couple then came to Las Cruces in 2004. At the height of the housing market boom, Potter said she concentrated on flipping homes, which allowed her to continue to interact with people and those in the real estate industry.

When the housing market took a dive in 2008, she decided to get her New Mexico real estate license and get back into the property management game.

She approached Century 21 about creating

a property management division, a feat she undertook from scratch.

After two years of working under a qualifying broker and managing about 100 properties for the company, Potter said she was able to earn her broker's license, which encouraged her to branch out on her own.

"My goal was to open my own thing after Christmas," she said. "I was so comfortable there, but the time finally came to leave."

Starting on her own

With more and more homeowners unable to sell their property, Potter said many are deciding to rent it out instead. This is where she comes into play. Potter said her job as a property manager is to act as the mediator between the property owner and the tenant.

While many are hesitant to hire a property manager, Potter said it is important to have someone, especially if the owner isn't in town.

"They then have to depend on friends and

the tenant," she said. "If there is a problem that has to be responded to quickly, it is always better to have a property manager, then they don't have to deal with it."

Potter said she even uses a property manager to care for rentals she owns in Alamogordo.

Managing rentals throughout Doña Ana County, Potter said she can offer her property owners and tenants several services, including online rent payments. She said she also doesn't charge fees, except a one-time start-up fee that helps cover advertising.

"I'm really confident in myself," she said. "I believe that if I get good tenants and I'm honest and fair with the owners, they will stay with me."

Potter said she can help select qualified tenants that fit the owner's criteria, which includes conducting credit checks, and once the tenant is in, she does routine inspections.

"I form a relationship with the tenants," she said. "They have a personal relationship with me. They're more comfortable. They trust me. They can text or email me seven days a week."



As a property manager, Angela Potter helps find tenants for rental properties throughout the area, including this four-bedroom home at 10017 San Savino Court.

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Family

Husband Troy

Although Potter said she focuses on creating relationships with her tenants, making sure they have someone to turn to when they have questions or problems, she said she isn't afraid to do the dirty work.

"Sometimes you have to put your foot down and look out for the property owner," she said.

This includes evictions – a service she can be hired to do for anyone, even if she doesn't manage their property.

Usually taking about three weeks, a few court visits and copious amounts of paperwork, Potter said many property owners don't have the time to take care of the eviction transaction.

"I can do drive-bys and inspections as well," she said. "That was one thing I couldn't offer under Century 21 and can offer now."

She said she can also make sure the tenants leave and can oversee any repairs needed to the property.

"I've had cases where the people didn't want to leave," she said. "I had to call the police to get them out."

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Overall, Potter said she works to make sure everyone is happy, and she doesn't get paid if the rent doesn't come in.

"I answer my phone, that's really important in our business, owners like it and so do the renters," she said. "But I love dealing with people. I'm a people person. In my business you have to be."

Becoming the best

While the economy has hurt the housing market, Potter said Las Cruces is still a desirable location, especially for those looking to rent.

"There is a lot out there now," she said. "Las Cruces is a very migrant town with transfers, White Sands Missile Range and students going to the university. They can now get a really good deal."

While there are numerous rentals available, Potter said it can be difficult to agree on the price of rent, since many homeowners don't realize how flooded the renting market is currently.

"I don't beat around the bush," she said. "I need to be straightforward, especially with things like this. You have to be honest in my business or it will come back to bite you."

Potter said that while the burnout rate for property managers is three to five years, she doesn't see that happening, thanks to the relationships she has made, including those with her elderly clients who look forward to her monthly visits.

"I love that," she said. "I'm very outgoing. It's the perfect job for me."

"You have to really like what you do, and really like people and be patient, but know when to put your foot down."

Potter said that although she enjoys real estate, she has no desire to sell it.

"That's all I do is rentals and property management," she said. "I'm good at it. It's all I want to do."

With Troy currently helping her with the billing and accounting side of the business, Potter said she wants to make FRILC the go-to Las Cruces property management company.

"I'm very determined and I'm very driven," she said. "If I put my head to something, that's what I want to do."

"I want to be the best in what I do in this town. This is second nature to me."

Getting ready to garden at the Mountain View Market Seed Share

Photos by Niki Rhynes

Stan Ediger of Las Cruces pours snap pea seeds into his hand during the Seed Share held Sunday, Jan. 30 at Mountain View Market.



John Palmer writes down the names of the seeds he gathered at the Seed Share.



The Seed Share offered a wide variety for participants to choose from to encourage residents to grow their own produce.



Jon Simmons of Local Solutions describes to Esther Armijo the best way to grow lettuce.

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Tax incentives are still available to purchase solar panels and homeowners have several programs from which to choose.

This is a great year for solar

Tax incentives make PV system a must have



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The solar installers here in Las Cruces experienced a mad rush at the end of 2010 from homeowners across the valley wanting to cash in on the incentives and tax credits before the New Year. Many were concerned the tax credits were ending,

and the incentives were diminishing.

I am excited to report the tax credits are still with us, and the other incentives remain strong for 2011. With this stability, most are projecting a terrific year for solar here in the Mesilla Valley.

To help you join the fun of watching your electric meter run backward, I will explain each incentive and its role in making solar one of the best home improvement investments for 2011.

Here is how the different programs work:

No gross receipts or sales tax

When you have a solar photovoltaic (PV) system installed on your home or business, the entire cost of the system, including installation, is exempt from tax. We hope this tax-free status will continue through this year but its future is uncertain.

No property tax

At some point after your system is installed and you enjoy your electric meter running backward, a property tax bill will arrive with a pleasant surprise: The addition of a solar PV system will have no impact on your assessment.

State tax credit (10 percent)

A 10-percent, dollar-for-dollar tax credit helps offset the complete installation cost of a new solar PV system. According to current law, this credit is in effect until 2016, but that could change this year. If you are thinking solar, you'll not want to miss this.

Federal tax credit (30 percent)

In addition to the 10-percent state tax credit, you also receive a 30-percent federal tax credit. This tax credit also has a dollar-for-dollar value and can be carried forward until 2016.

Many homeowners who waited until the year's end to purchase their system were disappointed to learn that the last-minute rush had pushed installation dates into the following tax year. Because overwhelming demand can also drive up prices, consider purchasing your system earlier in the year.

Net metering

This state law requires the utility to give you credit for the electricity your system generates. When your solar PV system makes electricity, you get to use it. This is a true cost-saving plan. For example, if your solar PV system generated 50 percent of the electricity used by your home in the last billing period, then your electric bill was cut in half.

The net metering program works in conjunction with the Renewable Energy Certificate program to double the value of the electricity your system generates.

Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

This program works in conjunction with the net metering program to practically double the value of every kilowatt-hour your system generates. With the REC program, a second meter is installed at your home. This meter measures all the electricity generated by your solar PV system, and you are paid either 12 cents or 15.5 cents per kilowatt-hour, depending on the size of your system.

Now is the time! As you read back through this article, you'll see I've described five programs that crush the cost of making your own electricity with a solar PV system. The best news is you aren't limited to choosing one or two programs. Right now you benefit from all five! But some of the state programs may change with the 2011 legislative session in Santa Fe. I'll address any changes in future columns.

Powering your home with a solar PV system makes good dollars and sense today. When you power your home with the sun, you stimulate the local economy while simultaneously improving the environment. As a result of these programs, 100 percent of your investment is returned to you in less than 10 years. It's a savings plan that benefits everyone!

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A window to efficiency

Select frame, glass before beginning remodeling project

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles that examine different remodeling options for a home.

As homeowners look for ways to update and improve their humble abodes, many focus on the aesthetics of the residence.

While beautifying a home can up its appeal and comfort, renovations can also be made to increase its efficiency. One of the best ways to do this is with new windows.

"Windows are the one place people lose most of their energy," said Ben Rawson of Rawson Builders Supply. "Some homes still use single-pane windows. Double-pane windows are not only more energy efficient, but they're also quieter."

Rawson said windows have received more attention lately, with December 2010 being the company's highest month for window replacements. Although Rawson said many were trying to take advantage of federal tax credits before they expired Jan. 1, lesser incentives still make installing updated windows a smart choice for consumers.

When selecting a new window for the home, there are several things to consider.

Selecting frames and hardware

Choosing the right window starts at the frame, which comes in three types – aluminum, vinyl and wood.

The least expensive and most common frame material is aluminum. Although inexpensive, Rawson said there are several drawbacks to this material, including that it isn't a solid color, so if cut, the metal will show.

"The sun heats the frame, and that heat comes into the house," he said.

Jed Despina of Subcon said there is an aluminum thermal break frame that won't transfer heat and cold, but it adds to the costs.

Next is vinyl, which has recently dropped in price, making it more competitive with aluminum, Rawson said. Because the

material is made out of a solid piece of plastic, it won't transfer heat and is the same color all the way through, he said.

While vinyl has a limited color selection, Rawson said manufacturers are now fabricating vinyl frames that are one color on the exterior and another on the interior.

Despins said that although it's the most popular frame selection, vinyl isn't a structural frame, meaning it can't hold weight and has to be installed differently than other windows.

"Vinyl does expand and contract differently than aluminum," he said, adding that the material is sensitive to chemicals, a characteristic homeowners need to consider when cleaning.

"The window can move up and down," Rawson said. "If the sides bow in or bow out, it won't operate properly."

The last option is a wood – or wood clad – frame, which is more expensive and requires more upkeep.

"You have to take care of it," Rawson said. "The sun in our area eats wood up."

He said in addition to not transferring heat, a benefit of wood is the range of colors in which it comes, and higher-end hardware usually accompanies it.

Rawson added that when selecting a frame it's important to think about the hardware, which includes sliding mechanisms. Although brass generally lasts longer, he said there are now plastic options that work smoother and are stronger.

Knowing your glass

When it comes to glass, Rawson said there are several possibilities.

While clear glass is the most basic, many homeowners are incorporating low-e, which is a sprayed-on or painted coating between the layers of glass that reflects light and UV rays, causing less heat to be absorbed.

"It's required in Texas," Rawson said of the green material, adding that soon, it will also be required in New Mexico.

He added that there is also low-e glass with a blue tint to reflect even more light. For even more energy efficiency, almost to the point of overkill, Rawson said homeowners can purchase argon-filled glass, a popular option before the tax incentives expired.



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Quality hardware is important to consider when selecting new windows for the home.

"Argon-filled glass is the biggest trend right now," said Despina, adding that a problem with argon-filled glass is that owners can't tell if the gas escapes.

Another drawback to argon-filled glass, Rawson said, is that it can break in higher elevations, so it must be specially made for areas at 4,000 feet and then again for locations at 7,000 feet.

Although these types of glass can be cleaned like normal, Rawson said that if condensation collects in the glass, the homeowner will have to get a new unit.

"At that point, there is nothing you can do," he said.

In addition to efficiency, Rawson said a homeowner should consider the overall style of the window.

"They need to think about what fits the house best and what fits them," he said.

The right installation

Rawson said beyond frame, hardware and glass, there are several important aspects homeowners need to consider before remodeling their windows.

"They need to consider who is standing behind the window," he said, explaining that this includes the window manufacturer and retailer. "A good, quality installation is very important."

If not properly installed, the window will leak, causing the home to lose energy. Also important are warranties.

"If the glass fails, who pays for it?" Despina asked. "Some companies have a one-year warranty, some have a lifetime warranty."

Costing on average \$400 to \$500 per window replacement, this renovation option is a large financial commitment, which is why Despina said most homeowners choose to replace one window at a time.

Another trick to defray costs, Rawson said a homeowner can install low-e windows on the south side of their home, which receives large amounts of sunlight, and clear windows on the north side.

Africanized honeybees are back

This public threat needs to be taken seriously

Africanized honeybees, or so-called killer bees, have posed a serious public threat in the United States since being discovered in Texas in October 1990.

Known for their extremely aggressive behavior – there are documented cases of fatal attacks on human beings and animals – killer bees were accidentally released from research hives in Brazil in 1956. In the years since, they have slowly spread through South and Central America, Mexico, and in the last decade have begun to appear in the United States – specifically here in southern New Mexico as well as Arizona, Texas and California. There have been reports of unusually high activity in Arizona at this time and they may be moving east.

As anyone who has seen them in action can tell you, there's nothing cute about Africanized bees. In fact, it's almost impossible to tell an Africanized bee apart from the regular honeybees we're accustomed to seeing in our yards. What distinguishes killer bees is their aggressiveness, i.e. their touchiness. The slightest vibration, odor or movement near a colony is interpreted as an attack, and they come after you with the relentlessness of kamikazes, chasing you for much greater distances than a swarm of angry, European honeybees.

Most people see bees in one of four situations:

- **On or around flowers** – Honeybees are familiar sights buzzing about petals or bulbs, collecting pollen and

nectar, and pollinating flowers as well.

- **Around water** – Honeybees need water to survive, so particularly during the dry seasons they'll help themselves to swimming pools, coolers, dog bowls, etc., occasionally becoming a nuisance. But honeybees near water and flowers are rarely a real problem and will sting only in self-defense.
- **In swarms** – A swarm of honeybees is created when a hive gets too crowded and half of the bees leave with a queen to look for a new home. As many as 5,000 bees may make up a swarm. Both European and Africanized bees may swarm while looking to build a nest, temporarily taking over a tree branch or some similar site. Because there is no nest to defend, regular honeybees are less defensive while swarming.
- **In nests** – Bees look for cavities to build their nests – a hole in a tree, for example. A nest that is managed by a beekeeper is called a hive. An unmanaged nest is called a colony.

What homeowners need to be on guard against, particularly homeowners in the region and other states, are wild colonies of Africanized bees. When killer bees decide to take up residence in a rain gutter, appliance duct or in the eave of a roof, homeowners and their family members can be subjected to the serious threat of injury if and when the bees attack.

While European honey bees tend to



Barry Murray
The Bug Guy

swarm in the spring months, Africanized bees, known to inhabit warmer states with tropical weather patterns, swarm and move their nests all 12 months, making prevention a year-round concern.

Some tips on what to do if swarming bees attack and/or suddenly appear include:

- Let experts handle and remove hives, as advised by the local fire department.
- Don't handle the hive on your own, call an exterminator and a beekeeper.
- If attacked, run as quickly and as far from the bees as possible.
- Don't flail or swing arms.
- Call 911 if someone has multiple stings and/or has an allergic reaction.

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Touring Casas de Antaño

Historic homes at the center of MVP event

By **Beth Sitzler**
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To celebrate the vast history and architectural treasures found in the area, Mesilla Valley Preservation (MVP) Inc. presents a tour of historic homes from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

The tour, titled Casas de Antaño, Houses of Yesteryear, will feature three Las Cruces buildings and four Mesilla residences that showcase the newly formed nonprofit's mission.

"We began a little over a year ago with the mission to preserve the architectural legacy of the Mesilla Valley," said MVP President Eric Liefeld, adding that the group was founded by residents who live or run a business located in an historic building.

While preservation organizations are common in several communities, Liefeld said it's especially important for the Mesilla Valley.

"The valley has lost so much historic architecture, but we still have a lot," he said. "It's hard to tell the story of a community without that context."

An example of this history is New Mexico State University, most of which was designed by famed architect Henry Trost.

"You can see the story of the university through its architecture," he said. "The tour is within that mission of drawing attention to homes and increasing appreciation and awareness

of historic homes."

Wenda Trevathan, tour coordinator, said Casas de Antaño was inspired by other historic tours held in communities throughout the state.

"We were so impressed with the houses on these tours, and we thought that we also have wonderful homes in the Mesilla Valley," she said. "You don't have to go to Santa Fe to see historic homes."

After a brainstorming session, Trevathan said the 12 MVP board members selected seven homes that reflect its goal of showing various styles that have been changed and preserved throughout the years.

"Change is a part of all of the houses on the tour," Liefeld said. "There is a lot of perception about an old house and what that means. I think this tour will show that change can take place, but that it's change in a certain way. It saves what's precious and retains those things that are important."

Wanting to show different styles commonly found in the Mesilla Valley, Trevathan said Casas de Antaño will include not only well-known historic properties, but also some "very ordinary homes" that are also worth preserving.

"It's not just preserving history, but preserving homes from all walks of life," she said. "The important thing is these are all very livable houses."

"Some of the homes are truly historic in the true meaning

of the word in that the home houses some sort of historic character," Liefeld said.

In Las Cruces, the tour will visit the Rynerson House, 266 W. Court Ave.; the Frenger House, 331 W. Las Cruces Ave.; and Phillips Chapel CME Church, 638 N. Tornillo St.

Built within the Queen Anne style, the Rynerson House is currently owned by Jud Wright, who uses the adobe property as his residence and business location.

"It's a neat example of a home that has a lot of truly original features," said Liefeld, adding that the home's owners have worked to preserve its integrity.

The Frenger House, which was built in 1887, was originally designed as a Victorian home, but, as with several area buildings, its style dramatically changed over the years to fit the owner's tastes. It now reflects a Pueblo revival style commonly found in New Mexico.

Phillips Chapel, built in 1911 to serve the city's African-American population, is a one-room adobe structure at the center of a massive conservation and preservation project. In addition to concerned citizens, Doña Ana Community College has played a major role in the effort.

In Mesilla, the tour will visit the McDowell Farm House, 3380 McDowell Road; the Padilla House, 2302 Calle de Santiago; the Reynolds/Chavez/Fountain House, 2250 Calle de Picacho; and the Bermudez Home Place, 2008 Calle de El Paso.

A Sears catalog kit home, the McDowell Farm House was erected in 1909 and reflects a style more common with the Midwest or East Coast. A great example of how a historic home can be changed to fit new needs, the home is currently being renovated to add a porch.

"You can make a house fit you," Liefeld said.

The Padilla House, also built in the 1900s, includes a casita and has recently undergone rehabilitation to stabilize walls and update all of its systems.

A well-known historic home, the Reynolds/Chavez/Fountain residence was built in the territorial style on a grand scale not usually seen in the area. Featuring two stories, the house includes a central hallway with four main rooms spouting off.

"It's a unique house," Liefeld said. "It was built right after the Civil War when Mesilla merchants had affluence. These large homes were unusual."

The Bermudez home also features the territorial style and was restored in the late 1990s.

Located at each home will be a MVP representative to provide information about the nonprofit, as well as the homeowner and those involved with the structure's preservation projects. Trevathan said NMSU history and anthropology students will also be on hand as docents.

"Visitors can go at their own pace," said Trevathan, adding that tickets, which include a booklet with a map, can be purchased at each location for a \$15 donation. "We think people like to see houses. They're curious about them."

Ultimately, the duo said the goal of the tour is to educate the public about preservation and conservation.

"We hope people with old homes will come and learn about how to correctly preserve their home," Trevathan said.

Working to be a resource for the community, as well as connecting homeowners to experts, MVP hopes the tour will be developed into an annual event.

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Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales	8	1	1
New Homes			

Closed Sales Existing Homes	43	10	4
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Pending Home Sales (All)	160	158	175
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	164	94	127

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$142,500	n/a	\$375,000

Median Price Existing	\$185,297	\$172,500	\$241,250
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,062	1,036	1,213

Real Estate Agents	406	406	448
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"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Getting ready for Valentine's Day

Spicy recipes perfect for the one you love

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this thought of love
rises with the moon*

— Don Miller, Las Cruces

Pucker up Las Cruces! Valentine's Day is just a few smooches away. Don't be left out in the cold. On the big day, cozy up with your significant other — plan a romantic candlelit dinner, and for the grand finale? Dessert, of course!

Teasin' Tartlets, Makin' Whoopie Mini Pies, Goopy Strawberry Serrano Poppers, Kissin' Sauce or Be My Little Habanero-Hot Cheesecake ought to do it! Luscious. Delicious. Sizzling. Be ready. Be mine. Happy Valentine's Day, chile heads!

Teasin' Tartlets (Strawberry Cream)

This recipe calls for heart-shaped tartlet tins, but mini-muffin trays can be substituted.

Strawberry cream:

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 teaspoon habanero powder
1 (8-ounce) carton Cool Whip
2 cups fresh strawberries, chopped

Combine softened cream cheese, habanero powder, Cool Whip and strawberries in large mixing bowl until well blended. Pour into prepared heart-shaped tartlet crusts. Chill for at least 1 hour before filling into prepared mini-tart pastry "cups."

Shortbread tarts:

1 cup butter, softened
3 tablespoons and 1 teaspoon light brown sugar
3 tablespoons and 1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Using your hands, mix butter, brown sugar, white sugar and flour together in a large bowl. Squeeze and work dough until it holds together.

Chill slightly, enough so the butter solidifies again. Take a small chunk and place it into each mini tart. Press and form the dough all the way up to the edge.

Chill for 2 hours. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly brown around the edges. Keep an eye on them after 8 minutes or so. Depending how thick the dough is, the baking time will vary. Do not burn! Let cool slightly and make an indentation with the back of a teaspoon. Cool completely. Fill with strawberry cream. Makes about 20 to 24 mini tarts.

Serving suggestion: Using a sharp knife cut whole strawberries into heart shapes to garnish each tart.



Be My Little Habanero-Hot Cheesecake

This recipe has been tweaked several times by several "chefs." This particular recipe calls for 3 habaneros, however, I recommend 1 habanero.

Crust:

1 1/2 cups of graham crackers ground into crumbs
Pinch of salt
1/3 cup melted butter

Filling:

3 habanero peppers
2 tablespoons sugar plus 1 cup of sugar (If using 1 habanero, reduce to 1 1/2 teaspoons)
3 (8-ounce packages) cream cheese
Pinch of salt
4 eggs
2 tablespoons heavy cream
1 lime, zested
1 very juicy lime or 2 less juicy limes, juiced

Preheat oven to broil. Make the crust, mix the crumbs and salt together in a small bowl, then add butter and stir to mix. Set aside 1/4 cup crumbs for topping. Press the rest into the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan.

Roast the habaneros on a cookie sheet on center rack in oven, turning often until all sides are blistered. (Warning: Wear rubber gloves. Avoid contact with eyes. Beware of fumes.) Once blistered, remove from oven with tongs. Place on a cutting board. Steam 10 minutes under a towel. Cool. When they are cool enough to handle, peel, stem and seed the habaneros. Add habaneros and 2 tablespoons of sugar to a food processor. Process into a coarse paste.

In a bowl, whip the cream cheese, then add remaining sugar and salt. Beat in the eggs 1 at a time. Add the heavy cream and blend. Beat in the lime zest and limejuice. Add the

habanero paste and beat until well mixed. Pour into the crust, and then gently tap the pan to level the filling. Sprinkle the reserved crumbs on top. Bake for approximately 1 hour or until the cheesecake pulls away from the edge of the pan. Remove from the oven and allow to set for 20 minutes. Wrap and keep in the refrigerator overnight.

Goopy Strawberry Serrano Poppers

The combination of serrano peppers and strawberries is both sweet and spicy.

1 serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and finely chopped
24 strawberries, hulled
1/4 cup cream cheese, softened
1/2 teaspoon lime juice
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 tablespoon cilantro

Wash strawberries and pat dry. Hollow out strawberries with a spoon.

In a mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, serrano, lime juice and chili powder. Stuff strawberries with the cheese mixture. Dip cheese end of strawberry into cilantro. Refrigerate one hour and serve! (Recipe adapted from jalapenomadness.com.)

Making Whoopie with Mini Pies

These got rave reviews from a friend who made them.

Chocolate cakes:

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tablespoon medium-hot red chile powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup vegetable shortening
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

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2 large eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup milk

Filling:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 cups marshmallow crème
1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 2 large baking sheets; set aside. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa, baking soda, red chile powder, cream of tartar and salt; set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the shortening and granulated sugar. Beat in the eggs and the 2 teaspoons vanilla. Alternately add the flour mixture and milk, beating until fully combined.

Drop dough by tablespoons 2 inches apart onto prepared baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until darker around the edges and firm to the touch. Transfer cakes to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the filling, beat together the butter and confectioners sugar. Beat in the marshmallow crème and the 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Spoon about 1 tablespoon filling onto the bottom of a cake. Press the bottom of a second cake against filling to make a sandwich. Repeat with remaining cakes and filling. To store, layer whoopie pies between sheets of waxed paper in an airtight container and refrigerate for up to 2 days. Makes 24. (Recipe adapted from "The Deen Brothers Cook Cookbook," Wiley, John & Sons, Inc., April 3, 2007.)

Yours Truly Kissin' Sauce for French Vanilla Ice Cream

3 ounces semisweet chocolate, broken into pieces
1 tablespoon New Mexico red chile powder or to taste
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon water
2 tablespoons Kahlua
2 tablespoons butter

Combine chocolate, red chile powder, sugar, water and Kahlua in top of double boiler. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until smooth and melted. Remove and stir in butter, a bit at a time, until smooth. Let cool and keep in refrigerator. To use, heat in a microwave about 10 to 15 seconds at a time until warm. Pour desired amount over ice cream. (Recipe from Las Cruces Don Miller and adapted from the "Totally Chocolate Cookbook" by Helene Siegle and Karen Gillingham.)

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