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Senate panel approves bill

Local wilderness legislation ready for floor vote

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Controversy surrounding a bill to create wilderness areas in Doña Ana County didn't deter a key U.S. Senate committee from passing it unanimously and clearing the way for it to be voted on by the full Senate.

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act, which must also pass the House and be signed by the president, would designate 241,400 acres as wilderness and 99,150 acres as National Conservation Areas (NCA).

The Energy and Natural Resources Committee, chaired by New Mexico U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, approved the bill Wednesday, July 21. Bingaman and fellow New Mexico U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, both Democrats, are sponsors of the bill.

Bingaman's office noted that the committee is made up of 13 Democrats and 10 Republicans, which wilderness supporters say reflect bipartisan support for the legislation.

Locally, the division between supporters and proponents has mostly centered on the Potrillo Mountains in the southeastern section of the county near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Acknowledging the border region's unique security challenges, Bingaman's office stated in its release on the committee's action, the legislation sets a three-mile non-wilderness "buffer area and an additional two-mile 'Restricted Use Area.'" Although the general public would be prohibited from motorized access in the area, "it will permit the Border Patrol to conduct routine patrols and construct communication and surveillance infrastructure as it would on regular multiple-use land," the release stated.

Bingaman cited a letter from a U.S. Customs official supporting the legislation. (This letter of support is discussed in a guest column on page A7.)

"Today's vote shows that collaboration
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Child Crisis Center shapes up

Construction industry takes lead in building's rehab

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

A few months ago, the former family shelter building on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus was dark and cluttered with storage items. Today, the future home of the Child Crisis Center is brighter with fresh paint, clean rooms with carpeted floors and new toilets and appliances.

There are pieces of furniture, including a crib and some chairs. Despite the generosity shown so far by the community, much is still needed to get the center in shape for certification before it can be a refuge to children whose family crises put them at risk of neglect, abuse and even death.

That's why the Child Crisis Center will open its doors from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 25, during which people can visit and learn how they can help. The center needs more cribs, baby monitoring equipment, a baby bathtub insert, beds, changing tables, kitchenware and equipment, chairs, high chairs, carts, towels, washcloths and many other assorted items.

Still, the progress made so far is impressive, and has been made possible by support from

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Peter Barnes-Smith goes over plans for the new Child Crisis Center with Frank Holguin of Holguin Electric Co. Holguin was donating electrical work Tuesday, July 20. His company is one of many local businesses that have donated items or labor to the effort to provide a shelter for children of families in crisis. There will be an open house Sunday, July 25, at the center located on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope for people to consider donating other items essential to the center.

Resident to challenge traffic cameras

Councillors set new fine for cell phone driving violation

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

A retired Las Cruces attorney is contending that the traffic enforcement camera program is unconstitutional and is willing to go to court to throw it out if city officials won't turn them off.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation already has made the city turn off the cameras at two of the four intersections in city limits that the state has jurisdiction over, but police officials are looking at stationing cameras at other intersections in town to catch speeders and red light violators.

Anthony Avallone, the retired Las Cruces attorney who last week announced he was setting up a trust fund for the legal challenge that could become a class-action lawsuit, said the city

ought to suspend the program before the cost of refunding all the fees gets more expensive.

As he worked on preparing a legal brief Tuesday, July 20, at the law office of attorney Manuel Lopez, who is one of the trustees with resident H. Myrle Schwalm, Avallone said there are many legal issues with the program, which send civil citations with \$100 fines to violators.

Well, not violators – but to the owners of the vehicles recorded on the cameras, and Avallone said that is a crucial problem. When a vehicle's owner receives the citation in the mail, it requires the owner to say they were driving the vehicle. That violates a person's 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination, Avallone said. The only way to ensure that the driver of the vehicle is given the citation is to

have it done in person by a law officer citing the codes violated, he said.

When City Council approved the program, officials discussed that the program issues only civil citations, so the violations wouldn't count against a person's driving record. Avallone disagrees with this reasoning, as well, saying running a red light or exceeding the speed limit is still a criminal violation.

"Like the old saying, if it walks like a duck and it quacks like a duck, then it's a duck," he said. "There are criminal consequences because you are being fined."

The city ordinance for the program also allows vehicles to be confiscated if the owners refuse to pay the citations or resolve the citations in civil court. That strikes Avallone as a

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Participants in the new Center for the Arts groundbreaking ceremony, including President Barbara Couture, center, turn dirt on the future site Thursday, July 15.

Work starts on arts center

NMSU announces centennial status for future home of performing and fine arts

The New Mexico State University Center for the Arts is being designated as a centennial building for the state of New Mexico.

The announcement came at the groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, July 15, at the corner of Espina Street and University Avenue, the site of the new arts center. It will be the first building in the state to receive this designation.

"In 2012, when this center opens to the public, it will be a fitting tribute to our Land of Enchantment and reflect the distance we have come in the last 100 years," said Jon Hunner, history department head.

When completed, NMSU's Center for the Arts will gather the university's scattered arts programs in one central location, encouraging more collaborative activity and providing the community easier accessibility to the many creative endeavors on campus. Its development has been planned in collaboration with each involved department and the community.

The first phase of the Center for the Arts project is a 49,000-square-foot building containing a 500-seat performing arts theater with

a full fly loft for teaching stage craft, multi-disciplinary classrooms, rehearsal spaces, offices, galleries, laboratories and support spaces.

Ammu Devasthali, who chairs a volunteer leadership advisory committee dedicated to the project, said the Center for the Arts will be important for the entire border region.

"There is an abundance of talent in this region, and we need a venue to showcase it," Devasthali said. "Art is uplifting for everyone, especially during hard times. It does so much for the human psyche."

A true blend of public and private funding is making this possible.

"Private sector contributions are critical to bringing a project of this scope to reality," said Jill Grammer, director of development for the Center for the Arts. "Naming opportunities exist in all phases. All gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized in the finished facility."

The groundbreaking ceremony was sponsored by Wells Fargo.

Visit <http://cfa.nmsu.edu> for more information on the Center for the Arts.



New Mexico State University Regent Laura Conniff talks about what the future arts center will mean to the NMSU and Las Cruces communities.

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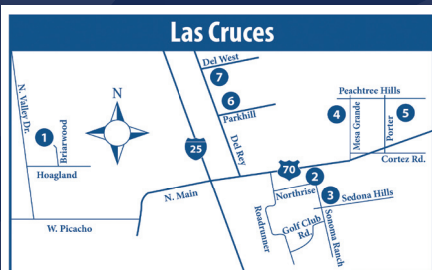
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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

On the road

Traveling back to Oklahoma with granddaughters has given us a new perspective on today's youth

After a year of planning, Jaki and I are navigating the rural roads of Oklahoma with two of our granddaughters, Emilee, 12, and Audrie, 6. The idea was that we would spend some family time with the girls and take them on the road trip to let them see firsthand some of the places that became familiar to us as we grew up in the heartland of northern Oklahoma.

We set out early Sunday morning from Las Cruces on our way to the first destination, Oklahoma City, via Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Roswell, Portales, Clovis, Amarillo, then on to Oklahoma on Interstate 40 parallel to historic Route 66.

I learned very quickly that the girls had very little interest in my valuable insight and historical perspective into the sights along the way. In fact, as soon as we left our driveway, the girls' ear buds were in place, and their DVDs were spinning, allowing them to be oblivious to any of their surroundings, especially to anything that "Poppy" had to say.

As we merged onto U.S. Highway 70 in northeast Las Cruces, Audrie expectantly asked if we were "almost there."

Then, even before we crossed the majestic Organ Mountains, the rueful words echoed from the back seat.

"I think I am going to be sick."

However, Jaki's motherly touch and soothing words, coupled with a cold, wet cloth on the forehead, eased the nausea, and all was well for the time being.

Somewhere between Alamogordo and Ruidoso, Audrie asked when we were going to get to the White Sands. Jaki told her, very patiently, that we had already passed White Sands, and that "no," we were not going to turn back to see it.

Highlight of the early morning was the breakfast stop in Ruidoso at McDonald's (certainly MY favorite place to dine). However, as soon as we were back on the road, the young ladies immersed themselves in their own little world of high-tech gadgetry.

About noon, we lunched at a little hometown café in Clovis. The verbal exchange with the waitress went something like this, "We would like to order your pot roast."

A few minutes later, the waitress returned to advise, "I am sorry, but the cook just told me that we don't serve pot roast on Sunday." We finally found some entrees that they did serve on Sunday. However, when we ordered the homemade peach cobbler from the menu, she advised, "I'm sorry, but we haven't made peach cobbler for several weeks, and, you know, everyone seems to be asking for it. But, I do have a piece of cherry cobbler left. Would you like it instead?" Oh, the realities of small town, USA.

On the way to Amarillo, the granddaughters were brought out of their techno-cocoons, with the pungent odor of the enormous cattle pens we passed between Bovina and Hereford, Texas. Must have been 50,000 or so cattle hanging out in their muddy pens, as their bodies processed the hay into what must have been millions of cubic feet of methane gas that permeated the entire atmosphere.

"EEEwww! Yuck! How do people live here?" said Emilee, to which Jaki calmly responded, "They get used to it, and besides, to the people who live there, the smell is the smell of money."

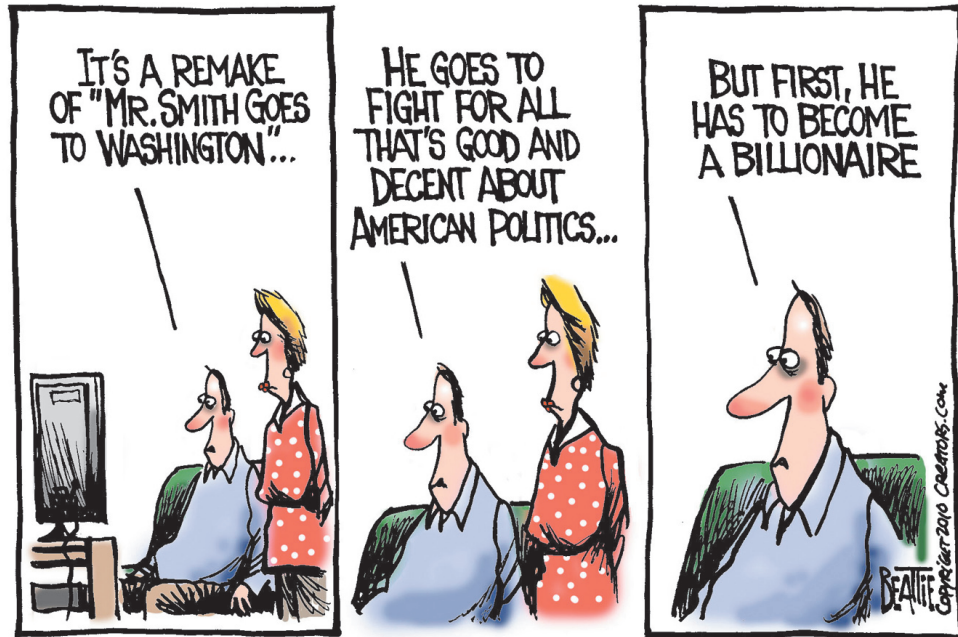
With much anticipation, we crossed the Texas panhandle border into Oklahoma, only to find the granddaughters both sound asleep and obviously unable to participate in the anticipated celebration of the border crossing.

When Audrie awoke, she immediately asked how long we had been on the road.

"Ten hours, with only two more to go," Jaki replied.

Audrie responded by saying, "If I had known it was going to take this long, I would have said 'no' to this trip and stayed home."

Makes a grandpa's heart soar like an eagle, doesn't it?



Letters to the Editor

Hispano chamber is longtime supporter of wilderness legislation

Since 2005, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces has supported wilderness protection for the Organ Mountains and other natural treasures in Doña Ana County.

We watched then U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici sow the seeds for the conservation effort we see and hear about in southern New Mexico today. Upon Sen. Domenici's retirement, U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and his staff displayed tremendous leadership in taking charge of the critical effort of protecting our mountains.

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act is the end product of hundreds of meetings, thousands of man-hours, a U.S. Senate field hearing and cooperation from a plethora of stakeholders, including the Las Cruces community. The act seeks to protect the Organ Mountains and other nearby wilderness areas.

The chamber is steadfast in its belief that such protection will bring competitive economic advantages to our community and region, helping attract new residents and new businesses alike.

In fact, various studies have shown that counties with protected public lands such as wilderness have a higher population growth, employment growth and per-capita income growth than those counties without protected public lands.

Given our tough economic times, we further believe that enacting this plan now will give our region a desperately needed economic boost, further highlighting the benefits of doing business here and strengthening our quality of life. Given this very beneficial branding opportunity and quality-of-life enhancement,

we feel it would be a mistake to further delay passage of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act.

The Hispano chamber's mission is – and always has been – to promote Las Cruces and its membership through economic development, education, community service and cultural awareness. We can't think of a better way to do it than by protecting our most treasured of natural surroundings. By partnering with like-minded organizations with shared values and beliefs, the chamber will continue to promote the wilderness areas that make our area such a beautiful place to live and do business.

Gilbert C. Apodaca
President

Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces

About our neighbors

There is a political party that has a platform plank that there be a law to make Texas a one-language state.

Aside from the possible conflict with the First Amendment there is a chance that I would have to travel through "The Pass" to go to "Christ's Body" to fish off "Father Island."

For lunch I could go to the "Sandwich Bell" and eat a "little donkey," and I could wash it down with a "Two X Beer."

If I went north, I would pass through "Yellow" Texas to get to Oklahoma. Or if I went east I could go to "Saint Anthony" to visit the historical site where Davy Crockett died and Sam Austin intoned the famous phrase that brings tears of patriotic pride – "Remember the Cottonwood."

Oh and incidentally, the FBI office would be the Federal Stack of Drawers of Investigation.

Tim Reed

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Film subsidies out of focus

Why can't state government release more information?

New Mexico lawmakers are finally getting a little closer look at film industry expenditures in New Mexico.

Earlier this month, the New Mexico Film Office revealed to the Legislature's interim Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee a breakdown by spending categories of expenses incurred by six big-ticket films shot in the state this past year.

The state Film Office Director Lisa Strout said this was a very big step for the industry because, she said, her report isn't required by other states that offer tax rebates to film productions.

Whoopee. Big deal. She said she couldn't break down costs by film and that she didn't even know which six films were included in her report.

We've already learned that national think tanks on both the left and right say that fewer than 10 states don't systematically analyze the effectiveness of tax credits. And we think we're getting more information than those 40-some states that do analyze effectiveness?

Something is screwy here. We are told there have been 141 major film and television productions filmed in New Mexico since the film production tax credit began in 2003.

Obviously, all 141 of those productions reported individually to the State of New Mexico in order to receive their tax credit. They didn't report anonymously because the state Taxation and Revenue Department had to know where to send the check for 25 percent of their allowed expenses.

When those productions report to the state, it should be a public record. Some \$65

million of taxpayer money is going to those companies.

There may be reasons why those 141 companies don't want to report how they spend their money but if they are going to receive major handouts of taxpayer money, they should be required to allow the state to reveal what is in the reports.

The state has the data lawmakers want but it had to agree not to reveal it – not to the film office director nor the Legislature, which is the ultimate decision maker about tax policy.

Sure, the film industry is a big and glamorous business and maybe it would completely leave the state, as Strout tells us, if the tax credit were to be repealed.

But there is middle ground. We could scale back the \$25 we give the industry every time it reports \$100 of expenditures. That would help us determine if state government claims are true that it is the tremendous service we deliver to film companies and not our beautiful scenery that brings the film production to New Mexico.

Or we could start requiring film industry agreement that more information can be released. This release of additional information earlier this month happened as a result of Gov. Bill Richardson implementing a new policy last September requiring film companies to agree to the release.

In fairness, there are reports that a few states offer even higher credits than the 25 percent New Mexico offers. But it is difficult to believe the film industry is powerful enough to get big rebates without agreeing to make any information available to the public.

“Something is screwy here.”

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



It has also been revealed that two of the 27 business tax credits aimed at stimulating economic growth are being analyzed to determine their effectiveness by tracking dollars and economic impact. They are the Job Training Incentive Program and the Small Business Assistance Program.

On two items we know our two gubernatorial candidates agree. They are the need for tracking the use of tax incentives for their effectiveness and the imposition of no new taxes. If state revenue projections in August turn

out as dismal as predicted by some legislative leaders, we may need to have some very tough looks at tax credits, exemptions and deductions.

Current governors across the nation are busy trying to convince the White House and Congress to give another economic stimulus boost to the states. New Mexico already has \$200 million of stimulus funds figured into its budget.

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Letter to the Editor

The tea party is misrepresented

In the June 25 edition of the Las Cruces Bulletin, Michael Walsh used a theme of the government as a form of parents. He described the tea party movement as an infantile temper tantrum. Using his same idea of government in the form of parents, I would propose that the tea party movement is more analogous to that young, 20-something-year-old college graduate that just can't wait to make his mark in

the world. But no, his parents (the government) are overprotective and want to control his every move and decision, dictating to him what he can and cannot do, never allowing this adult the freedom to make decisions for himself.

By the way, when he collects his paycheck, whether he lives with his parents or not, he has to turn it over to his parents who surely know best what he should do with his own money.

Sounds ridiculous? Just open your eyes and look around.

Greg Goldblatt

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The contamination of NM

State's dependence on oil and gas leads to a choice: A clean environment or a good education system

By **Michael Swickard**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Opponents of the New Mexico oil industry would have you believe that life in New Mexico hangs by a thread due to the potential disasters tied to oil exploration, development and production. Further, they insist that the state government must increase the rules on drilling or the water, air and land of New Mexico will be worthless for generations.

Not true.

However, once New Mexico was very contaminated, and it has taken decades for that pollution to abate. This pollution was not by oil, it was plutonium. No one seems to remember this.

The first atomic explosion was a test of an implosion-design plutonium device code named The Gadget. It was set off at Trinity Site roughly between Socorro and Carrizozo, N.M., July 16, 1945.

There was one aspect that surprised scientists. The explosion stirred the landscape below the 100-foot tower and then spewed this toxic material into the atmosphere while subsequent rains flushed it down the Tularosa Basin and the Rio Grande Valley.

The plutonium acted upon generations of unknowing New Mexicans. When the U.S. dropped the two devices on Japan they used an "air-burst" method at about 2,000 feet to keep from really contaminating these areas. Lots of good that did New Mexico.

The general response to concerns about plutonium contamination from our government was, "We beat the Japanese, what do you want?"

I would like to know if it was worth making New Mexicans sick.

The current phobia about oil contamination pales in comparison to our plutonium contamination. And any contamination by the oil industry must be weighed with the benefits. We can do away with all of the oil contamination from cars, trucks, roads, roof repairs, etc. But what about the value of having paved roads, inexpensive mobility, goods and services

brought to New Mexico?

Right now the state is in a flutter due to too much spending and not enough resources. Public school teachers are being fired. So the question should be: The pristine nature of the Otero Mesa is a political ideal, how attractive is that ideal if generations of New Mexico students get a lesser education?

Likewise, there is a "pit rule" oil people say makes New Mexico less competitive. The decision to develop an oil field is made on four factors: first, the current and projected value of crude oil, secondly; the projected amount and quality of the crude oil in that field; thirdly, the cost of developing, drilling and bringing into production the wells, and, finally, the amount of hassle it takes to do this business.

More rigs will start when the price of crude oil reaches \$100 a barrel and no rigs will even pump if it falls to \$10 a barrel. More to the point: If the ease and cost of drilling is better in one state, it will attract more drillers.

The drillers are not married to New Mexico, there are many other places for them to go, but New Mexico is tied to oil and gas to fund their public schools. The rigs may just go somewhere else and New Mexico is the poorer.

The environmentalists may say, "good riddance," however, what about New Mexico's school children? They are very dependent upon the revenue that oil and gas brings to our state.

They can have absolutely clean water, air and pristine land, but their schooling may become financially damaged. So, how much pollution of ground water is acceptable if zero tolerance removes the funding for all New Mexico public schools? A tough question we must ask.

Know this: For truly pristine air and water the nation must stop using oil products. New Mexico would lose all of that revenue but have ultimate clean. Would it be worth it?

On this 65th anniversary (July 16) of the contamination of New Mexico by plutonium maybe we should worry about real contamination rather than political anti-business environmental ideals. What is best for our children?

Michael Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

Letters to the Editor

Fireman does good deed

I phoned our Las Cruces Fire Department station No. 5 to inquire about unused fireworks. Due to the danger of spontaneous combustion, I did not want to keep them. "Bro" at the station advised me that fireworks can be disposed of at station No. 1 across from the Branigan Library. Then he went the extra mile by offering to take mine at station No. 5 since he would be at No. 1.

Saved me a longer trip and maybe our house as well. Thanks, Las Cruces Fire Department!

Kate Schultz

Kars for Kids thank you

On Saturday, June 19, the Las Cruces Kiwanis Community Foundation hosted the 11th annual "Kars for Kids" Car Show at Young Park. With the support of the following sponsors: Jack Pumphrey Arts, Bravo Mic Communications, El Paso Electric Co., the Las Cruces Sun-News, Newman Outdoor Advertising, Pic Quik, La Posta, Kohls and the Pepsi Beverage Company, the event was deemed a huge success. The proceeds from this event will help Kiwanis provide educational and improved health opportunities for the children of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

A special thanks also goes to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and Wal-Mart for sponsoring our second Annual Kids Fishing Clinic. The special gleam in the eyes of the youngsters who cast their line, whether they caught a fish or not, is not one we will soon forget. Additionally, we would be remiss if we didn't thank the car show participants and the general public for attending this event, and the numerous businesses who donated prizes for our raffles. The children at Jardin de Los Niños, First Step and the Child Crisis Center are grateful for your continued support and generosity.

Kiwanis has been a thriving part of the Las Cruces community for 84 years. To learn more about what we do as Kiwanians, and how you too can make a difference in the lives of the children in our community, come be our guest at one of our weekly meetings at 5:30 p.m. each Monday at International House of Pancakes.

Debra Melcher

Have you heard of pre-diabetes?

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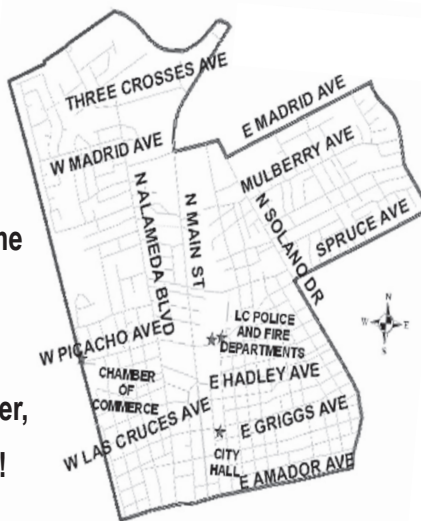
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Guest Column

Rancher wilderness views remain unheeded

Border security issues still a significant problem

By **Jerry G. Schickedanz**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In the July 9 edition of the Las Cruces Bulletin, Don Patterson, vice president of the local chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, wrote a guest column titled "Wilderness bill will improve border security." His sub-heading of "Opponents offer nothing but excuses" was directed toward the organization of People for Preserving Our Western Heritage (PFPOWH).

I am also a wilderness supporter. I support wilderness designations that adhere to the wilderness criteria as outlined in the 1964 Wilderness Act that established New Mexico's Gila Wilderness.

If the land doesn't meet those criteria, then let's protect the new land under different criteria and not degrade the image of unspoiled wilderness. PFPOWH repeated that request in the hearing in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6, 2009, and many times since. On the PFPOWH homepage it clearly states, "We support permanently preserving and protecting the Organ Mountains and the special areas in our country."

Patterson implied that the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act (S.1689) would "enhance" the security of the border. He quoted a June 1 letter from Alan Bersin, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, but he did not include the full quote and, consequently, misrepresented the full meaning and intent of the statement. The complete quote is, "The provisions of this bill, including your recent changes to address the operational needs of the Border Patrol, would significantly enhance the flexibility of CBP to operate in this border area."

Border Patrol restricted

The accurate interpretation of that statement is that S.1689 will "significantly enhance" the "flexibility" to "operate" in the proposed "Restricted Use Area" of the Potrillo Mountain Wilderness. It says nothing about the "security" of the border.

The 1964 Wilderness Act clearly states, "there shall be no temporary

road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats, no landing of aircraft, no other form of mechanical transport and no structure or installation within any such area." It is very plain that Border Patrol cannot operate freely in a federally designated wilderness area without either an exception or waiver to the act.

There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CBP and the Department of Interior (2006) that will allow for entry into the area under hot pursuit. It does not allow for routine proactive, preemptive patrol, except by horseback or on foot. It is also important to recognize that a MOU has no legal standing to override federal law.

The writer further states that it is reported "very little illegal immigration occurs in the county and Potrillo Mountains." But we must understand why this phenomenon may be happening. The Potrillos have been in a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) designation since 1982. Wilderness proponents often refer to WSAs as "temporary wilderness" and state that the areas are "managed the same as wilderness." That is blatantly untrue.

These WSAs are managed under the Interim Management Policy for Lands under Wilderness Review, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 1979. This policy quotes Section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) to "manage the study areas so as to not impair their suitability for preservation as wilderness." The lands are to be managed under the "non-impairment concept" which states that "existing facilities/uses which did not disqualify the area from wilderness inventory may remain." This means that activities which were occurring at the time of WSA designation such as routine border patrols, use of current roads and routine maintenance of improvements by ranchers could continue to take place until Congress acts to place the area into a wilderness designation. Border Patrol and law enforcement activities are currently able to keep illegal activity in check in the Potrillo

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Mountains and, thus, one explanation for the low apprehensions.

The following is a quote from a June 18, 2010 letter to PFPOWH from Alan Bersin, commissioner CBP. Bersin states, "The U.S. Border Patrol ... supports the creation of wilderness areas where they do not negatively impact the ability to protect America at its borders. However, when wilderness designations are in enforcement areas, they can substantially affect the ability to conduct necessary daily operations and limit the construction of infrastructure." Bersin makes it clear that he recognizes the impacts of wilderness designation on routine patrols, constructing infrastructure and other routine operations.

Patterson also states "if we don't pass the bill, we are allowing the objection of an extreme few, like Tom Cooper." Cooper is a member of the PFPOWH coalition with a membership of more than 800 businesses and organizations with endorsement from many professionals and leading community organizations. That hardly qualifies as an "extreme few," especially when compared to the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance published coalition of less than 200 business and organizations.

Patterson states that during a local forum, the wilderness opponents stated flatly that "we should not have protected lands within 100 miles of the border." Such a statement was never made. The accurate quote from the National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers is that they are "opposed to wilderness

designation within 100 miles of the border." They support other means of land protection that does not exclude routine Border Patrol and other law enforcement activities. There is, in this regard, a significant difference between federal wilderness and other protective land designations.

Concerns unheard

Ranchers have been "talked to," but it is abundantly clear they have not been "listened to." The referenced meetings resulted in a large element of dissatisfaction by ranchers. For example, at a meeting with Bingaman's staff and Dudley Williams, rancher in the Potrillos, Williams requested to be allowed to use a current road that crosses the ranch east-west through the middle of his ranch. He stated that if the road was closed, he would have an approximately 150-mile round trip by vehicle to fully inspect his ranch.

The staff person replied "that they were not concerned about rancher convenience." A compromise could have been made by cherry-stemming the road and making two adjacent wilderness areas. The staff did this for hunters by cherry-stemming out a road and creating the White Thorn and Cinder Cone Wilderness. However, no such concession or compromise was made for the rancher.

Furthermore, the most recent reversions to S.1689 grant exclusive use of an east-west road through the center of the ranch to the Border Patrol. However, the rancher's request was again ignored. The staff's verbal response and resulting action taken in S.1689 hardly leads to good feelings about the proponents' "outstretched hand."

Token compromise

Patterson's article further states, "no form of protection of the Potrillo Mountains would satisfy ... the opponents." PFPOWH has been on record numerous times stating that we support the recommendations of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Their recommendations to Sens. Bingaman and Tom Udall include wilderness for the Organs, Robledos and the Las Uvas. They asked for a different

designation for the Potrillos area that would have a less restrictive access provision and a different designation for Broad Canyon because of flood control issues. What supposed compromise have the wilderness proponents backed? Only the token buffer strip along the southern border of the Potrillo Mountains area. They are unwilling to consider any protective land use designation other than federal wilderness which leaves no room for compromise from their position beyond minimal "boundary adjustments."

Patterson implies that we have stooped to name-calling, but we have only reported facts that we have seen in print and actions by certain individuals who are proponents of wilderness. The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance (NMWA) in their Summer 2007 newsletter had an article on the founding board members of NMWA. The article stated that "Dave Foreman provided many, if not most, of the philosophical underpinnings that guided the work of NMWA." Foreman was a founder of NMWA and was listed on the Board of Directors through 2005. He also cofounded the radical environmental group EarthFirst. He wrote the book "EcoDefense A Field Guide to Monkey Wrenching" and has been arrested by the FBI on conspiracy charges for eco-terrorist activities, to which he pleaded guilty.

Unbiased forum sought

I could devote many more pages of comments regarding the assertions in the guest column by Patterson, but will conclude with this: we would encourage Bingaman and Udall to have an open and unbiased public forum without limiting the input from those in our community on land protection designations for Doña Ana County. Let's find out what local citizens actually see as the issues, and what local citizens want in the way of land protection.

Our organization would welcome an honest dialogue on the issues with everyone at the table to hammer out a grassroots land protection bill that can be supported by our community instead of the land lockup bill we currently have before us.

Jerry G. Schickedanz is chairman of People for Preserving Our Western Heritage.

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Many of us use references to help make decisions, confirm our beliefs, or for inspiration. Books (or online versions) like the "Statistical Abstract of the United States," the "Merck Veterinary Manual," the Bible, the "Angus Herd Sire Registry" or the "Congressional Directory."

A recent acquisition for my audio parody library is a CD titled "The Udder Side," composed, recorded and made available by Judy Williams at judyntom@ixi.net. It contains such titles as the dystocia calf's lament, "Take These Chains From My Parts and Set Me Free!"; the grafted calf's favorite "She Can't Kick Me Now 'Cause Mama's Tied!" and the spring-drive theme song, "Don't You Ever Get Tired of Herding Me!"

Williams surely must be a cow psychologist, the way she can see inside their thinking. Since we all have global warming

on our minds because the press and the Algorites keep pointing to cows as a major producer of greenhouse gasses, her song about Vegan F... Flatulations was spot on.

It seems to me that most of the urban animal rights activists, Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club zealots and politically correct Luddites proclaim themselves vegetarians.

It is a trade-off to maintain credibility. I mean, if you want to remove all trace of humans in the wilderness, release endangered wolves in downtown Beverly Hills or Detroit, and think eating ice cream, cheese, hamburgers, spare ribs and chicken wings is tantamount to murder, then it is a sacrifice they should make.

However, there is a corner they have backed themselves into that must give them consternation.

I would assume that omnivores (the human race) who restrict their diet to only plants might experience a change in their visceral bacterial population. Now, I don't know that as a fact. But if you've ever heard a faithful vegetarian claim that he got sick from eating broth that had been stirred with a spoon they'd used to serve the chile con carne, it might be proof that enteric conversion could happen in people.

If we accept that premise that vegetarians can actually affect their digestive system by changing their diet, then the gaseous by-products of this new abnormal digestive system would be more like that of a ruminant. Methane, for instance, is a product of the breakdown of biological material, i.e., compost heaps, land fills, wetlands, termite mounds, rice fields, burning natural gas in your home or car, and enteric fermentation. Enteric fermentation is the digestion of grass and grain inside a ruminant's rumen and vegetarian's intestines.

Assuming this to be true, then vegetarians would expel a higher level of noxious greenhouse gasses being released into the atmosphere by going "vegan."

Each of their clever commercials and celebrity endorsements would have to contain warnings. Produce departments would be required to label each fruit and vegetable with the amount of greenhouse gasses you would emit per serving. In the end, Al Gore would be selling them carbon credits from Rendezvous Barbecue, Memphis, Tenn.

Blaming others when your own house is not in order is a slippery slope.

"I refuse to take all the heat, there are some folks that don't eat meat."

"The air is blue or is it green, they are the real gas machine."
- Judy Williams, rancher.

Baxter Black may be contacted via his website at www.baxterblack.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES)
FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR)
WATER SERVICE,)
CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES,)

Case No. 2009-001 (W)

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JOINT NOTICE OF FILING OF PROPOSED FORM OF ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND ADOPTING NEW RATES FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICE

Las Cruces Utilities ("LCU") and the Ratepayer Advisory Committee (the "RAC") hereby give notice of the filing of their Proposed Form of Order Approving Stipulation and Adopting New Rates for Water Utility Service (the "Proposed Order").

LCU and the RAC request the Utilities Board to address the timing of implementation of new rates explicitly at its August 12, 2010 public meeting and to approve implementation of the new rates with October 2010 billings.

The Proposed Order and the associated Exhibits are available for public inspection on the City of Las Cruces website <http://www.las-cruces.org/utilities/jnw.pdf> and at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, during normal library hours or by contacting the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Board or the Chief Clerk's designee at the offices of the Utilities Board, 680 North Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, telephone (575) 528-3636.

ETZ applications Commission position open

Applications for an open position on the Extra Territorial Zoning Commission are being sought by the Doña Ana County Planning and Development Department.

The term of appointment will be two years. The ETZ Commission meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The ETZ Commission oversees development in a five-mile area that rings the city limits of Las Cruces. The commission reviews development sketch plans, subdivision plats, zone changes and special-use permit applications within the ETZ zone.

Applicants must be county residents who live outside the City of Las Cruces and outside the borders of the ETZ.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a résumé and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007. Deadline for all applications is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2.

For more information, call Janine Divyak at 525-6130.



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violation of the 4th Amendment, which protects people from unreasonable seizure of property. So far, however, the city has not seized any vehicles under the program.

For these reasons, the program violates a person's due-process rights, Avallone said.

The city apparently didn't consider these constitutional questions before approving the traffic camera program, Avallone said. But they occurred to him soon after his son received a traffic camera citation at one of the intersections that the state shut down.

Also, the appeal process puts all the burden of proof on the person being charged, which flies in the face of the court system putting the burden of proof on the prosecutor, Avallone said.

Avallone said he tried talking to city officials before going public about his concerns, but they refused because he had threatened litigation.

If the city doesn't end the program, then a court judge could agree with his argument and throw out the program, which Avallone said could happen with his son's civil court appeal, or it could come in the form of a class-action lawsuit. Avallone said he is confident that such a class-action lawsuit would prevail and the city would be forced to refund all of the fines it has collected, which would be extremely costly. More than 9,500 citations have been issued through the program since Jan. 1.

The company operating the traffic cameras is Redflex and is based in Arizona, where its new governor, Jan Brewer, recently shut down traffic cameras catching speeders on state highways because she agreed that they were an invasion of privacy.

That does not turn off the cameras on city roadways, Redflex noted, which are in place at 250 municipalities nationwide.

Public safety officials cite statistics that accidents and fatalities are reduced where the cameras are used. People's bad driving habits are not a good enough reason to throw out their due-process rights, Avallone contends.

Wilderness

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and consensus building pays off," said Las Cruces City Councillor Gill Sorg in a news release distributed by the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance. "Sen. Bingaman should be commended for reaching out, listening to concerns and making changes to his legislation to make it as strong as possible."

Paul Deason, a local wilderness supporter with expertise in anti-terrorism, said the bill struck a balance between those wanting to preserve undeveloped areas and those concerned about border security.

Cell phone fines refined

At its meeting Monday, July 19, City Council approved changes to make it easier for people to pay their fines for violating the ban against texting or talking on a cell phone while driving – though hands-free devices or usage are allowed.

Originally, the council approved a system that increased the fine with each violation with the possibility of jail time on the third offense. Because there is no way for the citing officer to know if the driver had previous violations when issuing the citation, that required everyone being cited to go to court to pay their fines.

The council revised the ordinance to set just one fine – \$56, which amounts to \$92 with a \$36 state court fee added. That way, a person can avoid the long wait in court by mailing in the fine. Also, jail time is now out of the picture.

Police officials asked the council to approve a \$126 fine, but councillors said they felt the total of \$162 with the state court fee added was too high.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Anthony Avallone talks about what he thinks are serious legal flaws in the city's traffic light enforcement camera program. He is setting up a trust to fund a possible class-action lawsuit against the city program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE, CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES,

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Dripping Springs program July 24

Jennifer Montoya, a naturalist for the Bureau of Land Management, will lead an interpretive hike in the Dripping Springs Natural Area at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24. The program will last two to two and a half hours, and hikers will learn about plant and animal life of the Organ Mountains. Participants are urged to bring hiking shoes, water, a flashlight and cameras.

There is no fee for the program, but visitors without seasonal passes must pay a \$3 per vehicle entry fee.

For more information, call McKinney Briske at 525-4334.

Sign dedication in Mesilla

The Town of Mesilla is hosting a dedication ceremony for a sign depicting the historic Civil War battle at Mesilla and Maj. Isaac Lynde's retreat on the Mesilla Plaza at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24. The historic event took place in Mesilla July 24 through 27, 1861.

The sign, which will be displayed at the southeast corner of the plaza, was donated to the Town of Mesilla by the New Mexico Division of the

Sons of Confederate Veterans. The event will feature re-enactors, including a salute and cavalry.

For more information, call Joy Ahlfeldt at 524-3262, ext. 117.

Learn to xeriscape

A class on xeriscape design principles is being offered at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Participants can learn the principles of xeriscape design and how xeriscapes can promote gardening success in the desert. The class will include information on creating a xeriscape garden – from planning for water-use zones to plant selection. The class is free to Enchanted Gardens benefit members and \$7.50 for non-members. Reservations are requested.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 524-1886.

Child Crisis Center hosts open house

The Child Crisis Center on the campus of the Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave., will have an open house from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 25. Visitors can see what has been accomplished and

what remains to be done at the home for children ages newborn to 5 years old whose families are in crisis. Refreshments will be provided. For those who wish to donate, there will be commitment cards available in order to purchase much-needed items such as cribs, clothing, diapers, etc.

For more information, email childcrisiscenter@lapinon.org or call 571-6654 or 522-4022.

Women veterans meet

Women veterans meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Golden Corral Family Steakhouse, 601 S. Telshor Blvd. The social group is open to active and prior military women of all services, eras and ranks who wish to share stories and receive veteran-related information.

For more information, call Carol Gaines at 524-4203.

Ciclovia July 25

Ciclovia Las Cruces is a free monthly event designed to provide healthy activity to participants of all ages. Each Ciclovia offers bike riding, walking, jogging, dancing, aerobics, jumping balloons and more. The Ciclovia is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

the last Sunday of each month through October at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. The next Ciclovia will be Sunday, July 25.

Ciclovia is sponsored by the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition and the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach.

For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289. For more information in Spanish, call Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

County blood drive July 30

The 10th annual Judy Price Memorial Blood Drive will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. United Blood Services will grill free burgers for anyone who donates blood.

The 2010 blood drive will be coordinated by Janine Divyak. To schedule a time to donate, call 525-6130.

Overlay topic of meeting

The City of Las Cruces will hold a public meeting to discuss the first draft of the Alameda Depot Overlay at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in Room 2007A on the second floor of City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

An overlay, often referred to as a special zoning district, is a specific type of ordinance that describes a geographic area with its own set of regulations for land use and development standards. The Alameda Depot Overlay includes measures to

preserve historic structures, development standards that provide greater flexibility for historic properties, steps to facilitate land-use conversions and ways to help preserve the residential core of the neighborhood.

The overlay is based on policies stated in the Alameda-Depot Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted by the city last year. The area of interest is generally those properties bounded by Amador Avenue on the south, Parker Road and Fleming Avenue to the north, Alameda Avenue and Main Street to the east and Mesilla Street to the west.

The draft Alameda Depot Overlay is available for review at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the City Clerk's office and the Community Development Department, both at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. It is also available online at www.las-cruces.org/cd. Individuals who are unable to attend the meeting and have comments or questions, may call Planner Carol McCall at 528-3209 or email cmccall@las-cruces.org.

People with disabilities who need special accommodations to participate in the meeting may call the Community Development Department at least 48 hours in advance. The TTY number is 528-3016.

Pet adoptions

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct three pet adoption events this weekend. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

Adoptions will take place

from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 24, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs or puppies and \$50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and microchip.

At the PetCo event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unaltered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay or neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

For more information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018, or visit www.ascmv.com. People who are hearing-impaired can call 541-2182.

In addition, the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM) will host an information table from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Sam's Club, 2711 N. Telshor Blvd.

Information on HSSNM programs and services will be provided, including literature and materials on pet care, spay and neuter and related animal-welfare topics.

The HSSNM also will hold an adoption event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave. In addition to adoptable dogs and cats, the event will feature an information and outreach table.

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Center

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local businesses, organizations and people.

If there is a project manager for the effort, it would be Peter Barnes-Smith, who found out about the center through a news report about the center. Experienced in construction management, the native of North Wales retired with his wife to Las Cruces less than a year ago. Soon after getting involved in the center's rehab, he contacted Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico Executive Director David Roewe, who sent out an email to the

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In crisis?

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- La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico has a free, local Parentalk "warmline" for parents and caregivers at 636-3133 as well as a "warmline" for children called KidTalk at 636-3636.
- Family Pride recently opened a Crisis Nursery, in which trained foster parents will temporarily care for children at no cost to the parent. Call 932-8946 for more information.

organization's members requesting help.

Companies – many of them from the construction trades – responded by donating items such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines.

One of those on the email list was Michael Floyd, a local builder. He began contacting his subcontractors, including Holguin Electric Co., which is volunteering its services to get the electrical system into shape. Sun City Plumbing and Heating is volunteering its services to get those systems in good order.

All of these things need to be taken care of before the state can inspect the center and get it approved. After that, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico can begin training staff and open the center.

Donna Richmond, La Piñon executive director, said the effort also has received great support from the religious community, including a generous cash donation from local Catholic charities.

Other major contributors include Builders Source Appliance Gallery, Floor Concepts & Design Center, Home Depot, Lowes Home Improvement, Malooly's Flooring Co., Morrison Supply Co. and Viny's Custom Tile.

The hours and physical effort put in by Barnes-Smith has been significant, but he said the end result will be worth it.

"This is for a great organization," he said, "and these kids need a safe place."

Each week in the media, it seems, there is another sad or horrific story of child abuse, motivating those working on the center.

The effort has taken nearly two years to get to this point, and Richmond is focused on getting the center up and running by year's end.

The center will start by housing as many as 12 children up to the age of 5 who are not attending school because the organization is not ready yet to provide school transportation. The center will only house children, who will be watched over by staff 24 hours a day, seven

days a week. Children will be able to stay at the center up to 30 days, and parents will be allowed to have supervised visits, depending on the child's crisis.

What the center defines as a crisis will be flexible. It could be as severe as getting the child out of a home situation where there is some kind of immediate hazard, or it could be as moderate as a young parent feeling overwhelmed by his or her new responsibility. The children can return to their original home so long as caseworkers determine it is a safe, healthy environment. The center will help link the children's parents to local services.



Jason Olguin of Sun City Plumbing and Heating works on installing toilets at the Child Crisis Center.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Davis

El Paseo meetings slated City officials seek advice for corridor

Las Cruces residents are invited to join city staff and elected officials at several businesses along El Paseo Road and share their vision for the area. This is part of the "Picturing El Paseo: Share Your Vision of the Corridor Project."

The public is encouraged to participate in the planning process to envision the future of El Paseo Road and the area around it. Two hour sessions will be held on the following dates at the following locations and times:

- 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 23, at Grandy's, 1345 El Paseo Road
- 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 26, at SI Italian Bistro, 523 E. Idaho Ave.
- 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at International Delights Café, 1245 El Paseo Road
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road
- 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Grandy's
- 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at International Delights Café
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

More planning expected

Similar events will continue throughout the planning process. The purpose of these informal events is to bring people together and sustain public involvement. City staff from Community Development, Public Works and Public Services departments will be there to listen and provide information about the project. Property owners, residents, renters, business owners and employees are encouraged to participate in any of these events.

Anyone with photographs of El Paseo as it was before 1970 is encouraged to bring them so they may be scanned and added to the exhibit on the corridor's history.

Individuals who are unable to attend and have comments or questions, may call Susan Lowell at 528-3079 or email slowell@las-cruces.org.

People with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in these events may call the Las Cruces Community Development Department at least 48 hours in advance at 528-3043. The TTY number is 528-3016.



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Making friends and ice cream at Ice Cream Sunday

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Volunteer Katherine Davidson, 10, was just one of the many volunteers helping members of the community make their own ice cream Sunday, July 18. Ice Cream Sunday is the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's most popular event of the summer.



Julia Fernand, 7, receives a cup of frozen custard from Caliche's.



Angel Carlson, 9, adds a cup of sugar to his ice cream experiment. Along with the ice-cream making workshop, some museum visitors participated in an ice-cream-sandwich-eating contest.



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Betty Hoover of the El Paso Humane Society tells how her organization has been able to see progress toward a no-kill animal shelter Saturday, July 17, at the annual membership meeting of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Humane society reviews progress

El Paso counterpart shares no-kill animal shelter tips

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

A multitude of approaches helped an El Paso “no-kill” animal shelter reach its goal within a year, El Paso Humane Society Executive Director Betty Hoover told members of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM) at its annual meeting Saturday, July 17.

First, Hoover said, the shelter had to set guidelines for what animals it had to euthanize – only those that were very ill or had severe behavioral problems are put down, and a third veterinarian is always consulted.

The point of a “no-kill” shelter isn’t that animals are never euthanized, but that they aren’t killed to make room for incoming animals, Hoover said.

The shelter worked on making its environment better for the animals, she said, so when they were adopted they were less likely to be returned. The El Paso shelter has reached out to the community to find more volunteers and foster homes. Fund-raisers have become even more critical as the cost of medical supplies rises for animal medicine.

The combined efforts have resulted in the city cutting its euthanasia rate in half, Hoover noted.

The animal shelter in Las Cruces – now called the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) – and people’s general treatment of animals have improved, said Frank Bryce, HSSNM president.

Jess Williams, ASCMV board member, said the county does not have the same level of resources found in larger cities.

CrimeStoppers

Vehicle hit and run

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the driver who purposely struck a pedestrian on June 26.



Shortly before 2 a.m. June 26, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to an affray near the corner of Ancho Avenue and Magdalena Drive. When officers arrived, they learned that a 19-year-old man had been struck by a vehicle and had numerous abrasions to his back, arms and legs.

The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was treated at a local hospital.

Police were told that there was a party at a residence on Ancho Avenue and four men, possibly Hispanic, had entered the home uninvited. The victim told the uninvited guests to leave and, as they drove away, the driver intentionally ran into the 19-year-old.

Police learned that the

suspect was driving a gold-colored Dodge Neon or Chevrolet Cavalier and that the car was occupied by as many as four people. As a result of the collision, the vehicle is believed to have sustained damage to the front, passenger-side, head light.

If you have any information on this incident, or the men who were involved, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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Extension budget retained

Commission decision saves 4-H funding

By **Marvin Tessner**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County Extension Service is able to continue providing multiple services without interruption following the County Commission's decision to provide \$115,000 in matching funds the service had requested.

In April, the County Commission was looking at the possibility it would have to cut matching funds for the Extension because of budget shortages.

Last week, however, the commission approved a budget plan that will keep the extension funding in place.

"The commission believes that the cooperative extension provides valuable programs to the community," county spokesman Jess Williams said.

"We appreciate Doña Ana County's approval of our Extension funding," said Karim Martinez, program director and home economist. "I know the public focus has been on our 4-H and Master Gardener programs, but our office actually offers a broader scope of

services."

County 4-H Clubs have 440 members who are guided by 100 adult leaders in 13 clubs from Hatch to Santa Teresa. The youths participate in livestock shows and contests, fairs and perform community service.

Their club activities teach skills that include public speaking, parliamentary procedure, photography, leather craft, space technology, food and nutrition and sewing.

Agents also coordinate the Kids and Kows and More Program that reaches about 1,000 fourth-grade youths to teach them how their food and fiber are produced.

The extension agronomy and horticulture agent coordinates about 100 Master Gardener volunteers who contributed 4,340 hours of instruction in 2009.

Extension agents work with growers and processors to help develop agriculture bio-security programs to keep food supplies safe.

Home economists teach classes for cooking and nutrition, shopping on a budget, menu planning, diabetes

education and food safety to families with limited income.

Extension agents also assist with economic development. They help farmers market to vendors with advice on crop diversification, added-value products, season extension with greenhouses, marketing, weed control and organic certification.

They also conduct crop tours for foreign visitors to promote export trade for such products as paprika, chile and pecans.

Southwest District Extension Director Charles Siepel, who lives in Hidalgo County, appeared before the County Commission in April. He told the commissioners that the service is a fundamental part of the county.

Each dollar that is budgeted by the county for the extension service is matched by both the state and the federal government. Also, \$665,700 is made available in the form of grants for county Extension programs, he said.

"Grant funds are truly an economic development function for the county and only made possible by the cooperative one-third funding from the County Commission to the Extension Service," Siepel told the commission.

Talking transparency



Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima listens to Assistant City Manager Robert Garza talk about the city's new Strategic Plan Public Report Monday, July 19, in City Council Chambers. The publication helps residents track progress on two-year goals included the City Council's long-range planning efforts.

Elections supervisor named

LeFleur a graduate of Las Cruces High and NMSU

Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins has promoted Trey LeFleur to the position of elections supervisor.

LeFleur has been a temporary employee in the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections since March 18. Ellins

said LeFleur was instrumental with the success of the June 1 Primary Elections and has demonstrated a skill set that suits him well for the promotion.

"He has been assigned several special projects, all of which he has performed with great competence," Ellins wrote in an email to his staff announcing the promotion.

A 2009 graduate of New Mexico State University, LeFleur holds a bachelor's degree in government. He is a 2005 graduate of Las Cruces High School.

Prior to coming to work

for Doña Ana County, LeFleur was a field organizer for the Democratic Party of New Mexico, supervising up to 100 volunteers in Hidalgo, Grant and Luna counties. In 2010, he managed the successful election campaign of Nora Barraza, the new mayor of the Town of Mesilla.

While at New Mexico State University, he was employed by MobileCampus, an arm of the university's student government, as an enrollment team supervisor heading up a staff of 12.

LeFleur will earn \$27,414 annually.

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Rugged schedule pays off

John Keith
Sports Editor



Coach Darin Spence apparently ducks nobody when arranging the Aggie women's non-conference basketball schedule.

Play up, not down, and there might be a post-season tournament bid waiting at season's end.

New Mexico State finished 18-8 and tied for fourth place in the final WAC standings last season, yet received an invitation to play Arizona State in the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

Regular-season victories over No. 21 Kansas (61-60) and Michigan (72-67) figured heavily in the Aggies' post-season consideration.

It was only the fourth time in school history that New Mexico State had played in a post-season NIT or NCAA tournament.

The 2010-11 season itinerary is equally as challenging.

"Our toughest yet," Spence said.

There's Northern Iowa, Missouri Valley Conference champion and an NCAA tournament team last season.

A return date at Michigan (Dec. 13), a new series with Arizona that opens in Tucson Dec. 19, and a home date with Utah – the Mountain West Conference champ on several occasions – on Dec. 21 add spice to NMSU's itinerary.

The Ags host historically powerful Houston on Nov. 20 and face the annual home-and-home series with both New Mexico and UTEP.

New Mexico State, Spence said, will march an experienced team onto the court this season. Leading returnees include guards Madison Spence (11.0 point average last season) Danisha Corbett (9.0) Jasmine Lowe (14.1) and forward Tabytha Wampler (7.7 and 7.1 rebounds).

"We're going to try to play faster on offense and defense," Spence said. "Extend the court more. We have good athleticism, and we're going to try to force the action more."

New Mexico State has signed three new recruits. They are 5-foot-11 guard Andrea Chenier from Piedmont, Calif., 6-0 guard Jasmine Rutledge of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and 6-0 forward Ariella McGee, a junior transfer from Hutchinson, Kan., Community College.

"They'll give us the depth we'll need," he said. "All in all I believe we could challenge for the WAC championship if we stay healthy and get some momentum going during our conference season."

The WAC, in charge of designing most of the conference schedules for its teams, will release NMSU's 2010-11 schedule soon.

DeVries calls the shots

Ags' setter solid, reliable

By **John Keith**
Las Cruces Bulletin



Jennah DeVries sets the ball for a teammate against the Italian National Team last year.

In football, she's the quarterback. But it's volleyball instead, and Jennah DeVries plays the setter position for New Mexico State's team.

She makes the offensive decisions. Quickly and correctly, most of the time.

When the Aggies field the opponents' shots, they're instructed to pass the ball to DeVries, who, in turn, sets the offensive play.

Mike Jordan, NMSU's volleyball coach, likes her choices. "I trust her decision making," he said. "I'm a Jennah DeVries fan."

"She's an exceptional athlete. She has quickness. Great body control. She's made exceptional progress the last two years."

DeVries and most of her teammates are currently enrolled in summer classes and working as instructors at Jordan's volleyball camps.

Fun but tiring, she admits.

Last season, when NMSU finished 20-9 and in second place in the final Western Athletic Conference standings, DeVries was chosen Honorable Mention All America by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

She recorded 1,044 assists, second best in the WAC. She made 11 service aces and averaged 2.10 digs per set.

She was also voted first team All-

WAC.

New Mexico State failed last season to qualify for the NCAA tournament for the first time in five years. "We just didn't beat anybody any good," DeVries said.

"It all came down to beating Hawai'i late in the season, and we didn't get it done. We still had a chance, I thought, when we upset Colorado State (ranked 23rd nationally) in the final match of the year, but it came too late, apparently. "We just peaked too late."

DeVries, a junior from Denver, firmly believes NMSU will return to the NCAA post-season tournament this year. "I like our new freshmen," she said about the seven newcomers Jordan signed. "They're all good athletes. They have good court personality."

Three of the new recruits come well publicized. They are Rocio Gutierrez, outside hitter and defensive specialist from El Paso Franklin High School; Deirdra Pajares, outside hitter from Coppell, Texas; and Desiree Scott, middle hitter from Tucson, Ariz.

DeVries joins four returning starters for the 2010 season. They are outside hitter Kayleigh Giddens, middle hitter Kelsey Brennan, outside hitter Whitney Woods and libero Kelsey Phillips.

Giddens, Brennan and Woods were also voted to the All-WAC first team last year.

See **DeVries** on page A17

Anthony known for 'getting the job done'

NM coaches all-star game in Duke City July 30

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Like most offensive linemen, Andrew Anthony quietly did his work in the shadows of the football spotlight that usually shined on the guys with the ball.

It is difficult, however, to stay anonymous for long when you perform as well as Anthony. The former Mayfield High School blocker accepted a college scholarship from the South

Dakota School of Mines & Technology earlier this summer, and he is one of 10 Las Cruces athletes selected to play in the New Mexico High School Coaches Association's North-South All-Star football game.

The contest is set for Friday, July 30, at Milne Stadium in Albuquerque. Anthony, receiver Michael Hallock, quarterback Austin Hooker, linebacker Wyatt Tharp and defensive end Zach Tingin will represent Mayfield in the game. Former Las Cruces High School



Mayfield High School photo

Former Mayfield lineman Andrew Anthony (No. 62), shown during a game last fall, is among 10 Las Cruces athletes selected to play in the North-South All-Star game Friday, July 30, in Albuquerque.

Bulldawgs Jacob Avalos (lineman) and Jose Garcia (receiver) were selected, as were Oñate High School's John Cachora (lineman), Zach Daugherty (linebacker) and Aaron Sandoval (back).

The 6-2, 270-pound Anthony anchored the Trojans' offensive line last fall, and also played defense as a senior. He played center for Mayfield as a junior, and lined up at left tackle most of the time in his senior season.

A two-time, first-team all-district selection, Anthony was Mayfield's "go-to guy" along the offensive line coach Michael Bradley said. The Trojans would run behind Anthony's blocks when critical yards were needed.

"We ran behind him most of the time," Bradley said. "He's a smart football player and had a wonderful attitude on the football field. He made everyone on the line of scrimmage better. He would always get the job done."

The coaching staff moved Anthony from his usual left tackle position one game last season to one of the inside positions for the sole purpose of matching him up with Eldorado's outstanding defensive tackle Willie Pounds. He also moved inside during practice occasionally to battle Mayfield's talented defensive lineman Matt Ramondo.

"He's an outstanding young man in every way," Bradley said of Anthony, who was a straight-A student at Mayfield. "He's a true all star."

Anthony followed his brother William, who was a standout center for the 2005 Trojans. He

See **Anthony** on page A17

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Atkins enshrined at HOF ceremony

Running back a force at NMSU

Thousands of college football fans from across the country joined the National Football Foundation July 16 and 17 at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., for the organization's annual Enshrinement Festival, which paid tribute to the storied careers of Pervis Atkins of New Mexico State University and 23 other football standouts as they were formally enshrined into the Hall of Fame.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity to enshrine another exceptional class of college football legends," said NFF President and CEO Steven Hatchell. "Each year, our hard-working honors courts do an outstanding job ensuring the game's greatest players and coaches find their place on college football's mountain top. We look forward to celebrating in South Bend with this amazing class and their loyal fans from around the country."

Showcasing tremendous speed and agility, Atkins was a force to be reckoned with as running back at NMSU. It was a long road to NMSU for Atkins, who began his career as a backup for Bob Gaiters.

Atkins received his big break in 1959 during the second game of the season. When Gaiters was injured, Atkins recalls, "Coach Woodson looked at me and said, 'Do you want to play?' I said, 'Yeah!' and he said, 'You better get in there, they're waiting on you.'"

Atkins catapulted the Aggies to victory over the Lobos for the first time in 23 years. As the only First Team All-American selection in New Mexico State football history, Atkins topped the nation in all-purpose yards in both 1959 and 1960. In 1959, Atkins was the first of four NMSU players to lead the nation in rushing yards with 130 carries for 971 yards. As a two-time all conference selection, he caught touchdown passes in each of the two Sun Bowl victories.

Atkins was always a team player and never one to take credit for the Aggies success, stating, "We had 11 starters and 11 equally talented backups, and we just got it done. Every one of the members of that team deserves recognition. Team sports rely on every person that ever makes it to the practice field."

After graduation with a degree in sociology, Atkins was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in the NFL Draft and went on to play for the Washington Redskins and Oakland Raiders as well. After seven seasons, Atkins retired with 3,300 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns. Following his retirement, Atkins began a successful career in the entertainment field. He became a part of a television sports show that led to a job with the Ashley-Famous Talent Agency. After working as an executive with ABC, he opened his own talent agency, Atkins and Associates.

DeVries

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DeVries was recruited to NMSU by Ashley Hardy, former assistant coach and now the head volleyball coach at North Dakota. "He saw me play in the 2007 Junior Olympics," DeVries said.

"I played for the Front Range Club team in Colorado. "I was invited and came to the Skills Camp (at NMSU) that summer, and I liked it here. Small town, friendly community. And I liked the girls on the team."

Without knowing much about New Mexico State and its volleyball history, DeVries still chose the Aggies over heavyweights like Florida, Alabama and Arizona.

Asked what is the hardest part about playing setter for the Aggies, DeVries said "having an 'h' on the end of my first name."

NMSU will try to regain its NCAA post-season tournament chances by challenging a tough schedule, including opponents in three early-season tournaments.

The Aggies open the season in the Florida State Tournament Aug. 27.

On Sept. 10 and 11, NMSU plays in the LSU tournament and follows with the University of Arizona tourney Sept. 17 and 18.

"Tough schedule," DeVries said, "but that's the way we like it."

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Stanbrough corrals top-hand award

Capitan's rodeo standout is new president of NIRA

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University rodeo athlete Staci Stanbrough was presented with Walt Garrison Top Hand Award during the recent College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

The Walt Garrison Award is presented to the student who exemplifies several qualities: initiative, loyalty, tenacity, commitment, honesty, perseverance, integrity and leadership, a CNFR news release said.

During the CNFR, she also was elected student president of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Stanbrough, who is from Capitan, N.M., competes with the Aggie Rodeo Team in goat tying, break-away roping, bar-

rel racing and as a heeler in team roping.

"I don't think they could have found a more deserving person to present this award to," coach Jim Dewey Brown said.

The Top Hand Award was named after Walt Garrison, a former football player with the Dallas Cowboys, and this is the 11th year the award has been presented at the CNFR.

Stanbrough and NMSU each received \$2,500, and she also received a belt-buckle award.

She also has won all-around cowgirl titles in the Grand Canyon Region.

Stanbrough is studying animal science at NMSU. She expects to earn her bachelor's degree in two more semesters and she plans to continue her studies to earn a master's degree.

During her college years, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Ag signee wins Arizona tourney

Canan will be freshman at NMSU

Incoming New Mexico State University freshman Mieke Canan recently won the Girls State Junior Golf Championship with a two-round score of 2-under-par 142 at the Forest Highlands Golf Club in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Canan is a native of Yuma, Ariz., and will be joining the NMSU women's golf team and attending classes beginning in the fall. She carded six birdies and 24 pars in the Junior Golf Championship, which took place July 6 and 7. Coach Paul Brilliant and assistant coach Jackie Booth are confident that her play will carry over into her college career.

"After looking at the way she (Canan) is playing this summer, she will be making a really good push to play in tournaments for us as a freshman," Booth said. "She is a good player and we know she will fit right in with New Mexico State and the program."

The Junior Golf Championship is one of the tournaments held by the Junior Golf Association of Arizona (JGAA). Canan previously earned a second place finish at the Willie Low Invitational in Phoenix on June 8, before placing 10th at the Antigua/Milt Coggins AZ Junior Stroke Play.

She isn't a stranger to winning in Arizona as a part of the JGAA. Canan was a part of the 2009 Americas Cup Team for Arizona, while she won the 2009 JGAA Yuma City Junior Championship. She also took home the first-place medal in the 2009 JGAA Phoenix City Junior Championship and the 2009 JGAA Thunderbird Junior Classic.

Anthony

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said he loves everything about being an offensive lineman.

"You're hitting on every play," he said. "And you're the one doing the hitting. Most fans don't really notice us, but offensive linemen don't care. If the backs are doing good, we're happy."

Anthony said he first realized that playing at the collegiate level was possible when he earned first-team, all-district honors after his junior season. He drew some interest from several colleges, and then the scholarship offer came from the South Dakota school in May. He traveled to Rapid City, S.D., earlier this month to visit the campus and take a look at where he'll spend the next four years. The school, whose mascot is the Hardrockers, is moving up from the NAIA level to NCAA Division II.

Before heading to South Dakota next month, Anthony has one more football game left to play in New Mexico. He's excited about the opportunity to play with the state's best.

"It's an honor to be up there because it means the coaches noticed you as being among the best of the best," he said.

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Odds and ends

An abundance of tight ends for Ags



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

One thing the Aggie football team has plenty of this year is tight ends. They have ones that can block, ones that can catch and some that will be doing both.

The last "star" the Aggies had at the position was Todd Cutler, now in the First Community Bank Hall of Fame.

I am not sure any on this year's squad are "Hall" material, but offensive coordinator Mike Dunbar is happy with the variety at the position. Returning starter senior Kyle Nelson has the most credentials in the receiver genre. Spring drills saw Nelson line up in a variety of positions in the different formations, sometimes at the standard spot at the end of line, other times in a slot or as a wideout. Redshirt freshman Zach Diaz from Las Cruces is in the mix as one of the combo blockers/catchers on the squad. Diaz got a good amount of time on the field this past spring, and will get a serious look this fall. Senior Kyle Hipp is a big target, like Diaz, standing about 6 feet 5 inches, and he spent most of last year knocking down defenders. Hipp had more than a few passes thrown his way last spring to expand his repertoire.

A veteran I haven't got to yet is senior Ronny Torres. Torres, an honor student last year in the classroom, will likely be a big part of the mix again this fall. A solid blocker, Torres

was a regular in most of last year's formations and will be counted on again this year to add his bulk to the maelstrom moving the defenders back. A new addition to the tight end derby is coming from another position on the team.

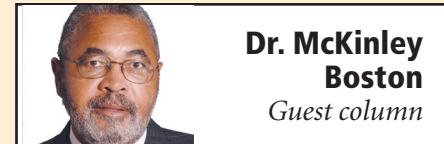
Sophomore Trevor Walls asked to move from quarterback to tight end at the end of spring drills. The initiative pleased Dunbar who wants guys that are eager to contribute and Walls' desire to be in a program going places is encouraging.

Some quarterbacks would hit the highway looking for another place to throw the ball when it became obvious they wouldn't be the main guy in the offense. Dunbar's offensive scheme will not be tight end oriented, but having a variety of athletes to use in the myriad of situations that come up during a game is comforting to a coach as he lays out his game plan.

Here come the newlyweds: Trei Steward, the Aggies' new strength and conditioning coach, was going to wait until Oct. 10 to get married, but his heart couldn't wait. He married Janina, his longtime girlfriend, this past spring. The anniversary date will be harder to remember, but the heart wants what it wants. Congratulations to the Stewards in their new life together.

'Journey to excellence'

NMSU on course for benchmarks



Dr. McKinley Boston
Guest column

Thanks to Dave and Jaki McCollum for the opportunity to share with our fans, the community and stakeholders of all types, this information regarding New Mexico State's Athletic Department strategic plan, titled "Journey to Excellence."

Many of you have asked, "What do you mean by excellence, and how will you know when you have achieved it?" and "What are the benchmarks for excellence?"

Excellence, as a definition, refers to words like exceptional, first class, splendid, superior and superb. In many ways, I have been able to use these adjectives to describe the many quality accomplishments and deeds of our 425 student-athletes, coaches and staff for the past five years under my leadership.

NM State Department of Athletics will reach its destination when our community joins us on this journey and will be reflected in consistent fan attendance across all of our sports; and, when our annual fundraising goals are favorably benchmarked against our WAC peer institutions. Most importantly, when our community's pride of NM State is reflective in the accomplishment of our student-athletes, coaches and the expectation of excellence is acculturated in our way of life.

- Did you know?
- NM State finished third in the WAC Commissioner's Cup, which is reflective of our commitment to broad-based excellence, not just football and men's basketball.
 - For the 10th consecutive semester, all 17 men's and women's sport teams' semester and cumulative grade-point averages combined are at a 3.0.
 - Fifty-nine percent, 224 out of 425

student-athletes, achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher for the spring 2010.

- Forty-four student-athletes posted a perfect 4.0 GPA for the 2010 spring semester.
- NM State had more than 100 Academic All-WAC student-athletes; and, one of our student-athletes, Gustave Diep with the tennis team majoring in biochemistry, was an academic All-American for academic year 2009-10.
- Eighty-six percent of all Aggie athletes graduate once they have exhausted eligibility.
- Our six-year graduation rate of 66 percent is significantly higher than the all-university graduation rate.
- Aggie athletes volunteered more than 5,000 hours of community service for 2009-10.
- We won three WAC championships in 2009-10 in women's cross country, men's golf and the WAC's premier championship in men's basketball.
- We had two second-place finishes; one in women's volleyball and women's swimming and diving.
- NMSU balanced its budget in 2009-10.

I am unable to list all of the many accomplishments of our coaches and student-athletes for the past year, but clearly we are exhibiting excellence toward our vision of being one of the best mid-major programs in the country.

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Onthegreen: Summer reading list for linksters

Two must-reads for true lovers of golfing history

"Bing tossed steaks on the grill. Aspiring actresses materialized like woodland nymphs."

Summer is for playing golf. And for reading about golf. Be they instruction manuals or biographies, I love reading golf books. For your summer reading I recommend two books that I know you will find both compelling and entertaining, not to mention informative.

"The Match" by Mark Frost takes us through all 18 holes of a four-ball game that should become a movie. Frost's first golf book "The Greatest Game Ever Played," became one of the best golf movies ever, portraying a riveting drama about the 1913 U.S. Open.

The other must-read is "The Slam" by Curt Sampson, depicting the more human and less glorified side of golfing legend Bobby Jones. Sampson, a former tour player himself, is one of the most skilled and prolific golf writers ever, whose works have included "Hogan," "The Eternal Summer" and "The Masters."

'The Clambake'

In 1937, scaling the peak of his stardom, Bing Crosby got the idea to have a friendly little golf tournament. The rich and famous from Hollywood and from the world of golf got together for a week to play, in every sense of the word. After moving everything to the Monterrey Peninsula in the late 1940s, Bing's golf happening soon became known as "The Clambake."

I personally regard the Crosby Clambake as one of the quintessential elements of the glory of golf in America, so much so that I've even started collecting Clambake memorabilia, like the commemorative Jim Beam decanters each player received early in the week.

The tournament eventually morphed into

the very high-profile AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. But the earlier days seemed more fun, with hijinks, girls, golf, gaming and parties galore.

In his wonderful book "The Match: The Day The Game of Golf Changed Forever" author Mark Frost describes the Clambake goings on this way: "Bing tossed some steaks on the grill and sang a few tunes on his own patio, which was just off the back nine (at Pebble). Mixed drinks flowed like the Ganges. Waves of aspiring actresses, unbidden, materialized like woodland nymphs."

On the Tuesday evening of the 1956 Clambake, George Coleman, a wealthy mining mogul from Oklahoma, hosted the usual A-list cocktail party at his home on Pebble. It was at that affair, Frost writes, that history was in the making.

Arriving later in the evening were Eddie Lowery, his wife, and house guest Byron Nelson. You may remember the name "Eddie Lowery." He was the precocious 10 year-old who caddied for eventual winner Francis Ouimet in the famous 1913 U.S. Open. Lowery later became a successful and rich car dealer in San Francisco. Lowery was also a golfer, a gambler and a nurturer of up-and-coming amateur golfing talent, using his dealership to provide "jobs" to a few young sticks.

One of his car salesmen was a fellow named Ken Venturi. The other was better known, a playboy with a golf game named Harvie Ward. Lowery was so bullish on his two players that he boasted that as a team his two boys could beat any other two players in the world, pro or am.

Coleman had enough and told Lowery to put his money where his mouth was. Lowery did; the bet was on. Nobody knows

how much. And then Coleman called Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, and the match was on at nearby Cypress Point.

In a suspenseful tapestry of stories and facts Frost alternatively takes us deep into backgrounds and colorful lives of the four golfers, while giving us nearly a shot-for-shot replay of the impromptu, unbroadcast 18-hole match. My favorite passage comes at the very end.

"No four men will ever play such a match again. No four men like these. The genuine way they lived their lives makes most of today's fast and frenzied sports and entertainment culture seem like so much packaged goods, a self-conscious, inauthentic hustle. In their best and worst hours alike each one of these four stood his ground, put all he had on the line, and for better or worse lived with the consequences of his actions and moved on." That's golf.

'The Golden Age'

As a gentleman and a golfer, Bobby Jones epitomized the "Golden Age" of golf during the 1920s and '30s. It was a time when amateur sportsmen were regarded as "pure" and playing for the love of the sport, while professionals, whether golfers or others, were seen as suspect mercenaries. In his book "The Slam: Bobby Jones and the Price of Glory" Curt Sampson writes, "One reaction to the perceived decline in Western civilization was that a lot of people, frequently sportswriters, got all misty over the amateur ideal. Of all the athletes of the Golden Age, he (Jones) was the easiest to put on a pedestal – and to keep there."

In 1930, playing a game that defies even an hour of perfection, Bobby Jones produced an entire year of near-flawless play. He won the U.S. Amateur, the U.S. Open, the British Amateur and the British Open – running the table with all four (pre-Masters) majors. The closest anyone else has come in recent times was Tiger Woods in 2000 and 2001, when he held all the trophies for all four majors, but not in the same calendar year.

Jones would be welcomed home to a ticker-tape parade in New York – one of three he would enjoy as the world's most famous sports figure of the time. Much to the dismay of folks, old and young, who regard the great Bobby Jones as some sort of golfing god, Sampson points out that, for all of his success on the links, he became a heavy drinker, was a chain smoker and had little in the way of a work ethic. His well-bred

Charlie
Blanchard
Golf Doctor



and well-connected life as part of Atlanta society meant that money and comfort came easy for Jones. Sampson's book reviewers hated to have that come to light, and some have bristled. But in "The Slam" Sampson did his research with due diligence, and tells it like it is.

Here are two of my favorite passages from Sampson's biography of Jones' epic year, serving as samples of the literary style that's a bit similar to Frost's. The first takes place over the closing stretch of Jones' semifinal match against George Voigt at the British Amateur played at St. Andrews.

"The match turned on fourteen, when the alcoholic flush left Bobby's face and George lost his mojo. ... he (Voigt) hit a high drive over the corner of the thigh-high wall, the wind caught it, and it flew out of bounds onto the bordering Eden course. Jones won the gift-wrapped hole and had new life – only one down now with four to play."

Three holes later, on the now-famous Road Hole green (no. 17) Jones needed to keep the match even.

"Suddenly, the angels sang. In a warm rush similar to that a quick glass of sherry brings, confidence filled Bobby like the Holy Spirit. He's never had a feeling quite like it. When he surveyed his putt, he saw the line as if it has been painted on the green. He knew he could not miss, and he didn't. Again, the manly roar from the Scottish crowd – American galleries by comparison sound as if their voices haven't changed – and the stampede to the eighteenth."

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



Teeing off

First Step Tournament

The First Step Annual Golf Tournament will be Friday, Aug. 13, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. Entry fee is \$150 per person and flights are available at 7:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. The tournament is a four-person scramble format with shotgun starts. Proceeds benefit the First Step Center, a clinic that provides medical services to underserved women and children. Entry fees include green fees, cart, breakfast, lunch, goodie bags and two tickets to the Friday night dinner and dance. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, call 639-1138, visit www.firststepgolf.com or email info@firststepgolf.com.

Toys for Tots scramble

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots of Las Cruces' third annual Golf Scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road.

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From body size and blood cells, the sexes just aren't the same

You've discussed briefly some of the physiological and emotional differences between the sexes. Could you list other physical characteristics unique to males and females?

Men and women differ in countless ways, many of which they aren't even conscious of. Here are just a few of those differences:

1. A woman has greater constitutional vitality, perhaps because of her unique chromosomal pattern. Normally, she outlives a man by about five years in the United States. Females simply have a stronger hold on life than males, even in the uterus. More than 140 male babies are conceived for every 100 females. By the time birth occurs, the ratio is 105-to-100, with the rest of the males dying in spontaneous abortions.

2. Men have a higher incidence of death from almost every disease except three disorders related to female reproduction and breast cancer.

3. Men have a higher rate of basal metabolism than women.

4. The sexes differ in skeletal structure, women having a shorter head, broader face, less protruding chin, shorter legs and longer trunk. The first finger of a woman's hand is usually longer than the third; with men the reverse is true. Men's teeth last longer than do those of women.

5. Women have a larger stomach, kidneys, liver and appendix, and smaller lungs than men.

6. Women have three very important physiological functions that are absent in men – menstruation, pregnancy and lactation. Each of these mechanisms influence behavior and feelings significantly. Female hormonal patterns are more complex and varied. The glands work differently in the two sexes. For example, a woman's thyroid is larger and more active. It enlarges during menstruation and pregnancy, which makes her more prone to goiter, provides resistance to cold, is associated with the smooth skin, relatively hairless body, and the thin layer of subcutaneous fat which are important elements in the concept of personal beauty. Women are also more

Dr. James Dobson
Focus on the Family



responsive emotionally, laughing and crying more readily.

7. Women's blood contains more water (20 percent fewer red cells). Since red cells supply oxygen to the body, she tires more easily and is more prone to faint. Her constitutional viability is therefore strictly a long-range matter. When the working day in British factories, under wartime conditions, was increased from 10 to 12 hours, accidents among women increased 150 percent; the rate of accidents among men did not increase significantly.

8. Men are 50 percent stronger than women in brute strength.

9. Women's hearts beat more rapidly than those of men (80 beats per minute versus 72 beats per minute). Their blood pressure (10 points lower than men) varies more from minute to minute, but they have much less tendency to high blood pressure – at least until after menopause.

10. Female lung capacity is about 30 percent less than in males.

11. Women can withstand high temperatures better than men due to differences in their metabolism.

12. Men and women differ in every cell of their bodies because they carry a differing chromosomal pattern. The implications of those genetic components range from obvious to extremely subtle. For example, when researchers visited high school and college campuses to study behavior of the sexes, they observed that males and females even transported their books in different ways. The young men tended to carry them at their sides with their arms looped over the top. Women and girls, by contrast, usually cradled their books at their breasts, in much the same way they would a baby.

Who can estimate how many other sex-related influences lie below the level of consciousness?

Dobson is founder and chairman of the board of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995 (www.family.org). Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.

school supplies. Food will be available for those who donate. For more information, visit the events page at www.kgrt.com.

MUSIC CAMP

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., will host Music Camp 2010 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30 for children in first through eighth grade. The camp will perform the musical "Table for Five ... Thousand" at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Register for this free camp at the church.

CORNERSTONE VBS

Cornerstone Baptist Church, 5301 Cortez Drive, will hold Vacation Bible School for ages 4 years old to sixth grade from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 through Aug. 11. For more information, call 532-0902.

MANANTIAL DE VIDA INAUGURATION

Manantial de Vida will hold a grand inauguration into its new building at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at 1092 Kennedy Road. Serving the community for more than 10 years, the church works to bring restoration to individuals and families through the love and power of God. For more information, call 805-0316.

THE ORDER OF CLEAR MIND ZEN

The Order of Clear Mind Zen will open its new headquarters and Clear Mind Zen Center Aug. 16 at 624 Alameda Blvd. For more information, call 680-6680 or visit <http://clearmindzen.org>.

MVH chaplain offers comfort to the dying

Father Don Adamski prepares patients, their families for the afterlife

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Father Don Adamski has a job that may seem difficult to some. Since August 2009, he has worked to help patients of the Mesilla Valley Hospice (MVH) and their family members spiritually prepare for death.

Raised in Grand Rapids, Mich., Adamski said he attended Catholic school and was an altar server when he was younger, which helped him develop a deep love for Mass and God.

"I started high school seminary at age 14," he said. "I'm what is called a 'lifer.' I knew this was what I wanted to do."

After leaving the seminary, Adamski said he at first wanted to become a missionary, but after a summer in Honduras, he discovered it wasn't for him. Instead, he became a parish priest and joined the Conventual Franciscans, which is a province that has parishes in the Midwest, Mexico and Texas.

The province sent him to the Southwest in 1991 and later Las Cruces. As he led his parish flock, Adamski said he was also called to the hospital from time to time to counsel those passing on.

"Sometimes you don't need to say anything. They just need your presence," he said.

He began working with MVH on the weekends, anointing the sick and perform-

ing other duties. The nonprofit asked him to join the staff full time and in 2009, after he finished his parish work, Adamski decided to use his 35 years of experience in a new way.

As one of five MVH chaplains, Adamski said he leads Mass on Sundays as well as meets with in-home patients, La Posada residents and their families to prepare them for their journey to the afterlife.

"Generally as a Roman Catholic priest, I would just work with Catholics," he said. "Now, I work with different faith experiences."

When visiting with those of a different belief, Adamski said they will read the scripture, share in prayer and just talk.

"It's an eye opener," he said. "I enjoy it. I've learned a lot from other people."

In addition to meeting with MVH patients, Adamski helps family members prepare to let their loved one go. He said he can relate to their experience since he lost his father 20 years ago and his mother last year.

"Each family deals with suffering and dying differently," he said.

Also, as a chaplain, he said he offers spiritual guidance to the MVH staff, helping them grieve for those with whom they have become close.

While working in a field that focuses on mortality may seem difficult, Adamski said he tries to remain upbeat and is comforted by his belief that death isn't the end.

"I believe so much in the afterlife," he said.

"You never know where the Lord will lead you. I didn't know, but it's been a rewarding ministry so far. I enjoy working with the team, the patients and the families."

Church News

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ANIMAL BLESSING

The annual companion animal blessing services will take place at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Bring your well-behaved pets and, if possible, a donation of pet food or money for ACTION Programs for Animals (APA).

GOSPEL RESCUE CAMPAIGN

KGRT 104-FM and Amador Delivery Service will host a live remote broadcast to benefit the Gospel Rescue Mission's Back to School Campaign from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 30, in the Church on the Rock parking lot on Solano Drive. Items needed are socks, underwear, new tennis shoes and

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

50 years ago

1960

• The City Commission, while trying to straighten out its budget, learned city government was losing about \$55,000 annually because 1,864 water meters had not been properly connected. The commission had sought financial counseling after the Mesilla Valley Chamber of Commerce called for Mayor James Neleigh and Commissioners Dr. Daniel Maddox, Roy Moore, Ed Noble and Ed Gutierrez to resign because the chamber claimed they were not working together in the best interests of the city residents.

• The Las Cruces Board of Education approved plans to add a gymnasium at Lynn Middle School, measuring 103 feet long and 87 feet wide.

• New Mexico State University named Roy Nakayama as assistant horticulture professor at its Agricultural Experimental Station.

• The Plaza Theatre was featuring Mexican beauty Maria Felix and romantic lead Arturo de Cordova in "Miercoles de Ceniza."

25 years ago

1985

• The El Paso Utilities Board charged that a bill the New Mexico Legislature had passed to permit state cities and counties to regulate and plan their underground water resources was a violation of New Mexico's Constitution. The Texas city had applied to the New Mexico State Engineer to drill 266 wells in southern Doña Ana County and to transport water across the state line.

Marvin Tessneer
Out of the Past



• Memorial General Hospital generated \$4.1 million more than its operation expenditures of \$2.3 million. The hospital planned to spend the extra money on equipment and to pay off debts.

• Anne Marie Halsell was named Hatch Chile Festival Queen.

• The Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$149,661 to construct an access road to the Las Cruces International Airport.

10 years ago

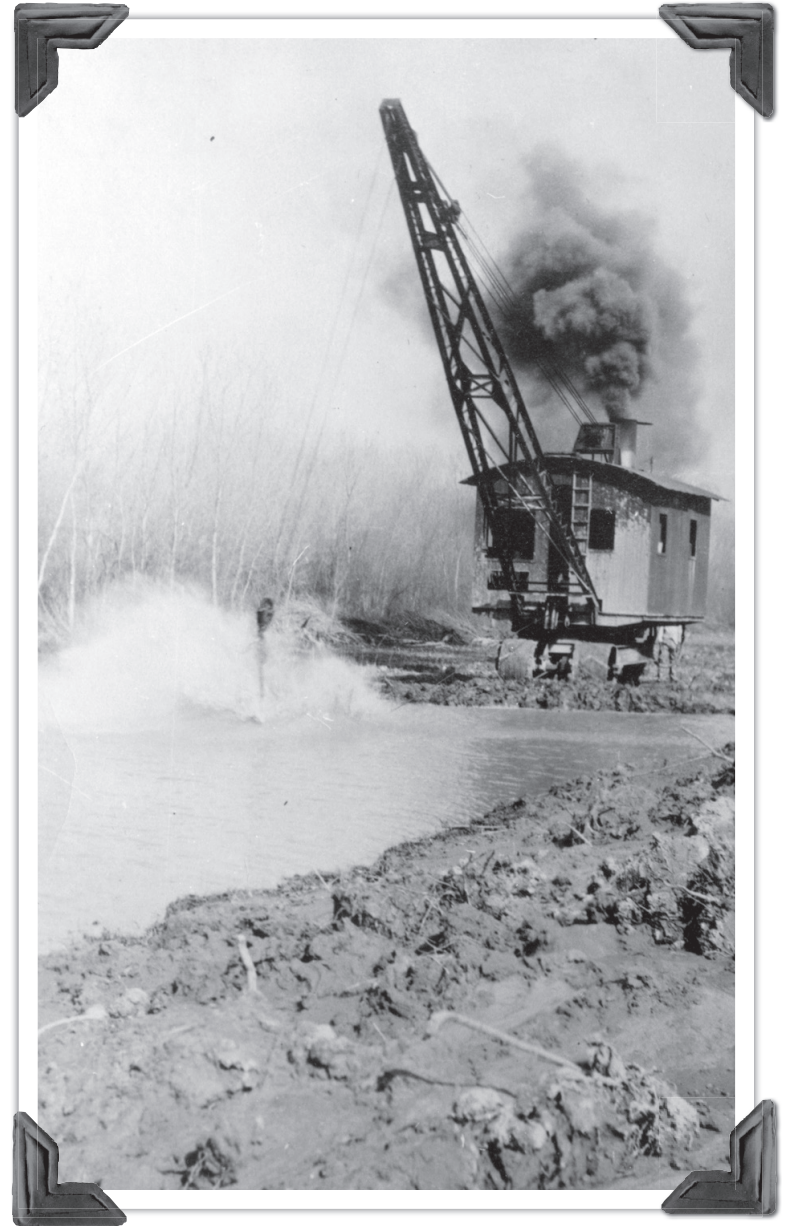
2000

• The USDA Rural Development Division awarded the La Mesa Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association \$1.4 million to expand its system.

• The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce named Dora Dominguez president and chief executive. Formerly, she had served as a fundraiser for the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance.

• The Doña Ana County Commission named David King as general services division manager to succeed Roy Torres, who had retired.

Sources: NMSU Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Editor's note: Archives for 75 years ago were not available for this week's Looking Back column.



New Mexico State University Library, Archives and Special Collections photo
A self-propelled excavator digs an acequia in the Mesilla Valley.

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SeniorActivities

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 Jennifer Smith is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held:

- 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road
 - 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Mesilla Park Community Center, 503 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.
- Suggested donation is 25 cents.

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. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

CORE-FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core-floor exercise classes are held five days a week. The suggested donation is 50 cents. Classes are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Lucille at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Jennifer Smith at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai Chi classes are held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

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.

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Doña

Ana Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

CHINA PAINTERS

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

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 at Munson Senior Center are postponed until further notice.

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.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club meets from 10 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The club gets together to read great selections and meet new people.

STAINED GLASS

Stained glass classes at Munson Senior Center are postponed until further notice.

CANASTA

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

HORSESHOE PITCHING

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

VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

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

The club is currently booking the following trips:

- El Paso Diablos: Thursday, Aug. 26. Cost is \$30.
- Gila River Festival: One night and two days Thursday, Sept. 16, and Friday, Sept. 17, to Silver City, the Catwalk and the Gila River Festival. Cost is \$155 double, \$190 single.
- Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountain National Park: Three days and two nights, beginning Tuesday, Oct 12. Cost is \$280 double, \$320 single.
- Branson, Ozark Mountain Christmas: Seven nights and eight days, beginning Saturday, Nov. 13, to Branson, Mo., Ozark

Mountain Christmas. Cost is \$1,135 triple, \$1,229 double and \$1,499 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

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.

MOVIE DAY

Movie Day is at 1:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month in the conference room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Call Mark for title information at 528-3406 or email mmumper@las-cruces.org. Free popcorn is served. Movie suggestions are welcome at Munson Library and at the front desk.

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 Senior 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 Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

PINOCHLE

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

DAY TRIPS WITH DOLORES

A trip to the Roswell UFO Museum will depart Munson Senior Center at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, and return at approximately 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 plus the museum fee of \$5. (The fee for 65 and over is \$3). Participants will be responsible for their own lunch at a nearby restaurant, but may pack snacks for the trip home. Sign up begins Monday, Aug. 2

Seniors must pre-register for the trips by calling 528-3000 or by visiting the recreation office. Trips are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or other circumstances.

MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of each month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return to the center 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 may have fees. Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at Munson Senior Center or by calling 528-3000.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Area drivers ages 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program. Classes are scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The cost is \$12 per person for AARP members with membership cards and \$14 for non-members, paid at the door. Participants must bring a valid

Frequently called numbers

Munson Senior Center	975 S. Mesquite St.	528-3000
Benavidez Community Center	1045 McClure Road.....	541-5185
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
Resource Center	975 S. Mesquite St.	528-3307
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	975 S. Mesquite St.	528-3000
Senior Nutrition Program	Reservations and cancellations	528-3012
	From outside the city	800-397-3544
Senior Olympics	Mesilla Park Center.....	541-5171
Dial-A-Ride Senior Transportation	Call 24 hours in advance	541-2777
Alzheimer's Association	101 N. Alameda Blvd.....	647-3868
	From outside the city	888-588-0005

driver's license and a pen or pencil. For more information, visit www.aarp.com.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples and singles 50 and older are welcome. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help with activities, such as:

- Assistant pianist for a group that performs weekly at nursing homes
 - Tutor children from kindergarten through 12th grade
 - Clerical help doing office tasks at many programs
 - Be an advocate for those who need someone to speak on their behalf
 - Make items to donate to community programs
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I came back to my hometown from New York City nearly 50 pounds lighter than when I left. It's funny how walking everywhere, going up and down subway steps and running entire blocks when I was late for work at the most unforgiving retailer in the world helped me shed some weight like nobody's business.

Add to that the pay from an unforgiving retailer and the fact that my obsessive uncle only kept organic foods in the house, and I was not only in shape, but I was healthy as well. Probably more than I had ever been in my life.

And then I moved back to the Land of Mañana, not in the food sense, though. I can easily get a 1,500-calorie meal in less than 40 seconds, and it only takes me two minutes to get there. There's a drive-thru everywhere here, and that includes some of my favorite Mexican food restaurants, which are as abundant as the bodegas in New York.

Add to that a pregnant best friend who craved daily visits to what I called the Grease River, and I gained 20 pounds in just a few short months of being back in Las Cruces. Hey, I'm not one to let people eat alone.

I've never been one to have self-discipline, either. Of course, when I absolutely had to walk six blocks to the train and two more to get to work – and that usually involved climbing two or three flights of stairs – it was a no-brainer. I also enjoyed a diet that included free-range chicken breast or salmon (those were Uncle Mel's favorites) with organic seasonings, 100-percent fruit juice, sea salt-flavored pita chips and organic produce.

But now that I'm here, when it comes to making a conscious effort to eat healthy meals and implement an exercise regimen, I'm suddenly too busy and too hungry to care. I can't keep up the expensive organic diet, and now the only fruits and vegetables I eat are smothered in something bad for me.

But it's time to change, as there are several things working against me that could definitely shorten the healthy life I've been destined to have.

Uncle Mel's obsession for organic health foods comes from the fact that he's the lone survivor of my father's immediate family, as his mother and brother (my father) lost their battles to cancer within months of each other in 1984, and his father succumbed to the horrible disease 16 years later in 2000. Mel will be 60 on Aug. 10.

My mother's side of the family has an
See **Change** on page A28

Staying healthy all year long

City offering free nutritional meals during summer

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

During the school year, districts work to provide students with a healthy meal that includes foods from all the necessary groups.

The City of Las Cruces is working to maintain that standard through the Summer Food Service Program. Free breakfast and lunch is offered to children 1 to 18 years old on weekdays at recreation and community centers throughout the city. No registration is required, and children are served regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The program is offered to local children with help from a federal fund provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, which has designed the program to fill the nutrition gap during the summer.

"Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again," the USDA website reports. "Hunger also may make children more prone to illness and other health issues."

The national program stemmed from programs created in the 1930s to assist low-income children in families affected by the Great Depression. The Summer Food Service Program itself was established in 1968 as a three-year pilot initiative called the Special Food Service Program for Children. The program provided grants to states to help provide meals for children when school was not in session. By 1969, 99,000 children participated in the summer program at 1,200 sites nationwide.

The program received its official name in 1975 and served 1.75 million children at 12,000 sites. Although participation decreased over the years, the number of children served nationwide has been relatively stable at slightly more than 2 million children.

The program also brings seasonal jobs to local residents. Working under the program, See **Summer food** on page A26



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Theresa Montoya Basaldua

City of Las Cruces Summer Food Service Program employee Artie Guzman serves lunches at the Albert Johnson Park near the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library on the corner of Picacho Avenue and Main Street. The program offers free lunches to children 1 to 18 years old.

Home health agency reaches out

Gentiva opens new location

Bulletin Staff Report

Though the home health care agency has had a presence in Las Cruces since October 2009, moving into a brand new branch location was cause for celebration.

Gentiva Home Health held an open house at its new location, 1005 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite B, Tuesday, July 20.

Serving all of Doña Ana County, the home health care agency provides skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy and medical social services, said account executive Mark Copeland.

"We're new to Las Cruces, but Gentiva has been in the home health care industry across the country for 40 years," Copeland said. "We have

about 400 locations nationwide."

The Las Cruces office is owned and operated by Gentiva Health Services Inc., one of the nation's largest providers of comprehensive home health services. Copeland said the Las Cruces branch has about 20 employees, including therapists, nurses and social workers.

The company also will contribute to the community with an annual food drive to benefit El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Gentiva employees and their counterparts around the country are placing the food collection bags at various health care facilities in their communities and will collect food throughout August.

For more information about Gentiva, call Copeland at 528-5620 or visit www.gentiva.com.



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce photo

Gentiva Branch Manager Mayra Santiago cuts the ribbon while Clinical Manager Irene Garcia, RN, holds the proclamation during the grand opening of Gentiva Home Health's new location at 1005 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite B. With about 20 employees, Gentiva provides home health care to patients throughout Doña Ana County.

Summer food

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employees serve the lunches, which often include a meat-and-cheese sandwich, a fruit, vegetables and a choice of regular or chocolate milk.

The breakfast program will continue through Friday, July 30, and while many lunch programs will also end that day, some sites will continue serving the cold meals through Friday, Aug. 6.

For more information about the city's Summer Food Service Program, call 541-2563.

Breakfast	
Time/Date	Location
8 to 9 a.m. through Friday, July 30	East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

Lunch	
Time/Date	Location
Noon to 1:30 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 6	Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave. Frenger Park, 800 Parkview Drive
Noon to 1 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 6	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. La Fonda Mini Park, 1500 S. La Fonda Drive Lions Park, 701 W. Picacho Ave. Valley View Park, 750 S. Espina St. Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N. Miranda St.
Noon to 1 p.m. through Friday, July 30	East Mesa Recreation Center Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Mesilla Park Community Center
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. through Friday, July 30	Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road
1 to 2 p.m. through Friday, July 30	Club Fusion, 101 E. Union Ave.

Senior Olympics honors 2 Golden Athletes

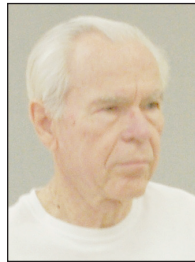
Competitors are the best in their respective events



ADDISON

The New Mexico Senior Olympics Inc. has named Frances Addison as the 2009 Outstanding Female Golden Athlete and Terry Lauritsen as the 2009 Outstanding Male Golden Athlete.

Addison and Lauritsen will be honored and presented with a personalized satin letter jacket at the opening ceremonies of the 2010 New Mexico Senior Olympics Summer Games at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, on the patio of the Corbett Center Student Union at New Mexico State University.



Lauritsen

Addison moved to New Mexico in 1954 with her husband F.M. and two children Bobby and Brenda. The family has been cattle ranching on land just south of Mountainair ever since. Addison has participated in both the local games in Torrance County and the New Mexico State Games almost every year since 1987. In 2009, Addison won gold medals in air pistol benchrest, air pistol standing and badminton singles, and she holds state records in the air pistol events.

Lauritsen has been an Albuquerque resident for the last 37 years and has participated in the Senior Olympic Games since 1992. Lauritsen was the New Mexico gold medalist in badminton and racquetball from 1992 through

2009, the national gold medalist in badminton in 1993, the national silver medalist in racquetball in 1993, the national gold medalist in racquetball 1995 and the national silver medalist in badminton in 2009.

Lauritsen is a retired Air Force officer and worked for 25 years as an engineer. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from San Diego State University, a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a doctorate in biomedical engineering from the University of Southern California.

All Golden Athlete nominees were chosen by their peers and/or local coordinator and then a New Mexico Senior Olympics ad-hoc committee selected the winners. The award is given each year to both a male and a female New Mexico Senior Olympics athlete who is at least 50 years old and actively contributes in two or more of the following areas: outstanding personal accomplishments, outstanding professional contributions, outstanding community contributions and/or outstanding contributions for enhancing the quality of life of seniors.

The 2010 Senior Olympic Summer Games will take place July 28 through Aug. 1 in Las Cruces. This year's games are a qualifying year for the National Games that will be held in Houston in 2011. The National Senior Olympics will also send a two- to three-person team to the New Mexico Games to recruit athletes to attend the National Senior Games. The summer games are open to all New Mexico residents age 50 and older who qualified at local sanctioned games this past spring.

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Riding for babies at the March of Dimes poker run

Photos by Richard Davis

Dalan Perdue, Tony Hale and Jack Sturtz check out a 1965 Ford 427 Cobra before all taking part in the poker run held for the March of Dimes Saturday, July 17. The run started at The Body Works and included several stops on the route before ending at Buffalo Wild Wings.



Ken Triplett takes his 2008 Custom Built Big Dawg for a ride.



The poker run sponsored by The Body Works, Schueller Homes and Buffalo Wild Wings, was open to all interested drivers of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Proceeds benefited the March of Dimes, a nonprofit organization devoted to raising funds to prevent premature births and birth defects.



Tyler Ward, 2, was not only a strong fighter as a preemie born six weeks early, but the toddler was the main man during the March of Dimes poker run.

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Change

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awesome history of heart disease, and despite my brother's attempts at eating as healthily and being as active as possible, it has already done some irreversible damage.

And then there's my 9-year-old daughter Maya, who just had her well-child checkup. The doctor told her she was overweight, and we need to alter our lifestyles before she picks up my bad habits for good.

I, too, am overweight and now weigh close to 180 pounds.

So I'm changing my bad habits, and because I have no discipline, I'm forcing myself to do it in the public eye. I hate to fail when people are watching.

I've joined a gym and, when my schedule permits, make it to Zumba class. I'm shooting for four times a week, and I find that, with my lack of motivation, sticking to an actual schedule is best. Zumba is the closest I can get to not feeling like I'm actually working out. The hour-long cardio workout combines Latin and hip hop dance moves, and I love to dance. I actually feel more like I'm dancing in a nightclub, minus the high heels and drunk guys.

I'm really making a conscious effort this time. Being unhealthy affects my attitude, my energy and now it's affecting my daughter. Hopefully, I can motivate her and maybe a few of you, too.

Have any motivating weight-loss tips that don't involve me having to pay an arm and a leg for some pill or powder? Email me at natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

"You must also replace the sodium and potassium along with the water," said David McCarron, adjunct professor at University of California-Davis. "This is why athletes drink sports drinks like Gatorade, rather than just water. Replacing water without sufficient sodium can quickly produce hyponatremia, a potentially fatal condition."

When the body loses electrolytes, typically from perspiration, over-rehydration with only water will produce hyponatremia, a true medical emergency. Hyponatremia symptoms are similar to those of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and can often be overlooked. Symptoms range from mild to severe and can include nausea, muscle cramps, disorientation, confusion, seizures, coma and death.

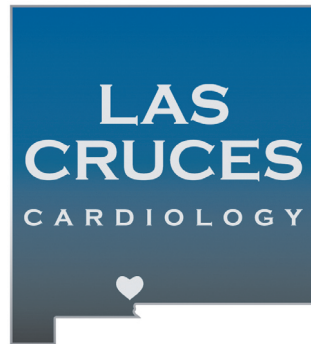
To avoid this condition, medical authorities advise marathon runners to consume extra salt, and this advice should also

be considered by those exposed to excessive heat. Salt is critical in maintaining hydration.

The proper balance of electrolytes in the human body is essential for normal function of the cells and organs. Electrolytes help to regulate cardiovascular and neurological functions, fluid balance and oxygen delivery.

Water intoxication is more commonly seen among athletes, usually extreme athletes, but older individuals are also at high risk for several reasons. Their kidneys are less efficient at conserving salt when the body is stressed, and common medications such as diuretics greatly increase that risk. That is why during severe high temperatures, news accounts most often refer to elderly victims of the heat.

Although most hyponatremia victims may not have obvious symptoms, severe hyponatremia is a medical emergency that calls for immediate treatment. The low sodium level is restored to a normal level by gradually and steadily giving sodium and water intravenously. Milder cases can be handled by administering salt and fluid replacers by mouth.



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Change is coming to University

Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



It won't happen tomorrow, or probably even this year, but significant changes are under way to make University Avenue more pedestrian and business friendly.

Dubbed the University Plan and Overlay, many workshops and meetings were held during the last year to determine the vision for the gateway to New Mexico State University.

Both NMSU and the city, in partnership with the community and its stakeholders, have dedicated hundreds of hours to create a plan that "mirrors" the needs of campus students, faculty, staff and the general public.

The city plan calls for easier pedestrian access traveling to and from main campus and the city-side of University Avenue.

"When you have a city and university face each other, it creates a destination, not just a roadway," said university architect Michael Rickenbaker, who partnered with the city to help draft the district plan. "It becomes a district that's really focused on pedestrian use. This will create a neighborhood, a place to go, not just another road."

Rickenbaker said although the university and city didn't borrow from any one specific campus-city design, planners did look at similar functional and popular university districts such as Franklin Street at the University of North Carolina, "Tiger Town" at Clemson University and a similar district at Louisiana State University.

With the impending opening of the Las Cruces Convention Center, the NMSU Center for the Arts and a new Barnes & Nobles bookstore and retail outlet, foot traffic is bound to increase — a determining factor in creating the new plan.

Currently, pedestrian access to various university facilities and University Avenue businesses is fragmented, Rickenbaker said.

"We haven't built the pieces to connect them together that would give people the opportunity to walk from place to place and eventually arrive at their destination," he said.

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Designing Las Cruces

ASA architects contribute to the local landscape

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Beautiful," some have said. Others, "classic and timeless."

The New Mexico State University Center for the Arts, to begin construction soon on the corner of Espina Street and University Avenue, is a 50,000-square-foot project co-designed by longtime Las Cruces company ASA Architects. The firm has had a long-standing relationship with various institutions in Las Cruces, building and renovating dozens of public and private facilities over the last 30 years.

The arts project, a partnership with New York design firm Holzman, Moss, Bottino, will be designed in various phases and incorporate the historic style of the neighboring Henry Trost building, which is part of the current Music Center, which ASA helped design.

"We know the local environment and vernacular building styles that have helped us partner with the New York firm to have a good understanding of what would be an appropriate arts facility for this location," said Ted Shelton, president and principal officer for ASA. See **ASA** on page B2



ASA Architects photo

Front, Malcolm Holzman of Holzman, Moss, Bottino, Ted Shelton and Swapnil Ukey of ASA Architects and back, Heidi Frohnappfel, Brenda Gomez and Maunel Alvidrez of ASA Architects attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts Thursday, July 15. ASA Architects co-designed the new arts center in partnership with New York-based firm Holzman, Moss, Bottino.

Olympians mean business

Senior athletes spend time, money in Las Cruces

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Senior Olympics don't just shine a spotlight on Las Cruces, they bring a much-needed economic boost to the city.

Chris Faivre, the media and publications manager for the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the games usually pump about \$250,000 into the local economy.

"This definitely is one of the larger events in town," Faivre said.

The annual competition is set to begin Wednesday, July 28, and wraps up Sunday, Aug. 1. Most events will be held at New Mexico State University, with the exception of some being held at local businesses such as Ten Pin Alley.

Seniors contribute to the economy in a variety of ways. In 2008, of the 1,230 participants, 300 stayed at NMSU dormitories and 200 commuted, leaving about 730 athletes that booked hotel stays for an average of three days, according to Senior Olympics officials.

Others make their own way, some in the traditional retirement style.

"I take my RV, and we do a lot of RVing (in Las Cruces)," said senior athlete Don McKenzie. "I should say camping. We've already made reservations."

Aside from lodging, senior athletes will spend their money eating, drinking, re-fueling their vehicles, buying trinkets and souvenirs and many will seek additional entertainment opportunities.

Altogether, the economic impact is somewhat hard to measure because tourism is a large, complex and difficult industry to define and measure, according to the Organization for



Cyclists ready themselves for a competition during the 2009 Senior Olympics held in Las Cruces. More than 1,000 athletes are expected for this year's games.

Economic Co-Operation and Development. Similarly, Faivre said it's no easy task tracking the dollars spent when large civic groups convene in Las Cruces.

Despite those challenges, the New Mexico Senior Olympics estimates that in 2008, \$175,200 was generated from hotel revenue and \$45,600 from restaurant revenue, an 11.5 percent increase from 2007.

Of that \$175,200, 5 percent is taken out for a lodger's tax, which helps fund the CVB's

limited budget. In 2009, the city collected \$1.6 million in lodger's fees, which helps the CVB market Las Cruces and attract more tourists, although the money is pooled to promote tourist attractions and facilities within the state.

It's estimated that more than 1,000 Senior Olympians will participate in the games this year, including 250 from Doña Ana County.

For more information, visit www.nmseniorolympics.org.

ASA

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“The building is going to have a very striking look on the campus and it’s at a key gateway entrance to the campus.”

The arts complex will house the fine, creative and performing arts at NMSU. It will feature a 500-seat drama theater, a 250-seat screening theater and a 100-seat black box facility. Space will be created for teaching, exhibition, meeting and administrative services. One of Shelton’s favorite design elements is the main lobby, which will mimic the look and feel of an arroyo.

“The community access point is designed to recall an arroyo in the desert Southwest,” Shelton said. “It’s going to be a tall space with undulating sides and will connect to the various points in the building.”

“It’s a tough design because this building doesn’t really have a back. There are primary entrances at three points and all of those entrances lead to the arroyo. You could see up three stories high from the arroyo, and also you can look down at the lobby area from high up in the building. It will be a very dramatic space.”

Travertine from a quarry in Belen, N.M., will be used as the primary stone for the building, Shelton added.

“We’re using New Mexico materials and other objects that come from our desert Southwest,” he said.

ASA Architects was founded in 1968 in Roswell, N.M., and has grown to become southern New Mexico’s largest architectural firm with its headquarters now in Las Cruces. ASA also has offices in Roswell, El Paso and Zacatecas, Mexico.

During the last three years, ASA has completed more than \$180 million in projects for



A digital depiction looking south at the gymnasium of the new high school

southern New Mexico municipalities, urban housing authorities, financial institutions, religious groups, universities and various school districts.

“As far as the courts go, pretty much everything below the federal level we’ve designed since 1980,” Shelton said.

Among the key projects ASA is currently working on is the new high school for Las Cruces Public Schools, a \$100 million school to serve 2,000 students.

The design mission of the new high school is to “create a state-of-the-art facility with an emphasis on student-teacher interaction and awareness through smaller groups, while maintaining an appreciation of the larger environment we affect and are an integral part of,” according to Gary Yabumoto, ASA Architects vice president.

The new high school is Las Cruces Public Schools’ largest-ever school project.

It is currently under construction north of Dripping Springs Road and west of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. The building will house a ninth grade academy component and three wings housing various “career clusters.” Different career paths located in the career clusters will focus on more specific instruction depending on the student’s interests and career path, Yabumoto said.

ASA employs 35, with positions ranging from project architects to LEED specialists and interior designers.

Other notable ASA projects include the 32,000-square-foot Las Cruces police administration complex, Las Cruces Fire Station No. 6, the Las Cruces Imaging Center, the Laabs and East Mesa swimming pools, the “front door” of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, the Head Start and early childhood buildings, the headquarters for Bank of the Rio Grande, the Compass Bank office complex and the Las Cruces Borman Honda showroom.

“Mostly, we’ve been involved in public

“ We’re using New Mexico materials that come from our desert Southwest. ”

TED SHELTON,
president, ASA Architects

building projects,” Shelton said. “We haven’t suffered as much (from the economy) because we don’t undertake too many private developments, which have slowed down.”

ASA also spearheaded the First Annual Construction 2008 competition to benefit the Casa de Peregrinos food bank. The local chapter of the American Institute of Architects held the benefit in October 2008 at Mesilla Valley Mall, which was followed by a weeklong exhibit. ASA and other regional architectural firms used hundreds of full cans of food to design and build structures that resemble hot air balloons. Between 2,000 and 3,000 cans were donated to Casa following the exhibition.

ASA also has an established relationship with NMSU, designing and renovating buildings such as Regents Row, the Astronomy Building, McClure Hall, the University Tennis Center, Natatorium, Goddard Hall, Visitor’s Center and Zuhl Museum and Branson Library.

For more information on ASA Architects, visit www.asa-architects.com.



An aerial rendering of the ASA-designed high school currently under construction for Las Cruces Public Schools

Calling all salsa chefs



Salsa chefs from Mesilla Valley Kitchen man their salsa booth during the 2009 MainStreet SalsaFest Salsa Makers Competition. This year’s competition is slated for Sunday, Aug. 29, in Downtown Las Cruces. Home-based salsa chefs as well as commercial chefs are encouraged to compete. Awards and prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$150 for the best salsa makers will be given to those voted the best salsa makers by the tasters attending the event. For more information, call the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership at 525-1955 or visit www.downtownlascrucespartnership.org. Application deadline is Friday, July 30.

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One thing's for sure, though. Rickenbaker wants to see more businesses and new development across campus — restaurants, coffee shops, boutiques and other retail stores.

"Those businesses can only be successful if you put feet to the street," he said.

One of the main concerns from the city was making the area safer, which has seen more than its share of pedestrian accidents during the last few years.

City Planner Susan Lowell said the area is identified by the Metropolitan Planning Organization as a "high-risk" area for pedestrians and cyclists.

"It's one of the three most dangerous areas in the city," she said.

Recently, the city installed a pedestrian walkway across University Avenue on Haggarty Street to address some of those problems, but personally, I've seen dozens of motorists ignore the new path completely, leaving many pedestrians stranded in the middle lane. There will be more such walkways added in the future, however.

Additionally, the city created a mixed-use zoning designation to allow multiple types of businesses to set up shop in the area. A significant change is the increase in maximum building height to about five stories, with exceptions for additional height, Lowell said.

"We've also changed things such as how much window space people can see when

they're walking by, new rules for signage that can be seen by pedestrians and where the buildings sit in relation to the street," Lowell said. "There's plenty of room for growth — one of the things we did in this plan was increase the (potential) density for the area."

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is also conducting a feasibility study to redesign the Interstate 25 exit to University Avenue, which could significantly change the traffic flow along the campus street. NMDOT currently has \$2.5 million in funding for the project, although the construction costs will require more money, Lowell said.

"We haven't received any development applications to date, and that's understandable because frankly, the economy is a little soft," Lowell said. "But it takes the development community some time to assimilate the opportunities."

The city has not secured funds for University Avenue redevelopment because an engineering feasibility study must be conducted to determine what changes need to be made, after which it will seek the appropriate avenues to seek funding for the project.

As a former NMSU student who often traveled to Cincinnati Street at the University of Texas-El Paso for a weekend outing, I feel it's about time the University Corridor became "the place to be" for students. I'm sure many others will agree, but I just don't know how long I can wait to see it happen. Hopefully soon.

To view the University District Plan and Overlay, visit www.las-cruces.org/cd.

“ Those businesses can only be successful if you put feet to the street. ”

MICHAEL RICKENBAKER, NMSU architect

Building Las Cruces

Doña Ana County office complex



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

The former Doña Ana County office complex next to the old Doña Ana County Courthouse is being converted into a retail strip center and is aimed at attracting tenants for boutique shops and a restaurant, said property owner John Hoffman.

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Las Cruces job growth driven by census hiring

Private sector doing better, but government still needed for recovery

On almost every measure of economic activity, Las Cruces is doing better than the national economy. Las Cruces continues to outperform national averages in unemployment, home foreclosure rate and income growth.

Data released for the month of May by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, the latest available, shows that on a 12-month basis, employment is up for the first time since January 2009, signaling an unofficial end to the local recession. Meanwhile, on a year-over-year basis, employment continues to decline both nationally and statewide. The data indicates that the recession was shorter, less severe and is now over in Las Cruces. Nationally, labor markets continue to be very weak.

While Las Cruces has tipped back into growth mode, it will take a while to regain the jobs lost during the recession. We are still some 1,400 jobs, or 2 percent, below the May 2008 job peak. Recovery back to the pre-recession trend could take two years or more.

A deeper look reveals some continuing problems. Las Cruces gained 600 jobs according to the May data. Meanwhile, the U.S. Census Bureau is currently employing 1,000 people in Las Cruces. If we net out the census jobs, the city lost 400 jobs. Moreover, these jobs will be eliminated during the next few months and will completely disappear by September when the census count is completed. Still, even after adjusting for census-related employment, the Las Cruces private sector is doing better than at any time since the start of the recession.

Government employment has allowed Las Cruces to exit out of recession mode. Some might argue that somehow this taints the



Burn Construction Co. Inc. workers working on the Del Rey/Sandhill Arroyo infrastructure project on Del Rey Boulevard. The project, which aims to add sidewalks, curbs and gutters, drainage structures, storm drains, bike lanes and pedestrian facilities, is part of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. Jobs created include equipment operators, electricians, carpenters, cement workers, iron workers, truck drivers and laborers. The project is less than 50 percent completed and is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

recovery. Republicans, for example, in recent weeks have been asserting that government jobs aren't real jobs. This of course is nonsense. A job is a job. Republicans know this.

What I think Republicans are really trying to say is that government jobs do not contribute to the long-run economic prosperity of the country. After all, government is less

efficient than the private sector.

Yes, true. But saying that government is less efficient does not mean that government is unproductive. Government provides services absolutely essential for economic prosperity. A factory is of little use, for example, if there is no road on which to ship the product.



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

As a society, we want to undertake the activities with the highest returns whether funded by government or the private sector.

Right now, during an anemic recovery, the private sector is not undertaking investment at a rate normally observed. The result is that resources are standing idle, providing an opportunity for government to step into the breach.

Both government and businesses can operate inefficiently but in the private sector there are automatic mechanisms that correct for inefficiency. Inefficient private sector firms, facing loss of market share to their more efficient competitors, ultimately either have to reform or go out of business. Inefficient government agencies can continue to operate without fear of competition.

But government inefficiency doesn't mean government is unproductive, although the net profit to society is, unfortunately, less.

In a period of high uncertainty, like now, corporations are reluctant to invest and banks refuse to lend. High-return projects are going unfunded and resources are standing idle. In such a situation, government employment can be very productive.

We see this in Las Cruces where our return to prosperity is being driven disproportionately by the government sector.

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'Shadow' inventory plagues industry

Trend projected to keep pressure on housing market for years to come

No matter whose prediction you tend to believe, the fact remains that there are millions of homes in our nation's shadow inventory. What is shadow inventory? It's an amalgamation of single-family homes with delinquent loans or foreclosures in process, as well as homes held by banks as repossessions waiting to come on the market. Homeowners who would elect to sell in a New York minute if conditions were right make up the remainder of the group.

One housing data source, First American Core Logic, pegged the inventory at about 1.7 million units. The Bank of Scotland estimated 2.7 million and Amherst Securities counted upwards of 7 million homes in shadow inventory. According to a recent report from Standard & Poor's, even at the low estimate of 1.7 million homes, it would

take at least three years to dispose of the inventory. S&P also noted that the number of homes with delinquent loans is currently climbing faster than bank-sale transactions are closing.

Stan Humphries, chief economist at Zillow.com, likens the shadow inventory to a voyage on the Titanic, saying: "The portion of the iceberg below the waterline is inventory that's waiting to come into the market at some point. As it bleeds into the market over time, it continues to put downward pressure on prices."

Zillow estimates the actual number of would-be sellers who would sell if conditions were right to be between 11 and 30 million, a full one-third of America's homeowners.

Feeding the shadow inventory is the growing number of homeowners who are unable

to keep up with their mortgage payments. Zillow reported that more than one of every 1,000 homes (about one-tenth of a percent of our nation's inventory) went into foreclosure during the first quarter of this year. Department of Treasury statistics indicate that for every foreclosure already in place, there are nine more in process.

As the shadow inventory continues to increase in size, banks will have to cut better deals for homebuyers to keep the number of homes they're repossessing from overwhelming them – putting additional downward pressure on prices. Zillow recently found evidence of this classic supply and demand dynamic, tracking declines in 78.5 percent of the 135 markets they monitor on a year-over-year basis.

When distilled down to their bare basics,

most indicators point to a long and slow recovery for the housing sector.

While the news is certainly not good for some, diminished prices and historically low interest rates will make it possible for young families entering the marketplace to purchase one heck of a home for their money.

See you at closing.

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Hispanic scholarship benefits continuing education students

Physicians' initiative now available to area students

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

More than a decade ago when Dr. Robert Villalobos and a few fellow physicians discovered a way to make a difference in the community, they started small and then looked to the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) to make a larger impact. Now, students such as Gabriela Anguiano-Molina are benefitting from that small start and strong growth.

Mexico State University in the fall with help from a \$1,535 Hispanic Scholarship. The Hispanic Scholarship is now open to all area students.

"This scholarship will help me pay for my education, which is of most importance to me," said Anguiano-Molina, who plans to study aerospace and mechanical engineering. "Studying for an engineering career will require countless hours of study. Not having to worry about how to pay for it, I will be able to devote my time to my studies so I can make my dreams and passions come true."

“ It gives me the opportunity to make the world a better place to live in. ”



ANGUIANO-MOLINA

GABRIELA ANGUIANO-MOLINA, scholarship recipient

In the early 1990s, Villalobos met with a group of physicians, including Drs. Ernest Flores, Robert Talamantes, Tom Paz and Mario Padilla. The physicians wanted to give back to the community and felt the best way to do that was by raising money so that more Hispanic students could attend college. The group wanted to award scholarships to Hispanic students who had a desire to attend college, but not necessarily the grade point average, so they required students to have at least a 2.0 GPA and acceptable SAT or ACT scores.

Initially, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to area students, but when the funds were placed within the CFSNM, they began to grow. Now, 17-year-old Anguiano-Molina will attend New

Anguiano-Molina has already faced and overcome a great challenge in her education – she arrived in the United States four years ago without the ability to speak English.

"It did not stop me from obtaining an education," she said. "I graduated in the top ten of my class, and I am still always looking for other challenges."

For Anguiano-Molina, having a proper education is essential.

"It gives me the opportunity to make the world a better place to live in," she said. "I'm trying to make a difference by helping people with everything that I can."

The CFSNM manages a variety of scholarships, all listed in detail at www.cfsnm.org, and

Reclamation bureau adjusts farmers' quota

Farmers to receive less water than expected

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The spring mountain snow pack runoff was disappointing, but the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation continues to honor its water quota commitment to the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, said El Paso Field Office director Filiberto Cortez.

In April, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) predicted the spring runoff into the Rio Grande Basin would be 560,000 acre-feet, or 98 percent of the long-time average, but the runoff has diminished and the figure has been revised to 460,000 acre-feet, hydrologist James Narvaez informed the EBID board during its July 14 meeting.

"It looks like we're going to get about 340,000 acre-feet into Elephant Butte Reservoir this year from the runoff," Cortez said. "The reservoir will keep dropping as

we release water for irrigation, and by the end of October, it looks like the storage could be down to 312,000 acre-feet."

The depletion is showing. The combined reservoirs' storage is 583,271 acre-feet, compared with 698,967 last year at this time. The current reservoir storage figures are: Elephant Butte, 530,355 acre-feet and Caballo Lake 52,916 acre-feet, the Bureau of Reclamation reported.

The bureau has allocated 254,532 acre-feet for the EBID 2010 irrigation release, and the EBID board of directors is holding the farmer quota at two acre-feet. The normal release is three acre-feet.

As temperatures increased in June, EBID ditch riders diverted 58,076 acre-feet of water, compared with 45,739 acre-feet in May, to 3,486 farms and into 69,336 acres. That leaves a 89,649 acre-feet balance in the 2010 allotment, water master Ricardo Bejarano reported.

all aimed to help members within the community maintain a better life. With generous contributions and skilled community leaders administering scholarships, the CFSNM plays a part in enabling students in their quest to gain an education.

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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

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Briefs

St. Clair to move to new location

St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, will move to a new, larger location not far from its current location. St. Clair is remodeling and renovating the former Way Out West restaurant location at 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. St. Clair officials said the new space has a projected opening date of "sometime in late 2010." The Las Cruces St. Clair location is owned and operated by the Lescombes family, a five-generation wine-making family in the Mesilla Valley for more than 25 years. The new location will feature a larger seating area, an expanded patio and larger kitchen facilities.

MLB umpire opens new restaurant

Doug Eddings, a Major League Baseball umpire from Las Cruces, bought the former Irish pub known as Brigid's Cross and has

re-opened the business as the Ump 88 Grill, 1340 Picacho Hills Drive. The restaurant has a new menu that includes Italian, Mexican and traditional American items. The space also features new TV sets and a game room equipped with pool tables and shuffleboard.

Santa Teresa crossing gets \$10 million

U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, along with U.S. Rep. Harry Teague, announced last week that the Santa Teresa Port of Entry will receive \$10 million for infrastructure improvements. The funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Improvements include expanding the passenger lane from two to five lanes, a new primary inspection canopy, expanded pedestrian inspection areas, expanded commercial inspection lanes, a new pedestrian sidewalk, additional high-mast lighting and cameras and xeriscape landscaping.

Mesilla retailer starts Gulf Coast campaign



Kaya's signature street-side mannequin sports the new "Save the Gulf" T-Shirt for sale at the Mesilla store.

Mesilla retailer Kaya's Cottons and Things for the Desert has begun a new initiative to support clean-up efforts for communities impacted by the recent BP oil spill. The store will be donating proceeds from T-shirt sales to nonprofit agencies assisting the gulf coast region. Kaya's is partnering with COAST Apparel to sell T-shirts emblazoned with a "Save the Gulf" message and will donate all of its proceeds to the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and the Gulf Restoration Network. The T-shirts are available at Kaya's for \$25.

Gas prices on the rise

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have risen 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.71 per gallon of unleaded fuel. This compares with the national average that has increased 5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.72 per gallon, according to gasoline price website newmexicogasprices.com.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report July 12-16

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20104384	JC Roofing Inc.	Miguel M. Lopez	Reroof	1620 N. Willow St.	\$3,350	\$48
20104388	Sweetwater Homes LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3609 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$198,112	\$3,706
20104391	Emmanuel Construction	JLB Enterprises	Comm/Alt	2404 Locust St.	\$22,723	\$162
20104392	Richard H. and Martha A. L. Curaon	Richard H. and Martha A. L. Curaon	Res/New	2398 Barclay Court	\$366,376	\$4,244
20104401	GS Roofing	Miller Family Trust	Reroof	3768 Jade Court	\$6,000	\$63
20104453	BR Construction	Loran W. and Elizabeth M. Hoffheins	Res/Add	205 Princeton Drive	\$3,134	\$46
20104443	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Orinthes Inc.	Res/New	7522 Sierra Bella Place	\$169,740	\$1,758
20104422	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Edward L. Flynn	Reroof	4890 Vista Cuesta	\$10,152	\$88
20104430	McGinley Construction Inc.	Jesus and Laurel Porras	Res/Add	2057 Sedona Hills Parkway	\$33,566	\$206
20104461	Approved Roofing	Michael Charles Drong	Reroof	1045 Roadrunner Court	\$11,000	\$93
20104344	Homes of the Southwest by Kolson LLC	Tex Mex Land	Res/New	4119 Calle Belleza	\$228,288	\$3,457
20104370	Raul E. and Janeth G. Soto	Raul E. and Janeth G. Soto	Res/Add	4828 Calle Bella	\$700	\$32
20104390	Sweetwater Homes LLC	Orinthes Inc.	Res/New	7518 Monte Verde Place	\$159,736	\$1,741
20104413	Progreen Superior Coating and Roofing	Katherine A. Grave	Reroof	1728 Idaho Ave.	\$5,500	\$60
20104418	A & A Roofing Inc.	Clarence R. and Esther M. Ramirez	Reroof	420 Butler Ave.	\$4,250	\$53
20104419	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Virginia O. McGuirk	Reroof	1813 Boston Drive	\$4,704	\$55
20104429	Martin and Alma Guerrero	Martin and Alma Guerrero	Reroof	1413 Evelyn St.	\$2,900	\$45
20104446	Gregory Sherman	Gregory Sherman	Res/Alt	1060 Marilissa Lane	\$14,000	\$110
20104444	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Subdivision LLC	Res/New	4497 Ojo Caliente Circle	\$264,286	\$3,819
20104477	A & M Roofing Co.	Jacob Patterson	Reroof	2262 Spirit Rock Drive	\$7,500	\$72
20104475	DJ Walker Construction LLC	Jeffrey D. and Darla J. Jenkins	Reroof	3938 Crystal Court	\$7,950	\$75
20104473	Frankie G. Construction	Rosalba Alvarez	Reroof	905 Calle del Sol	\$7,468	\$72
20104480	C Renteria Construction	Roland G. Sr. and Norma P. Lafrance	Reroof	110 Ridgecrest Drive	\$4,000	\$51
20104491	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Subdivision LLC	Res/New	4455 Ojo Caliente Circle	\$216,726	\$3,738
20104497	JC Roofing Inc.	Frederica Olhausen	Reroof	1145 Lenox Ave.	\$5,519	\$60
20104478	Vica One Inc.	Tierra del Sol Housing Corp.	Res/New	4025 Calle de Luna	\$134,890	\$3,848
20104495	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	3530 Camino Verde	\$195,816	\$3,702
20104492	Enchanted Desert Homes LLC	Northpointe Land Development Corp.	Res/New	1909 Starburst Ridge Court	\$140,876	\$3,859
20104493	Enchanted Desert Homes LLC	Northpointe Land Development Corp.	Res/New	1917 Starburst Ridge Court	\$141,368	\$3,859
20104517	R Builders Inc.	Westmoreland Enterprises LLC	Res/New	4764 Whitney Place	\$147,518	\$2,021
20104518	Warren Construction Inc.	White Sands Federal Credit Union	Comm/Alt	2190 E. Lohman Ave.	\$435,000	\$1,411
20104514	Summit Development	Dreamworks Inc.	Res/New	4438 La Cienaga Place	\$200,900	\$3,410
20104502	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Subdivision LLC	Res/New	4230 Carefree Court	\$133,824	\$3,596
20104533	Kevin Construction Co.	Robert Samuel Smith	Res/Alt	340 N. Mesquite St.	\$1,500	\$41

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

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
35828	Optimum Roofing	Masako A. Cottrell	Reroof	5638 Spirit Ridge	Vista Real #1	\$100
35822	A Plus Exteriors	Robert J. Kear	Reroof	1575 Vista del Cerro	Alto Estates Unit 2	\$112
35834	Self	Juan A. and Damiana Martinez	Res/New	139 Crested Peak Court	Sunny Ridge	\$876
35835	Thurston Construction	Noel Salas	Res/New	1416 San Vicente Court	The Sanctuary	\$994
35837	Copper Canyon Homes	Organ Mesa Development	Res/New	7151 Lake Lucero Loop	Organ Mesa Ranch Phase III	\$685
35840	Robert Garcia Builders	Daniela and Radu Ciubuc	Res/New	175 N. Tierra Vista Drive	N/A	\$186
35841	GL Green	Brian and Laura Pierce	Res/New	8020 Murano Court	Murano Estates	\$1,254

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New passport fees in effect

Adult books cost \$135, previously \$100

Bulletin Staff Report

New passport fees for the U.S. Passport Book, the U.S. Passport Card and other passport services went into effect on Tuesday, July 13.

The U.S. Department of State increased the adult fee for passport books from \$100 to \$135. Those who need an adult passport card now have to pay \$55 instead of \$45.

The price for a passport book for minors has jumped from \$85 to \$105. Passport cards for minors have increased from \$35 to \$40. Passport renewals, previously \$75, now cost \$110. Fees for expedited applications remain the same at \$60.

According to the Department of State, passport application fees are not only used to cover the costs of producing a U.S. Passport Book or Passport Card, but also cover the costs of providing emergency services for American citizens overseas in crisis situations, such as the current earthquake disaster in Haiti, helping Americans who have been the victims of crime while traveling or living abroad and providing support to the families of American citizens who have died overseas.

The Department of State reports that over the last few years, the demand for passports has increased to an average of 15 million per year. In fiscal year 2005, the department issued 10.1 million passports, peaked at 18.4 million in fiscal year 2007 and expects to issue more than 15 million in fiscal year 2010.

Passport Fees

	Previous	Current
Adult Book	\$100	\$135
Adult Card	\$45	\$55
Minor Book	\$85	\$105
Minor Card	\$35	\$40
Renewals	\$75	\$110

"To increase our presence in underserved areas, the department has undertaken a systematic expansion of the passport network, particularly in communities affected by the land border-crossing requirements associated with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative," the department states on its website. "By the end of (fiscal year) 2010, we will have 23 agencies providing emergency passport services to the general public, three high-volume application processing centers, and two large-scale document print centers."

The U.S. Passport Book and U.S. Passport Card for adults are valid for 10 years. Passports for minors under age 16 are valid for five years. The U.S. Passport also serves as proof of U.S. citizenship.

Locally, residents may obtain or renew their passports by visiting the local U.S. Passport Office at the U.S. Postal Service, 201 E. Las Cruces Ave. Documents required are a picture ID and birth certificate. Or to download a passport application, visit www.travel.state.gov/passport.

For more information, call the U.S. Passport office at 523-2250.

Most NM employers eligible for health insurance credit

Report: 24,800 businesses qualify for 2010 funding

More than 88 percent of New Mexico small businesses with fewer than 25 employees will be eligible this year for tax credits to help pay the cost of necessary employee health insurance coverage, according to a new report issued by the consumer health organization Families USA and small business advocacy group Small Business Majority.

The program targets small employers with up to 25 workers. In New Mexico, this means 24,800 small businesses will qualify. Nationally, more than 4 million small businesses – 83.7 percent – are eligible in 2010 for the credit.

"New Mexico's small businesses are the backbone of our economy. The new health insurance reform law will for the first time unite small businesses to negotiate for health insurance that is both meaningful and affordable," said U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-NM. "It also will provide many of our small businesses with tax credits to further reduce costs."

"I believe this is an important step toward expanding health care coverage to more New Mexicans."

The report, "A Helping Hand for Small Businesses: Health Insurance Tax Credits," also notes that 5,500 New Mexico small businesses will qualify for the maximum tax credit of 35 percent. These are businesses that employ 10 or fewer workers who earn an average wage of less than \$25,000, and traditionally have the most difficult time affording insurance.

"Small business owners face unique challenges in trying to provide necessary health care coverage for their smaller numbers of employees," said Barbara Webber, executive director of Health Action New Mexico. "From the local grocer to the hardware store down the street, these individuals will now have substantial help."

"Specifically, in 2008, employers with fewer than 10 workers paid on average, nearly \$350 more for each employee's health insurance than firms with 50 or more workers. This new tax credit should certainly help to improve that record."

Small businesses are financially less able to provide

health coverage for their workers than larger businesses. Nationally, 72 percent of small businesses with 10 to 25 workers offer health coverage, while more than 95 percent of businesses with 50 or more workers offer coverage.

"There's been a lot of speculation about how many small businesses will qualify for tax credits, and this report clears up a lot of those questions," said John Arensmeyer, founder and CEO of Small Business Majority. "We now have real numbers that show the vast majority of small businesses in New Mexico will qualify for tax credits under the new law. That's huge."

The new law aims to redress that imbalance with tax credits, offering the maximum credit of 35 percent to the smallest companies.

Nonprofit employers also benefit, with a maximum credit of 25 percent. As the number of employees and their average wages rise, the tax credit is reduced on a sliding scale.

To further provide assistance, the law allows employers to count two half-time workers as one full-time worker, meaning that an employer with mainly part-time workers will be able to qualify for the tax credit.

The report notes that the health reform law contains additional provisions to aid small businesses now and in coming years. Among those provisions are:

- Starting this month, small business owners are able to view all existing health coverage options in their state on a user-friendly website.
- 2014 – Small employers will be able to purchase quality coverage with strong consumer protections through state-based health coverage marketplaces called "exchanges."
- 2014 – Small employers will be eligible for tax credits up to 50 percent, or 35 percent for nonprofits, to cover their workers with policies obtained through the state exchanges.
- 2014 – Insurers will be prohibited from charging small employers higher premiums based on their workers' pre-existing conditions.

On the Agenda

Spaceport Community Council meeting

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Spaceport Community Council will host a meeting for local business managers and owners, "The Impact of Spaceport America on Local Businesses," at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Virgin Galactic and other companies using the spaceport need a very extensive supply chain. They will need everything from screws to rocket fuel, paper towels to trinkets, tour guides to accountants. The July 29 meeting will feature a panel of local business owners, who will give a brief introduction about what their company does and talk about what they see as potential business opportunities related to the spaceport. The meeting will be open for interactive discussion among audience members and panel speakers. For more information, call 524-1968.

Date: Thursday, July 29

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Las Cruces City Hall
700 N. Main St.

Contact: 524-1968

'Financing Your Dream'

The Las Cruces Small Business Development Center will host the seminar "Financing Your Dream" from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce

Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. The free seminar will address ways to finance a new business, including borrowing or selling equity. The seminar is open to the public. For more information or to register, call Mike Levine at 527-7606 or email sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

Date: Friday, July 30

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: DACC Workforce
Development Center
2345 E. Nevada Ave.

Contact: 527-7606

Business on the Border

The August meeting of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Business on the Border Forum will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet followed by a brief update by MVEDA staff. Leigh Schutzberger, project manager for the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program, will be the featured speaker. The New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA) Program allows New Mexico small businesses facing technical or business challenges to access the unique expertise and capabilities at Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories. NMSBA technical assistance projects are provided at no cost to the small businesses. Luncheon cost is \$20, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Reservations are required. Confirm your

attendance no later than Thursday, July 29, by sending an email to rsvp@mveda.com or by calling the office at 525-2852. The meeting is open to the public.

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 3

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

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

Contact: 525-2852

Alameda Depot meeting

The City of Las Cruces will hold a public meeting to discuss the first draft of the Alameda Depot Overlay at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in room 2007A on the second floor of City Hall, 700 N. Main St. An overlay, often referred to as a special zoning district, is a specific type of ordinance that describes a geographic area with its own set of regulations for land use and development standards. The draft Alameda Depot Overlay is available for review at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, at the corner of Picacho Avenue and Main Street, in the City Clerk's office and the Community Development Department, both at City Hall. It is also available online at www.las-cruces.org/cd. For more information, call 528-3209.

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 4

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Las Cruces City Hall
700 N. Main St.

Contact: 528-3209

Business owners symposium

The Arrowhead Center, Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center and the New Mexico Procurement and Technical Assistance Program will host the 2010 Business Owners and Entrepreneurs Symposium "Small Business ... What's Next?" from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The symposium will feature panelists and business professors Christopher Erickson, Ken Martin and Jim Peach of New Mexico State University; Connie Hettinga, president of the Realtor's Association of New Mexico; John Hummer, president of Steinborn Real Estate & Associates; Bryn Davis, Sapphire Energy; Mike Beckett, owner of COAS Bookstore; Dana Kyle, attorney at law; Danny Osborn, vice president of operations for BroCon Inc.; Beverlee McClure, president and CEO of the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry; and keynote speaker Bill Gilmer, vice president of the El Paso Branch Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. For more information, call 527-7601.

Date: Friday, Aug. 13

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: New Mexico Farm &
Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road

Contact: 527-7601

Downtown construction

Main Street redevelopment Phase II

Photos by Gabriel Vasquez

Phase II of the Main Street redevelopment is under way in Downtown Las Cruces from Las Cruces Avenue to Lucero Street. Construction company Jaynes Corp. is the construction manager for the site.



Pedestrian elements will include wide sidewalks and crosswalks. Aesthetic features will include decorative lighting, bollards, signs, trees, landscaping, patterned sidewalks and shade structures.



The Downtown Mall, which once was home to retail stores such as Popular Dry Goods and Woolworth's, will be modernized in the coming months and is expected to house new retail businesses.

Fencing has been erected and trees have been removed to accommodate the improvements. All businesses in the area remain open, although lane closures are in effect at Main Street near Lucero Street for the next two weeks. Motorists are asked to decrease their speed.



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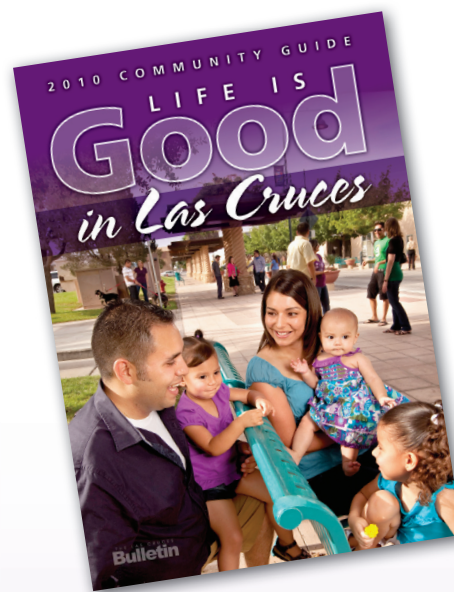
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In Good Company: Las Cruces Krav Maga

Elite combat training for civilians

Krav Maga business teaches students how to use their aggression

By **Gabriel Vasquez**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Krav Maga is an intense form of hand-to-hand combat developed in the 1940s by Israeli Defense Forces that involves wrestling, striking and disarming an aggressor. It's mostly known for its efficient, although very brutal, counterattacks.

The form of martial arts is now taught to elite special forces all around the world.

So why are a few Las Cruces so interested in Krav Maga training and conditioning?

"To survive," said Krav Maga sensei and former U.S. Special Forces soldier Christopher McDermott. "It's real-life training. There are no trophies, no awards, no recognition. Krav Maga presents itself as a realistic combat defense system, and that's how I teach it."

McDermott said his students all have one thing in common, they have the "desire to survive."

"If you come into this class thinking you're going to get a belt because you paid for it, you should try going somewhere else, because my only goal is to teach my students how to survive," he said. "We teach how to defend against real life hand-to-hand combat, the type you would see on the streets."

McDermott started Las Cruces Krav Maga in 2006 after visiting with local veterans who expressed a desire to learn the form of self-defense. He started with four students teaching on the campus of New Mexico State University. McDermott said he's especially qualified to teach because he's seen firsthand the benefits of learning the fighting system.

"I was in the U.S. Air Force Special Forces, received U.S. Special Forces training, trained with the Israeli Defense Force Counterterrorism unit, and fought hand-to-hand in the 74th Ranger Battalion," he said. "I was a para-rescue man in the military when they sent me to Netanya, Israel, to learn this fighting system."

"For months, I literally had the crap beat out of me."

Krav Maga is not as regulated as other forms of martial arts combat. Its primary objective is to incapacitate the opponent by any means necessary. There are no official uniforms or attire, and no rules define who is allowed to practice Krav Maga and who isn't.

"Men, women, the elderly, children – anyone can learn," McDermott said.

Among Krav Maga's general principles are counter-attacking as swiftly and efficiently as possible, targeting attacks to the body's most vulnerable points – jaw, throat, groin, eyes – and neutralizing the opponent as quickly as possible with as much force as necessary.

In McDermott's class, his students train in weapon defense, everything from pocket knives to automatic weapons. The training is a mixture of combat and aerobic workouts.

"We do basic exercises, warm-up stuff and move on to running about 1.2 miles, which we do with a backpack full of rocks. Others carry a log with them, and if they drop the log or do it the wrong way, they have to do it again," McDermott said. "Then

we move to push ups, sit-ups, crunches and stomach punches – pretty much anything we can think of that we haven't done, we'll try it."

On the training field, McDermott's voice is loud, boisterous, and he has a physical presence and attitude to match.

"Nobody wants to get yelled at and do the hard stuff, but the students who are dedicated know they have to do it to learn to survive," he said. "You train hard to fight hard."

After watching one of McDermott's training session, it becomes evident he works his students to exhaustion. McDermott said it's because often, after prolonged intense physical activity, the threat may still remain or a new one may materialize, so it's important his students learn to deal with such simulated attacks.

Currently, McDermott's classes are held at the Horseshoe on the NMSU campus, which offers a real-life setting with a variety of landscapes and surfaces that would resemble the place of a real-life attack.

"We've worked in freezing rain, lightning storms, 110-degree weather, in the snow, it really doesn't matter," said Joel Courtney, an advanced student leader and class member. "You never know what type of combat situation you're going to be in."

Students come from all walks of life. The age range is from 7 to 70, there are both male and females and participants are of varying size, strength and nationality.

"My students have made this class what it is," McDermott said. "Sure I put in my time, but my students do the work. They've put in the time, the blood, sweat and tears. When I say that, I mean it literally, too. And all three."

McDermott was able to start his business with the help of sponsorship from Hard Hat Construction.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

Sensei and former U.S. Special Forces soldier Christopher McDermott gives instruction to student Michael Barnhart.

Details

Company

Las Cruces Krav Maga

Phone

621-5627

Location

New Mexico State University

Hours

By appointment; classes offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday



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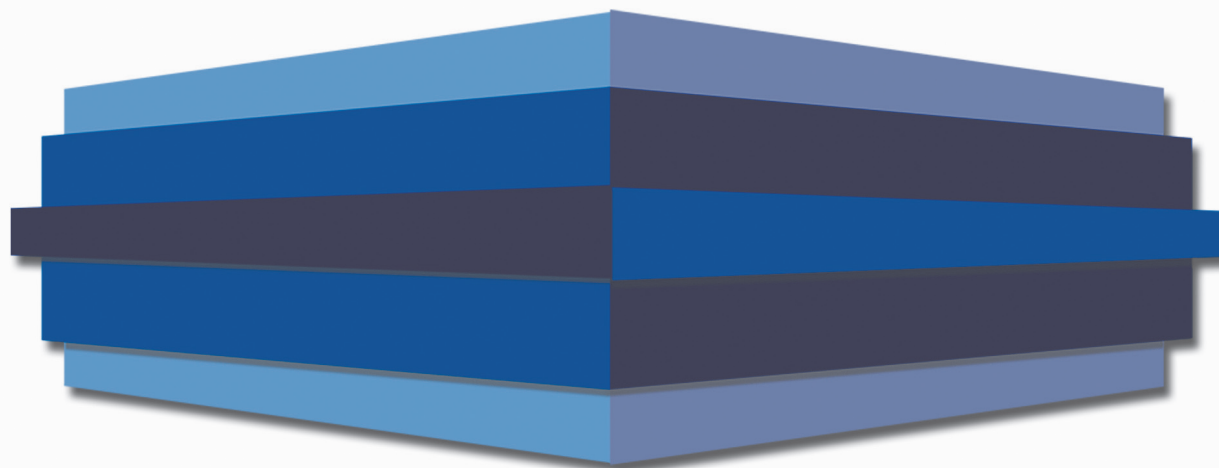
Krav Maga student Michael Barnhart engages in hand-to-hand combat with advanced student leader Ben Skee Monday, July 19, at the New Mexico State University Horseshoe.

"This guy is good, I know he's good," said Hard Hat Construction owner Jason McWillie. "I had full confidence this (business) would work. We never doubted Krav Maga would be successful."

The cost to enroll in Las Cruces Krav Maga is \$65 per month, about half the price of similar dojos that teach the same classes, McDermott said.

To find out more or to enroll in classes, call McDermott at 621-5627 or email senseichristopher@yahoo.com.

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ing; if deceased, THE ESTATE OF GARY W. MAYHOOD, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF GARY W. MAYHOOD, Deceased, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Gary W. Mayhood, Deceased are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Gary W. Mayhood, Deceased in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Gary W. Mayhood, Deceased are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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June 10, 2010
/s/ Karen H. Bradley
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL L. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 2nd day of July, 2010.

MARK PEREA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Nancy A. Weaver
(SEAL) Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-200901161

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,

v.

KRISTY H. PARKS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KRISTY H. PARKS, IF ANY; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM, at the 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 6, Block F, of Montecito Subdivision, locat-

ed in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on plat thereof recorded on March 5, 1953 in Plat Book 7, at Page 36 as Plat No. 410, Records of Doña Ana County. The address of the real property is 1650 Smith Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001-3147. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 2, 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 \$131,635.73 plus interest from January 4, 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.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 07/02/2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201000722

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD D. WEST; ANITA WEST; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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MANUEL DOMINGUEZ JR.; MARY DOMINGUEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MANUEL DOMINGUEZ JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY DOMINGUEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 07/08/2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-200901004

HSBC BANK AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NOMURA HOME EQUITY HOME LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

v.

MANUEL DOMINGUEZ JR.; MARY DOMINGUEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MANUEL DOMINGUEZ JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY DOMINGUEZ, Defendants.

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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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-1132

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

FELIX FRANCISCO ERALES, and if married, JANE DOE ERALES (true name unknown), his spouse; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC.; and CACV OF COLORADO LLC aka CACH, LLC, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Felix Francisco Eralles and Jane Doe Eralles are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) Felix Francisco Eralles and Jane Doe Eralles in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendant(s) Felix Francisco Eralles and Jane Doe Eralles are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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June 29, 2010
By Karen H. Bradley

Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8th day of July, 2010.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Mary C. Apodaca
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201000215

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SASCO 2007-WF1, Plaintiff,

v.

KAREN PULLIAM; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN PULLIAM, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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NOTICE OF SALE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201000579

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS SERVICER FOR CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

RALPH D. PRIVETTE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH D. PRIVETTE, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200902418

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF WILLIE C. HURST, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF WILLIE C. HURST, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the NW ¼ of Section 9, T 22 S., R 3 E., which corner is marked by a 2 inch iron pipe properly set for the center of Section 9; thence 0° 06' W. 394.4 feet to an iron rod set on the south right of way of Highway 70 and the place of beginning, being the northeast corner of this tract herein described; thence S. 67° 52' W. 368.79 feet along the south right of way of Highway 70 to the northwest corner of this tract; thence S 22° 08' E. 250.00 feet to the southwest corner of this tract, a point on the north side of Easy Lane; thence N 67° 52' E., 267.62 feet along the north side of Easy Lane to the southeast corner of this tract; thence N. 0° 06' W.. 269.69 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.826 acres of land, more or less. The address of the real property is 9821 Easy Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 8, 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 \$65,047.73 plus interest from June 9, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201000904

**DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY AS TRUSTEE
ON BEHALF OF
MORGAN STANLEY ABS
CAPITAL I INC. TRUST
2006-HE6, MORTGAGE
PASSTHROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2006-HE6, Plaintiff,**

v.

**SANDRA HAMILTON;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
SANDRA HAMILTON, IF
ANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 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 11 in Block B of Sandhill Center Heights, Phase 2, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 24, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 122-123, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1143 Turkey Knob Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 15, 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 \$170,807.65 plus interest from June 11, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.675%, 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 purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 07/08/2010, 2010

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. Dated: 07/09/2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001012

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DAVID MYLES JONES
AKA DAVID M. JONES;
SHAELINE JONES AKA
DEBORAH SHAELINE
JONES; OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 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 numbered 24 in block numbered F of Rincon Mesa Subdivision, phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rincon Mesa Subdivision, Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 03/20/2007 in plat book 22, folio 157-158. Ratification of plat filed of record on April 18, 2007, recorded in book 806, page(s) 1267, document number 0713698, records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 4949 Ortega Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88012, more correctly commonly described as 4949 Ortega Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 15, 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 \$144,181.84 plus interest from June 10, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above,

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.

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. Dated: 07/09/2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001079

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**MARY ANN ROMERO
AKA MARY ANN JIRON;
TOW, L.L.C., A NEW
MEXICO LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MARY ANN ROMERO AKA
MARY ANN JIRON, IF ANY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 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 in Block 22 of Las Collinas Planned Unit Development, Phase V-A Amended, located on the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 2, 1994 and recorded in Book 18 at Pages 23-26, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 4994 Gem Pl, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 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 \$121,023.47 plus interest from June 10, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. 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. Dated: 07/09/2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001176

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**FELICIANO SOTO; MARIA
ELENA SOTO; OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
FELICIANO SOTO, IF ANY;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF MARIA ELENA SOTO, IF
ANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 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 inter-

est of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 74 of Legends West Subdivision, Phase III, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West Subdivision, Phase III, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 09/20/2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 340-343. The address of the real property is 1372 Beltran Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 23, 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 \$214,805.33 plus interest from June 18, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 7/12/2010.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200902728

**Bank of America, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**Patrick Flores; Carla Flores;
The Unknown Spouse of**

**Patrick Flores, If Any; The
Unknown Spouse of Carla
Flores, If Any, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 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 7, block 5, The Ridge at Northrise phase III, 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 March 21, 2001, in book 19 page(s) 612-613 of plat records. The address of the real property is 2930 Suncrest Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 29, 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 \$295,092.44 plus interest from March 15, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% 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. Dated: 07/12/2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200902196

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO WELLS FARGO HOME
MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

v.

**THOMAS M. LANDEN;
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF THOMAS M. LANDEN,
IF ANY; OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 11, 2010 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 12 in block 5 of Estados Serenos Subdivision, phase three, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana, New Mexico on August 2, 1983 and recorded in book 13 at pages 301-302, plat records. The address of the real property is 437 Spanish Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 28, 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 \$122,095.48 plus interest from May 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.00% 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-

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described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 7/12/2010.

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

Cause No. CV-2010-1613
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF OLGA LEYVA DIAZ

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Pursuant to Section 40-8-2 NMSA 1978, notice is hereby given that Olga Leyva Diaz has filed a petition with the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico to restore her name to her maiden name, Olga Leyva. The Petitioner resides in Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The hearing on the Petition will be held at the Third Judicial District Courthouse at 201 West Picacho Ave., in Courtroom No. 7, Las Cruces, New Mexico on August 4, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge.

DATED: June 28, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kyle H. Moberly
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 7663
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(575)541-1278

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No. PB 2010-0135
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHILLIP ROY IRUAX, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEBRA UNDERWOOD has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for the Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
Attorney for the Personal
Representative
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
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By: /s/ Melissa J. Reeves

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D0307CV200903145

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING L.P., Plaintiff,

vs.

CARLOS TREVIZO; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARLOS TREVIZO, IF ANY, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Carlos Trevizo and The Unknown Spouse of Carlos Trevizo, 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 1845 Madrid, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, NM, said property being more particularly described as: Lot numbered 19 in Block numbered 7 of Loma Heights, Plat No. 4, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Loma Heights, Plat No. 4, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 17, 1961 in Plat Book 8, Folio 69. 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 MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Kena Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kelley L. Grosso
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Castle, Meinhold & Stawiariski, LLC
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, NM, this 12 day of June, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: D.F.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-1165

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANA M. MARIN; and JOHN

DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 851 Gilmer Way, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 63 of Avalon Park Subdivision, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Avalon Park Subdivision, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 06/09/2006 in plat book 21, Folio 652-654.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$171,723.73, plus interest thereon at the rate of 8.500% per annum from July 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,079.75. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2621
Judge Arrieta

CITY BANK TEXAS, Plaintiff, vs.

PHILLIPS HOMES OF EL PASO, INC., NEWTON BARTLETT PHILLIPS III, and SPIRIT VIEW HOMES, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Summary Judgment issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on April 13, 2010 in the above-entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff had judgment against the Defendants, Phillips Homes of El Paso, Inc., and Newton Bartlett Phillips, III in the amount of \$607,143.30, together with interest at the rate of 8-3/4% per annum from and after April 13, 2010, and by which judgment, I am, among other things, commanded to sell all of the lands described in said judgment which real estate to be sold in this foreclosure sale and is more particularly described in the Judgment in said cause and hereinafter described.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 2nd day of September, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the front of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, I will in obedience to said Judgment sell the following described real estate to wit:

Lots 4 - 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23 of Block D of Las Palmas Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as same is shown and designated on the plat of said Las Palmas Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on October 5, 2006, in Plat Book 21, Folio 794-795.

The above properties have addresses on Lot 4, 3066 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 5, 3062 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 6, 3058 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 7, 3054 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 8, 3050 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 13, 3030 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 14, 3033 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 18, 3049 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 19, 3053 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 21, 3061 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 22, 3065 Rio Arriza Loop; Lot 23, 3069 Rio Arriza Loop (3760 Calle Aero), together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy Plaintiff's judgment in the amount of \$607,143.30, together with interest thereon to the date of sale in the amount of \$20,668.10, together with all costs of said sale.

If the amount to be bid is over and above the amount due Plaintiff plus costs of the sale, the amount of the proceeds shall pursuant to said Judgment be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid and to whom said amount shall be paid. Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, provided however, that the Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or part of its judgment.

Dated 7th day of July, 2010.
/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Special Master

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2010

NOTICE OF AUCTION

There will be an auction of storage unit contents to be held on July 31, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at North Telshor Self-Storage, 300 N. Telshor, Las Cruces, NM. The following units will be auctioned to satisfy the lien for monies owed:

Unit F104
Steven Sweeney
30546 Prince Williams St #3
Princess Anne, MD 21853
Unit consists of: tire, grill, filing cabinet, cart, chair, tool chest and work out equipment

Unit G136
Della Dillon
2534 Grier Circle
Evans, GA 30809
Unit consists of: mattress and springs, vacuum and miscellaneous boxes

Unit B027
Melissa Benavidez
P.O. Box 1407
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
Unit consists of: table, chair, golf clubs, miscellaneous boxes and bins

Unit F099
Martha Hayes
312 West Sunfield
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
Unit consists of: TV, desk and miscellaneous boxes

Units F108 and F110
Gary Southern
P.O. Box 1435
Tucumcari, NM 88416
Unit consists of: dresser, table, tub, chairs, boots and miscellaneous boxes

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Dates 7/16, 7/23, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2449

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Benefit of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, Plaintiff,

vs.

BECKY DURAN, and if mar- ried, JOHN DOE A, (true name unknown), her spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), ten- ants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4863 Calle Bella Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 37, in Block numbered A of Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 07/27/2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled

and numbered cause on June 25, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$194,213.66 and the same bears interest at 9.75% per annum from June 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,957.10. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #9857
Dates 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6,
2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-882

CITIBANK, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-4, Plaintiff,

vs.

SCOTT ENGEL; JAMIE ENGEL; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4888 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 20 in Block N of Dos Suenos Estates, located in Doña

Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 23, 2004 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 84-89, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on June 28, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$111,967.00 and the same bears interest at 7.500% per annum from May 29, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,725.52. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #9858
Dates 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6,
2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DM-9301562
JUDGE: Mike Murphy

JOY HUME VINSON, Petitioner,

vs.

JOHNNY HERBERT VINSON, Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above named Petitioner Joy Hume Vinson, COMPLAINT TO DIVIDE PREVIOUSLY UNDIVIDED MARITAL PROPERTY & FOR RECOVERY DUE TO FRAUD. You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or

judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Steven L. Sage
Attorney for Petitioner
446 North Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 526-1755

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 13day of July, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
BY /s/ Javier Cuevas
DEPUTY

Pub #9860
Dates 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 15, 2010, Jose de la Luz Galvan, 2544 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-13953 POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of old well LRN12-0259, located at X = 1,468,119 Y = 460,543 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, and transferring an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico to existing domestic well LRG-13953 POD1, located at X = 1,468,134 Y = 460,528 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 1.5 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMMP, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-012-0319 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Well LRG-13953 POD1 is located southwest of Mesilla, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2544 Snow Road. Old well LRN12-0259 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #9861
Dates 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2010

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 24, 2010, Mary E. Bird on behalf of the Mary Alexander Museum Property, LLC, P.O. Box 147, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-3335-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-3335, located on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 25, T23S, R01E, NMPM, and drilling replacement well LRG-3335-POD 2 with 4-inch casing to 200 ft. below ground surface on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 25 at approximately X=1,472,734 Y=464,150 ft. (NMSR, Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use at a residence owned by the applicant located within Pt. NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 25. Well LRG-3335 is located approximately 350 ft. northeast of the intersection of HWY 28 and W. Boutz Rd. in Mesilla, NM. The proposed location for well LRG-3335-POD 2 is located approximately 380 ft. east of said intersection. Old well LRG-3335 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #9864
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 2010

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

NO. CV 10-1505

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Kai Cassius Padilla-Williams FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kai Cassius Padilla-Williams, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Kai Cassius Padilla-Williams to Kai

Cassius Williams, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable District Judge James T. Martin, on the 4th day of August 2010, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kai Cassius Padilla-Williams
458 Dartmouth-B
Las Cruces, NM 88005
P.O. Box 287
Mesilla, NM 88046
575-541-5615

Pub #9865
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-223

UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS, Plaintiff,

v.
MARTHA V MARQUEZ Defendant.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent, 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 for Debt and Money Due.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause within 20 days of the last date of publication, judgment by default will be entered against you;

Name and address of Plaintiffs attorney(s):
Kanter & Grubestic P.A.
P. O. Box 25483
Albuquerque, NM 87125
(505) 247-1541

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8th day of July, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By /s/ Mary E. Apodaca Deputy

Pub #9866
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1825
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:

ANGELA ORTIZ (a/k/a ANGELA ORTIZ BUCKLEY),
An Adult.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF NAME CHANGE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:

This action is brought to legally change the name of ANGELA ORTIZ to ANGELA ORTIZ BUCKLEY.

Hearing on the petition filed by the undersigned will be held at

the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on the 23rd day of August, 2010, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attorney for Petitioner:
KEITHLY & ENGLISH, P.C.
/s/ Shane A. English

Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 FAX

Pub #9867
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 10-0130

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Barry H. Young, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: July 8, 2010
/s/ Phyllis Y. Ortiz
Personal Representative
131 S. Ellis St.
Lancaster, TX 75146
214-708-1668

Pub #9868
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. DM-2010-0556
Judge Driggers

SANDRA LUZ TORRES, Petitioner,

v.
JOSHUA LA COME, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, seeking a paternity action against you.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Bates Law Firm
P.O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana

County, this 14th day of July, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: /s/ Rosie Stewart DEPUTY

Pub #9869
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 2010

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

July 2010

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses:

Description VIN#
REGISTERED OWNER

1996 HONDA CIVIC - GREEN 2HGGEJ6526TH502108 ROBERT/TEREZA

2000 JEEP GRAND 1J4GW58N5YC102568 RICHARD CARTER CHEROKEE - WHITE

2010 NISSAN MAXIMA - 1N4AA5APZAC806549 LORENZO/PAULA BLACK/EGGPLANT

2001 CHRYSLER SEBRING - 1C3EL45U21N605436 JUANA MARTINEZ GONZ

1995 JEEP CHEROKEE - GREEN 1J4FJ68SL554195 URIEL MORIEL

2001 GMC SEIRRA - BROWN 1GTGK13U21F196406 MARISA/WAYLON

1998 NISSAN 4D - GRAY 3N1AB41DXWL062012 YESSICA BUSTILLOS

1992 TOYOTA CAMRY GRAY - 4T1SK12E7N1132444 ESDEINA SHIPLEY

1998 FORD CROWN VICTORIA - BLUE 2FAFP71W5WX147884 BRIZA DELMURO

1995 BUICK 4 DOOR - RED 2G4WB12M4S1401127 AVEENO AGUILAR

1987 CHRYSLER FIFTH AVENUE - WHITE 1C3BF66P5HX798212 DANIEL ABRIL

1996 CHEVROLET SILVERADO - BLACK/ORANGE 1GCEC14M9TZ133047 APRIL CERVANTES

2002 SATURN SL1 - GRAY 1G8ZH528X2Z276632 GILBERT/CHARITY

1980 FORD PICKUP - TAN F266PJG0286 NINA/WRAY SHILDNECK

1998 JEEP CHEROKEE - WHITE 1J4GZ48Y8WC310050 MARIA ESTRADA

1987 BUICK SKYLARK - TAN 1G4ND51L5HM044012 PAUL MONTROYA

2001 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA - WHITE JS3TD62VX14169970 ROBERT ALVARADO

1994 FORD F150 - WHITE

1FTDF15Y6RLB50906 JOSE GUERRERO

2004 CHRYSLER 4DOOR - GRAY 1C3EL46X14N187173 GUSTAVO MONTOYA

2006 CHEVROLET 4 DOOR - RED 3GNDA23P56S670879 ANDREW JASSO

1980 CARB-BAJA RED LUAHYM20871018951 RICHIE TREJO MOTORCYCLE -

If you do not demand judicial review within 30 calendar days from the date this notice was published by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle.

Si usted no exige una revisión judicial antes de 30 días después de la fecha que se publicó este aviso, por medio del tramite de un reclamo del vehiculo descrito con la oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Doña Ana, o por medio de una demanda en corte, usted perderá el derecho a una determinación judicial de la confiscación, y perderá cualquier derecho que pudiera tener sobre el vehiculo descrito.

Claim forms are available at the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office at 845 N. Motel Blvd. M-F 8am-5pm.

Pub #9870
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

NOTICE OF VEHICLE AUCTION

The following vehicles have been forfeited to the County of Doña Ana and shall be sold at auction at 2820 Las Vegas Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007:

Description VIN#

2002 honda ATV - yellow 478TE270024100944

1991 PONTIAC SUNFIRE - 1G2JC14KXM7621289 WHITE

1992 BUICK 4D - WHITE 3G4AH54NXXNS630331

1989 CADILLAC 4 DOOR - 1G6DW51Y1KR726162 GRAY

1994 FORD ESCORT - BLUE 3FARP15JXR126816

1993 BUICK CENTURY - 3G4AG55N2PS617982 WHITE

1991 NISSAN SENTRA - RED 1N4EB32A5MC810161

1993 DODGE SPIRIT - GRAY 3B3XA4638PT650004

1993 FORD AEROSTAR VAN - 1FMCA11UXPZC44371 RED

1989 FORD TEMPO - WHITE 2FAPP36X9KB233270

1995 MAZDA 2 DOOR - GRAY JM1EC4352S0403220

1985 FORD PICKUP - BROWN 1FTCF15Y5FPA34130

1990 CADILLAC 4 DOOR - 1G6CD5333L4296815 WHITE

1991 FORD RANGER - RED 1FTCR1GA7MUB48789

1983 FORD F-150 - ORANGE

1FTCF10Y2DRA01207

1978 HONDA XL 350 XL3503206113 MOTORCYCLE - RED

1994 FORD BRONCO - RED 1FMEU15N2RLA66951

1991 VOLVO 4 DOOR - GRAY YV1AA8849M1438324

1994 CHEVROLET CAMARO - 2G1FP2257R2218120 BLACK

1997 SATURN 4 DOOR - RED 1G8ZF5286VZ135521

Pub #9871
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV 2010 07905

BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.
RICHARD D. JOHNSON and A-ABSOLUTE DRYING SERVICE LLC dba AIRE-RITE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant A-Absolute Drying Service LLC dba Aire-Rite:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on June 29, 2010, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1201 Jackson Street SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108, and more particularly described as follows:

THE NORTH NINE FEET (N.9') OF LOT NUMBERED FOURTEEN (14) AND ALL OF LOT FIFTEEN (15) IN BLOCK NUMBERED TWELVE (12) OF THE RIDGECREST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME ARE SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ADDITION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 12, 1931, IN MAP BOOK D, FOLIO 82,

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendant A-Absolute Drying Service LLC dba Aire-Rite is hereby notified that it has until twenty (20) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendant choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before twenty (20) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendant.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose

address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

Pub #9873
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 2010

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

CV 2009-2263

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
BARBARA REYES, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2292 La Paloma Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8, BLOCK 6, LA BUENA VIDA SUBDIVISION PHASE IIA, 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 2, 1986, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 175-176 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on September 24, 2010, on the front steps of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted GMAC Mortgage, LLC.

GMAC Mortgage, LLC was awarded a Judgment on October 29, 2009, in the principal sum of \$157,464.24, plus outstanding interest through October 8, 2009, in the amount of \$6,113.89, and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$28.58 per day, plus late charges of \$417.11, plus escrow advances of \$931.62, plus property preservation fees of \$78.75, plus expense advances of \$36.00, plus attorneys fees through October 15, 2009, in the sum of \$850.00 and costs through October 15, 2009, in the sum of \$448.76, with interest on the escrow advances, property preservation fees, late charges, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.6250% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

Since the Judgment was granted on October 29, 2009, the Plaintiff has incurred additional amounts after judgment was entered with the Court while Defendant Barbara Reyes was on a repayment plan with the Plaintiff. As a supplement to the Judgment granted on October 29, 2009, after crediting Defendant Reyes for payments made post judgment and debiting Defendant Reyes for mortgage advances and late charges accruing post judgment, the balance due on the Judgment is stated as follows: principal in the sum of \$156,406.17, plus outstanding

interest through June 25, 2010, in the amount of \$8,452.74, late charges in the amount of \$792.68, escrow advances in the amount of \$1,260.33, property inspection fees in the amount of \$123.75, expense advances in the amount of \$2,174.26, plus attorney's fees of \$850.00 and costs of \$448.76 with interest due thereon.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub #9874
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 2010

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

No. CV 2009-3331

BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.
XARDIEL COTTO, CHELSEY L. PISKORSKI and MR. ROOTER PLUMBING, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1235 Hall Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17A, BLOCK 1, W.B. HALL ADDITION REPLAT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 4, 1986, IN BOOK 14, PAGE(S) 238-239 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on August 27, 2010, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on July 2, 2010, in the principal sum of \$130,601.74, plus outstanding interest through June 1, 2010, in the amount of \$8,913.58, and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.54 per diem, plus late charges in the amount of \$554.40, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$3,563.49,

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plus fees currently assessed in the amount of \$1,466.76, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$665.21, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.30% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87120
(505) 228-8848

Pub #9875
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13,
2010

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

No. PB-2010-61
Judge: Martin

**In the Matter of the Estate of
MICHAEL JAMES SKORY,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 19th day of July,
2010.

/s/ FRANCES ELIZABETH
SKORY
c/o Martin, Lutz, Roggow &
Eubanks, P.C.
PO Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837
(575) 526-2449

Pub #9876
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

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

No. CV-09-1448

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAVID HUGHES; DIANA
HUGHES aka DIANE M.
TURO-HUGHES; and JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 18, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3205 Rio

Arriza Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 10 in Block numbered A of Las Palmas Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Las Palmas Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 5, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 794-796.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 6, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$420,948.38 and the same bears interest at 7.0% per annum from June 24, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,520.87. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #9877
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13,
2010

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S
COURT**

JQ-2010-04
Judge: Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ex rel. CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of J. C. Jr., A. C.,
F. V., and A.V., Children
And Concerning Cynthia
Valles, Jesus Avila Lopez,
Carlos Rodriguez Chairez,
and Jesus Cuellar Sr.,
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

TO: Carlos Chairez, Jesus
Avila-Lopez and Jesus Cuellar,
Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused J.C., Jr., A.C., F.V., and A.V., children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Linda Burson, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 575-373-6404

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILDREN.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal) Clerk of the District Court

by /s/ Peggy Brock
Deputy

Date July 16, 2010

Pub #9878
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 2010

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting Held on July 19, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581: An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-14-4 Penalty Assessment Misdemeanor; Definition; Schedule of Assessments to Add Certain Violations of Las Cruces Municipal Code to this Ordinance and Thereby Convert Them into Penalty Assessments and Further Establishing the Amount of Those Penalty Assessments.

2. Council Bill No. 11-002; Ordinance No. 2582: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2558, Which Concerns the Use of a Mobile (Cell) Telephone While Driving, to Make this Offense a Penalty Assessment Under Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-14-4.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk.

Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 19th day of July, 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #9879
Dates 7/23, 2010



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will receive Proposals until 2 p.m. local time in the NMSU Grants Business Office, Martinez Hall room 005 E, 1500 3rd St. Grants, NM. for the following:

Proposal Invitation:
I0091297-P NMSU - Grants
Campus Energy Upgrades

Proposal Due Date: 09/14/2010

"A pre-proposal conference will be held at the NMSU Grants Campus 1500 3rd Street, Grants, NM in Martinez Hall, room 03 on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 2:00 PM local time. A site visit will be held immediately following the pre-proposal conference. Requests for interpretation must be submitted in writing.

Requests for Proposal documents will be available on Friday, July 23, 2010 from Albuquerque Reprographics, phone 505-884-0862.

Pub #9880
Dates 7/23, 2010

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

No. PB-2010-64

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JUNE L.
MCGUIRE, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Co-Personal Representatives, in care of the Bates Law Firm, P.O. Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: July 15, 2010.

/s/ Robert A. Ramirez
Co-Personal Representative of
the Estate of June L. McGuire,
Deceased

/s/ Ginger McGuire
Co-Personal Representative of
the Estate of June L. McGuire,
Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY:
BATES LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #9881
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 2010

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2007-2469

**CITIGROUP GLOBAL
MARKETS REALTY CORP.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DIANE BASS; RAFAEL
CHAVARRIA; JOHN DOE
and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), Tenants,
Defendants.**

**SECOND AMENDED
NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 18, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Dona Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1945 Amis Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, BLOCK K,
HIGHLAND PLACE, IN
THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND
DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT
THEREOF, FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF SAID COUNTY
ON DECEMBER 11, 1953 IN
BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 49 OF PLAT
RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on June 9, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor(s) made payments pursuant to a Stipulation for Settlement and/or Sale, and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$144,792.52, plus interest thereon at the rate of 9.9% per annum from June 4, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,984.71. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such

sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #9882
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13,
2010

**THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV2009-01565

**AURORA LOAN SERVICES,
LLC Plaintiff,**

vs.

**AURELIANO CASILLAS
and MARIA A. CASILLAS,
husband and wife; ABC**

**Corporations I-X, XYZ
Partnerships I-X, John Does
I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE
ABOVE, IF DECEASED,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE ON
FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2025 Rocca Seca, Dona Ana, NM 88032, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate east of the townsite of Dona Ana, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, being a portion of Lot 9, Block 9, of Elephant Butte Land & Trust Company Subdivision "C" and is more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a 5/8 inch rebar, set for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described, whence a concrete monument found for the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Block 9 bears S.63 deg., 51'W., distance of 2640.00 feet, thence S.26 deg., 09'E., a distance of 660.00 feet; THENCE FROM THE POINT BEGINNING N.26 deg., 09'W., 322.50 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar set for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE N.63 deg., 51'E., 330.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar set for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S.26 deg., 09'E., 322.50 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar set for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S.63 deg., 51'W., 330.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.4432 acres of land more or less.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on August 20, 2010, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the


highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Aurora Loan Services, LLC.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC was awarded a Judgment on July 12, 2010, in the principal sum of \$179,666.28, plus outstanding interest on the balance through June 15, 2010, in the amount of \$13,758.63, plus late charges of \$127.08, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount of \$3228.46, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through June 25, 2010 in the sum of \$760.55, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 7.375% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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. Aurora Loan Services, LLC and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE
PURCHASERS AT SALE
ARE ADVISED TO MAKE
THEIR OWN EXAMINATION
OF THE TITLE AND THE
CONDITION OF THE
PROPERTY AND TO
CONSULT THEIR OWN



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**INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Gas Odorant (Re-bid) www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/ downloads/B10-11-155/	Bid 10-11-155	None	August 3, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.
Foothills Landfill Closure - Phase 3 www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/ downloads/B10-11-152/	Bid 10-11-152	MANDATORY July 27, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.	August 10, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.
Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/ downloads/B10-11-336/	Bid 10-11-336	None	August 12, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
Medical Billing Review and Payment Services www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/ downloads/P10-11-343/	RFP 10-11-343	None	August 10, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Pub #9872
Dates 7/23, 2010

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ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master
2222 Park West NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub #9883
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV2009-01770

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

BETSY FUHR, an unmarried woman; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that

the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2065 San Patricio Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 29 in Block numbered A of El Presidio-Phase 3B Final Plat, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said El Presidio-Phase 3B Final Plat, filed in the Office

of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on November 23, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 421-422

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on August 20, 2010, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Aurora Loan Services, LLC.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC was awarded a Judgment on November 20, 2009, in the principal sum of \$226,668.86, plus outstanding interest on the balance through November 1, 2009, in the amount of \$16,321.59, plus late charges of \$753.30, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount of \$3,961.31, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$800.00 and costs through November 1, 2009 in the sum of \$384.38, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 7.875% per

annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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. Aurora Loan Services, LLC and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE

ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master
2222 Park West NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub #9884
Dates 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 2010

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LOST PET? Check first at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 3551 Bataan Memorial West (Sonoma Ranch exit off of Hwy. 70 East) for your furry friend. Need a furry friend? Come see us to adopt - there are many great animals that need a loving family! Open 7 days a week. 382-0018

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Drop off your frayed or worn out American flags to Ray McCorkle at the VFW Post 3242, 2001 N. Mesquite for proper disposal. Post is open weekdays at 4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at noon.

INJURED OR HARMED by state or local government entity in NM? You must usually submit a "Tort

Claim Notice" within 90 days to recover money damages later in court. TCN's drafted surprisingly inexpensively, often while you wait. Attorney Elliott Mohler 575-640-1215

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HELP WANTED

Looking to hire experienced Superintendent for construction company. Must have experience in all aspects of construction including road construction and general building. Send resume to 130 W. Madrid Las Cruces, NM 88005. Must include references.

AVANCE-NM has openings for Americorp intern positions to work with Children's Program and Parent Program. Please submit letter of interest and resume to msingleton.nm@avance.org

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The Town of Red River will be accepting applications for a full time DEPUTY MARSHAL. Applicant must be New Mexico certified or eligible for N.M. certification by waiver. Application and job description may be obtained in the Office of the Municipal Clerk at Town Hall, P.O. Box 1020, Red River, NM 87558, 575-754-2277 or web @ www.redriver.org. The Town of Red River is an equal opportunity employer.

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COLLECTIBLE DOLL SALE! Betty Jane Carter Dolls - Madame Alexander Dolls - Coquette Jacqui - Knowles Doll - Yolanda's Picture Perfect Babies Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 150 S. Roadrunner Parkway Sponsored by Southern NM Cancer Center To benefit Relay for Life 2010

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FURNITURE REPAIR - moving damage made like new. Call Albert at 575-652-9410.

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We carry a selection of used stereo speakers, EQs, turners, turntables, small color TVs cassette, reel and CDs at Mountain Music. 2330 S. Valley Dr. 523-0603.

GARAGE & YARD SALE

Large Yard Sale Saturday, July 31, 8 a.m. 2740 Fairway Drive. Washer & dryer, table & four chairs (like-new), desk, motorcycle parts, full-size mattress, bedding, kitchen items, home décor, books and lots more! From Telshor, head west on Fairway (just south of Missouri), 2740 is on the north side of the street, tan building.

Garage Sale - Saturday, July 24, 7 to 11 a.m., 3176 Rio Arriba Loop.

HAVING A YARD SALE? Have your left over items picked up by calling 524-1395. Good Start Industries, 420 S. Valley Drive

HEALTH & FITNESS

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NMSU science workshops support area teachers

Instructors learn how to integrate science, mathematics into classrooms

Bringing science to life for students isn't always an easy task for teachers, which is why New Mexico State University held two events in June designed to help teachers.

The Scientifically Connected Communities program offered a summer institute June 14 through 17. This year's theme was "Our Changing World," a continuation of the sustainability theme from last year. The inquiry-based activities in each session tied into the theme.

For half of each day, teachers worked in grade-level groups, which provided opportunities to learn from master teachers how to integrate science, mathematics and literacy while meeting standards and benchmarks. The other half of the day was spent learning specific science content and ways to integrate it into the classroom. During these sessions, teachers were provided with materials and hands-on experiments they could use in their classrooms. Local and national science educational professionals, horticulturalists, astronomers and environmental specialists facilitated.

"Why not teach something students like? Science can't be taught without subjects like math; integrating it allows students to apply what they learned, making it more meaningful," said Susan Brown, College of Education director of STEM Outreach for the Institute for Excellence

in Math and Science Education.

SC2 started with 24 teachers two years ago, but has grown to nearly 200 teachers this year. In addition to the summer institute, the program has field specialists who offer classroom support during the school year, and teachers have the opportunity to participate in other professional development workshops throughout the year.

SC2 teachers also participated in the Supercomputing Challenge and Project Growing Up Thinking Scientifically Summer Roundup, held the week after the institute. The Roundup served to advance teachers' knowledge, understanding and skills in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

The students and teachers learned both the StarLogoTNG, for Project GUTS teams, and the NetLogo, for the Supercomputing Challenge, computer modeling programs. They used modeling to understand how it is used by scientists and others in cutting-edge research. Participating teachers also learned how to start a Project GUTS club and sponsor a Supercomputing Challenge team. By bringing students and teachers together, they were able to support and help each other during the workshop, and can continue to do so throughout the school year.

High school teams from across



Loma Heights Elementary School fifth-grade teachers Lesli Gomez and Jeremy Sanchez dissect owl pellets during a content area session of the New Mexico State University Scientifically Connected Communities Summer Institute.

the state participate in the year-long Supercomputing Challenge. Students work in teams to research a problem they need to gather data for, create computer models to make a visualization of the data and then write

a report of their findings. Project GUTS is a summer and after-school science, technology, engineering and math program for middle school students in New Mexico.

For those interested in participating

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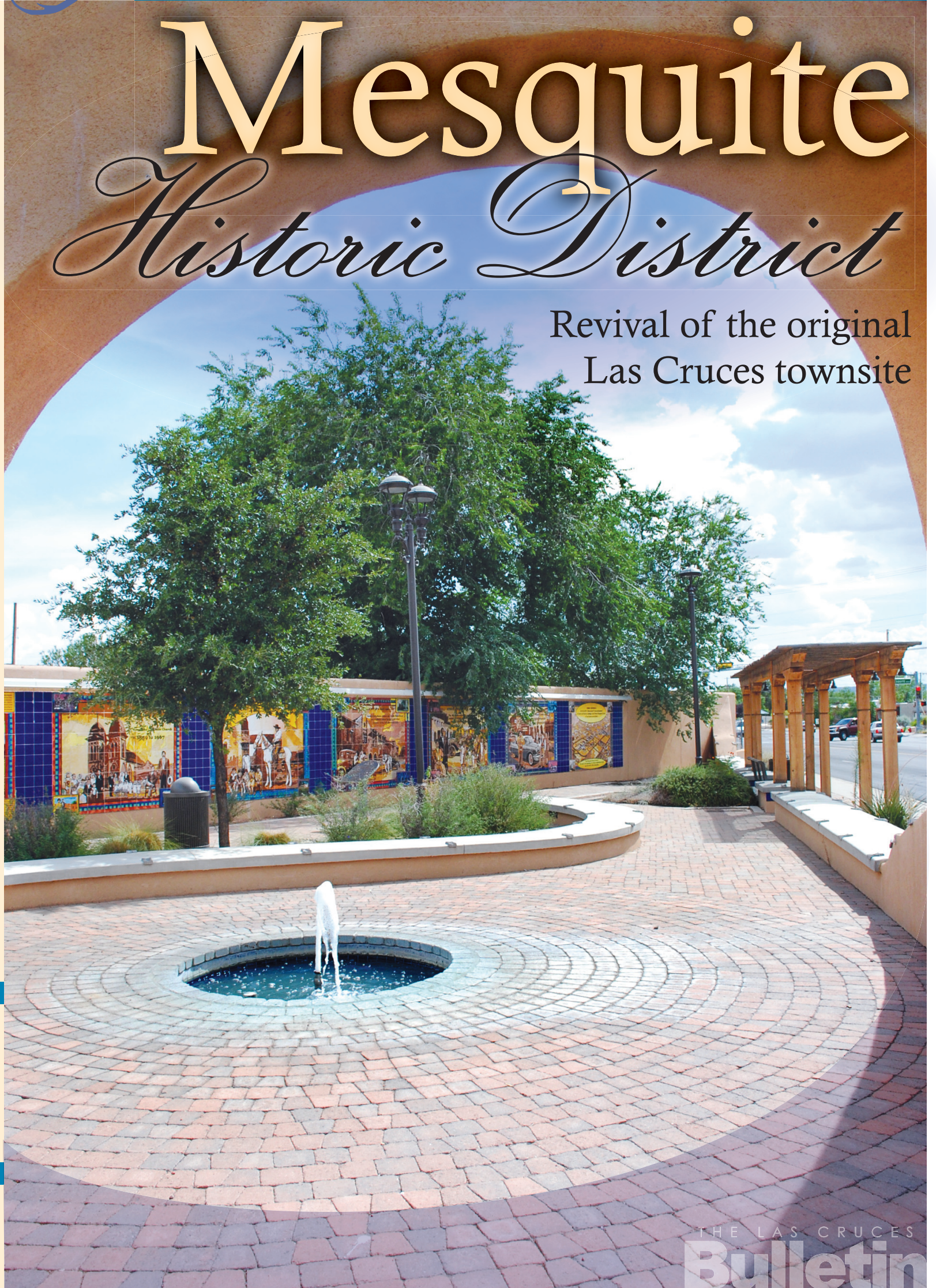
NEXT WEEK

Going in stages
Local theater groups plan their upcoming seasons

Mesquite

Historic District

Revival of the original Las Cruces townsite



I told you this could happen

An art 'identity' is growing in the Mesquite historic district

By **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The story goes that during the summer of 1848, armed with some rawhide rope and a few wooden stakes, United States Army Lt. Delos Bennett Sackett and Don Pablo Melendres plotted the original town site that is Las Cruces.

They laid out land for a plaza and a church and plotted out 84 city blocks. The 120 residents then drew lots to determine their home sites.

Pretty routine history lesson, but it gets better. Sackett and Melendres were using pretty rudimentary surveying equipment, and even though I am sure they did their best – here's the best part – because the rawhide rope was a bit stretchy, the lots weren't always square or the same size. The streets were a little crooked and nothing was exactly "plumb."

So the original town site, known as the Mesquite Street Original Townsite Historic District, had its own unique character and, with many of those original families still owning the same lots and homes, it still does.

I don't want to imply that I am some sort of visionary, but I remember telling people at least 10 years ago that the Mesquite district could easily become a real arts district – a place for artists to live, work and display their creations. I also remember getting more than a few quizzical looks. But it appears that prediction might be coming true.

It just seemed that the neighborhood, with its smaller,

older homes and buildings, might appeal to artists with their often-eccentric sensibilities.

Then there was the district's proximity to Downtown. At the time I was envisioning this artist "colony," nothing had really happened along Main Street. The Rio Grande Theatre was in the possession of the Doña Ana Arts Council, but there was still money to be raised before renovations could be started. And no portion of the street itself was close to being re-opened.

But with a revitalized Downtown with shops, restaurants, theaters and bistros, what better location for funky, charming studios, homes and apartments than the neighborhood just to the east of the city's heart? In one of its lungs, you might say, with the Alameda-Depot Historic District – where I was lucky enough to live – as the other.

I just wish I had documented some of these conversations and predictions. Well, they weren't really predictions, more like daydreams or ruminations. But if I had written them down, wouldn't it make me look like a brilliant, forward thinker? It's OK though. Nostradamus probably kept a lot of stuff to himself.

But, fortunately, a good number of people shared some of the same notions because the Mesquite district is starting to establish, reinvent and restore an identity that is both old and new, preserved and yet looking ahead – a sort of "hybrid" atmosphere in which to exist.

There are galleries now open –
Unsettled and Nopalito's

Galeria – along with two long-established restaurants – Nopalito's and La Nueva Casita. The No Strings Theatre Company has a workshop and rehearsal space – the BB (Black Box) Too. Local muralist Tony Pennock has a work space on Mesquite and photographer Mel Stone is preparing to open the Mesquite Art Gallery in an 1889 adobe at 340 N. Mesquite St. Photographer and video artist Yanick D'hooge is completely remodeling an old adobe on the corner of Mesquite Street and Las Cruces Avenue.

Catherine Brenner of Unsettled Gallery said Mesquite area artists and galleries are developing a walking tour and coordination of events much like the Downtown Art Ramble – most likely on a Saturday afternoon.

About 11 years ago, the homeowners and families of the Mesquite district formed Las Esperanzas – a neighborhood organization interested in preservation of the area. Along with assistance from other groups, Las Esperanzas has completed projects totaling approximately \$1 million.

Jardin de Mesquite is a gateway to the district with historical mosaics, and Jardin de Esperanzas is a community garden on the corner of Spruce Avenue and San Pedro Street. An eastern gateway – an archway created by ceramic artist Glenn Schwaiger – "Entrada del Sol" was completed with tiles designed by residents and assembled by Schwaiger and people from the neighborhood.

Las Esperanzas is planning its biggest project yet to begin to be completed in time for the New Mexico Centennial in 2012. The group is developing a wall of art located east

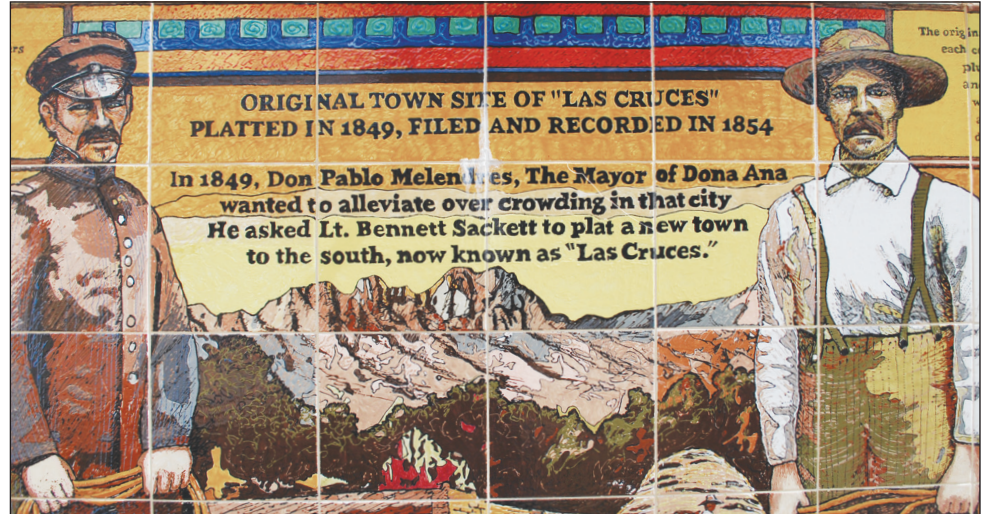


of the new City Hall on Campo Street. The mural will be approximately 400 feet long. The wall will be 2.5 feet tall at its shortest point and 7 feet tall at its highest. The art will "depict the rich heritage of New Mexico's multicultural community, events, businesses, ranches, farms and other organizations and people prominent from the mid-1800s to the present time." From dinosaurs to the present day "with the principal theme being the Camino Real trail from Mexico City through Las Cruces on to Santa Fe, including the Conquistadors, and early settlers' caravans with carts, freight wagons and animals." The Bulletin will soon begin running a monthly column to inform area residents about the happenings in the Mesquite district and progress of the mural project.

I wish I could take credit for anything that has happened in the Mesquite district, but I just had some small, semi-private musings more than 10 years ago. It takes people with energy and desire to make things change and grow, and sometimes it takes a simple beginning with a stretchy rawhide rope.



Jardin de Mesquite is a "gateway" to the historic Mesquite district. The ornamental park on the corner of Spruce Avenue and Tornillo Street was dedicated Jan. 7, 2006.



This mosaic at the Jardin de Mesquite commemorates the platting of the original town site by Lt. Delos Bennett Sackett and Don Pablo Melendres in 1854.

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Featured artists *Desert Fish Collaborative*

Group eyes the 2010 ArtPrize

'Sturgeon Soirée' to spruce up the Grand Rapids fish ladder

By **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"The World's Largest Art Prize." Seeing something like that really gets your attention. It certainly got the attention of six local artists known as the "Desert Fish Collaborative" and they've decided to take the leap. The leap into the Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich., as they compete for a \$250,000 grand prize in ArtPrize 2010.

With a second prize of \$100,000, a third prize of \$50,000 and even \$7,000 for fourth through tenth places, we're talking some serious money here – all provided by the DeVos Foundation. We're also talking some serious competition – more than 1,700 artists are entered.

The Desert Fish Collaborative – consisting of Cassandra Lockwood, Corey Asbill, Bill and Janice Cook, Jeanne Rundell and Jim Billings – are working together to create "Sturgeon Soirée," a site-specific sculpture that spans the Fish Ladder Park and River Walk in Grand Rapids.

So what is a fish ladder anyway?

Well this particular one was built in 1975 to enable the fish in the Grand River to maneuver around a 6-foot dam. The existing structure was designed by artist Joseph Kinnebrew and about 100 species of fish currently make use of it. It is a popular activity during the spring and late summer to watch the fish jump up the ladder during their annual migrations.

Salmon, steelhead, carp and others put on

an entertaining show for visitors as they leap from pool to pool and "climb" the ladder. The permanent structure is a functioning piece of sculpture and "Sturgeon Soirée" is designed to be installed over and around it without impeding the fish or the pedestrian observers or compromising the original in any way. Approval from Kinnebrew, the city of Grand Rapids and the state of Michigan Department

presence in the nearby lakes and their gentle nature, which has in part led to their status as endangered. Sturgeon at one time lived in the Rio Grande, which is another connection the project has to the Mesilla Valley.

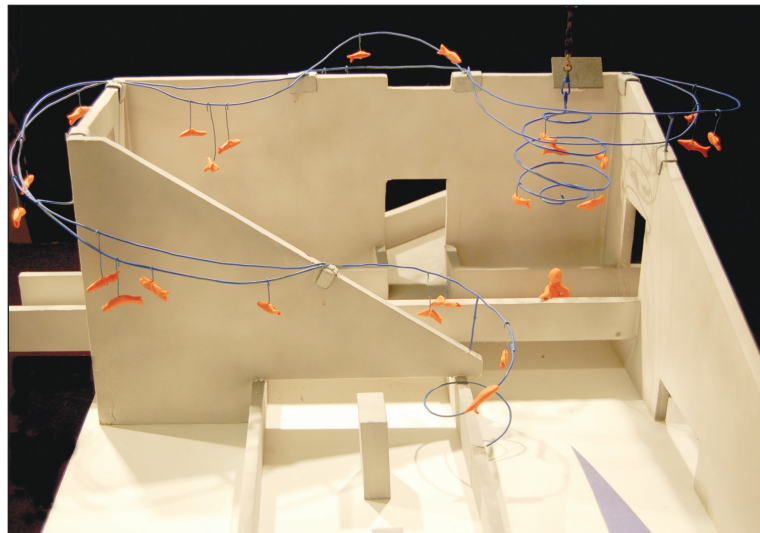
"This is a big deal for us," Lockwood said. "Besides the possibility of winning prize money, it could bring a lot of attention to Las Cruces."

Lockwood, from Grand Rapids, has been the initiator and organizer of the effort to enter the ArtPrize competition.

"In 2009, there were 200,000 visitors to Grand Rapids for the event," she said. "Three hundred thirty-four thousand votes were cast. It had a huge impact on the city."

ArtPrize is described as "an international contest – part arts festival, part social experiment." While "art is the focus of the competition, the main event is community. Art takes over the city, visitors explore and new relationships form." The public votes during the 19-day event.

Lockwood and the other artists of the Desert Fish estimate it will take about \$10,000 to create, transport and install "Sturgeon Soirée" in Michigan and to that end they are having a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. There will be wine, music and door prizes. Donations will be accepted.

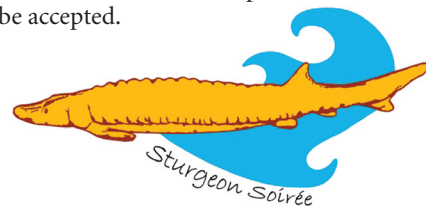


A model of the "Sturgeon Soirée" installation at the Fish Ladder Park and River Walk as part of ArtPrize 2010 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

of Natural Resources had to be secured for the project to be entered in ArtPrize 2010.

"Sturgeon Soirée" will appear to "float" above the ladder with a series of connected steel rods while the ceramic sturgeon mimic the journey of the actual fish as they move through. A solar-powered kinetic element will simulate fish in a vortex near the top of the ladder. The sturgeon were chosen because of their

presence in the nearby lakes and their gentle nature, which has in part led to their status as endangered. Sturgeon at one time lived in the Rio Grande, which is another connection the project has to the Mesilla Valley.



Details

Desert Fish Collaborative

Cassandra Lockwood
Painter, fiber artist and historian

Janice and Bill Cook
Studio potters and owners of the Potteries in Mesilla

Jeanne Rundell
Ceramicist, sculptor and contemporary painter

Corey Asbill
Electrical engineer specializing in photovoltaic research
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Jim Billings
Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer, American Southwest Theatre Company



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music in the mountains

Santa Fe Opera season reviewed

Current slate is varied

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Something old, something new and something ill-conceived. That sums up my feelings regarding the first three operas of the five we are privileged to review in this year's season at the Santa Fe Opera. This year's first pilgrimage was well worth the journey.

A one-sentence summary should never be regarded as a critic's "bottom line." There are elements to savor and admire in each production, as well as elements that raise questions such as "What were they thinking?"

The "something old" in my equation was a re-staging of the Santa Fe Opera's fascinating and hugely popular 2006 production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute." It was a wise decision to present this popular opera again this season.

This production, conceived by director/English librettist Tim Albery together with scenic and costume designer Tobias Hoheisel and lighting designer Jennifer Tipton, keeps Mozart's music with Emanuel Schikaneder's German lyric intact. It moves along with English summary dialogue written by Albery and spoken by the performers between arias. The message underlined in this particular production seems to shout at us that universal values transcend time.

To make their point they clothe the characters in a variety of costume styles ranging from Arthurian to Victorian to Edwardian to Nazi to Buddhist and even to contemporary jeans and T-shirts. It doesn't make a difference. Characters cross timelines and interact with each other no matter what they are wearing. In doing so, they communicate Mozart's "Star Wars"-like principles that good must overcome evil and that darkness must not prevail over light.

The three-hour production (which included a 25-minute intermission) sped by. Thanks to conductor Lawrence Renes, everything moved along at rocket ship pace and by opera's end I asked "Where did the time fly?" The voices were superb and the cast meshed very well.

The second production – the "something new" – was a gut-wrenching, extraordinary staging of Puccini's most popular opera, "Madame Butterfly."

SFO's excellent electronic libretto system on the back of each seat provides patrons who wish with an opportunity to follow the libretto in either English or Spanish. In doing so, I was able to understand the power of the words of Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa, which usually take second place to Puccini's florid and passionate music. I never realized the callous-



Kelly Kaduce as Cio-Cio San leads the astonishing cast of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" at the Santa Fe Opera.

ness of Lt. Pinkerton, who acquires an innocent 15-year-old bride and leaves her with no intention of returning or honoring his marriage vows – although he does leave her pregnant.

As staged by Lee Blakely with astounding sets by Jean Marc Puissant, non-stereotypical costumes by Brigitte Reiffenstuel and insightful lighting by Rick Fisher, we see an unadorned, painfully real early turn-of-the-century Japan. In the three years since Pinkerton's departure, streetlights, sidewalks and telephone poles clutter the pristine setting of the first act. We see the deterioration of the traditional pagoda as Butterfly falls deeper into poverty.

The astonishing cast – led by Kelly Kaduce, who will most certainly take her place among today's opera divas – sang their hearts out, filling the night air with a magnificent sound. Under the skillful baton of Antony Walker, the principal singers sang with strength, nuance and passion. Alas, my favorite section of the opera, the "Humming Chorus" was flawed seriously by the fact that I could not hear the singers. Perhaps they need to be placed closer to the stage or have their humming amplified. All in all, this was a small flaw in one of the most powerful "Butterflies" I have ever seen, and one of the best SFO presentations I have reviewed.

The "something ill-conceived" was a hodgepodge presentation of Offenbach's "The Tales of Hoffmann." SFO productions are historically known for their unconventional stagings. This was one of the most bizarre. At three hours and 40 minutes (including two intermissions) it was a very long and frustrating evening.

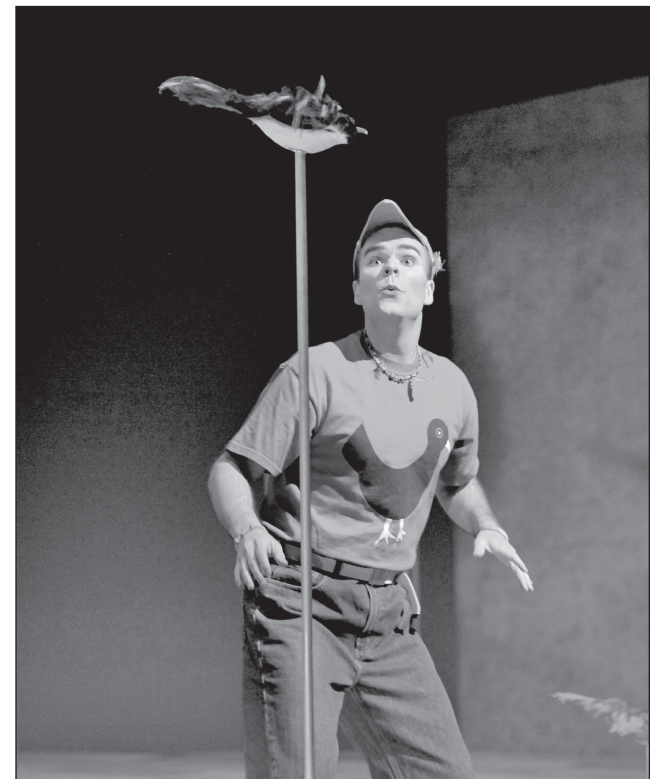
Set in a German drinking hall – not the usual bar we find in most productions – Hoffmann, a drunken poet, seeks inspiration from his muse Nicklausse, a character, always sung by a mezzo-soprano portraying a man (not uncommon in opera), but in this version, the character's sexuality is ambiguous.

The poet Hoffmann's personal and artistic creations – his tales of four lost lovers through his own misjudgments and through the machinations of his nemesis – are intermingled through a series of anecdotes that play out before our eyes. At first I thought it was a "cerebral" Hoffmann. We see him constantly writing the tales as they are played out. I thought director Christopher Alden wanted us to be as confused as the tales spinning around in Hoffmann's brain.

Pretty clever!

In the end, I thought the very large cast – especially tenor Paul Groves as Hoffmann and Kate Lindsey as Nicklausse – gave its all to a lost cause. Yes, the music is lovely, but the rickrack surrounding it in this misguided production cloaks its beauty.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater and opera for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El. He has reviewed the Santa Fe Opera productions for The Bulletin for the past eight years. This past spring he taught "Jews on Screen" for the New Mexico State University English Department.



Joshua Hopkins performs the great comic role of Papageno in the Santa Fe Opera's production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute," part of the SFO 2010 season.

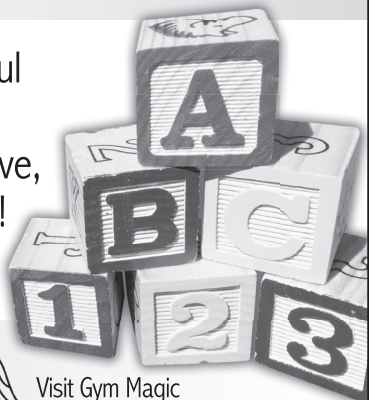
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of styles for the discriminating homeowner that complement the Southwestern and traditional homes of our region. Featured artists are Susan Frary, Joe Dominick, Bea Garrett, Kurt Van Wagner, Les Fairchild, Jan Kosnick, Rebecca Courtney, Penny Duncklee, Joyce Ann Key, Jo Ann Alcalá Milam, Roberta Widner and Phil Yost. The BIA-SNM is located at 2825 N. Main St. behind the Citizens Bank. The art can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday through Sept. 30.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery continues to display the artwork of Tom Gerend and his son-in-law Jay Parks in their show titled "Generations." They both paint different styles with the main theme of people and places in New Mexico. Parks is an Albuquerque artist who paints plein-air paintings of places he visits in New Mexico. Gerend paints churches, adobe buildings and local scenes of Mesilla. The Cutter Gallery is located at the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road at 2640 El Paseo. The show runs through Aug. 11. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Jess Reinhard and Eric McKinley are exhibiting "Remembrance: An Artistic Tribute to the Organ Mountains" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Rigoberto Gonzalez exhibits large-scale, Baroque-inspired paintings that examine contemporary politics of the U.S.-Mexico border region.

Kathleen Carricaburu presents jewelry and fine metal sculpture as "poetic objects." The collection includes her recent "Reliquary" series. The exhibit runs through Aug. 21. The

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. at the end of the Downtown Mall. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

LOS ARTESANOS

Los Artesanos Galeria will feature the artwork of glass artist Greta Burger for the month of July. Burger will be at the galeria each Saturday during July to meet with visitors and discuss the creation of her artwork. Burger often involves other media in the design of her pieces, including agates, copper, wire and paper inclusions and wood intarsia, where the intarsia design can either be an accent for the glass or can be the focal point. She also combines fused glass components in her stained glass pieces. Burger is one of the founding artists of Los Artesanos Galeria, which is located in Mesilla at 1910 Calle de Parian, on the corner with Avenida de Mesilla (Highway 28), and is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Call 526-1144.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery continues its one-man show for New Mexico artist L. Martin Pavletich. M. Phillip's is located at 221 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday; and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Call 525-1367.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Exhibiting July through August is "A Lifetime of Figure Studies," an exhibit spanning decades of figure studies by Vincent Harley Hallett. Other exhibiting Main Street Gallery artists include Nancy Frost Begin, Winfrey Hearst, Judy Licht, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Lynn Unangst, Margaret Berrier,

Joanna Bradley, Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt, Rudy Lucero, Paula Gonzalez, Jan Severson and Annette Paajanen. The gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall at Las Cruces Avenue. Gallery 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.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

During July, the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery will feature two members – Elaine Frink, photography, and urban renditions by Patricia Burnett. In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in many media, which include original paintings, encaustics, infused glass art jewelry, handmade cards, stained glass, photography, creative gourds, affordable prints and miniature paintings. The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2570-A Calle de Guadalupe, in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

NOPALITO'S GALERIA

Five members of the Las Cruces Arts Association – Carol Groves, Rosario Jeremias, Mary Lacy, Debbie Morris and Susan Rivera – will show their work through Aug. 10. The gallery is open noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and by request at the restaurant next door.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The paintings of longtime Las Cruces artist George

Gray will be on display in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Arts Corridor. Featuring 27 paintings, the exhibit "George Gray: Son of a Cowboy" continues through Aug. 8. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Call 522-4100.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery presents "Connecting with the Divine: Devotional Art of New Mexico," an exhibition of Mexican and New Mexican religious art from the Mary and J. Paul Taylor Family collection. The exhibition runs through Aug. 6. The gallery is located at 1390 E. University Ave. east of Solano Drive. Gallery summer hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-2545.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

The Preston Contemporary Art Center presents "Summer 2010 Exhibition" celebrating the center's second anniversary. The exhibit features works by Judith Content, fiber; Richard Heinsohn, painting; Tom Millea, photography; Louis Ocepek, mixed media; Ho Baron, sculpture; and Valente Francisco Saenz, painting. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Sept. 25. The PCAC is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment.

THE STUDIO FINE ART GALLERY

The Studio Fine Art Gallery will be showcasing new works from two of the area's well-known artists during the month of July. Susan Loverin's newest collection titled "Jewels of the Southwest" embodies some of the most beautiful imagery of the area with her vibrant acrylics. Robert Carlson, based in El Paso, has put together a unique combination of some of his whimsical collections using oil on linen. Call 523-1809 or visit www.conniehinesdesign.com.

TIERRA MONTAÑA GALLERY

The gallery is showcasing jewelry artist Doris Wagner's tribal contemporary art jewelry. Her patterns evoke ancient cultures and writing systems, while the designs are bold and contemporary. The Tierra Montaña Gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2891.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces will be closed in July. Please join the gallery in August with featured artists The Society of Layerists in Multi Media (SLMM) as they present "Re-emergence: Old To New" from Aug. 1 through 27. The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

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Balancing for ten years

No Strings Theatre Company presents classic drama

Bulletin Staff Report

In September 2000, the No Strings Theatre Company opened the Black Box Theatre with a production of "Seascape," a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by renowned American playwright Edward Albee, directed by NSTC's Artistic Director Ceil Herman.

On July 23, No Strings Theatre Company celebrates the opening of its 10th season with Albee's "A Delicate Balance," the 1967 Pulitzer Prize-winning play about friendship, loyalty and family ties. Herman again directs.

"A Delicate Balance," deals with the meaning of friendship and loyalty. Agnes and Tobias are an older married couple, relatively content with their life in suburbia, except for the presence of Agnes' sister Claire, who drinks too much, and their daughter Julia, who returns home every time one of her marriages breaks up. Then their best friends Harry and Edna arrive, too afraid to stay in their own home. When they express that they have come to live with Agnes and Tobias, this drastically tilts all the relationships in the family. Agnes and Tobias need to come to terms with crisis and Tobias must ask what he owes his friends and what debt he has to their friendship.

Albee was interested in the idea of the balance in relationships from very early in his playwriting career. In "The City of People," an early three-act play written in 1949, "delicate balance" refers to "that shading between love and hate that exists between anybody who cares for one another." Likewise, in the play "The Invalid," a young man says, "I fear for that terrible day, maybe when you're 30, maybe later, when you find yourself skidding toward middle age with nothing to show for your youth, all of it a blank, a waste ... The balance has been delicate for some time."

"A Delicate Balance" contains many autobiographical elements. Agnes, Tobias and Claire are inspired by Frances and Reed Albee, Albee's adoptive parents, and Frances' sister Jane. Jane was an alcoholic and houseguest. Daughter Julia resembles Albee's cousin Barbara, one of his Aunt Ethyl's two adopted daughters. His mother's elegant home in Larchmont was the setting for "A Delicate Bal-



Wynne Broms and Cindy Murrell play battling siblings Agnes and Claire in "A Delicate Balance" opening Friday, July 23, at the Black Box Theatre.

ance." Albee felt very strongly that the audience needed to understand that the family presence on stage was very strong as well as the real possibility of invasion from their friends.

There are entertaining, perceptive and multi-dimensional roles for all six characters in "A Delicate Balance." The original cast when the play opened on Broadway in 1966 was Hume Cronin and Jessica Tandy as Tobias and Agnes. A later production on Broadway starred Rosemary Harris as Agnes, George Grizzard as Tobias and Elaine Stritch as Claire.

No Strings Theatre Company's production of "A Delicate Balance" stars accomplished Las Cruces theater veterans Wynne Broms (Agnes), Carmen Call (Edna), David Edwards (Tobias), Cindy Murrell (Claire), Jeff Peckham (Harry) and Katie Richardson (Julia), all of whom have performed at the Black Box

“... the balance has been delicate for some time.”

EDWARD ALBEE,
playwright



Claire (Murrell) annoys Agnes (Broms) and Julia (Richardson) in a lighter moment from the No Strings Theatre Company's "A Delicate Balance."



Katie Richardson as Julia and Wynne Broms as Agnes share a mother-daughter moment.

He subsequently won the Pulitzer Prize twice more after "A Delicate Balance" – in 1975 for "Seascape" and in 1994 for "Three Tall Women." Albee is a member of the Dramatists Guild, received a Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2005, the Gold Medal in Drama in 1980 and the Kennedy Center Honors and National Medal of Arts in 1996.

The play runs July 23 through Aug. 8 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, at 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 1 and 8, and a Thursday performance at 7 p.m. Aug. 5. Tickets are \$10 regular, \$9 students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursdays are \$7. NSTC's 2010-11 season tickets and discount coupon packs are for sale at the box office.

For reservations, call 523-1223 or visit <http://www.no-strings.org>.

The photographic exhibit in the theatregallery "No Strings—A Retrospective" by Peter Herman celebrates the 10 years of productions at the Black Box Theatre. The exhibit is open an hour before performances and by appointment.

Theatre, as well as in many other venues in Las Cruces. Costume design is by Jeanne Luper and light and scenic design is by Peter Herman.

Born in 1928, Albee was greatly influenced by Theatre of the Absurd playwrights Samuel Beckett, Eugene Ionesco and Jean Genet, as well as Henry James and T.S. Eliot. Several of his one-act plays, including "The Zoo Story" and "The American Dream," were produced Off-Broadway.

In 1963, the Pulitzer Prize committee recommended his play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" for the prize, but the nomination was rejected and no award was given that year.



Carmen Call and Jeff Peckham as interlopers Edna and Harry are confronted by a not-to-happy Julia (Richardson) in the No Strings Theatre Company's production of "A Delicate Balance" by Edward Albee.



Call and Peckham explain why Edna and Harry feel terrorized.

ArtsCalendar

FRI. 7/23

5 to 7 p.m. Art Auction, Bright Star Dental, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Dr. Brian Gilbert will host a silent auction of his paintings with the proceeds going to Gospel Rescue Mission. Light refreshments will be provided. Bidding closes at 6:30 p.m. Call 526-4334 or visit www.brightstardental.blogspot.com.

5 to 8 p.m. Live Music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Steve Watson, guitarist – jazz, rock, blues and Latin. Call 527-5310.

6 to 7 p.m. Beginning Bellydance, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. 6 to 9 p.m. Live Music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Acoustic music featuring Nicole Martinez. Call 527-5310.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Open mic, Starbucks, 945 E. University Ave. Second and fourth Fridays. Free. Call 647-2948.

7 to 10 p.m. Live Jazz, The Player's Grill, New Mexico State University Golf Course Club House, 3000 Herb Wimberly Road. Cover \$10, \$5 with valid NMSU ID. Call 646-2457.

SAT. 7/24

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh fruit and vegetables, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10 a.m. Magical Musical Adventure, "To the Beach,"

Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Enjoy a story, interactive music and games, and snacks at July's Amazing Magical Musical Adventure. Fun for the entire family. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. This week Sarah and Sharlene will be the storytellers at the Downtown location, and Jean Gilbert will be the storyteller at the Solano Coas store. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to noon, Beginning Women's Bellydance, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Call 526-9509.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

Noon to 1 p.m. Bollywood Classes, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live Music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Allan Kaplan and Curt Warren, trombone and guitar duo. Call 527-5310.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella cello quartet, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Cello quartet plays a mix of popular music for all tastes. Free.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples and singles ages 50 and older. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music by Jim Corrons. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

8 p.m. Steve Smith, Chris Sanders and Hard Road



Remember When sings oldies and doo wop at Music in the Park 7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St.

Concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. A benefit concert for KRWG. Tickets are available at the KRWG offices, room 121 in Milton Hall on the NMSU campus and at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Cost \$15 for adults in advance, \$20 at the door; ages 6 to 18 \$7.50 in advance; \$10 at the door; under 6 free. Call 646-2222.

SUN. 7/25

3 to 7 p.m. Open mic, Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

7 p.m. Music in the Park, Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St. Remember Then, doo wop and oldies, followed by Gene and the Starliners, oldies but goodies. Music in the Park is a 14-week musical extravaganza offering Las Cruces an eclectic mix of music performed by local, regional and nationally recognized artists. Free. Call 541-2200.

7 p.m. Vanessa Lively,

Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Austin, Texas, folksinger performs folk and world music. Cost \$10 at the door. Call 523-1223.

MON. 7/26

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet in the café for fun and exchanging knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

11 a.m. to noon, Bollywood Classes, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7 to 8 p.m. Mother & Daughter Beginning Bellydance, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Call 526-9509.

TUE. 7/27

5:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday presents Lillis Urban, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

7 to 9 p.m. Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 welcome. Cost \$10, \$8 members. Call 642-1699, email musbegin@comcast.net or visit www.bigbanddanceclub.org.

8 p.m. Kevin Smith SMOCAST, Allen Theatres Cineport 10, Mesilla Valley Mall. Film director Smith performs his live podcast. Cost \$30. Call 524-7933 or visit www.allentheatresinc.com.

WED. 7/28

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food,



Singer/songwriter Lillis Urban will perform at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, as part of Every Other Tuesday at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

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11 a.m. to noon, Women's Beginning Bellydance, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Call 526-9509.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning Drum Classes, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit Meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit <http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com>.

7 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Cattleman's Steak House, 3375 Bataan Memorial West. Free. Call 382-9051.

7 to 8 p.m. Mother & Daughter Beginning Bellydance, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Call 526-9509.

THU. 7/29

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Country and Western Dance with music by Jim Corrons. Western attire recommended. Free dance lesson at 7 p.m. with paid admission. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 welcome. Dress code. Country club membership not required. \$7 members; \$9 non-members. Call 525-9227 or visit bigbanddanceclub.org.

FRI. 7/30

6 to 7 p.m. Beginning Bellydance, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Call 526-9509

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella cello quartet, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Cello quartet plays a mix of popular music for all tastes. Free. Call 649-5135.

7 to 10 p.m. Live Jazz, The Player's Grill, New Mexico State University Golf Course Club House, 3000 Herb Wimberly Road. Cover \$10, \$5 with valid NMSU ID. Call 646-2457.

7 and 8:30 p.m. Boba Cabaret presents "Starry, Starry Night," 1900 S. Espina St. James Gier, Victoria Gier, Eric Tarin, Thea Chip and Ginny May sing songs about the stars. Cost for the 7 p.m. show, which includes dinner, is \$25, and \$10 for the 8:30 p.m. show. Call 647-5900.

8 p.m. "A Delicate Balance," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. No Strings Theatre Company presents Edward Albee's classic drama. Directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$10, \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Call 523-1223.

SAT. 7/31

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh fruit and vegetables, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.



Victoria Gier, Ginny May and Thea Chip perform star songs in "Starry, Starry Night" at the Boba Cabaret Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24.

Center for the Arts Appreciation Gala

Photos by Gabriel Vasquez

The Pancho Romero Jazz Quartet performed various contemporary music during the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts Appreciation Gala held Wednesday, July 14, at the site of the new arts center on the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street.



New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture, husband Paul Couture and Ford Ballard of KRWG-FM pose with a rendering of the campus-facing view of the new arts center.



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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Ump 88: Still green and grillin'

New owners, new menu and now even more games

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I hear people say, 'It isn't an Irish pub anymore!' But look around. How can it not be an Irish pub?" This from Mike Elizalde, one of the owners of Ump 88 Irish Grill (formerly Brigid's Cross Irish pub).

Elizalde continued, "I mean how can it be anything else but an Irish pub? The furniture is all from Ireland. The bar was made in Ireland. It has the same feel as before. How much Guinness stuff can you have?"

True. The Guinness name is still on the bar, but much of the décor with the Irish beer's trademark has been replaced – along with that of a few Irish whiskeys as well. More on that later. In their stead is some sports memorabilia reflecting the career of major league baseball umpire Doug Eddings – Elizalde's partner in the new venture. Eddings wears the number 88 when on the field, hence the place's new moniker.

Eddings and Elizalde were actually Picacho Hills neighbors of the former owner and that's how they got involved



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Edwards
Bartender Lorri McQuade and owner Mike Elizalde do their best to keep the spirits flowing and keep your spirits up at Ump 88 Irish Grill.

when he was looking to sell. Things began in February with a very soft transition and didn't really become official until early May. The grand opening was, appropriately enough, during last week's Major League Baseball All Star Game.

In addition to the other umpire, baseball and sports changes, a whole new game room has been added. In a space adjacent to the main room that formerly was used for storage and held large coolers along one wall are now pool tables, dartboards and a regulation-size shuffleboard table. Ump 88 is really the only place in town where you can indulge in that popular game. There are plans to add a few more dartboards and start a dart league.

"There used to be just two televisions above the bar," Elizalde said. "We have added a bunch more and that's one reason people think we're just a sports bar, but we really aren't."

To be up front about it, Ump 88 doesn't have a full liquor license (that's why it isn't called a "bar"), but they still have an excellent beer selection (yes, they've got Guinness and Smithwick's – pronounced "smit-tix") and an extensive wine list.

Most people (myself included) don't know what a long list of "cocktails" is available by only using wine-based "liquor." I have a particular fondness (weakness?) for Irish Car Bombs and Elizalde convinced me (during an "off hours" visit, of course) to try Ump 88's version. The original is a glass of Guinness Stout with a shot of Bailey's Irish Cream and Jameson Irish Whiskey dropped into it.

At Ump 88, you still get the stout, but the shot is made up of a wine-based Irish cream and a wine-based amaretto. I have to say it was just as delicious and had the desired, um ... effect. Apparently

the alcohol content is the same, but the spirits aren't distilled. Ask bartender Lorri McQuade (Irish) to explain it to you.

Now let's talk food. The previous menu was almost exclusively Irish and a few of those items have been retained. Another fortunate circumstance for the new owners (and customers) is the continuing presence of Chef Herbert Robertson. His French training and experience has maintained the excellent food quality regulars are used to and new foodies will appreciate.

I split an order of chile mussels and some steak and shrimp fajitas at lunch last week and they were both great. The mussels (an old menu carry-over) were particularly spicy and I wanted to bottle up the creamy sauce to take home. I refrained, however, and if I hadn't been worried about having room for the fajitas would probably have ordered more bread to soak it up and been happy with that. Glad I didn't spoil the fajita experience though.

A "grill" suggests burgers and steaks and those are very popular menu items along with a new selection of pastas. Ump 88's food specials are quickly gaining popularity. Tuesdays are 50 cent taco night, Wednesday is \$3.50 burger night and Thursdays feature tapas and seafood. They have happy hour seven days a week and live music on Friday and Saturday.

So you may initially miss the Irish stuff, but Ump 88 has been very satisfactorily re-invented in my opinion. Give 'em a try – even though I didn't resort to a cheesy baseball metaphor until the bottom of the ninth. Let's see ... Ump 88 hits a home run, no – a grand slam. Or how about Ump 88 swings for the fence? Nope. Ump 88 pitches a perfect game. That doesn't even make sense! Sorry, I just can't bring myself to do it.

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FRIDAY EVENING JULY 23, 2010

Table of TV listings for Friday Evening, July 23, 2010. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and various programs like Business, News, World, Wash., etc.

SATURDAY MORNING JULY 24, 2010

Table of TV listings for Saturday Morning, July 24, 2010. Columns include time slots (5:00-10:30) and various programs like Sid, Dinosaur, Thomas, Mr Rogers, etc.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JULY 24, 2010

Table of TV listings for Saturday Afternoon, July 24, 2010. Columns include time slots (11:00-4:30) and various programs like Hometown, MotorWeek, Wildlife, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING		JULY 28, 2010														
		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	Paul McCartney	Helen of Troy (In Stereo) CC			Charlie Rose (N)			T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Big Brother (N)	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY CC	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Middle	Family	Cougar	(:01) Castle CC	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	14	Dr. Phil CC	News	Two Men	So You Think You Can Dance CC	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier					
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It	America's/Talent	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show	Top Model	Plain Jane CC	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access				
WGN	15	15	Funny Home Videos	** "The Goonies" (1985) Sean Astin. (In Stereo)			Fun Vi	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Star Trek: Next				
ESPN	26	26	MLB Baseball Teams	TBA. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter CC	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter CC						
ESPN2	27	27	Sport Sci. Football	NFL Live	MLS Soccer	All-Star Game. (Live)	2010 Poker	NFL Live	Softball							
USA	31	31	NCIS CC	NCIS CC	NCIS CC	Psych (N) CC	Burn Notice CC	Royal Pains CC	Psych CC							
TNT	32	32	Bones	Heart failure.	Law & Order "Acid"	Law & Order	Law & Order	CSI: NY CC	Leverage CC	Memphis Beat						
TBS	33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight	Earl	Earl	Sex &	Sex &			
COM	35	35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE	39	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	** "P.S. I Love You" (2007) CC	Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC	Medium				
FOOD	40	40	Challenge	Food Network Star			Flay	Flay	24 Hour Rest. Battle	Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	24 Hour Rest. Battle		
HGTV	41	41	House	House	Property	Property	Holmes on Homes	House	House	Renovatn	First	Holmes on Homes	House	House		
A&E	43	43	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Extreminator	Sex-Ancient	American Pickers	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy		
HIST	44	44	Chasing Mummies	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Chasing Mummies	Sex-Ancient	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn		
TLC	45	45	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras		
DISC	47	47	MythBusters CC	MythBusters CC	MythBusters-	Dirty Jobs CC	MythBusters CC	MythBusters-	Dirty Jobs CC	MythBusters-	Dirty Jobs CC	MythBusters-	Dirty Jobs CC	MythBusters-		
ANPL	50	50	Animal Planet	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Monsters Inside Me	Confessions	Monsters Inside Me	Confessions	Monsters Inside Me	Confessions	Monsters Inside Me	Confessions		
FAM	51	51	'70s	*** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)			Home Videos	The 700 Club CC	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		
DISN	52	52	Jonas	Deck	Hannah	Good	Deck	Phineas	Wizards	Hannah	"Motocrossed" (2001) CC	Phineas	Sonny	Sonny		
NICK	54	54	iCarly	iCarly	Matters	Matters	Chris	Chris	George	George	George	George	George	George		
AMC	57	57	"The Specialist"	*** "The Mummy" (1999) Brendan Fraser. CC			(-45) *** "Troy" (2004, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. CC									
SYFY	59	59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Ghost Hunters	Haven "Harmony"	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Fact or Faked							
CNN	62	62	John King, USA (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper								
CNBC	63	63	The Kudlow Report	Coca-Cola	Biography on CNBC	American Greed	Mad Money	House of Cards								
MSNBC	64	64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	Hardball Matthews	Countdown							

THURSDAY EVENING		JULY 29, 2010													
		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	News	Wildlife	Globe Trekker	Song of Mountains	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Big Brother CC	CSI: Crime Scene	The Mentalist CC	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Rookie Blue (N)	Boston Med (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	Dr. Phil CC	News	Two Men	Glee "Wheels"	So You Think You Can Dance	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	30 Rock	Office	Parks	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW	14	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show	The Vampire Diaries	Moonlight CC	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15	15	Funny Home Videos	WWE Superstars	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	SportsCenter CC	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter CC	Star Trek: Next					
ESPN	26	26	30 for 30 (N)	X Games From Los Angeles. (Live) CC	SportsNation CC	2010 Poker	2010 Poker	X Center (Live)	X Games CC						
ESPN2	27	27	Golf	SportsNation CC	2010 Poker	2010 Poker	X Center (Live)	X Games CC							
USA	31	31	Burn Notice CC	Burn Notice CC	Burn Notice (N)	Royal Pains (N)	White Collar CC	Burn Notice CC	Royal Pains CC						
TNT	32	32	Bones CC	Bones CC	Bones CC	** "Stargate: Atlantis" (2004) Ben Stiller. CC	CSI: NY CC	Rizzoli & Isles							
TBS	33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Step Up 2 the Streets" (2008) CC	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight	Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &			
COM	35	35	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE	39	39	** "Legally Blonde" (2001) CC	Project Runway CC	Road	Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC	Medium					
FOOD	40	40	Challenge	Good	Good	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes		
HGTV	41	41	House	House	First Pla.	My First	Selling	Buck	House	House	Selling	Buck	House	House	
A&E	43	43	The First 48 CC	The First 48 CC	The First 48 (N)	Aftermath CC	Aftermath CC	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48						
HIST	44	44	The Universe CC	The Universe CC	The Universe CC	Modern Marvels	How the Earth	(:01) The Universe	(:01) The Universe						
TLC	45	45	Demo. Ladies	Police Women	Police Women	Cellblock 6	Police Women	Cellblock 6	Police Women						
DISC	47	47	Nature's Deadliest	River Monsters	River Monsters	Deadliest Catch	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	Deadliest Catch					
ANPL	50	50	Worst Venom	Monsters Inside Me	Per. Predator	Animal Nightmares	Monsters Inside Me	Per. Predator	Animal Nightmares						
FAM	51	51	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club CC	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		
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NICK	54	54	iCarly	iCarly	Matters	Matters	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	
AMC	57	57	"The Mummy" CC	** "Eraser" (1996, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. CC			*** "The Negotiator" (1998) Samuel L. Jackson. CC								
SYFY	59	59	Fact or Faked	Mary Knows Best	Mary Knows Best	Fact or Faked	Mary Knows Best	Fact or Faked	Highlander "Justice"						
CNN	62	62	John King, USA (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) CC	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC	63	63	The Kudlow Report	As Seen on TV	Biography on CNBC	American Greed	Mad Money	As Seen on TV	Biography on CNBC						
MSNBC	64	64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	Hardball Matthews	Countdown						

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BEGINNER

	2	4	9	1				
				8	2			3
		3	4			5		9
	5			6		7		1
7	3		8		9		6	2
6		8		2			3	
4		7			5	8		
1			7	9				
			4	1	2	9		

CHALLENGER

		7		4		5		
	4	1			5			
					7		2	4
	5				4	3	8	
		2	6	8				1
7	8		4					
			9			8	7	
9				3		1		

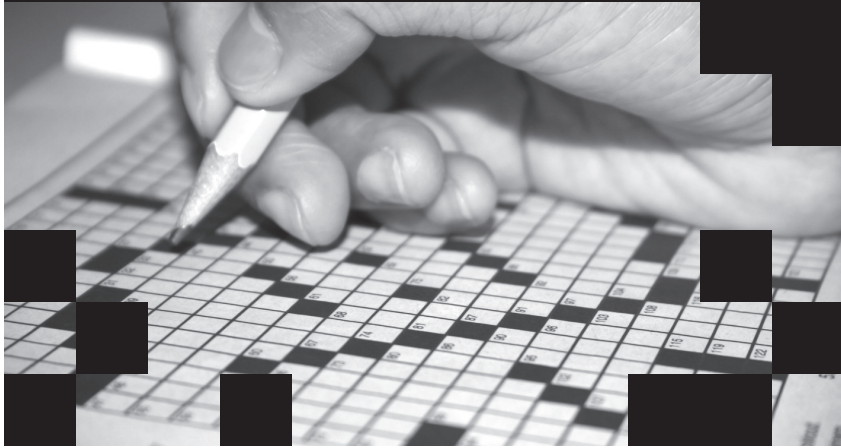
EXPERT

6				2		8		
	9			8				
	1		3	6		2	9	
		9		4				1
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1	7		2	5		8		
				9		3		
		4		1				7

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	5 8 3 9 1 4 7 6 2
	6 4 1 5 2 7 8 3 9
	2 7 9 8 6 3 5 1 4
	1 3 4 7 5 6 2 9 8
	8 5 2 1 4 9 3 7 6
	9 6 7 2 3 8 4 5 1
CHALLENGER	4 2 6 3 7 1 9 8 5
	7 1 8 4 9 5 6 2 3
	3 9 5 6 8 2 1 4 7
	3 6 5 8 9 2 4 1 7
	7 1 9 6 3 4 8 2 5
	8 4 2 5 7 1 3 6 9
EXPERT	1 8 3 7 4 9 2 5 6
	5 9 7 2 8 6 1 4 3
	6 2 4 1 5 3 7 9 8
	4 7 8 9 1 5 6 3 2
	9 3 6 4 2 8 5 7 1
	2 5 1 3 6 7 9 8 4

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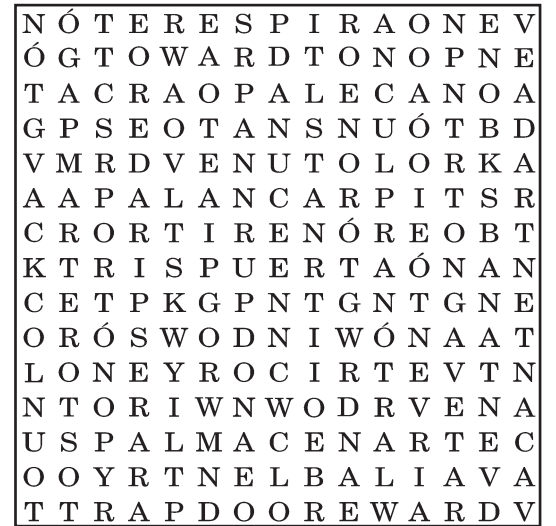
Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

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DRAWER	GAVETA
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TO STORE	ALMACENAR
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Crossword Puzzles

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ACROSS

- 1 Discombobulate
- 6 Shawl or cloak
- 10 "Don Juan" poet
- 11 Long, slippery swimmers
- 12 Ointment of antiquity
- 16 Vilifier
- 20 "Lohengrin" heroine
- 21 Amazement
- 22 Muhammad of boxing
- 23 Swan lady
- 24 Campers' home
- 25 Reasons why
- 27 Star of Bethlehem followers
- 28 Fill to excess
- 29 Upfront expenses
- 30 Drove too fast
- 31 Stable unit
- 32 Keats poems
- 36 Clumsy
- 42 Spacewalk, to NASA
- 45 Standard workday
- 52 Premium quality
- 53 Nonclerical
- 55 Three-digit telephone numbers
- 56 Stranger
- 57 Begin, for one
- 59 Measuring sticks
- 60 Surround
- 62 Coll. hotshot
- 63 Golden years
- 64 Cowboy topper
- 66 Exclamation of disgust
- 67 Chucks
- 68 Jolly old salts
- 69 Preliminary races
- 74 Dilly
- 78 Free time
- 80 Point of departure
- 84 Moran of "Happy Days"
- 85 Hit-or-miss
- 86 Lively enthusiasm
- 87 Seaweed extract
- 88 Brewer's tub
- 89 Lennon's love
- 90 Hatcher of "Desperate Housewives"
- 91 Goddess of retribution
- 93 Protein element
- 95 Fencing foil
- 96 Personification of evil
- 97 Alan or Cheryl
- 98 Technique

DOWN

- 1 Fortas or Vigoda
- 2 Live wires
- 3 Elicit
- 4 Swit or Lynn
- 5 Conclude
- 6 Actor Snipes
- 7 Negligent
- 8 Flagon filler
- 9 Sacred songs
- 12 Matched groups
- 13 Urgent request
- 14 "___ It a Pity"
- 15 Smith or Mulgrew
- 17 Harvest
- 18 Boundary
- 19 Police bust
- 22 King Arthur's paradise
- 26 Not well
- 33 Actors' lines
- 34 Add nutrients
- 35 Observe
- 36 Curved moldings
- 37 ___ you the clever one!
- 38 Spoof
- 39 Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
- 40 Looks like
- 41 One of the Marx Brothers
- 42 Inventor Gray
- 43 College in Poughkeepsie
- 44 Jordan's nickname
- 46 Seer's card
- 47 Eye: pref.
- 48 Throws in one's cards
- 49 R&D output
- 50 Brink
- 51 Wormy shapes
- 54 Dancer Calloway
- 58 Ostrich cousin
- 61 Aardvark's snack
- 65 Casual top
- 70 NASA partner
- 71 Self-serve restaurant
- 72 Dallas river
- 73 Trademark barbiturate
- 74 Low-fat
- 75 Strongly advise
- 76 Actor Neeson
- 77 Empty a spool
- 78 Taxed
- 79 Expunged
- 80 Alpha follower
- 81 Actor Guinness
- 82 Hindu attire
- 83 Author Bagnold
- 92 Fat farm
- 93 Nincompoop
- 94 Any person

OLD LIMERICK

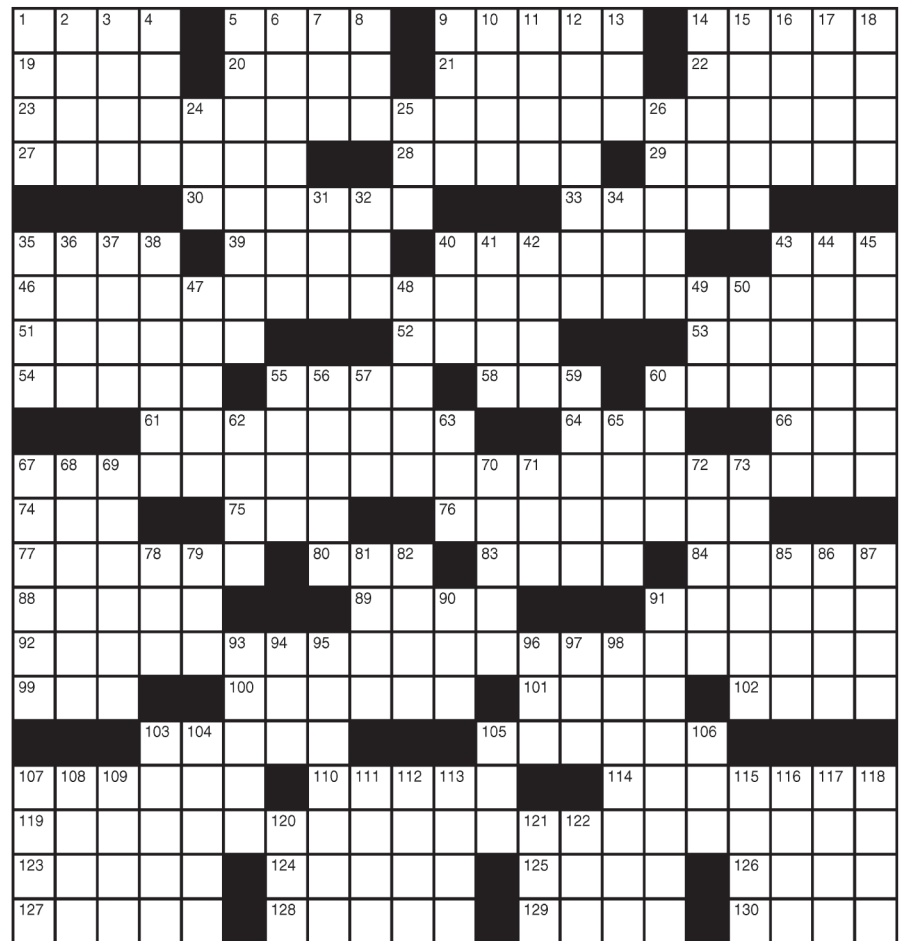
ACROSS

- 1 Johnson of "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"
- 5 Wine region of Italy
- 9 Supporting timbers
- 14 Come together
- 19 Dwelling of a wild animal
- 20 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 21 Backstreet
- 22 Model of perfection
- 23 Start of a mature limerick
- 27 Fit out anew
- 28 Mayhem
- 29 Entertainment venues
- 30 Remains firm
- 33 Thespian
- 35 On ___ (without guarantee)
- 39 Smallest of the Great Lakes
- 40 Pungent bulb
- 43 Chart
- 46 Part 2 of mature limerick
- 51 Syria's Hafez and sons
- 52 Opposing position
- 53 Sealy competitor
- 54 Polynesian New Zealander
- 55 Greek letters
- 58 Mont Blanc or the Matterhorn
- 60 Nephew of King Arthur
- 61 Films again
- 64 Grp. for Spock
- 66 Wm. C. Durant's company
- 67 Part 3 of mature limerick
- 74 In the style of
- 75 Manipulate
- 76 Aerials
- 77 More supple
- 80 Rwy. stop
- 83 Auricles
- 84 "___ Life Is It, Anyway?"
- 88 Metrical stress
- 89 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
- 91 Medium's milieu
- 92 Part 4 of mature limerick
- 99 Hot time in Burgundy
- 100 Most distant point in an orbit
- 101 Inner Hebrides island
- 102 Fast jets, for short
- 103 Code name
- 105 Say by rote
- 107 Not here
- 110 Moisten periodically
- 114 Grass cutters

- 119 End of mature limerick
- 123 Louise or Brookner
- 124 Earthy pigment
- 125 Flat or loafer
- 126 Operatic showstopper
- 127 Add up
- 128 Positions at an angle
- 129 Walden, for example
- 130 Kind of tide

DOWN

- 1 Banned spray
- 2 Try to outrun
- 3 Roofing piece
- 4 LaSalle of "E.R."
- 5 Umpires
- 6 Astronaut Alan
- 7 Part of Canada's Y.T.
- 8 Writer Fleming
- 9 Dixie sch.
- 10 Hgt.
- 11 Ray or Moro
- 12 Actress Laurie
- 13 Leb. neighbor
- 14 Small-scale
- 15 Lawn trimmer
- 16 Horse holder
- 17 Black-tie gathering
- 18 Building wings
- 24 Greek letters
- 25 Satisfied sounds
- 26 Go with
- 31 Zilch
- 32 "L.A. Law" co-star
- 34 U.S. voter
- 35 Did the crawl
- 36 Ottoman leader
- 37 Exxon, once
- 38 Presley movie
- 40 Firearm
- 41 NYC theater
- 42 Stir up
- 43 Desert deception
- 44 Nissan model
- 45 Physicist Max
- 47 Arrivederci, Andre
- 48 Jamaican cultist
- 49 ISS partner
- 50 Cry like a cat



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 55 Advanced degs. | 79 Language suffix | 105 RPM part |
| 56 Firefighter's tote | 81 High-pitched clink | 106 Needle hole |
| 57 Quadrennially grp. | 82 1958 Pulitzer novelist | 107 Med. sch. course |
| 59 Road finisher | 85 Individuals | 108 U2 singer |
| 60 Senator/astronaut | 86 Jazz singing style | 109 "M*A*S*H" co-star |
| 62 Aspersions | 87 Comic strip cries | 111 U.S. tennis great |
| 63 P. Hearst's kidnappers | 90 Lyric verse | 112 Mulligan's dish |
| 65 Part of YMCA | 91 Grabbed | 113 Rocky peaks |
| 67 Rock salt | 93 Little pastries | 115 Comparison word |
| 68 Draw out | 94 Escalates | 116 Add to the staff |
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AtTheMovies

Reuniting 'Mother and Child'

Women connect in spite of loss and bitterness

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A more apt title for this intriguing and well-written film should be "Mother and Daughter." Not many guys permeate the screen, as the film concentrates on the attempts of a mother and daughter to reunite after the daughter, a nefarious young woman to be sure, was given up for adoption. As a subplot, another woman is added who is seeking to adopt a child of her own.

Annette Bening as Karen delivers a moving and strong performance as the mother who gave birth at age 14 (we are witness to the start of the incident that is the reason behind the movie in a silent and moving scene of young love) and has carried the dual burdens of anger and wonder for nearly 40 years.

Now a successful, but bitter middle-aged woman, she lives with her mother, who is tended for by a homecare professional who has a better relationship with Karen's mom than Karen

Busey gives star turn as rock icon

The tragic Buddy Holly story still rocks 'n' rolls

The CineMatinee film for Saturday, July 24, is "The Buddy Holly Story" (1978, 114 minutes, rated PG – featuring live music by Anthony James prior to the film). He was a gawky, shy Texas kid with glasses that had rock 'n' roll quicksilver in his soul. In the mid 1950s, Buddy Holly (Gary Busey) and his two high school chums – Jesse Clarence (Don Stroud) and Ray Bob Simms (Charlie Martin Smith) – are playing traditional Country and Western fare in their hometown of Lubbock, Texas. But word spreads like wildfire when Buddy premieres "That'll Be the Day" at the roller rink. The kids can feel in their bones that somethin' exciting is coming alive.

An executive at Decca Records who hears the threesome's music on the radio invites them down to Nashville, but then scorns their music. Back home again, Buddy learns one of his tapes has gotten around the East and is very popular. Holly and "the Crickets" (Clarence and Smith) shake the dust from their feet and head off for New York City. Having learned a valuable lesson in Nashville, Holly talks Coral Records into allowing him to produce his own records. The executive balks, but gives in to the shrewd country boy.

Busey's Academy Award performance as Buddy Holly is a tour de force as he radiates the singer/songwriter's sincerity and, best of all, communicates a genuine vitality. Busey's strongest moments on screen come when he marries and undergoes a dry period in his career.

Director Steve Rash and screenplay writer Robert Gittler are to be commended for keeping this bio-drama on an intimate level throughout. We are moved by the joyfulness of the music (all three lead characters can really rock 'n' roll) and we are touched by the honest sentiment of the plot. "The Buddy Holly Story" should be experienced by the whole family, and we'll forgive them for leaving out Holly's New Mexico connection, since much of the band's early music and formation (and name) occurred at Norman Petty Studios in Clovis, N.M.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m. and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message.

does. Karen's vinegary attitude extends to the caregiver's young daughter, who Karen treats with acidic disrespect.

Jimmy Smits plays a co-worker who takes a liking to her, but is soon reviled by her attitude. However, Paco (Smits) decides to take a chance and gingerly attempts to ease Karen back into emotional reality.

Elizabeth, as the "lost" daughter, is played with as mean a spirit as Karen, even though she was adopted by a loving family and is now a successful attorney, albeit one without any sense of emotional stability. Commitment is not a word in her vocabulary as she job and bed hops, working in positions that she is way overqualified for, while slipping into the boudoir with any (read: all) smitten males that she attracts, including Samuel L. Jackson.

Jackson, who apparently stopped reading scripts some years ago before agreeing to appear in some films, revives his career

as Elizabeth's older supervisor who takes a liking to her, with her response being to seduce him.

And Kerry Washington plays Lucy, a vibrant and driven woman whose



FILM REVIEW

Take your mom, but not your child to see this great film at the Fountain Theatre from July 23 through 29. It is rated R for human behavior.

GRADE

A



Paul (played by Samuel L. Jackson) takes a shine to Elizabeth (Naomi Watts) in "Mother and Child."

attempts to become heavy with child with her somewhat reserved husband have been for naught.

All of these characters, especially Elizabeth and Karen, are not exactly likable, and it is not until these two make an attempt to find one another, that their distaste for life starts to change – most especially for Karen. But we never really know the connection that all but Smits have until much later in the picture.

"Mother and Child" has volumes to say about human behavior and the consequences of same. At once, it is a precise and pointed character study about three women and the crosses they bear via motherhood.

On another plain, it is also a love story, albeit one that is a bit obtuse and hard to recognize at times. Without frills and lace, director Rodrigo Garcia leads us deep into the souls of these women, and does not allow us to escape easily.

"Mother and Child" is one of the better films I've seen this year, and it includes an exceptional co-star role by Jackson, not to mention one of the meanest tricks ever perpetrated on an adulterous husband.

Jeff Berg likes his mother but sometimes wonders if he was adopted ... jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews reflect his opinion of the movie only, not that of anyone else connected with the film society.

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AtTheMovies

'Inception' is grand invention

Christopher Nolan delivers a mind-bending masterpiece

Review by **Todd G. Dickson**

Las Cruces Bulletin

It's been a long time since I've walked out of a movie house and found myself looking at the world with new eyes because of the film I've just watched.

I am grateful to "Inception" for bringing back that feeling – so much that I'll go as far as saying that "watch" is too mild a word; "Inception" is a film that forces you to "experience" it.

When there's the fight sequence in the spinning hotel hallway, you're tumbling with them – and your brain is cross-referencing Fred Astaire's ceiling dance in "Royal Wedding" and "The Matrix." When stairs turn into a Möbius strip, you recall the wonder you first felt seeing an M.C. Escher drawing.

All the credit goes to director Christopher Nolan, who is proving that he is a filmmaker you can trust to merge mind candy with eye candy and leave you satisfied with the results. In the story and visuals of "Inception," I

haven't seen this much cinematic hubris on exhibition since Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia," only in the case of "Inception" the pay-off is worth it.

Nolan – who was able to breathe emotional depth back into the dying "Batman" movies – reportedly spent 10 years fine-tuning the script of "Inception" to make sure each moment had a purpose, and he pulled it off.

There are few other directors I can trust this much. Nolan's intelligence to the story

is the same mind behind the camera I always found in a Peter Weir film. And like Weir, Nolan also is able to get big-name actors to turn in compelling performances. Weir was able to do it with Jim Carey in "The Truman Show," and Nolan makes Leonardo DiCaprio engaging as the constant central character of "Inception."

In "Inception," DiCaprio plays a dream thief called an "extractor." In the world of corporate espionage, he enters into people's dreams

and steals secrets. But he also is haunted by the death of his wife, who lost her grip on reality in the dream world they built for themselves as a couple. So, when he is in the dreams of others, his subconscious keeps getting invaded by his late wife, putting him on the edge of losing his unique profession.

Then, the extractor is given a special task – to implant a thought to change a corporate heir's thinking, and this is where "Inception" blends psychological thriller with action crime caper genres, bending our minds in the process.

Nolan supports DiCaprio with an impressive crew of supporting actors – Ellen Page and Marion Cotillard in key female roles and Ken Watanabe and Michael Caine in critical supporting roles.

And just when I thought Nolan was going to lose his commanding grip on it all, "Inception" pulls itself together and brings us back to the real world – but questioning it up to the very end.

Sure, there are other intelligent directors out there that I trust who are doing some impressive work. But James Cameron seems to only succeed in taking us someplace else and into other times than our own. And J.J. Abrams can sometimes be lured into throwing red herrings and puzzles that often turn out to be asides to the main story.



Leonardo DiCaprio plays dream thief or "extractor" Cobb in "Inception."

Nolan's "Inception" is a masterpiece where you can't tear yourself away for the full duration of the film. Be sure to hit the bathroom before it starts and that popcorn refill will just have to wait – you won't want to miss a moment, at least on your first viewing, which won't be your last.

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INCEPTION

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page and Marion Cotillard

Directors: Christopher Nolan

Running time: 2 hours and 28 minutes

Rated: PG-13

Film Review

This new film by director Christopher Nolan is sure to generate much thought and discussion.

Grade
A



AtTheMovies Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Knight and Day
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A fugitive couple wages a war between truth and trust while speeding across the globe in an attempt to avoid capture by a determined federal agent.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Director: James Mangold

Grown Ups
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A comedy about five friends and former teammates who reunite years later to honor the passing of their childhood basketball coach.
Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James
Director: Dennis Dugan

The Last Airbender
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Aang discovers he is the lone Avatar who has the power to manipulate the elements and restore balance to a war-torn world.
Starring: Noah Ringer
Director: M. Night Shyamalan

Despicable Me
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Gru is planning the biggest heist in the history of the world. He is going to steal the moon.
Starring: Steve Carell
Directors: Chris Renaud, Pierre Coffin

Iron Man 2
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The world is aware that inventor Tony Stark is the armored superhero Iron Man.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Don Cheadle
Director: Jon Favreau

Toy Story 3D
 Rating: G
Plot Overview: Woody, Buzz and the rest of their toy-box friends are dumped in a day care center when their owner Andy departs for college.
Starring: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
Director: Lee Unkrich

The Karate Kid
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: When a young boy moves to China, he embraces kung fu taught to him by a master.
Starring: Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan
Director: Harald Zwart

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger, and with her graduation approaching, she is forced to choose between Edward and Jacob.
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson
Director: David Slade

The Sorcerer's Apprentice
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: A sorcerer and his hapless apprentice are swept into the center of an ancient conflict between good and evil.
Starring: Nicolas Cage
Director: Jon Turteltaub

Inception
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: In a world of dream invasion, a single idea within one's mind can be the most dangerous weapon or the most valuable asset.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio
Director: Christopher Nolan

Predators
 Rating: R
Plot Overview: This revamp of the film series focuses on a human survival adventure set on the Predator's home planet.
Starring: Adrien Brody
Director: Nimrod Antal

Standing Ovation
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: A group of friends compete in a national tween music video contest.
Starring: Al Sapienza, Jeana Zettler
Director: Stewart Raffill

Salt
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A CIA officer, accused as a Russian sleeper spy, tries to elude capture and reunite with her family as she struggles to prove her innocence.
Starring: Angelina Jolie
Director: Phillip Noyce
OPENING JULY 23

Ramona and Beezus
 Rating: G
Plot Overview: Beezus, who is just turning 10, finds four-year-old Ramona an exasperating little sister.
Starring: John Corbett, Selena Gomez
Director: Elizabeth Allen
OPENING JULY 23

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- Clash of the Titans**
 Rating: PG-13
 Genre: Adventure, Action
 Starring: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
 Director: Louis Leterrier
- The Uninvited**
 Rating: Not Rated
 Genre: Horror
 Starring: Marguerite Moreau, Colin Hay
 Director: Bob Badway
- Repo Men**
 Rating: R
 Genre: Action, Science Fiction
 Starring: Jude Law, Forest Whitaker
 Director: Miguel Sapochnik
- Goodnight Moon**
 Rating: G
 Genre: Childrens
 Studio: New Video
- Operation: Endgame**
 Rating: R
 Genre: Action, Comedy
 Starring: Zach Galifianakis, Ving Rhames
 Director: Fouad Mikati

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- 1 Inception** (Week No. 1) \$60,400,000
- 2 Despicable Me** (Week No. 2) \$32,734,000
- 3 The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (Week No. 1) \$17,373,000
- 4 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (Week No. 3) \$13,500,000
- 5 Toy Story 3** (Week No. 5) \$11,742,000
- 6 Grown Ups** (Week No. 4) \$10,000,000
- 7 The Last Airbender** (Week No. 3) \$7,450,000
- 8 Predators** (Week No. 2) \$6,800,000
- 9 Knight and Day** (Week No. 4) \$3,700,000
- 10 The Karate Kid** (Week No. 6) \$2,200,000

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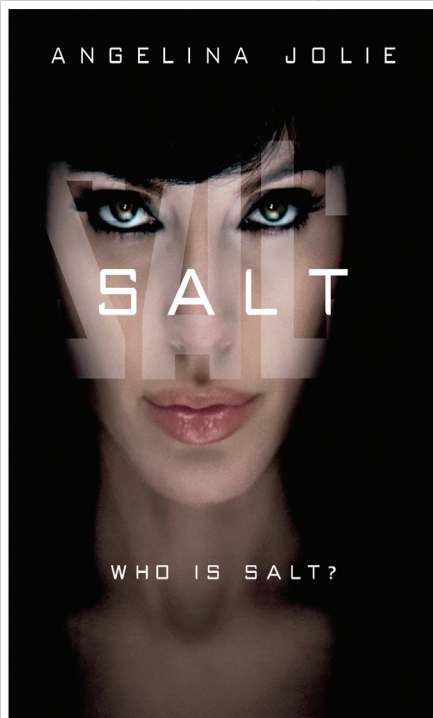
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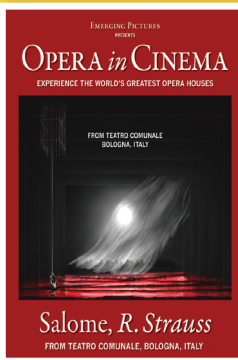


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Green accent walls add color and warmth throughout the three-bedroom home.



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A Kinkade-inspired cottage

Home features warmth found in artist's paintings

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Yolanda and Glenn Hopkins went searching for a new home, they wanted a place reminiscent of a Thomas Kinkade painting – a simple cottage, full of wonderment and warmth.

They found just what they were looking for eight years ago at 820 Raleigh Road in the Bason Manor subdivision near the Town of Mesilla.

“Our Realtor, Charlotte Pinkerton, turned down the street and I said, ‘That’s the house I’ve always wanted to live in,’” Yolanda Hopkins said. “It reminds me of my parents (who lived in a similar house on Willoughby Avenue). This house just reminds me of home.”

Built in 1986 by Emerick Real Estate and Construction, Hopkins said the home needed quite a bit of remodeling to fit the couple’s lifestyle. From replacing the peach carpet with tile to extracting the outdated aluminum linoleum, the couple overhauled the interior to give it a rich Tuscan feel.

“All of the walls were covered in a wallpaper that had daisies,” she said. “It took forever to take off.”

Taking about three months to be completed by a crew of 12 workers, the renovated home reflected the couple’s love of earth tones, while maintaining the structure’s one-of-a-kind cottage charm.

“I wanted to keep a lot of the character,” Hopkins said. “I didn’t want to let go of any of the character.”

A path leads from the street, past the wooden mailbox, dark plum trees and grass hills to the front of the home. Touches of brick surround the windows and doorways as large gables – the triangular portion of the sloping roof – give the home a cottage feel.

“It looks so much like a cottage home,” she said. “We wanted to make it country and really green.”

At the center of the home is the living room. A carved mantel decorates the fireplace, and fans line the tall pitched ceiling.

“I love (the pitched roof),” Hopkins said. “I wouldn’t have it any other way. It’s very old fashioned. You don’t see a lot of that.”

Beside the living room is the dining area. The simple eating space is punched up with a pop of dark green paint. Green and yellow rooms and accent walls can be found throughout the home.

“I love earth tones,” Hopkins said. “My two favorite colors are green and brown. I wanted it to have a warm feel.”

The couple completely redesigned the kitchen, which is next to the dining room. Originally too crowded to work in, Hopkins said they renovated the room to open it up and add natural light.

Along with the new layout, Hopkins said they added crown molding to the new hickory cabinets as well as granite to give the space an elegant look.

On the other side of the living room, near a built-in nook, are the three bedrooms. At the center of the hallway to the rooms is an elaborate mosaic featuring green, brown and yellow tile in a star pattern.

Two of the bedrooms in the more than 2,200-square-foot home remained relatively the same, Hopkins said.

“The only thing we did was paint them,” she said of the bedrooms, which are currently being used as an office and media room. “We also added a tile baseboard through the house and everything has a bullnose.”

Wanting the master bedroom to be calm and relaxing, the couple again included an olive green accent wall.

“I didn’t want it to be too dark so I thought I would add a few green walls here and there,” Hopkins said.

Through an arch is a small tiled seating area that leads to a private concrete patio, perfect for enjoying a cup of coffee or the quiet atmosphere, Hopkins said.

The master bathroom includes his-and-her closets as well as double sinks encased in the original cream-colored tile countertop. The room also includes a tiled shower.

The couple also worked to recreate the backyard. In addition to renovating the old carport, Hopkins said they removed several large plants and an old fence. They replaced them with a rock wall and smaller bushes. Near the area of grass and large evergreen is a space for a hot tub.

An older area of town, Hopkins said she would visit the neighborhood with her family during the winter to gaze at the spectacular homes decorated in elaborate Christmas lights.

“I would say, ‘I’m going to live here when I grow up,’” she said. “I think it’s the most beautiful area in town because of all of the greenery.”

Thanks to the abundance of trees, Hopkins said many of her neighbors enjoy long walks and family bike rides year-round.

“Even when it’s hot, you can still walk around outside because of all of the shade,” she said. “There are owls, raccoons, a few foxes, a lot of birds and even skunks. We see one or the other every evening.”

In addition to the lush landscape, Hopkins said the home is in a great location thanks to its proximity to Mesilla, the university and the heart of Las Cruces.

“It’s such a wonderful place to live,” she said. “It’s beautiful, peaceful and private.”

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Solutions that will hook you

From fishing out objects to making bubbles, wire hangers do it all

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Look in any closet and you'll find one – a simple loop or boomerang shaped object that can prevent your clothing from becoming plagued with wrinkles and creases.

Although some credit President Thomas Jefferson with being the inventor of the forerunner of the coat hanger, others say the simple clothing hook was created in 1869 by a Connecticut clothing company.

The first clothing hanger was manufactured from steel. Over the years, the clothing tool has been fabricated from plastic, wood and wire, and has even included padding.

While Joan Crawford may scream out in anger at the thought of using wire hangers – “No wire hangers ever!” – the closet staple has many uses that go beyond organizing clothes.

1. Stop an oozing tube: After caulking your bathtub or windowsill, use a wire hanger to stop the tube from oozing. Cut off a 3-inch piece of the wire and shape the end into a hook. Insert the straight end into the tube. The wire will block the hole and the hook will allow you to easily remove the stopper.

2. Sturdy your soldering iron: A hot soldering iron can be dangerous if it isn't properly secured. Prevent it from rolling away by twisting a coat hanger into a holder on which the iron can rest. The best way to do this is by bending the wire into a large W.

3. Increase your reach: If you lose something behind a heavy object, such as a refrigerator or desk, get help retrieving it with a wire hanger. Straighten the hanger, leaving the hook portion intact. Use the arm extender to fish out



Around-the-home item: Wire hangers

Invented in the late 1800s, the wire hanger can be used to keep your clothes wrinkle free, as well as create entertaining arts and crafts projects.

your lost item.

4. Make your own bubble wand: Use a coat hanger to create a fun, bubble-filled afternoon for the kids. Shape the hanger into a hoop with a handle and dip it into a bucket of homemade bubble solution made from one part liquid dish soap and two parts water. A few drops of food coloring can be added to make the bubbles more visible. After drenching the wand,

wave it around so air passes through the hoop to form the bubbles.

5. Entertain the kids: Coat hangers can be used to create several arts and crafts projects. In addition to forming a mobile with hanging shapes created from construction paper, use the hangers to make sculptures, wings and other costume accessories. Paint the wire to add a colorful touch to your craft projects.

6. Get a clog moving: This suggestion may be a little more hands on than some would prefer, but a coat hanger can be used to unclog a vacuum hose or toilet. Straighten the hanger, once again leaving the hook intact, and use it to pull out any foreign objects.

7. Create a mini greenhouse: Transform a plain window box into a mini greenhouse with the help of coat hangers. Bend the wire into a U-shape and stick the ends into the soil. Next, poke several holes in a dry-cleaning bag and wrap it around the box. Put the box back on the windowsill and enjoy.

8. Hang a plant: With wire hangers, you can turn any flowerpot into a hanging planter. Just straighten the hanger and wrap it around a 6- to 8-inch pot, right below the lip. Be sure to twist it back on itself to secure it. Once the wire is secure, hang the pot on a ceiling hook.

9. Mark your plants: Another coat hanger trick for the garden is creating waterproof markers for outdoor plants. Make little signs from rigid, easy-to-cut plastic, such as a milk jug, and write the name of the plants on them. Next, cut the wire into short stakes. Make two small slits in each marker and weave the wire through. Insert the stakes around your garden to give your plants a marker that won't wash away in the rain.

10. Keep your paint can in place: The next time you're touching up the exterior of your home, make a holder for your paint can out of a coat hanger. Carefully snip off the hook plus 1 inch of the hanger. Using a pair of pliers, twist the 1-inch section around the handle of your paint can, making sure it is secure. Now you can hang the can and freely use both hands to paint and sturdy yourself.

11. Light a pilot light: It can be a struggle to ignite the pilot light of your stove or furnace. Lighters can be easily blown out and matches can burn too fast, harming your hand. Instead, get some help from a coat hanger. Tape a match to the end of a straightened wire hanger. Strike the match and use the hanger to extend your reach and light the pilot.

Creating the perfect food, wine marriage

A couple's edible choices should be as personal as their wedding

Weddings are one of life's most celebrated occasions. For brides- and grooms-to-be and their families, an incredible amount of creativity and planning is poured into this all-important day – from the wedding gown to the ceremony, from the invitations and flowers to the wedding cake itself.

One of the most-remembered details is what guests are served, so the wedding menu should reflect the couple-to-be's unique style and personality.

Aida Mollenkamp, host of the popular Food Network show “Ask Aida” said, “The food you serve should be like your dress – reflect you and fit you like a glove – so, if you prefer a cupcake tower to a cake, go for it!”

Tips for a memorable wedding menu

- **Find your inspiration.** Couples should think back on their relationship, and choose a meaningful place or a time that will inspire their food and wine choices.
- **Indulge.** This is a celebration so forget about calories and choose the food and wine that truly reflects the couple.
- **But don't lose yourself.** Remember, the wedding day is supposed to reflect who the bride and groom are. If they aren't

fans of foie gras and caviar, now is not the time to serve it.

- **Personalize.** Consider displaying menus at each place setting that describe the couple's food and wine pairings – and include anecdotes for why they were chosen.
- **Last all night.** It's a marathon to make it from the ceremony to the reception for the bride and groom and their guests. Make sure the food is substantial enough to keep everyone filled, yet light enough that they don't slip into a groggy fog.
- **Ah, dessert.** It might be your guests' favorite course, and for a wedding, it can truly be a showpiece. Let the dessert reflect the couple's sweet tooth, and remember Riesling is a lovely accompaniment to most wedding desserts.

David Mirassou, sixth-generation of America's oldest winemaking family, agrees.

“Riesling is a delicious wine pairing option for wedding desserts. It may also help a couple's budget too, because it can be paired with both the first and main courses, as well as dessert,” he said.

For more wedding inspiration, as well as video tips, Mollenkamp's recipes and Mirassou's food and wine pairings, visit www.mirassou.com.



A wedding should be a time to celebrate and indulge in the finer things.

Crop Mob helps 'The Melon Guy'

Photos by Richard Davis

Mo Valko assists the Crop Mob with weeding at the melon farm of Larry Lopez Saturday, July 17, during the monthly Crop Mob. Every month, volunteers from the community and local garden-related projects travel to a small farm to lend a helping hand.



Crop Mob Organizer Maria Doria pulls weeds at Larry "The Melon Guy" Lopez's farm.



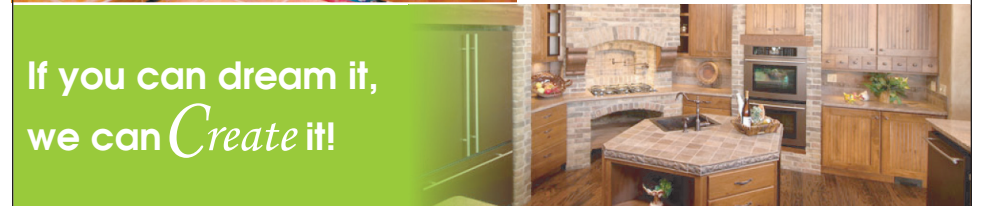
During this month's Crop Mob, which was all about melons, volunteers helped clear the field, then enjoyed a potluck lunch.



Six volunteers came out to help during the July Crop Mob.



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Building a Habitat home

Ed Johnson works to double homes built by nonprofit

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since becoming the executive director of Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVH-FH) in early 2009, Ed Johnson has used his career experience to transform the nonprofit and reach more community members in need.

Born in Texas, Johnson's family moved to Michigan when he was a child. Even at a young age, Johnson said he was interested in how things worked and enjoyed taking apart and building objects.

"I've always tinkered with mechanical things and I've always built things," he said.

His fascination with mechanics proved useful when he entered the Air Force, where he spent three years working on aircraft before spending a year as part of a helicopter crew in Vietnam.

When he was discharged, Johnson returned to Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in management from Michigan State University and married his wife. He went to work for Georgia-Pacific, overseeing the design and construction of its manufacturing plants around the country.

"It's not just getting to build a building," he said, adding that he also was responsible for purchasing supplies and hiring employees. "Once it was up and running, I'd go do the same thing somewhere else."

While the company allowed him to live all over the United States – including 364 days in California – it also enabled him to express his design talents in some unusual ways.

It was during his time with the manufacturing company that he achieved one

of the greatest accomplishments in his career – designing the iconic Pennzoil bottle, the first plastic motor oil bottle.

"It's an oblong bottle," he said. "The neck is on the side so it doesn't plug. It pours smoothly."

After the company brought him to New Mexico about seven years ago, he decided to switch careers and became the sales director for Foxworth Galbraith, a regional lumber company.

Last year, he decided to again make a career change – this time, one that focused on helping the community.

"I heard through the grapevine (MVH-FH) was looking for an executive director," said Johnson, who had spent time working with other nonprofit organizations through his church.

Although Johnson hadn't had any first-hand experience with the nonprofit, he was familiar with the work being conducted to help local, national and international families.

"Everyone hears about Jimmy Carter and his wife building houses," he said. "I knew what they did and wanted to help."

In February 2009, he joined the Habitat for Humanity family and quickly began looking at new ways to better serve the community.

“ This is the most fun job I've had. We're making a difference here in our community ... ”

ED JOHNSON,
MVH-FH executive director



Johnson hands the keys to new homeowner Reyna Barela during a home dedication held in March.



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Improving the nonprofit

When Johnson joined MVHFH, he put to use the variety of skills he learned over the years.

"I've had so many good mentors in sales, managing and accounting that have helped me," he said. "All of that has prepared me for where I am today because we use all of those things."

"Many, many years of managing people and helping them achieve their dreams and goals have all helped me where I'm at now."

Johnson created a goal for the nonprofit to double the number of homes it constructs in 2010, which required restructuring the staff and bringing in new employees, such as MVHFH Development Officer Marie Schwartz.

"The first thing we had to do was create a vision of today and vision of the future," he said. "Every segment of what we do had to change – from selection to accounting to materials procurement. Things needed to be done and we needed to be in a place to accomplish our goal."

"I'd say we're better organized and more efficient. We've learned to build houses faster."

"We pretty much came in and did what we thought was best inline with our vision," Schwartz said. "We created more visibility to get the word out there."

Johnson said every year, more than 200 Las Cruces request services from MVHFH. Of those applications, the nonprofit can usually only build four homes.

"The need in Las Cruces is great and that's why we need to build more homes," he said.

With its goal set in place to build nine homes this year and 15 next year, MVHFH has worked to increase its funding so it can reach even more community members.

"Our biggest challenge is raising enough funds to accomplish our goal and vision," he said, adding that the economic downturn has negatively affected contributions. "Fundraising is always a challenge."

By "leaving no stone unturned," Schwartz said MVHFH has found great support in the community, both local and national. In addition to Las Cruces residents volunteering their time to build the Energy Star homes, MVHFH hosts several caravanners – people who travel the country helping various Habitat for Humanity projects.

"A couple of caravanners have liked the community so much that they've decided to live here," Johnson said.

Thanks to the tremendous amount of support, Johnson said Habitat for Humanity International is the eighth largest builder in the United States, while MVHFH is the fourth largest Habitat affiliate in the Rocky Mountain region and the largest in New Mexico.

As impressive as that is, Johnson said they do what they do for the community and to better the lives of local families.

"You can see them change when they get their own home," Johnson said. "They're different people a year later."

Building more than just homes, he said each home recipient meets with a nurturing person to help them throughout the building process and after as well as attend classes on budgeting, home care and being a good neighbor.

"We've built 76 homes and we've had zero foreclosures," Johnson said.

A big reward

In the short time he has been with MVHFH, Johnson has had the privilege of helping many individuals and families. One Las Cruces that stands out in his mind is a 58-year-old woman originally from Mexico. After her husband passed way, she moved to the City of the Crosses from Silver City. When they were sitting around the table during closing, the lady had one more paper to sign before the home was officially hers.

"She stops and her hand is shaking and she starts crying," Johnson said. "She said, 'I never thought I'd have a house.' I told her, 'Just sign one more time and it's yours.' Everyone at the table was crying by the end. It was a phenomenal feeling."

Schwartz said anyone can help the local Habitat for Humanity chapter – whether it be through monetary donations, volunteering time or contributing services.

"We want to thank our current supporters," she said. "With out them we couldn't do it. We're as appreciative of a \$1 donation as we are for a \$1,000 donation."

"We need more volunteers in the office, out building houses and at the ReStore to accomplish our goal," said Johnson, adding that construction will begin in October and last through May when the caravanners will leave because of the hot weather.

Johnson said looking back at his many career opportunities as a sales manager, plant manager and vice president of a company, his work with MVHFH has been the most rewarding.

"This is the most fun job I've had," he said. "We're making a difference here in our community and want to make a bigger difference."



Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity dedicated its 76th and 77th homes, a duplex located on Virginia Street, April 8.

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Cool down this summer in the pool

New features offer more safety, less maintenance

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With temperatures in Las Cruces reaching the triple digits, community members will flock to public natatoriums as well as make the investment in home pools.

Thanks to the slow economy, Jason Jackson with Pool Tech Pool & Spa Plus said now is the time for Las Cruces to take advantage of deals available.

"Now is a great time to do anything," he said. "There are plenty of deals to be found."

Although March is the busiest time for those in the pool industry – usually because homeowners are preparing for the hot summer months – Jackson said builders are currently offering in-ground pools for about \$21,000 and spas for around \$2,900.

When shopping for a swimming pool or spa, he said there are several things a customer should consider, first and foremost being whether they want an above- or in-ground pool.

Next, it is important to consider size and requirements affiliated with the large water containers.

"You have to make sure you pass city and county codes," he said.

When these items have been decided, he recommends meeting with a local pool builder to go over the finer details of pool ownership, such as equipment, design and finishing touches.

"There is so much out there as far as finishes," he said.

The latest and greatest

With above-ground pools declining in popularity, Jackson said smaller swimming apparatuses have begun to rule the industry.

"The most popular item is the mid-sized hot tub," he said.



The latest pool trend is the swim spa, which requires less space than a full-sized pool, but still allows for swimming and relaxation.



An automatic cover eliminates the need for a 4-foot fence around the pool since it can hold weight.

"It's stealing part of the pool market. Just this week, we've sold three or four swim spas. I think it's going to be the new pool."

Measuring on average 16-by-8 feet, swim spas consist of both a hot tub portion and swim area, perfect for relaxation or low-impact cardiovascular exercises.

"There are two jets that adjust speed and lane jets to keep you in the center," said Jackson, explaining that the jets provide a current to swim against. "You never move. It's like you're on a treadmill. Plus, it's deep enough to do swim aerobics."

Ideal for those who don't have enough yard space for a full-sized pool, Jackson said there are less codes associated with swim spas since they meet high requirements and have locking covers.

Self-contained, swim spas don't need extra plumbing and are cheaper than traditional swimming pools, costing between \$5,900 and \$25,000 installed.

"They let you swim year-round more efficiently," said Jackson, adding that during the winter, it costs on average \$40 to \$60 a month to use a swim spa versus \$400 to \$600 a month for a pool.

Also growing in popularity are automatic covers, which are great for safety and efficiency.

"It virtually eliminates cleaning because it doesn't allow dirt in," Jackson said. "And it totally eliminates evaporation. I bet it cuts chemical use by 90 percent."

Along with saving time and money, automatic covers pass several codes, including the city requirement of a 4-foot fence.

"It makes your pool completely kid safe," he said. "Anyone can walk across it and never hit the water."

Weighing your options

Thanks to the growing popularity of automatic covers, Jackson said in the last four or five years people have installed more simple, rectangular designs instead of elaborate lagoon shape pools.

Safety tips

- Never allow children to swim alone without adult supervision.
- Enclose your pool with high fences, which can be locked, or use a safety cover.
- Avoid leaving your kids alone even with small portable pools or water bodies like buckets, fountains and barrels.
- Make sure that the cover of the pool is completely lifted over the pool. Do not partially open the pool.
- Make sure that there is always a lifesaving flotation device handy near the pool.
- Be observant. Watch what your kids are up to, and supervise their activities. Do not leave them alone.
- Use non-slip materials on the pool deck, diving board and ladders.
- The steps of the pool ladder should be at least 3 inches wide, and the ladder should have handrails on both sides small enough for a child to grasp. There should be a ladder at both ends of the pool.

Another popular trend is purchasing separate swimming pools and hot tubs.

"Most get an in-ground pool and portable hot tub," Jackson said.

He said this combination allows for more flexibility since they are on different water systems, allowing for one to be used without the other.

Whether a client wants a simple swimming pool or his or her own personal water park, Jackson said one thing to keep in mind is the building material, whether it be fiberglass or concrete.

"Fiberglass pools have come a long way," said Jackson, explaining that when fiberglass pools first came out, they leaked and had horrible warranties. "People would shy away from them. They're a lot more efficient than they were five years ago."

In addition to having better warranties and lasting longer, he said the smooth surface of fiberglass prevents algae from adhering, and causes dirt to fall to the bottom, where it is cleaned by the auto cleaner.

"It helps all maintenance aspects," Jackson said.

While the slick surface requires less upkeep, the texture might be off putting to some.

"I don't like fiberglass, for me," he said. "It doesn't have that nice feel of plaster."

As for concrete, Jackson said its biggest benefit is that it allows a pool to be completely custom.

"You can do a lot of cool things with concrete you can't do with fiberglass," Jackson said.

Another pool option to consider is the water system, the three most popular being chlorine, salt and peroxide.

While the cheapest and easiest, Jackson said chlorine doesn't have many health benefits, unlike salt systems, which are more expensive but use fewer chemicals.

Around for about 10 years, Jackson said the salt system uses a chlorine generator that converts the molecules of table salt into chlorine molecules so it runs chemical free.

"It makes your skin really soft and there is no smell," he said.

Also known as soft swim, the peroxide system is the most gentle water treatment on skin, as well as the most expensive of the three.

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Dual-flow spout allows for controlled pouring

By **Beth Sitzler**
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From chicken to breads, a drizzle of olive oil can boost just about any recipe.

Thanks to the creation of pour spouts, chefs and bartenders around the world have been able to add a douse of liquid to their favorite recipes without spills and messes.

While a beloved kitchen gadget, the pour spout only offers one pouring option. For more control over the pouring speed and amount of liquid distributed, try the dual-flow spout.

What is it?

Manufactured by the Jokari company, the dual-flow spout is a great way to control how much liquid is poured and how fast.

Since its formation in 1974, the Jokari company has worked to provide kitchens in 20 countries with simple solutions to cooking problems by creating products

that feature innovative designs.

Offering two spouts in one gadget, the dual flow spout allows you to choose the size of the liquid's flow for a more controlled application. No longer do you have to worry about over pouring or wasting your ingredients.

The gadget is great for marinades, vinegar, cooking wines, liquors, sauces and oils. Plus, the rubber stopper fits just about any bottle size, including decorative containers.

smaller spout is great for a controlled flow, the larger spout allows a full flow.

To use the dual-flow spout, insert the stopper into the desired bottle. When it comes time to pour, slide the top away from the chosen flow opening. The size of the flow is indicated on the top of the spout by black circles.

When you are finished pouring, slide the top back to the center.

The reusable contraption is easy to clean and can be washed by hand using soap and warm water. It is also dishwasher safe, if you're in a hurry.



Featured Gadget: Dual-flow spout

Available in an array of colors, including grape, lime and tangerine, the dual-flow spout can match just about any kitchen's décor.

How does it work?

Consisting of two openings, the dual-flow spout allows for the perfect pour every single time. While the

Where can it be found?

The dual-flow spout can be found online at www.amazon.com, www.organize.com and www.jokari.com.

How much does it cost?

The dual-flow spout costs about \$3 for one or as much as \$12 for a pack of three colorful gadgets.

Balsamic Vinegar Chicken Marinade

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 chicken breast, split, skinned and boned

Using the dual-flow spout, pour the balsamic vinegar and olive oil in bowl and combine with the garlic powder and pepper.

Place chicken in a resealable bag and add the marinade. Seal the bag and try to remove as much air as possible. Marinade the chicken for 1 to 2 hours.

When you're ready to grill, remove the chicken from marinade, discarding the excess marinade, and grill until the chicken is fork tender and no pink remains. (Recipe adapted from www.cditchen.com.)

Make summer living easy

Simple ways to bring the comfort of inside outdoors

It is easy to enjoy your deck or patio when the weather is warm and pleasant, and memories of cold winters are driven far away. But when the temperatures soar, do you find yourself retreating indoors?

Even through the dog days of summer, you can enjoy your outdoor living space by using outdoor versions of indoor comforts such as luxurious furnishings, decorative touches and even air conditioning.

"Americans love being outside in the summer, but extremely hot weather can force people to give up their patio-living, deck-loving ways before they are ready," said Rick Kelly, an outdoor cooling expert with Kuulaire, makers of portable evapo-

relative cooling units. "It is simple and inexpensive to create an outdoor living space everyone can enjoy even on the warmest of days."

To prepare your outdoor living space for cool, comfortable and fun times, consider these outdoor updates:

- Air condition your patio or backyard with a portable evaporative cooler. The portability of the units makes it possible to also use them inside to cool a garage, kitchen or any other space where indoor temperatures tend to rise.
- Capture the creature comforts that make indoor living easy by replacing hard plastic or resin furniture with pieces that echo the appeal of indoor furnishings. Plush cushions, floor

coverings and accent lighting create a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere that allows you to use your outdoor space during the day and night.

- Cook up a storm, without boosting the heat. Grilling is a summer staple, but be sure to position your grill to maximize safety and minimize the heat delivered to seating areas. Grills should be kept away from furnishings, flammable materials and perishable foods. If food will be stored outside, invest in coolers or portable refrigerators to keep food at applicable temperatures.
- Use citronella candles, insect repellent or electric "bug zappers" to keep biting and stinging insects away from your outdoor spaces.

"Americans are expected to stay home this year, rather than taking costly summer vacations due to the recovering economy," Kelly said. "In many cases, it is less expensive and more satisfying to improve your outdoor spaces with features like a portable evaporative cooling unit, than to spend more on a few days of travel."

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	0	3	4
Closed Sales Existing Homes	16	9	13
Pending Home Sales (All)	186	182	235
Average Days on Market (All)	116	171	186
Median Price New	n/a	\$167,390	\$164,750
Median Price Existing	\$160,394	\$184,500	\$210,900
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,222	1,196	1,357
Real Estate Agents	450	450	618

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 7/5/10 - 7/11/10
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When it rains it pours in Las Cruces

During the monsoon is the perfect time to start rainwater harvesting

I've lived in the desert Southwest my entire life. If there is one thing you learn living in the desert, it's that when it rains it pours.

Now that it's monsoon season, I thought this would be a great time to talk about one of my favorite water conservation techniques: rainwater harvesting.

Since Las Cruces only gets an average of about 9 inches of rain a year, it might seem like rainwater harvesting is a waste of time. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you are careful about your water usage and the types of plants you choose, even Las Cruces rainfall can provide you with landscape water year-round.

Why harvest rainwater

Without harvesting rainfall for landscape uses, we consume our groundwater for the task. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that by 2013 at least 36 states in the United States may be facing water shortages.

Because of the possibility of future shortages, many city, county and state governments are already recognizing the need to conserve water resources.

The city of Las Cruces already restricts the number of days you are allowed to water your landscaping vegetation to three days a week. During the summer, the city further restricts the hours you are allowed to water (no watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

With further restrictions likely to become a reality in coming years, now is a great time to start thinking about how rainwater can supply some or all of your landscape water needs.

Rainwater harvesting systems

The basics of all rainwater-harvesting systems are pretty much the same. During a rainstorm, water runoff from your roof can be collected in some kind of storage container for future use.

The two main types of rainwater-harvesting systems are above-ground barrel collection and the more sophisticated below-ground cistern collection system.

Barrel collection is the easiest way to add rainwater harvesting to an existing home.

Picacho Hills resident Elaine Childs is an avid gardener and uses collected rainwater to water all of her indoor and outdoor plants year-round. After she purchased an existing home in Picacho Hills, Childs created her own rainwater-harvesting system by connecting a 100-gallon barrel with a network of five additional 80-gallon barrels.

Childs said she spent very little money assembling her system by purchasing the barrels on sale or at garage sales. She connected the barrels with a standard garden hose and added a spigot to each. The barrels are on raised plant stands so she can easily fill a watering can. The main barrel is paced under a canale on her roof, and collects all of the rainwater runoff during a storm.

If you are designing and building a new home, an underground cistern system can store significantly more water than a barrel system.

Las Cruces resident Bill Dethlefs installed a 1,500-gallon underground rainwater cistern when he built his Picacho Mountain home two years ago. Water is collected through a system



Elevating your rainwater-harvesting barrels makes it easy to access stored water for your plants and other landscaping needs.

of PVC drains under the canales and around the home. The rainwater-harvesting cistern provides almost all of the water used by Dethlefs' drip irrigation system year-round.

Dethlefs said his cistern system has worked perfectly for watering his landscaping over the past two years.

"I don't have any regrets in installing the system," Dethlefs said.

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The amount of watering you are able to do with your harvested rainwater depends entirely on the type and size of system you install.

Challenges of rainwater harvesting

One of the best smells in the desert is the fresh scent of a rainstorm. However, let that rainwater sit stagnate in your yard for a few weeks, and it won't smell quite as good. The good news is a properly installed and cared for system won't have odor problems.

Light and bacteria are the two things that will cause your stored water to smell. Childs said that by keeping her rainwater covered in dark barrels, she has been able to avoid any odor in her stored water.

Mosquitoes are another concern. An underground system stores water safely away, so you don't have to worry about pests. For her above-ground barrel system, Childs just places a mesh screen across the barrel opening. This not only prevents bugs from getting into the water, it also filters the water as it comes off of the roof into the barrels.

The benefits of rainwater harvesting outweigh any challenges you may face. If you're looking for a way to make your home more environmentally friendly, rainwater harvesting is a great way to start.

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Back-to-school insects pack a big bite



Silverfish is a paper-eating bug that can wreak havoc in the classroom and home.

Old 'bug ate my homework' excuse isn't so far-fetched

Head lice, book lice, silverfish and firebrats – pests long thought to be a problem of the past – are making a strong comeback in our nation's schools. In the past few years, there's been a major upsurge in head lice in pre-school and elementary schools. In fact, it's

difficult to find even one school that hasn't had an outbreak of these itchy critters.

Itching is only one of the problems caused by head lice. With many schools implementing "no-nit" policies, lice are becoming the No. 1 reason for absenteeism, according to Lice Solutions Resource Network Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to filling the many needs of parents, schools and medical facilities faced with the task of eliminating lice.

Unable to attend school until the pests are gone, itchy children often fall far behind in their school work. By the sixth grade, at least one out of every 10 children will probably contact lice. Statistics based on lice shampoo sales suggest that there are 12 million to 14 million cases of lice every year. This means millions of anxious parents are spending more than \$150 million annually to eliminate the pests.

If your child has ever had lice, you know how frustrating it can be to get rid of these blood-sucking pests. Even the toughest shampoos won't kill them all.

Head lice are amazingly intelligent and are becoming resistant to normal lines of attack. They have the ability to "play dead" for up to two hours, shutting down their nervous systems so they can remain submersed in otherwise lethal products.

Book lice, silverfish and firebrats present another major problem for schools – one that's usually overlooked. These pests eat the starch in book bindings, sizing in paper and paper that's covered with glue or paste. Undetected infestations can destroy entire library collections by corroding bindings and causing



Barry Murray
The Bug Guy

books to fall apart.

When students think of sharing books, they don't think of sharing them with the bugs that eat them, but these pests can actually cause millions of dollars in damage, especially when you think of all the materials that need to be replaced.

In fact, it's difficult for anyone to detect the pests, even when squinting. The size of an adult book louse is about .04 to .08 of an inch. They're called book lice because of their tiny size and the way they look, but they're not really related to parasitic lice like head lice.

Book lice, silverfish and firebrats can become so abundant that they can spread throughout a building. Left alone, they'll plow a slow path of destruction through textbooks, art materials and student projects.

In addition to the damage they cause, these pests can be a bellwether of other problems. Booklice are pretty harmless, but they're presence is an indication of a fungus or mold problem.

The best way to keep head lice, book lice, silverfish and firebrats from gaining a foothold in your home is to reduce the humidity that causes mildew. By reducing areas they find appealing, you can help keep them from going to the head of the class.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.

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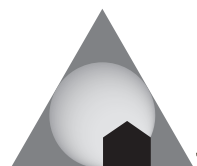
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Another tasty library find

Santa Fe author's recipes feature spice, seafood

Browsing through a local library recently, I found myself in the "Cookbook Section."

Pausing, I realized that borrowing a cookbook from a library has never crossed my mind. After all, most cookbooks aren't stain resistant. The ones I own are splashed and spotted with ingredient goop. And the used cookbooks I often purchase lovingly bear food blemishes, a sign that it's been used repeatedly because the recipes contained within are downright stellar. Undoubtedly, I would be charged a hefty fee for returning a "damaged" book, or worse, banned from the library altogether!

After spending a solid 40 minutes thumbing through the tomes in the cookbook aisle, I spotted Michael McLaughlin's "Southwestern Grill, 200 Terrific Recipes for Big and Bold Backyard Barbecue" (Harvard Common Press, 2000, \$29.95). Not recognizing the author's name, I flipped to the book's back cover.

Several famed and respected Southwest cookbook authors offer rave reviews: "A remarkable book, full of flavors that jump off the page and make you hungry," Mark Miller; "... mouthwatering recipes ... anyone who grills will find this book irresistible," Barbara Fenzl Pool; and "... one of the most exciting books ever written about this lusty cuisine," Stephan Pyles.

I learn more about McLaughlin from the inside flap. He co-authored with Sheila Lukins "The Silver Palate Cookbook" under the name Julee Rosso, and furthermore, the food writer resides in Santa Fe. Meant to be borrowed and its most unique recipes shared, especially with Land of Enchanters, "Southwestern Grill" continues the celebration of Grill Month.

On a side note, I typed and printed out my favorite recipes. Apparently, I returned the cookbook spotless. I checked my status on the library's website: "In good standing." Phew!

Grilled-Open Clams on the Half Shell with Quick Rosemary-Bacon Salsa

The heat of the grill easily opens shellfish, adding a smoky edge to their briny flavor and creating a steamy, appetizing sizzle. Serve clams on a bed of rock salt on a platter, to hold them level.

2 cups Chile de Arbol Salsa with Rosemary and Orange (recipe below)

48 littleneck clams, scrubbed

10 strips thick bacon, cooked almost crisp, chopped

Light a direct-heat charcoal fire and let it burn down to medium hot (5 seconds to "ouch") or preheat a gas grill to medium high. Position the rack about 6 inches above the heat source.

Spread 6 cups of rock salt in a 1/2-inch-deep layer on 2 large platters.

In a bowl, stir together the salsa and rosemary.

When the grill is ready, arrange the clams directly on the rack. Cover and grill, turning occasionally, until the clams begin to open, about 8 minutes.

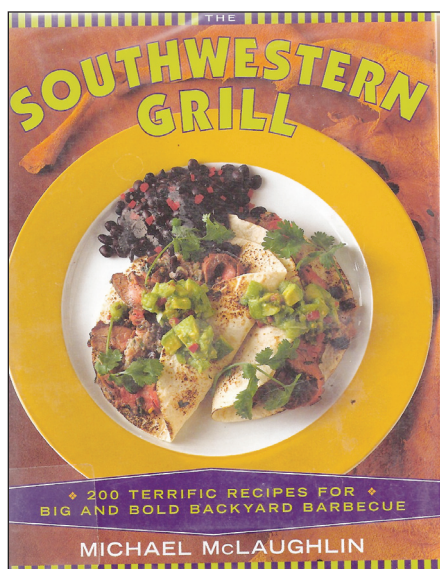
As they open, using potholders to protect your hands, twist off and discard the top shells. Arrange the opened clams, shells-down, on the platters of salt. Discard any clams that have not opened after 10 minutes or so. Working quickly, spoon salsa atop the clams. Sprinkle the clams with the bacon and serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

Chiles de Arbol Salsa with Rosemary and Orange

Chiles de arbol are small dried red chiles, usually sold with their woody stems attached, that have both heat and an acidic flavor, which makes them particularly good at firing up salsa. Here, chiles de arbol, orange juice and zest, plus the unexpected addition of minced fresh rosemary, combine to produce a tasty and offbeat salsa. This is good on chips, but even better on full-flavored fish and robust grilled meats.

10 chiles de arbol, stemmed

2 medium-large tomatoes (about 1 1/4 pounds) cored, seeded and chopped



"Southwestern Grill" was worth the risk of dirtying a library book.

1/4 cup fresh orange juice
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 garlic cloves, chopped
Salt
1/2 cup onion, finely diced
2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, minced (fresh is key)
2 teaspoons fresh orange zest, minced

In a heatproof bowl, combine the chiles and 1 cup boiling water. Cover and let stand, stirring occasionally, until cool. Drain and chop the chiles.

In a food processor, combine the tomatoes, chopped chiles, orange juice, lime juice, garlic and salt to taste. Process until fairly smooth. Transfer to a bowl. Stir in the onion, rosemary and orange zest.

Cover and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes to blend the flavors. For best flavor and texture, serve within an hour or so of making the salsa. Adjust the seasoning before serving. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

Loin Lamb Chops with Blackberry-Habanero Glaze

This dish's terrific combination of flavors resulted from a refrigerator clean-out session in which a coupe of ungrilled chops got marinated in leftover blackberry salsa (which was first cooked a little to mellow and mingle its flavors). The result was so appealing and tasty that I now make it on purpose.

2 tablespoons corn oil
1/4 cup Blackberry Salsa (recipe below)

2 tablespoons honey
2 garlic cloves, crushed through a press
12 well-trimmed loin lamb chops (about 3 pounds)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a small heavy saucepan over low heat, warm the oil. When it is hot, add the salsa (it may splatter slightly). Stir in the honey and garlic. Simmer, uncovered, stirring often, until the salsa has thickened slightly and looks more cooked than raw, about 7 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool. Reserve 1/2 cup of the blackberry mixture.

In a shallow nonreactive dish, combine remaining blackberry mixture and the chops. Cover and marinate, turning once or

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



twice, for 1 hour at room temperature or overnight in the refrigerator. (Return the chops to room temperature if chilled.)

Light a direct-heat charcoal fire and let it burn down to medium hot (5 seconds to "ouch") or preheat a gas grill to medium high. Position the rack about 6 inches above the heat source.

Lift the chops from the marinade and, if desired for easier handling, divide them among 3 or 4 flat metal skewers.

When the grill is ready, lay the chops on the rack. Cover and grill, turning the chops once and basting them with the marinade, until it is used up and the meat is done to your liking, about 9 minutes total for medium-rare lamb.

Transfer the chops to a platter or to individual plates. Season with salt and pepper, and spoon the reserved blackberry sauce on top of the chops, dividing it evenly and using it all. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Blackberry Salsa

This recipe also tastes yummy on quesadillas made with fairly sharp cheese, and as a topping on grilled chicken, shrimp or lobster.

2 large bell peppers, preferably yellow

6 tablespoons fresh orange juice

1 cup fresh blackberries, roughly mashed

2/3 cup onion, finely chopped

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

1 fresh habanero chile, stemmed and minced

1/2 teaspoon salt

In the open flame of a gas burner, under a preheated broiler or on a preheated grill, roast the bell pepper, turning it occasionally, until the peel is lightly but evenly charred. Transfer to a closed paper bag and steam until cool. Rub away the burned peel, stem and core the pepper and chop the flesh.

In a medium bowl, combine the chopped pepper, orange juice, blackberries, onion, lime juice, habanero and the salt.

Cover and let stand at room temperature to blend the flavors for 2 hours. Adjust the seasoning before serving, if necessary. Makes about 3 1/2 cups.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Conley at sunny.conley@gmail.com.

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Your home is your most personal possession. How can you personalize your space and put your imprint on it? Personalizing your space is the only way to really feel like your house is your home. There is only one you, and your home needs to reflect that.

What are your interests? Do you travel? I had a client that collected decorative tiles when she traveled the world. She had

a 30-year collection of the most interesting tiles tucked under a bed. One was more beautiful than the other. I was looking for something to personalize her home and I found it in her collection of tiles. They are now installed in her kitchen and bring back memories of worldwide travels.

Do you collect? Display your collection. Designate a bookcase or a shelf around the room, and carefully group your collections. Be sure all your treasures can be seen. Add rope light or track lighting to shine on your collections. Recess cans can be added by an electrician with an eyeball trim kit to showcase your collectibles.

Your room will take on “personality” with the right collections. Do you quilt, paint or sculpt? Do you love fiber art, original paintings or beautiful sculptures? Be sure your accessories have meaning to you. Bring out objects you have collected on family vacations and accessorize with personal objects – this is

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a way to give a home your imprint.

On a larger scale of accessorization, one of my clients took a trip to Italy and liked the countryside so much, she constantly took photographs. Those pictures were the beginnings of a large mural on her open staircase. What a beautiful memory of a trip that makes a statement about her personality.

Family pictures take on personality of their own when used collectively. Antique frames, black and whites or sepias look wonderful next to an antique secretary desk that you might have inherited, even if that isn't a style that matches your home. It has personality.

Every design element needs to mean something to you. Take your time and find just the right pieces. You'll be glad you did. The right “personality” doesn't happen overnight – it takes years of collecting. Now get out there and show your personality!

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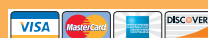
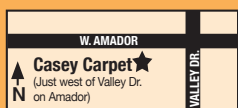
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