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Country club sale set at \$8 million

All 110 acres available to city as open space

By TODD G. DICKSON
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The developer that will acquire the current Las Cruces Country Club property is willing to sell all of it to the city for \$8 million.

Sierra Norte Land Holdings LLC, the company building the country club's new golf course and clubhouse on the East Mesa, had previously offered the city half of the 110 acres next to Apodaca Park as a gift, as long as it could develop the remaining acreage. Residents surrounding the country club's golf course have been urging the city to acquire the property to turn it into an inner-city "premier park."

The proposal to give the city 55 acres of the golf course isn't off the table, but Sierra Norte Land Holdings recently wrote city officials to say what the company would be willing to accept if the city wanted to buy all of the property.

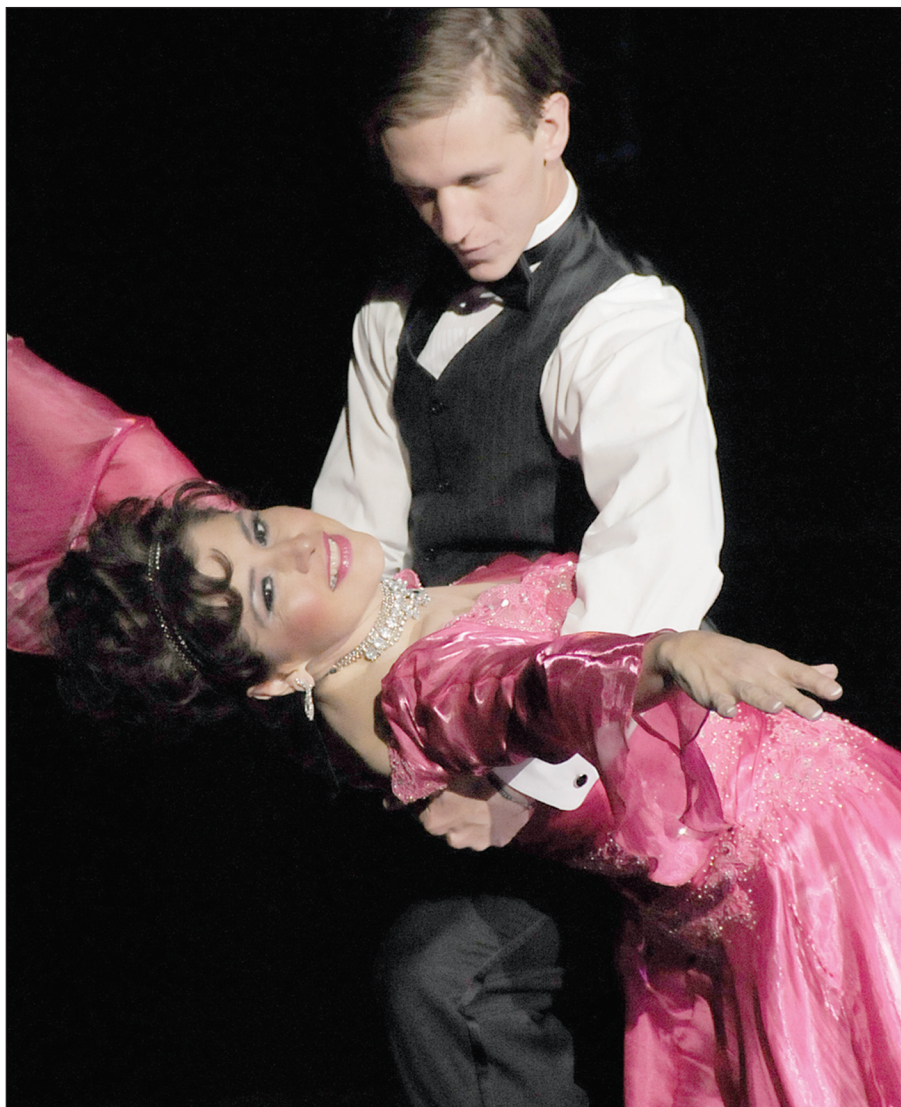
City councillors at a work session Monday, March 8, mulled over the two proposals, with both having the city buy the land for about \$8 million including interest. The payment scenarios either have the city make monthly payments of \$44,340 for 35 months with a large balloon payment at the end of three years or pay \$67,689 a month for 10 years.

The offer to the city is much less than the property's appraised value of \$9.26 million, said Dean Rigg, a representative for Sierra Norte Land Holdings.

City councillors were lukewarm to the offer.

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Look who's dipping



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New Mexico State University DanceSport company member Gregg McPherson dips Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta, one of eight celebrity dancers, during a waltz performance at the "Look Who's Dancing" event at the Pan American Center Sunday, March 7. More photos on Page A15.

Convention center hits milestone

Construction frame complete as center begins bookings

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Local business and city officials gathered Friday, March 5, donned hard hats and signed a section of metal framing for the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The "topping off ceremony" marks a milestone for the \$27 million convention center located on 10 acres of New Mexico State University land at the corner of University and Union avenues.

The ceremony means the center's framing is essentially complete and now the construction will focus on the roof and rooms of the 55,000-square-foot Las Cruces Convention Center.

City Councillor Dolores Connor noted that local leaders have been trying to get a convention center for the city for 20 years. With a lodger tax paying for the construction and the facility providing a real-world training ground for NMSU's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management, that dream should become a reality by the end of the year.

It's a dream that fits in well with NMSU's desire to reshape University Avenue into a corridor that interacts with the community, said University Director of Facility Planning and Construction Michael Rickenbaker.

With future plans for an arts center, hotel

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White Sands Missile Range hosts premier event to recall early WWII infamy in the South Pacific



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New state budget includes spending bites Schools see more cuts in proposal on governor's desk

By TODD G. DICKSON
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With Gov. Bill Richardson still deliberating tax increases in the budget given to him by lawmakers, New Mexico State University and Las Cruces Public Schools already know they are going to have to tighten their belts.

NMSU's total funding loss in the budget is a 4-percent reduction in funding for instruction and operations, with the Las Cruces campus taking an 8-percent cut. That means \$20 million less from the state, with \$13 million coming from programs on the main campus.

Some of the programs hardest hit by the budget cuts include athletics, educational

television and agriculture extension.

The budget also assumes that NMSU will raise student tuition by at least 5 percent.

Some capital outlay money previously approved for NMSU was taken back, State Government Affairs Director Vicente Vargas reported to regents Monday, March 8. Most of the \$28.4 million in "swept" capital outlay was early funding for NMSU's future public policy institute, he said.

Blake Curtis, regents chairman, said New Mexico is no different than any other state in feeling economic suffering. Curtis said he was sympathetic to the hard choices made by lawmakers.

"The truth of the matter is that they had a really difficult task," he said. "And

now they have given us a task to make do with what they've given us."

(For more details on the effects of the proposed budget cuts to NMSU, see Chris Erickson's column on Page B3.)

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds said the public education budget also took a hit, but not as severe as other areas of state government, such as higher education.

The reduction amounts to another 2-percent drop compared to the level of state funding two years ago, Rounds said. The state funds schools through a formula based on the number of students. The base amount for the formula already had been cut by 3 percent from past special session

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In the News

Governor signs bills by local legislators

On Monday, March 8, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson signed legislation allowing supervised minors to serve as precinct poll workers. Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins said he's eager to start processing applications from young persons willing to serve.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, stipulates that each minor poll worker must be at least 16 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, have approval to serve from his or her parent or legal guardian and attend at least one poll worker instruction seminar. Minors will serve as poll worker clerks, under the supervision of their respective precinct judges, and will receive \$125 for serving on Election Day.

Poll-worker positions are available for both qualifying minors and adults in advance of the June 1 Democrat and Republican Primary Elections, as well as the Nov. 2 General Elections.

"Experience from 38 other states that allow minors to serve as poll workers shows that these programs have been a huge success," Ellins said. "Our young people will now have the opportunity to learn about democracy in action while performing a valuable community service and earning some money. In addition, this law permits our Bureau of Elections to more easily fill precinct vacancies. It's a win-win situation for everyone."

Ellins said he encourages anyone interested in working the polls in 2010 to call the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections at 647-7428.

Richardson also signed two bills sponsored by state Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Organ. The laws would create a Military Children Education Compact State Commission and

Mesilla officials sworn in



Magistrate Judge Oscar Fietze leads the applause after swearing in Mesilla Trustees Jesus Caro and Linda Flores and new Mayor Nora Barraza Monday, March 8, at the Mesilla Community Center.

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allows for driver's licenses to be renewed over the phone or by electronic means. Both take effect in July 2010.

Cote said the military education compact bill was his top priority for this session. It is part of a national initiative to help children of military families transition between schools when moving from state to state.

The U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates supported the legislation that puts into law conditions set by the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Through the compact, state governments collaborate on procedures that provide more uniform

treatment of military children on issues regarding class placement; records transfer; immunization guidelines; course availability; on-time graduation; extra-curricular activities; redundant or missed entrance/exit testing; kindergarten and first grade entrance age variations; and power of custodial parents while parents are deployed.

"It is critical that we facilitate the transition to schools for students of military families in order that they receive the best education possible," Cote said.

The driver's license legislation will make the lives of New Mexicans easier, Cote said.

The new law would change the vision test requirement for driver's license renewals being made through the mail, telephone or electronically. Vision tests and new photos would be required every 16 years. The MVD also is required to expire any driver's license 30 days after the applicant's 21st birthday if it was issued to a person under 21 years of age.

Fees would be issued for driver's licenses issued for shorter or longer periods than the standard four- or eight-year times for people under 21 and those approaching age 75.

"Now we will only have to go to the MVD in person for license renewal every 16 years because it may now be renewed via the Internet or over the phone during the intervening eight-year renewal period," he said.

Moore was black history speaker

Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore, the first African-American city manager for Las Cruces, was the guest speaker at the White Sand Missile Range National Black History Month luncheon Feb. 24 at the Frontier Club.

The theme of this year's luncheon was economic empowerment. Moore, who was appointed to the position of city manager in 2005, gave a presentation about the role of a city manager and said that he has made ties with the WSMR community.

"In only five years time I feel like I am part of the White Sands community," Moore said.

A native of Chicago, Moore has degrees in economics and public administration and economics from the University of Illinois and has served in the municipal governments of Deerfield Beach, Fla., Peoria Ill., and Chicago.





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Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Last trip to Reno

After the 2010 basketball tournament, the WAC will move its basketball and volleyball tournaments to neutral sites

By **DAVID MCCOLLUM**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

**MCCOLLUM**

This week, Jaki and I traveled to Reno, Nev., to support the New Mexico State University Aggie men's and women's basketball teams as they pursue their quest for the 2010 Western Athletic Conference championship.

This will be the last year that a WAC school hosts the tournament. Next year, the event moves to the Orleans Hotel and Event Center's arena in Las Vegas, Nev., the same venue where the WAC volleyball tournament was held last fall. The primary reason given for the move is that the majority of WAC coaches and university presidents feel that a neutral site is more fair for all schools. Also, WAC officials claim that there is more money to be

made at the Las Vegas site because of sponsorship opportunities in the larger market.

Personally, I prefer the ambiance of the tournament being held at one of the conference schools. For the two years the tournament was held in Las Cruces (2007 and 2008), our community came together and set records for attendance and revenues. We treated visiting teams like royalty. To a team, each participating school said their Las Cruces tournament experience was excellent.

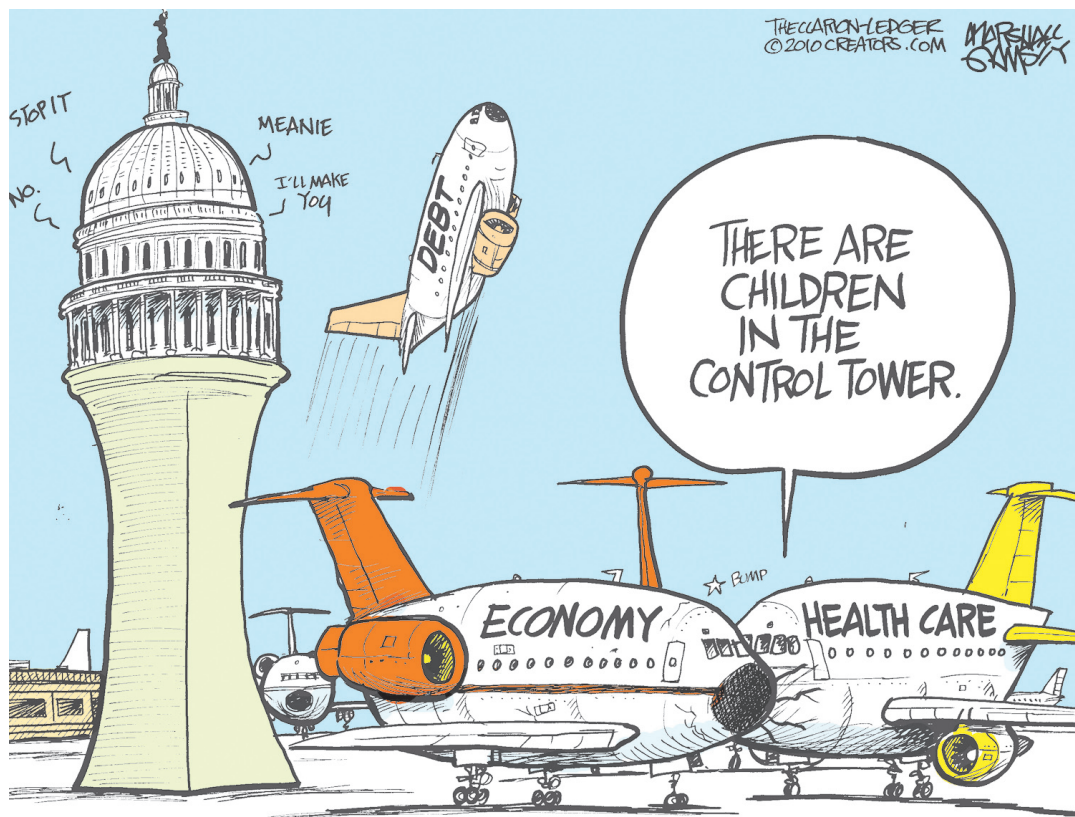
In Reno, home of University of Nevada, we have had good experiences, even though the WAC tournament is just another event in a city full of events and other things to do. Still, we visitors are being welcomed with open arms by the participating hotels. We have been treated OK by the University of Nevada (Reno), even though they offer nothing to compare to the volunteer hosts that we provided for each team, along with the yellow and red T-shirted ambassadors (and the chamber's Conquistadores) who assisted our out-of-town guests throughout the tournament when it was held in Las Cruces.

This year, Jaki and I rented a car to travel from our hotel to the tournament site, because last year, the bus transportation arranged by the Reno Convention and Visitors Bureau was totally unreliable. We used the local city bus to traverse the 4 miles to the arena. We will certainly miss some of the interesting friends we made last year while riding the city bus, such as the bag lady who thought Jaki was trying to steal her bag when Jaki's backpack was snagged on the handle of the lady's bag. Another unique fellow was absolutely convinced that astronauts had never actually landed on the moon and that he had seen the Hollywood studio where the fake moon landing was filmed.

As I write this column on Wednesday evening, the Aggie women played valiantly in a first-round loss to Idaho. Now all our hopes rest with the Aggie men. We expect them to be on stage Friday and Saturday nights and bring home the WAC Championship trophy and an NCAA tournament bid.

Our versatile editor/reporter Gabe Vasquez has just joined us in Reno. He will be reporting on all the WAC men's games via his live Internet blog, <http://bulletinsports.blogspot.com>. Hopefully, some of our readers will follow the games on radio or television and will take the time to chat with Gabe as the Aggies move ahead toward the conference championship. Who knows what may happen. Utah State's Big Blue bull mascot may attack Pistol Pete again, or their coach may get tossed out of the game for swearing at one of our players, like he did last week, after which the coach was publicly reprimanded by the WAC for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Hopefully, something exciting will happen that will help us all remember this last tournament before we convene at the new neutered (neutral) site next year in Las Vegas. An Aggie WAC Championship would be a good way to remember our last trip to Reno.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bright Star Dental thanks supporters

On Friday, Feb. 12, Bright Star Dental staff, supported by community volunteers, provided free dental care to 209 people from Las Cruces and surrounding areas. Each person received a cleaning, tooth extraction or filling, which totaled \$56,150 in free dental care in one day.

We at Bright Star Dental want to thank the community for supporting our fourth annual Dentistry From The Heart event with time and donations. All work was done by volunteers, including our own employees, who gave generously of their time that day.

Special thanks go to Dr. Gene Gabaldon, who performed numerous fillings, and Crystal Moreno, RDH, who cleaned teeth along with our hygiene team, and volunteer dental assistants Marcie Garcia and Victoria Bounds who made smiles brighter. Other volunteers worked in the lab, handled registration of patients, directed parking, cooked food for the volunteers and performed other essential duties.

Dentistry From The Heart was an opportunity to both volunteer and learn for members of the New Mexico State University Pre-Dental Society, Rory Yurkovich, Samuel Audu, Anthony Prieto, Ross Conner, Austin Whetten

and Curtis Aday.

Patient and family member volunteers helped make the day move smoothly. Thanks to Ann Jaquess, Josiah Jaquess, Melissa Garcia, Terry Gilbert, Fran Whit, Donna Massey, Steve Anderson, Derek Rankin, Ashley Minner, Damian Duran, Luis Diaz, Adriana Duran, Chad Rabon, David Silva, Efren Nuñez, Eliberto Ruiz, Chase Gilbert, Roy Williams, David Rodriguez, Rich Dudley, Christine Gilbert and Brian Houghton for their help.

Several local businesses and individuals helped make this day of free dental care possible with their donations: J. Eric Rathgeber, Louis Samaniego, Albertsons on Main Street, Security Concepts, Potty Time, Action Rental, Sam's Club, Culligan Water, Paterson Dental, Smart Practice and Mesilla Park Community Church.

We also want to thank the media, including the Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Sun-News, Healthy U, El Paso Times, KRWG TV and FM, KSNM, Deming Headlight and Southwest Senior for letting people know about the event. We appreciate their support.

Next year, we will continue with our goal of providing free dental care to those who need it. Watch for our fifth annual Dentistry From The Heart in February 2011.

DR. BRIAN GILBERT, DDS

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History marched through Fort Stanton

New state monument will preserve fort's varied past

Anyone interested in New Mexico's Wild West history will want a copy of "Fort Stanton: Legacy of Honor, Tradition of Healing." The illustrated history is a beautiful, paperback, coffee-table sort of book by Lynda A. Sánchez, with stunning photographic spreads by David Tremblay. There are more than 200 color or sepia tone images that depict the magnificent country and the flamboyant characters who lived and worked at the fort.

All forts have stories, but Lincoln County's Fort Stanton has a history more varied, colorful and lengthy than others in New Mexico. It is often referred to as the crown jewel of military forts in the Southwest.

Fort Stanton's long history is due in part to having been built of stone rather than adobe. It seems the adobe making was not going well, and there was ample stone in the area so the fort was constructed of stone.

Fort Stanton was originally built to protect settlers from marauding outlaws and Apaches on the frontier, but it soon became evident it was needed just as much to put down conflicts between Anglo settlers competing for government contracts.

Billy the Kid was the best known of the characters in Fort Stanton's history, but other notables whose lives involved the fort were Lew Wallace, Kit Carson, Black Jack Pershing, George Patton and the famed Buffalo Soldiers.

By the mid-1890s, when the fort no longer was needed to protect settlers, it became a tuberculosis hospital for Merchant Marines throughout the world. From 1940 to 1945, it also served as an internment camp for the crew of a German luxury liner captured by the British in the Caribbean.

Sánchez takes you through a history of the area beginning with the Clovis culture through the Jornada Mogollon to the Mescalero Apaches. Next comes a recounting of the military beginnings of the fort. Then the Public Health Service years from 1899 to 1953 that were a part of the opening of the desert Southwest to the healing powers of dry air, which conquered the "White Plague."

Following the unexpected and sudden pull-out of the PHS in 1953, Fort Stanton went through many uses. Briefly it was operated by the U.S. Indian Health Service. Then it was a hospital for the mentally handicapped. In 1995, newly elected Gov. Gary Johnson closed the hospital as part of his downsizing of state government. For a while it became a women's prison and then a rehabilitation center for drug and alcohol abuse.

During the period the fort was operated by the state, it slowly fell into disrepair as there never was enough money for maintenance.

Soon after Gov. Bill Richardson took office in 2003, he appointed a Fort Stanton Development Commission to suggest alternatives for the use of Fort Stanton. The commission, composed largely of residents from the area, proposed a plan involving a 600-unit subdivision. The plan

didn't sit well with Sánchez and many others.

A battle ensued that halted any further thoughts of development and resulted three years later in the establishment of New Mexico's newest state monument. Credit for the new status of Fort Stanton goes largely to Sánchez, who has been dubbed Fort Stanton's Angel. Her passion for preserving our unique New Mexico heritage has become evident to many who have come to know this determined historian.

Sánchez has produced a publication telling not only the history of the fort but including offerings by noted Lincoln County historians, such as Fred Nolan and Bob Utley, extolling the merits of the work Sánchez has done to preserve the magnificent facility in a manner far exceeding any rivals.

Utley, a retired top National Park Service official, even

JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol



proposes turning the entire area into a national historic park. He contends the fort and surrounding area qualifies for such a status.

The book is a great read. Sánchez covers the fascinating story of the captured German ship crew and other German prisoners who joined them later in the war and built imposing facilities that still are standing.

She also tells of the fabulous underground caverns beneath Fort Stanton and how they worked into the history of the area.

Jay Miller may be contacted at insidethecapitol@hotmail.com.

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One more for the tourists

Moira and Clive, British tourists, had taken in the Arkansas attractions of Eureka Springs, the Chuck Wagon races in Clinton, the sale barn in Green Forest, and now found themselves in Fort Smith for the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association Trail Drive.

They stationed themselves along Rogers Avenue, and watched as a group of jolly cowboys came pushing 20 head of rented longhorn cattle along the parade route. Clive was excited. He was a western movie buff.

"By Jove, dear," he beamed, "it's just like Rawhide!"

He was photographing it with his digital Minolta Maxxum 7 when it became obvious some of the beasts were exhibiting unruly behavior. Amidst a chorus of mooing, bawling and cursing, the river of cattle split! Three head including a big steer, a cow and a paint yearling bull, turned at Third Street and struck out across Hanging Judge Courtyard.

All Hector broke loose. Or as Clive said, "Good gracious, Moira! This is better than the bloody Pamplona!"

Two cowboys thundered after the renegades, shakin' out their loops in hot pursuit. A large crowd of onlookers raced after the ruckus, snapping photos and filming the action for America's Funniest Videos. The three cattle crashed through a construction zone ignoring the traffic light, the pedestrian crossing and the warning signs. Cattle, horses, cowboys and tourists followed, jumping cement barriers, danger signs and potholes – flashes popping and videos whirring.

Our two cowboys trapped them in the corner of a chain-linked parking



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lot. Within 10 minutes their faithful teamster had backed a trailer in the corner and loaded up the cattle – all except the bull. He had evaded them.

The chase began again, now joined by the Park Ranger on his 4-wheeler. "He's down in the draw along the river," he shouted as he raced by, "I'll run him out for ya'll!"

Well, he did. Back through the construction, Hangin' Judge Park and the mass of tourists, amidst cheering and cameras flashing.

"It's the Wild West!" exclaimed Clive, "Back 'ome they'll never believe this!"

For a long five minutes our cowboys lost track of the bull until a straggler said, "Come look!"

The whole mass of humanity crowded along the ridge overlooking the Poteau River. Halfway across, swimming like a Navajo rug in a Speedo, they could see the back and head of the red and white spotted Longhorn bull making his way to Oklahoma.

Cowboy Earl took off his hat and shook his head. Then he heard one of the tourists with what he thought was a British accent say, "I say, ol' chap, that was a smashing good show! When is the next performance?"

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Free from the government ends up costing the most

Free market can solve health care mess

By MICHAEL SWICKARD
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free."

— P.J. O'Rourke

I like the free market. When one merchant sets a price, others have to match or undercut it to get my business. Prices rise and fall depending on supply and demand. Without either a monopoly or government interference, this price awareness by sellers and buyers keeps our economy vital.

Over the years some consumer goods and services have increased in value and dropped in price because of the free market.

Without market pressure, some goods and services have only increased in price. An example: in the medical fields of plastic surgery and Lasik eye corrections, the prices have dropped while the value has increased.

These procedures typically are not covered by insurance, so consumers must decide to purchase or not. Purveyors of these services must induce buyers with price and more value. Since consumers are free to use one plastic surgeon with a better deal over another, the market effect results in a better deal for consumers. Ultimately, this competition results in both lower prices and increased quality.

Contrast that with when the government controls health care. The biggest health insurer in our nation is the government with Medicare, Medicaid and the health needs of our military. Since there is only one provider of these services, there is no competition. Everyone must use the government care exactly as the government dictates or they get no care at all. What is the incentive for the price to drop and the value to rise?

Likewise, medical professionals must take the government compensation or not compete for those clients. Currently, many health professionals do not deal with the government by choice. Many say they will leave health care rather than work against their will in a government system.

The disease is that many citizens think they can get more than they give. In health care we have spent so much energy trying to spend so little on co-pays that we

do not see we have increased dramatically the cost of health care because of the vast bureaucracy processing our paperwork.

Insurance is supposed to insure us against that which we cannot stand to lose. Instead, we are bought into a discussion about incidentals.

But I do not know why we are talking about health care since Congress has not even read the thousands of pages of the reform bill they are set to vote into law. And if the new law is enacted, bureaucrats will then interpret what was written but not read by our elected representatives.

No one has even the slightest idea what really will happen, but there is a perception that we should just trust Congress and not read the legislation, since the members of Congress did not read it either.

Call me a skeptic, but when my congressman has not read the bill and still says he is in favor of it, I am filled with trepidation over the fate of our country.

None of this is about health care; rather, it is about getting more while giving less. Like the carnival barkers who promise great prizes but just take the money of suckers, we have people who

think government can give more than it takes. We hear, "Vote for me, and I will get you more from government than you have to give."

Sounds good, but it does not work in real life.

This brings us to the vote in Congress. We have a representative form of government where we vote people into office to do our business. We can send them messages, but only they can actually vote. It seems quite likely that instead of fixing what government has done to health care already, many politicians are set to vote to make it worse.

That is not what we elected them to do, and our recourse is to vote them out of office.

The question is: Will we fall for the old gaff that we will get more than we give with this reform legislation, or do we have any sense at all?

Voting to change our health care to be more like Medicare will come back to haunt politicians in November. I guarantee it.

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

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Commissioner, councillor take 'shavee' challenge

Elected heads will be shaved for cancer research

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A few weeks ago, I announced that I would once again have my head shaved for children's cancer research at the St. Baldrick's event at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Dickerson's Event Center on Picacho Avenue in Fairacres.

But I added a twist to what has become my annual haircut. I challenged local elected officials to join me as a "shavee" to raise awareness – and hopefully some more money – for this effort, which is relatively new to Las Cruces.

When the first St. Baldrick's event was announced three years ago, I became a very public "shavee" to

give it some extra attention. Last year, I was still a "shavee," but in a less public fashion.

This year, I decided to use my limited notoriety to give St. Baldrick's a boost. I decided I'd use it to leverage another local – and far more respectable – person of note to get involved.

To my great pleasure, two local elected officials are stepping up to the clippers –

County Commissioner Scott Krahling and City Councillor Miguel Silva.

This is no small sacrifice, especially in the vainglorious world of politics. But even in the everyday world, being a "shavee" is an enlightening and sobering experience.

Dr. Jim McKinnell of the University of New Mexico Cancer Center was another first-time "shavee" at that first Las Cruces event. As a pediatric oncologist, McKinnell said it used to be easy for him to tell a child going through cancer treatment – which often results in total hair loss during chemotherapy – that, "It's only hair." But two years ago, he found a stranger's face staring back at him in the bathroom mirror – as I did.

Now, McKinnell has a greater sensitivity for what his patients go through, and I have a cause that found me, because I can't think of a childhood cancer patient in my immediate family, which I count as a blessing.

Here's something else I learned from McKinnell: Twenty years ago the survival rate for childhood cancer was only 20 percent. Now, 20 percent is the mortality rate and the chances for survival gets better every year.

McKinnell said the progress is much better than that in adult cancer treatment because researchers have to work collaboratively for the relatively limited dollars for children's cancer research.

Since its first head-shaving event in 2000, the St. Baldrick's Foundation has raised more than \$68 million for this kind of research through events, usually held around St. Patrick's Day.

What's great about St. Baldrick's is that very little of the funds raised go to "overhead," and a lion's share of the money goes to leading, ground-breaking research.

That's the important part. If you like what the Bulletin does or if you're a supporter of Krahling or Silva, go to www.stbaldricks.org, search for the Fairacres event and make a donation on one of our heads – or one of the other more than 100 community members who are getting their heads shaved to raise money, which includes many Doña Ana County and Las Cruces city firefighters. By the way, another new "shavee" is Bulletin Copy Editor Jim Hilley.

On a personal level – thank you to Scott and Miguel for your willingness to accept my challenge and get some more attention to St. Baldrick's. I'll do my part – which was promising to stay awake when covering government meetings.

Also, there is a challenge to Realtors to match a \$50 donation made on my head by an anonymous donor.

Scott Krahling,
Todd Dickson
and Miguel
Silva

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help homeless children

According to singer-songwriter Jewel, "Support for shelters and transitional living and housing programs is necessary if we are going to change the landscape for homeless boys and girls in America."

One like-minded organization in our area that helps the homeless is Jardin de los Niños. Jardin is a nonprofit organization that assists homeless to near-homeless families in the Las Cruces area. They offer many family programs, day care, parenting classes and case management. According to their website, 90,000 of our nation's homeless are children, and 80 percent of those are under the age of 3. Also, by the time homeless children are 8 years old, one in three has a major mental disorder. Jardin has been very successful in reducing these problems in that it has been recognized as a Five Star Childcare Program.

Yet, Jardin is always in need of help and support. One way you can help is by volunteering your time to read to or mentor a child, assist teachers in the classroom, assist with event planning or help with ongoing projects. Jardin also accepts cash donations. On its donation "wish list" are diapers, baby wipes, copy paper, and classroom supplies. Call Jardin de los Niños at 522-2111 for more information.

ALEXANDER BALCAZAR

Skin cancer a real threat

Because New Mexico has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the country, the article "T-shirts don't offer the best protection" (Las Cruces Bulletin, March 5) by Bob Nosbisch does not go far enough.

Sun lotions with SPF's of 15 may prevent one from burning on a given day, but will not offer much protection in the long run against skin cancer. Local stores now have lotions with 90 and 100 SPF's, which should be used for the face and neck. At least a 50 SPF should be used elsewhere.

Those who have had skin cancer, and those who want to protect themselves better, should wear clothes and head protection, which block 50 percent of the Sun's UVA and UVB rays. I use an umbrella, which blocks 95 percent of the UVA and UVB rays.

GRANT TAGGART

No mulligan for Blanchard

My initial frustration with Charlie Blanchard's lack of knowledge relating to the new golf course development has been tempered by the fact that the column (Las Cruces Bulletin, March 5) is a fluff piece as opposed to serious news.

If it had been written in a serious journalistic manner, the author would have bothered to gather updated infor-

mation from the actual principals involved rather than from the lounges of competing clubs.

It is quite unfortunate that instead of providing Bulletin readers with news – such as the current time line for opening play on the new course – Blanchard instead gave them his completely uneducated opinions of ineptness, cluster cluck, tragic, white elephant and a lack of sanity.

At least Blanchard did imply that he had not even seen the new course, as he has turned down repeated offers to be shown the property.

Blanchard may have possibly missed the news regarding the state of our national and local economies, especially related to the development and building industries.

As one who has been in a position to closely monitor the life of this project from its infancy, I can assure you that the only thing tragic about this project was the timing of our national economic downturn.

The old political phrase, "It's the economy, stupid," comes to mind.

I have every confidence that the team of developers as well as the good people of Las Cruces Country Club will continue to work very diligently to make this very complicated project a success.

By the way, I personally think all four par threes at the new course would make Blanchard's list.

ED PEREZ

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Ayurvedic yoga class

World-renowned Ayurvedic doctor Vaidya Priyanka and yoga instructor Nanci Tudish will teach an Ayurvedic yoga class combining lecture and practice from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. For more information, call 523-0436.

Lynn Middle School 50-year celebration

Lynn Middle School is celebrating "Fifty Years of Engaging Minds" with an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

Each hall in the school will represent a different decade, from the '60s onward, decorated by social studies students and teachers. There will be an oral history booth, where students from the Public History Department at New Mexico State University will work with Lynn students to collect memories from alumni as well as past faculty and staff. The students from the multimedia magnet are creating video clips on Lynn history and present-day activities to play throughout the building.

The art magnet students will have displays of their work, as will the engineering magnet students. The Lynn band, orchestra and choir will give performances, and distinguished alumnus Mayor Ken Miyagishima is tentatively set to speak.

A brisket dinner will follow the open house from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lynn alumni may contact former principal Dorris Hamilton at 524-2730.

For more information, call Kathie Davis at 527-9445.

Animal adoptions set

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

Adoptions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Farmers & Crafts Market in downtown Las Cruces. 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.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, adoptions also will be held at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive. At the Pet's Barn 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 further information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018, or visit www.ascmv.com. People who are hearing-impaired may call 541-2182.

Model railroad display

The Doña Ana Model Railroad club will have model trains running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

For more information, call George Kopp at 525-1956.

Sticks for Kids

The City of Las Cruces will hold registration for the spring session of Sticks for Kids Tee Box Golf Program beginning Friday, March 12, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., and the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive. The spring session will be from March 29 through May 19.

There will be two classes for beginning and intermediate students. Prior to classes beginning, all participants will be evaluated for proper skill level placement.

Beginning level classes will be Tuesday and Thursdays at the East Mesa Recreation Center and will cover basic golf fundamentals including balance, stance, grip, terminology and more.

Intermediate-level classes will be Mondays and Wednesdays at the New Mexico State University practice facility. Intermediate classes will cover further refinement of the golf swing and decision making distance control, reading greens, proper club selection, uneven lies and more.

Space is limited and acceptance is based

on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost is \$30 for each participant per session. Instruction is open to children ages 6 to 12. Instruction times for both classes will be determined at a later date.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Section Athletics Office at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Wildflower trip

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter, will have a free field trip to see local displays of spring wildflowers at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 13. Participants should meet in the east parking lot of K-Mart on U.S. Highway 70.

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

Mesquite walking tour

The Branigan Cultural Center will host a walking tour of the northern part of the Mesquite Street and Original Town Site Historic District starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at the historic Phillips Chapel, 638 N. Tornillo St.

Phillips Chapel is in the midst of a restoration project utilizing students from Doña Ana Community College. Ron Taylor, lead instructor in the Building and Construction Technology Program at DACC, and Pat Taylor, adobe preservation specialist, are supervising the work. The instructors will be on site during the tour to explain the process.

The tour will be led by Branigan Cultural Center staff, with architectural information provided by Greg Smith. Representatives of Las Esparanzas Inc., the neighborhood preservation organization, will be on hand. In addition to Phillips Chapel, the tour will include the Jardín de Mesquite, the Unsettled Gallery and numerous historic homes.

The program is free and no registration is required. Participants should plan for a two-hour walk on city streets and wear sturdy walking shoes.

For more information, call the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

Lifeguarding classes

The City of Las Cruces is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program for people 15 years and older. A pretest for the program is scheduled for 8 to 10 a.m. Monday, March 22, at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive.

Classes begin at noon Monday, March 22, for those who pass the pretest and pay for the class. The cost for the class is \$150 per student, which includes a book and lifeguard and CPR-PR certifications. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 22 through 26. Schedules and location will be available first day of class.

The city is also offering a Lifeguard Training Readiness workshop for possible lifeguard candidates. This one-hour workshop is free for people 15 years and older who wish to practice the Lifeguard Training Program pretest skills.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Frenger Pool. Participants will be instructed how to perform the front crawl (freestyle) and breaststroke continuous swim, and how to retrieve a weighted brick from the deep end of the pool.

All participants must sign a liability-release form, and candidates under 18 years old must have a signed parental permission form to attend the workshop, take the pretest or attend classes. All candidates must bring approved swimwear and towel to the workshop, the pretest and all classes. Goggles are allowed for some activities, but are not provided.

For more information, contact Frenger Pool at 523-0362. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Enchilada dinner

La Corporación de los Indigenas de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe will host the Spring Enchilada Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at la Casa de la Comida in Tortugas, N.M.. The cost is \$6 a plate. Hamburgers will be available as well as homemade desserts. The profits from the enchilada dinner will help the Tortugas Pueblo defray December fiesta costs.

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Pinch, hit, run

The City of Las Cruces, in conjunction with the New Mexico Amateur Softball Association, is hosting the Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Skills Competition for Las Cruces area youth.

The competition will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Maag Softball Complex, 1700 E. Hadley Ave. The competition is free to all boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Participants may sign up on site. The program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball and softball skills.

The age groups will consist of boys and girls competing separately (girls in softball and boys in baseball). The winner of each event will advance to the state regionals (date and location to be announced). In the event of regional qualification, proof of age will be required.

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

Government lectures

The League of Women Voters has arranged for four different presenters to discuss state and local government during the March Academy for Learning in Retirement lecture series. All four sessions are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

On Monday, March 15, Jess Williams, Doña Ana County public information officer, will discuss county government. Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore will discuss city government on Wednesday, March 17. State government will be the topic of a presentation on Monday, March 22, with Jose Garcia, New Mexico State University professor of government, and Ruth Hoffman, director of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry for New Mexico, will discuss the state budget on Wednesday, March 24.

There is a \$5 fee for each lecture, \$4 for members and no advance registration is required. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation. The Academy for Learning in Retirement is a service of Doña Ana Community College.

For more information, call Flavia McCormick, at 522-7564 or visit www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR.

GOP women meet

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The program will be on the

Republican candidates for governor on New Mexico. Lunch is \$8 and reservations are required by Sunday, March 21. For more information or to make reservations, call Lori English at 373-9322 or Catherine Fuller at 527-5574.

Literacy workshop

New Mexico and west Texas teachers are invited to attend the New Mexico State University College of Education Don and Sarrah Kidd Literacy Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in O'Donnell, Hall Room 111 on the NMSU campus.

Faculty from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction as well as the College of Arts and Sciences will present interactive sessions delving into the workshop's theme of "Exploring Empowerment through Multiple Literacies."

The workshop focuses on secondary literacy teaching and learning. Some of the topics to be explored are connecting with authors for the classroom, tips and techniques for reading Shakespeare and international literature. Participants can choose two sessions, from a total of eight, to attend. A brunch also will be held during the event.

Don and Sarrah Kidd, of Carlsbad, N.M., established the Don and Sarrah Kidd Endowed Chair in Literacy in the College of Education in 2008.

Don Kidd's interest in reading came early in life when an elementary school principal chose to have him read in the library as punishment for misbehaving.

"Since then, reading has been my salvation," Kidd said. "You will never be lonely if you can read."

The event is sponsored by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and is limited to 60 participants. Through the endowment, workshop participants will receive a \$75 stipend.

To register, visit <http://education.nmsu.edu/ci>. For more information, contact Norma Arrieta at narrieta@nmsu.edu.

Checkpoints ahead

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct two sobriety checkpoints within city limits from March 17 through 28.

LCPD checkpoints are part of the department's efforts to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated. The enforcement activities also may include saturation, underage and party patrols.

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

Butterfly discussion

The Las Cruces Audubon Society will present a discussion on the butterflies of Las Cruces by Steve Cary, a natural resource planner for New Mexico State Parks and author of "Butterfly Landscapes of New Mexico" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Cary is known as one of the top lepidopterists in the Southwest.

For more information, call Storm Sermay at 382-3348.

LULAC meeting set

LULAC Council 120 will have its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Ramada Palms Resort & Conference Center, 201 E. University Ave., in the Santa Fe Room. The agenda includes guest speakers for the state convention, a report on the district, state and national conventions.

For more information, contact lulac120@comcast.net.

Water meeting on tap

Members of the Berino, Desert Sands, La Mesa, Mesquite and Vado water associations are invited to a public forum at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the multipurpose room at Vado Elementary School, 330 Holguin Road, in Vado, N.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the beginning of the implementation process to establish the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority. For more information, call your local water association.

Central anniversary

Central Elementary School will be celebrating its 60th year of existence Wednesday, March 17, through Friday, March 19. Among the events are "A Walk Through Time" where the students and staff will have a time-line display from 1949 to the present. The Central Student Council will have displays set up with photos, yearbooks and other Central memorabilia.

The New Mexico State University Bilingual Block Students from the College of Education will host a Math Night from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and second-grade students will perform a music program beginning at 6 p.m. The final event of the celebration will be the second annual Move-A-Thon all day Friday with opening ceremonies scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. This is Central's spring fundraiser and promotes the school's focus on healthy living.

The Las Cruces community is welcome to attend and former students and staff are especially encouraged to visit and share

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any memories of their time at Central.

For more information, call Tommy Esparza at 496-3694 or Principal Eloisa Solis at 527-9496.

Audubon field trip

The Las Cruces Audubon Society will have a field trip Saturday, March 20, to Holoman Lakes and, if time allows, to White Sands National Monument.

The group will look for waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls and raptors. The trip is limited to 15 participants.

For more information or to register, contact David Griffin before Thursday, March 18, at 382-2080 or griffinbio@gmail.com.

German club meets

Friends of the German Language ("Freunde der deutschen Sprache") meets at 7:15 p.m. the third Thursday of each month during the school year at Breland Hall, Room 170B, on the campus of New Mexico State University.

On March 18, the group will view the 2008 German-language comedy "Schwere Jungs" about two Bavarian bobsled teams at the Winter Olympics in Oslo, Norway. Subtitles are in German. For more information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

Women's History Month

The Democratic Women of Doña Ana County invite the public to attend a celebration of National Women's History Month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The guest speaker will be Bonnie Eisenberg, one of the founders of National Women's History Month. For almost 15 years, Eisenberg worked for the National Women's History Project, which promotes the study of women's history in our schools and the celebration of National Women's History Month through a mail-order catalog of women's history materials. Tickets to the celebration are \$25 per person. The evening also includes a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

For more information or reservations, call Terri McBrayer at 541-9667 or Judy Baker at 640-7942.

Good Sam garage sale

The Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, will have its annual garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20. The facility is accepting tax-deductible donations of items through Thursday, March 18. For more information, call 526-1362.

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USDA Rural Development (RD) is conducting a study for Rural Area Eligibility of areas within New Mexico which are associated with metropolitan areas. Periodic review is mandated for Rural Housing Loan Programs under Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.

A determination of eligibility will be based upon recent census data, population trends, comparable sales data, and mortgage credit. During the three month study, interested parties may not submit applications for processing in those areas now designated as ineligible.

The intent of this notice is to advise the public that a study is on-going with a final decision anticipated on or after June 1, 2010. Comments from the public should be directed to: Terry Brunner, State Director, USDA Rural Development, 6200 Jefferson St. NE, Suite 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109 by June 3, 2010.

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Desarrollo Rural USDA (RD) está realizando un estudio para la elegibilidad en áreas rurales dentro de Nuevo México que está asociado con las áreas metropolitanas. Una revisión regular es mandada para Programas de Préstamos de Vivienda Rural bajo Título V de la Ley de Vivienda de 1949, como modificada.

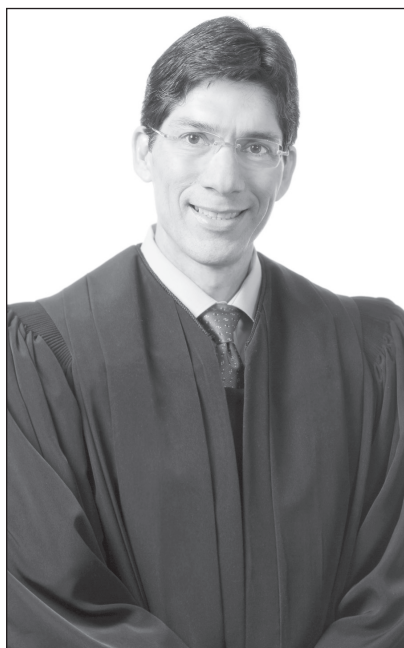
La determinación de la elegibilidad se basa en datos recientes del censo, las tendencias de la población, los datos de ventas comparables, y el crédito hipotecario. Durante el estudio de tres meses, grupos interesados no podrán presentar solicitudes para procesamiento en áreas que ahora son designadas como inelegibles.

La intención de este aviso es para informar al público de que un estudio está en marcha con una decisión final previsto a partir del 1 de junio 2010. Comentarios del público deben ser dirigidos a: Terry Brunner, State Director, USDA Rural Development, 6200 Jefferson St. NE, Suite 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109 para el 3 de junio de 2010.

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Election 2010



Mannie Arrieta is currently the appointed Division I district judge.

District Judge Mannie Arrieta seeks election

Richardson appointed Arrieta in early 2009

Judge Mannie Arrieta, 52, has announced that he will seek election to a full term in the Third District Court in the November election.

"I have enjoyed my work as a judge," Arrieta said, "especially the opportunity to serve the people of this county fairly and impartially. The right to a fair trial is one of the cornerstones of our democratic society."

Arrieta was approved by a Judicial Selection Commission in December 2008 and his name sent to Gov. Bill Richardson, who appointed him to the Third Judicial District Court in Las Cruces January 2009.

Currently, Arrieta presides over Division I, which is a civil docket that handles cases such as contract disputes, guardianships, probates, personal injury claims, land use and zoning and other civil matters. Prior to the appointment, Arrieta had 25 years of experience in the area of civil law in southern New Mexico.

Arrieta considers Division I as dealing

with "home and family issues" as opposed to a "law and order" docket.

"This is not a criminal or juvenile docket," Arrieta said. "Most of the issues I deal with hit close to home, such as foreclosures, injury claims, collection claims, guardianships and probates. Given my 25 years of experience in these areas, including my judicial experience, I believe I am uniquely qualified to provide fair and sound decisions in these areas."

According to Judge Arrieta, approximately 40 percent of the civil docket involves foreclosures and collection claims.

"My long experience as an attorney has been helpful to me as a judge," Arrieta said. "I have appreciated the opportunity to bring my professional skills and legal understanding to the bench, and to serve with fairness and integrity. I hope to continue to serve the people of this county."

Prior to his appointment, Arrieta was a

volunteer member of the Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee for the New Mexico Disciplinary Board. He has also been active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Las Cruces Homeless Legal Clinic, New Mexico High School Mock Trials, League of United Latin American Citizens, Young Executives for the Memorial Medical Foundation, Inc., and in numerous other activities and agencies.

Arrieta was born in Deming, N.M., and grew up in the Mesilla Valley. Arrieta is the father of three grown children who have attended schools and universities in southern New Mexico. His parents were immigrant farm laborers and seasonal migrant workers who are now retired and living in the Mesilla Valley. Arrieta is a 1978 graduate of the Doña Ana Community College, a 1981 graduate of New Mexico State University and a 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law. Prior to his practice in southern New Mexico, he clerked for the New Mexico Court of Appeals in Santa Fe.

Salcido seeks second term



SALCIDO

Alice Salcido, incumbent Democrat Doña Ana County probate judge, is seeking another term, pledging to provide prompt service to all.

Salcido, 69, cites her five years of experience as probate judge, during which she has opened 850 new probate cases, performed more than 1,450 marriages and conducted more than a dozen seminars on the probate process.

Salcido has begun merging probate records into the clerk's database system to make them accessible online through the county's website.

Salcido is fluent in Spanish and English, which she said is an important skill in this area. She has a master's degree in public health and a bachelor's degree in business administration from New Mexico State University.

Nevarez-Garcia announces

Magistrate judge has held office since 2005

Olivia Nevarez-Garcia who is the Division III magistrate judge, is seeking re-election.

Nevarez-Garcia has held the position since she was appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson in 2005 and was elected to a four-year term in 2006.

Long active in county public life, Nevarez-Garcia was elected probate judge in 1980 and served two consecutive terms. She was elected probate judge again in 1998 and 2002, during which she also served as the state chair for the Probate Judge's Association.

Nevarez-Garcia has received training at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev., and international center for judicial training. She also has received



NEVAREZ-GARCIA

training from the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts.

Nevarez-Garcia currently spends a full day and two mornings at the Magistrate Court in Anthony, N.M., a growing community with a rapidly expanding case load. Overall, the Las Cruces Magistrate Court has the fastest-growing case load in New Mexico, Nevarez-Garcia noted.

Nevarez-Garcia is a lifelong resident of Las Cruces, born to a pioneering family in the Mesilla Valley.

She is married to Jose Garcia, a government professor at New Mexico State University, and the couple has two grown daughters.

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Crime Stoppers seeks tips on vandalism, burglary, attack

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of those responsible for vandalizing an elementary school in Mesquite, N.M.

On Jan. 5, 2010, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to Mesquite Elementary School where four large windows were broken causing more than \$1,700 in damages. Sheriff's investigators believe the vandalism was done on either Sunday, Jan. 3, or Monday, Jan. 4.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office also is investigating several reports of graffiti at the school in the past year.

If you have any information that can help identify the person or persons responsible for vandalism at Mesquite Elementary School you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.



The suspect was wearing a black sweatshirt, blue jeans and a black beanie hat. The man drove away in what may be a 1970s model Chevrolet, single-cab, small pickup. The truck is light blue with white pinstripes that run along the side from front to back. The truck appeared to have some rust damage and chipped paint, and was possibly a work truck with buckets in its bed.

If you have any information that can help identify this suspect you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect who broke into the restaurant and pro shop at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course early Saturday, March 6.

Las Cruces Police were called to the golf course after employees discovered that someone had broken into the business earlier that day and took an undisclosed amount of cash from two registers. The suspect also took a safe that was small enough to be carried from the business.

Las Cruces Police detectives learned that the burglary took place between 4:30 and 5 a.m. Saturday morning.

The suspect was said to be wearing baggy pants, a hoodie-type jacket and a backpack.

If you have any information on this burglary, or the identity of the suspect, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

The Crime Stoppers number is operational 24 hours a day, and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.



SPEDALIERI

Russell Spedalieri, 38, is being sought by Las Cruces police and has a warrant for his arrest on charges including child abuse, aggravated battery and stalking. His bond is set at \$100,000.

Spedalieri is Hispanic, 6 feet tall, weighs 230 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes. Spedalieri may be driving a white Dodge flatbed pickup with New Mexico license KCA468.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Russell Spedalieri, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the man who attacked a 14-year-old high school student as she walked home from school.

The girl was walking home from Las Cruces High School and was passing through Frenger Park at around 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, when she was confronted by a man who grabbed her and took her to the ground. The girl punched the man and was able to escape.

The girl told Las Cruces Police detectives that the man was Hispanic, and between 40 and 50 years old with curly hair and yellow teeth. The girl described the Spanish-speaking man as having a dark complexion with a scar on the right side of his face and a tattoo on his left hand. He was said to have a medium to heavy build.



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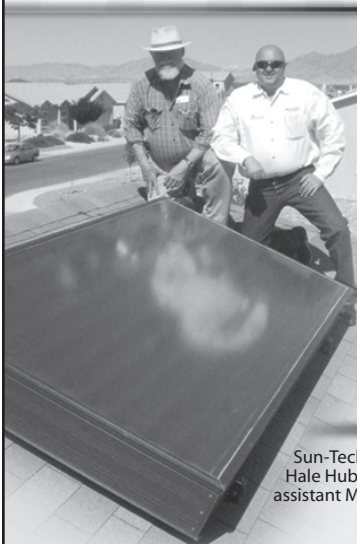
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the property owners within the proposed North Sonoma Ranch Boulevard Special Assessment District (the "District") in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico (the "City") and to all interested persons that:

I. The Governing Body of the City (the "Governing Body"), has received a petition to create the District to finance the installation of streets, street lights, storm drainage improvements, drainage structures, landscaping, water lines, gas lines and sewer lines (collectively, the "Improvements") in and along a two mile portion of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard in the City.

II. The Governing Body will hold a preliminary hearing on the question of creating the proposed District on **Monday, the 5th day of April 2010, immediately following the Regular City Council Meeting, in the Council Chambers of the Governing Body, at 700 N. Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001**, whereby the owners of the property to be assessed may contest the proposed assessment, the regularity of the proceedings relating to the Improvements, the benefit of the Improvements or any other matter relating to the District. Any person desiring to appear before the Governing Body and be heard, in support of, or in opposition to, the creation of the District, shall be asked to register with the Clerk of the Governing Body prior to consideration of matters pertaining to such preliminary hearing.

Any owner of a tract or parcel of land assessed, whether he/she appears at the preliminary hearing or not, shall have the right within thirty (30) days after the Governing Body has created the District, to appeal the determination of the Governing Body pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-3-1.1 NMSA 1978.

After such preliminary hearing, if the Governing Body determines that constructing the Improvements is advisable, the Governing Body shall create the District and shall proceed to advertise for bids for the doing of the work therefore and shall enter into a contract with the responsible bidder making the lowest bid for the doing of such work and the furnishing of all necessary materials, all in accordance with Sections 3-33-1 through 3-33-43 NMSA 1978, as amended and supplemented.

III. The estimated total cost of the Improvements, is \$10,000,000 of which it is estimated that \$1,000,000 will be defrayed from a contribution from the Las Cruces Public School District, and \$9,000,000 will be assessed against those tracts or parcels of land in the District as hereinafter provided.

IV. The boundaries of the District are shown in the following map:

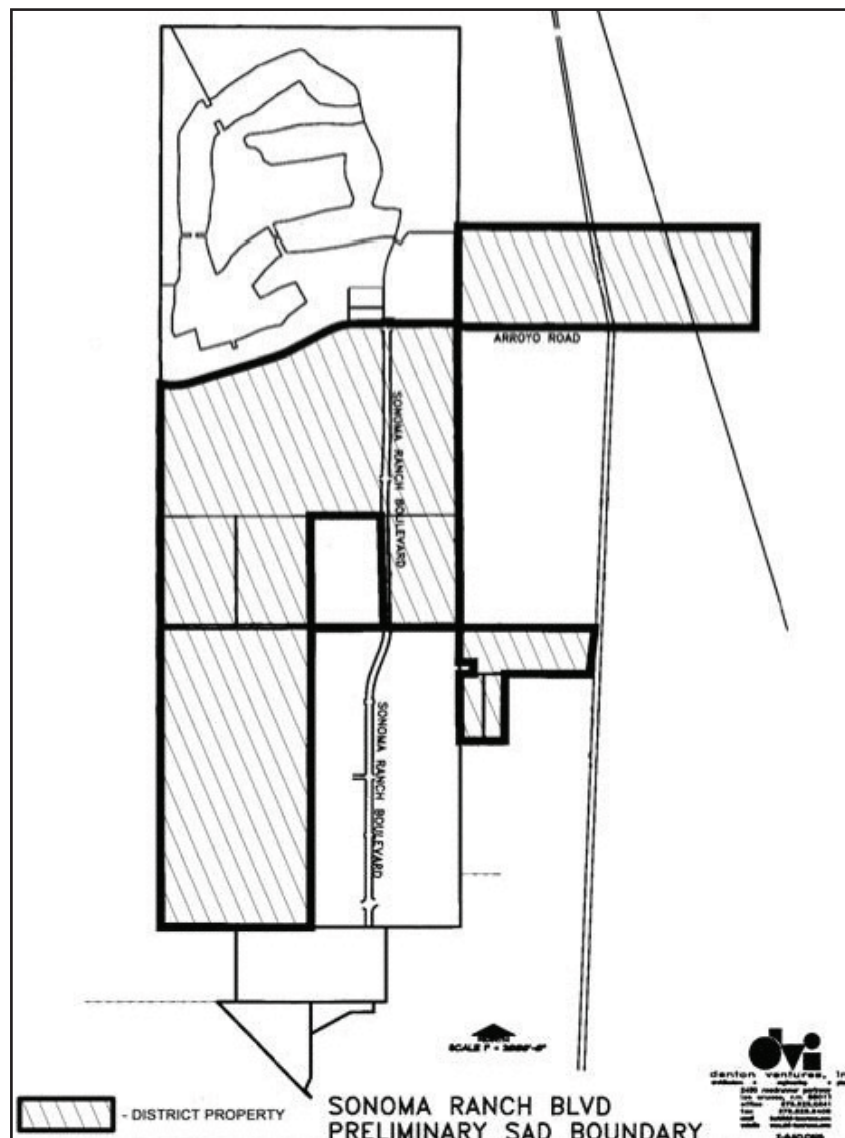
V. The Improvements will be constructed along a two mile portion of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard in the City, beginning at the existing end of the pavement just south of Thurmond Road and ending at Arroyo Road.

VI. The Improvements will be located within the right-of-way of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard beginning at the existing end of the pavement just south of Thurmond Road and ending Arroyo Road.

VII. The property to be assessed consists of approximately 1,100 acres of land in the area specifically benefited by the Improvements. The property to be assessed is as follows:

- (A) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Lots 8A and 8B, Sierra Norte Replat #2, R2E, T22S, Section 3 (202 Acres)
- (B) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Lot 9, Sierra Norte Replat #1, R2E, T22S, Section 9 (345 Acres)
- (C) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Lot 1, Isaacks Subdivision, R2E, T22S, Section 9 (58 Acres)
- (D) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Lot 3, Isaacks Subdivision, R2E, T22S, Section 9 (58 Acres)
- (E) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Lot 4, Isaacks Subdivision, R2E, T22S, Section 9 (58 Acres)
- (F) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, R2E, T22S, Section 16 (320 Acres)
- (G) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Lot 2, Ermita Plat #7, R2E, T22S, Section 15 (43 Acres)
- (H) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Sierra Norte Annexation, R2E, T22S, Section 15 (10 Acres)
- (I) Sierra Norte Land Holdings, Sierra Norte Annexation, R2E, T22S, Section 15 (10 Acres)

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VIII. The assessments for the Improvements will be levied on a per acre basis. The estimated assessment per acre is \$8,182.

IX. The City will not pay any of the costs of the Improvements from its general funds, all of the costs will be paid from a loan or bonds secured by the assessments.

Copies of this hearing notice 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 **3rd day of March, 2010**.

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NMSU regents elect officers

Pino to chair; building gets LEED gold

New Mexico State University regent Isaac Pino was elected to serve as chair of the Board of Regents at a regular meeting of the board Monday, March 8.

Regent Chris Anaya was elected vice chair and Regent Blake Curtis secretary/treasurer. They will each serve in these roles for one year.

All of the regents expressed thanks to Curtis for his leadership as chair during the past year.

"This university is better off today because of your leadership," said regent Javier Gonzales.

Curtis expressed his congratulations to the new officers and thanks for the support he received this past year.

"It was a challenging year, a year full of difficult decisions, but in the end, all is well. NMSU continues to move ahead," Curtis said.

Pino was appointed to the NMSU Board of Regents in March 2009. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NMSU. Pino is the president of SunCor New Mexico and general manager and vice president of Rancho Viejo.

Anaya serves as the student regent and is pursuing a major in government. He is a native New Mexican and serves as a College of Arts and Sciences Senator for the Associated Students of NMSU. He is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Curtis is a Clovis businessman and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the American Seed Trade Association, Leadership New Mexico and the Association of Commerce and Industry.

The five-member board also includes Gonzales, who has 15 years experience as a leader in a broad range of projects in the public and private arenas, and regent Laura Conniff, a broker and co-owner of Mathers Realty Inc. and co-owner of Leveldale Farms and Conniff F Cross Farm.

In other business, the regents heard reports on the Living the Vision Performance Plan, the NMSU Foundation's "Doing What Counts" comprehensive fund



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raising campaign and the utilization of preferences in public works procurement. They also heard a post legislative session update, which outlined budget challenges ahead for the university.

NMSU-Alamogordo President Cheri Jimeno presented the Board of Regents with a LEED Gold Plaque. The Alamogordo campus earned the plaque for its Health Sciences Center Reidlinger addition from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. NMSU made a commitment in 2006 to make all new building projects LEED certifiable, or "green buildings." The Reidlinger addition was the first at any NMSU campus to attain such a rating.

Budget

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budgets, so that means LCPS will be developing a budget for the next school year with state funding that is essentially 5 percent less than two years ago, Rounds said.

During the regular and special session of the Legislature, Rounds had been emphasizing that erosion of the funding for the schools was making budgets fall short of the state constitutional mandate that education be sufficiently funded.

Though the 5-percent loss means that the funding will be dropping below the ideal "sufficiency," Rounds said district officials are looking for ways to make staff reductions through attrition and that there will likely be larger class sizes as a result. Conditions and program cuts, he said, won't have to be "draconian," however.

"We understand that everybody is suffering," the superintendent said. "Everybody has to share in that, and the schools are better off than some (in state government)."

The spending levels of the budget received scant attention because the

proposal included more than \$200 million in tax increases, which got all the press. The budget plan closes some tax loopholes, raises cigarette taxes and restores the local government's share of the food tax.

According to the Associated Press, Gov. Bill Richardson would like to line-item veto the food tax portion of the budget. The state lifted a tax on groceries and food staples in 2005, but paid municipal and county governments the money they would have received from the tax. The budget calls for restoring the local portion of the food tax so the state doesn't have to pay \$68 million to the local governments throughout New Mexico.

However, it is not clear that Richardson's line-item veto power covers such a provision. Usually, the line-item veto is for appropriations.

Also unclear is how realistic the proposed budget is with its expectation of 6-percent growth in revenue. With state reserves running low, there aren't many "tools left in the toolbox" for lawmakers and the administration, noted NMSU Assistant Vice President Ricardo Real.

The budget does give Richardson the power to make future cuts if the revenue improvements don't materialize.

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Mayfield High School senior Christopher Hornung sings "Music of the Night" Saturday, March 6, at the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's ninth annual Youth Talent Show at the Court Youth Center.



Jessica Gobble performs the vocal solo "I Can't Say No."



Home-schooler Andrew Wong performs a piano solo of "Impromptu in E Flat Major" by Franz Schubert.



Erin Moazzani of Mayfield performs "Black Roses Red" by Hey Monday.

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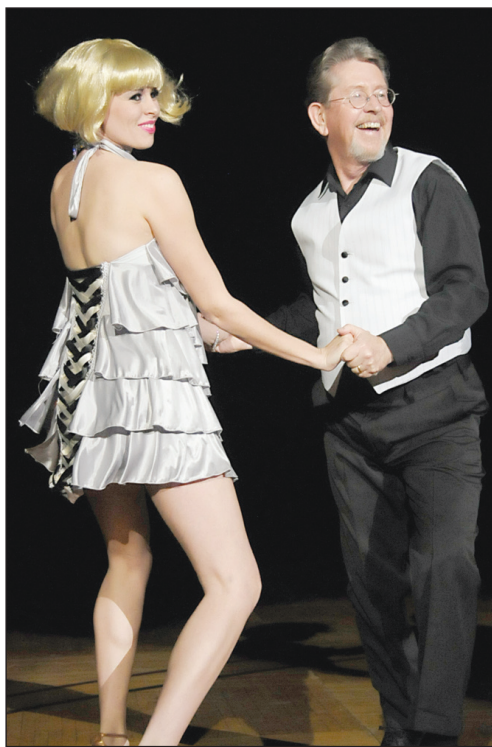
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Placing third in the competition, NMSU DanceSport member Victoria Garcia and Eli Guzman perform a mambo to the song "Amore" by Macy Gray and Santana.



Janet Green and Leonard Thurman, who came in second place, perform a Paso Doble dance during the first half of the competition.

NMSU DanceSport Company member Rachel Diehl, left, performs a cha-cha dance with radio DJ Mike McKay. The couple was presented with the Entertainment Award, which was determined by a handful of last year's celebrity dancers.



NMSU DanceSport Company member John Giusto and Las Cruces First Lady Susana Chaparro perform a waltz to the theme of Moulin Rouge. The couple received the People's Choice Award, raising \$2,900 from audience members who cast a \$1 vote for their favorite couple.

Oñate High School football coach Kelly McKee performs a waltz with NMSU DanceSport Company member Kathryn Baca.

Local dentist Brian Gilbert and his dance partner and NMSU DanceSport Company member Kelcy Wilcox performed a Bolero dance and earned first place in the Look Who's Dancing event held Sunday, March 7, at the Pan American Center.



NMSU DanceSport Company member Clark Davis and City Councillor Dolores Connor perform a quickstep to the song "I Won't Dance" by Frank Sinatra.



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Country club

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The current country club has a swimming pool. The land would give plenty of room for expanding the ballpark facilities at Apodaca Park, where the city's new minor-league baseball team will be playing its games. Councillors discussed the possibilities of private nonprofit groups helping with upkeep for amenities such as a driving range and a youth golf course.

Although he said these possibilities should be explored, Councillor Miguel Silva urged caution about the added cost to the city for upkeep. With city departments having to weather budget cuts because of reduced gross receipts taxes, officials need to balance capital outlay

opportunities against the city's ability to afford their operational costs, Silva said.

Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas agreed. The city has some \$482 million in proposed capital projects that all meet a need in the city, she said.

Ronald Carter, who lives in the country club neighborhood, encouraged city to buy while the land was being offered at a good price. He said it could be used for expanding events like The Whole Enchilada Fiesta or the Renaissance ArtsFaire.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the offer is worth additional exploration. Perhaps the city could buy the land with the intent of selling or leasing a portion of it, he mused. "There is so much potential out there," Miyagishima said.

If the city decides to buy the land, it would be put before voters, councillors and city officials said.

AFROTC pioneer honored



Distinguished New Mexico State University Air Force ROTC Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez speaks to a crowd at the Creative Media Institute Theater after a display case was dedicated to him for his service Friday, March 5.

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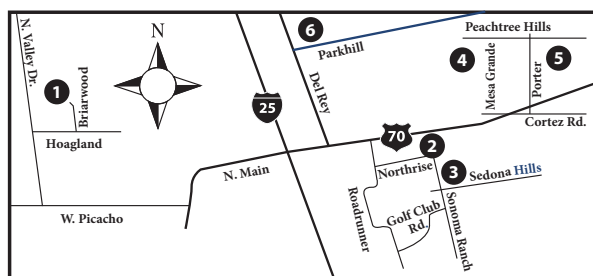
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At the science fair

Socorro High School senior Peter Vogel explains his project titled "Web Enabled Gaming" to Red Mountain Middle School student Paris Wells, 13, at the Southwestern New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair Saturday, March 8, at New Mexico State University.



Sixth-grade Sierra Middle School student Sara Manshad, 12, explains her project to seventh-grade Sierra Middle School student Hannah Makk, 12. The project, "Graph Interaction Accessibility for the Visually Handicapped" uses a "haptic" wrist band to find a linear equation on a graph.



Deming High School senior Amanda Garcia, center, explains her project, "Identifying Nematical Bacteria Isolated from Arid Southwestern Soil" to judges Sal Lopez, left, and Maria Castillo.

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MACINTYRE

High school and middle school students from all over the state showcased their science projects.



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City Councillor Olga Pedroza, Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas and former councillor Dolores Archuleta sign a steel support beam Friday, March 5, at the Las Cruces Convention Center site at the corner of University and Union avenues.

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TODD DICKSON

City Councillors Gil Sorg and Dolores Connor sign the support beam.



Construction

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and public policy institute along the University Avenue Corridor, the convention center is "a real anchor for the whole transformation of University Avenue," Rick-enbaker said. "The whole street will change, and this is really the first step to the future construction."

The center's first event will be held in January, 2011, perhaps even December of this year if construction goes well, said David Hicks, general manager for the convention center with Global Spectrum, the national venue management firm hired to run the facility.

Meanwhile, Global has booked the center's first convention. The New Mexico Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will hold its 2011 New Mexico Federation State Conference at the Las Cruces Convention Center April 14 to 16, 2011. About 150 people are expected to attend the two-day conference, filling about 120 rooms and gen-

erating an estimated economic impact of more than \$48,000 for the two days, according to a press release.

"Las Cruces Chapter 182 has more than 520 members," said Meriam McMullen, president of NARFE Chapter 182 in Las Cruces. "We are planning on making the 50th New Mexico Federation Convention a memorable one."

NARFE membership totals 300,000 federal workers and retirees nationwide.

"Las Cruces is the perfect location for the NARFE Convention due to the number of active and retired federal employees in the area," Hicks said. "We are excited for the opportunity to showcase Las Cruces to the delegates who will be attending from across the state."

The center has more than 30,000 square feet of meeting space with a 14,500-square-foot exhibition hall, 8,900-square-foot ballroom and six break-out rooms with more than 2,800 square feet. Also, there will be more than 5,000 square feet of outdoor event space and 6,000 square feet of indoor pre-function space.



Mayor Ken Miyagishima talks about the spacious meeting areas of the new Las Cruces Convention Center at a "topping off" ceremony Friday, March 5.

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A baseball milestone at NMSU

JOHN KEITH

Sports Editor



For Rocky Ward, coaching victory No. 301 sailed by without fanfare.

The big moment came last Feb. 27 when Ward's Aggie baseball team beat Akron here, 8-3. The 301st victory made Rocky the winningest baseball coach ever at New Mexico State.

The old mark of 300 career wins was formerly held by Jim Kwasny (1969-82).

"Yeah, sure I felt good about it," Rocky said. "During the game, I knew it (the record) was there, but I didn't think much about it until afterward."

The highlight of Ward's season so far, he said, was the 17-3 thrashing of 20th-ranked New Mexico here last Wednesday, March 5.

"You always like to beat them," he said.

Win No. 301 might also have lifted Rocky out from under the shadow of his father Gary Ward, the Hall of Famer who won a record 953 games at Oklahoma State and who serves as Rocky's hitting coach now.

Aggie fans have forever compared son to father, fair or not.

If anything, Rocky's historic triumph tightens the family franchise. Two record-setting coaches under the same roof.

Let's not forget Roger Ward, who, Rocky believes, is nearing the coaching record at Northeastern, Okla., A&M. "I'm not sure what their school record is," Rocky said, "but he's got to be near it. He's coached there for 13 years."

The baseball program at New Mexico State has taken a giant leap forward under Rocky's leadership. Last year's 44 victories and playing in the WAC tournament championship game was a milestone.

In 2003, Rocky's Aggies won 43 games, made the NCAA tournament as an at-large selection and beat UNLV, 14-12 in the regionals.

His 2003 and '04 squads led the nation in home runs and RBI. His '09 unit was the nation's leader in runs scored, RBI, walks, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

Ward's players are good students in the classroom, behave themselves and dress in substandard quarters. The baseball budget here is nothing to write home about.

"I'm proud of our coaching staff," Rocky said. "Chase (Tidwell, the pitching coach) and dad have done a tremendous job here."

"I feel good about taking a program with no tradition and raising it to where it is right now."

"You know, we're all in this business to try and improve ourselves and better the kids we coach."

"I think we've done that here. That makes me feel pretty good."

He'll talk your ear off

NMSU track coach Richburg owns national reputation

By **JOHN KEITH**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For those who enjoy listening, Orin Richburg is your man.

Nobody talks longer. Or faster.

He rattles off sentences at machine-gun speed, leaving no stone unturned.

He's knowledgeable, though. A good

source, especially if you're into track and field.

Richburg coaches the women's track and field and the men's cross-country teams at New Mexico State.

He brings strong credentials.

Aside from guiding NMSU, Richburg coaches the men's and women's relay teams for team USA during International

and Olympic competition.

He's nationally known, having worked with several NCAA and Olympic champions – too many to name.

A former coach at the University of Washington for 17 years, Richburg was hired at NMSU in 2007 to bring the program up to WAC speed. Make it competitive with other track teams in the conference.

He's right on course. NMSU's squad finished fourth at the recent WAC indoor meet, a solid improvement from an eighth-place finish a year ago.

The men's cross-country squad also notched a fourth-place finish.

Several individuals improved their performances at the conference meet. Melanie Clay finished second in the 800 meters and contributed 17 team points for the Ags. Freshmen Samantha Thompson and Courtney Schultz finished fourth and fifth respectively in the mile run.

Schultz won the WAC cross-country championship last fall, the first NMSU athlete to accomplish that.

Schultz was fifth in the 3,000 meters while junior Ingrid Flores and Camille Schultz were sixth and seventh respectively.

Richburg is ably assisted by Paul Harkins and Meaghan Gregory (distance). Scott Fister is the weight coach.

Richburg's name is big in track and field. He carries a national reputation in the profession.

Last summer, he was in charge of the U.S. men's and women's Olympic relay teams in Beijing.

"The Olympics were well organized over there," he said. "They (China) did a good job of showing us the best side of their country."

It might be easier to name a country Richburg has not visited. "Let's see," he said, "I've been to Crete, Brazil, all over France, Hungary, Canada, Monte Carlo and so many others I can't remember."

A former record-setting sprinter at

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STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University track and field coach Orin Richburg offers some guidance to NMSU sophomore hurdler and long jumper India Cleveland, Tuesday afternoon at the NMSU track.

Oñate baseball starts fast

LCHS returns strong pitching staff

By **CRAIG MASSEY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It would seem difficult to follow last year's 25-5 season, but the Oñate Knights baseball team is off to another strong start this season.

The Knights, who return only three starters from last year, won seven of their first nine games this season.

"We're doing surprisingly well," Oñate coach David Reyes said. "We lost a lot of good kids. Offensively, we're hitting the ball well, and we always concentrate on defense. Pitching was the question mark, but the kids are coming through."

John Cachora returns for the Knights at first base, and Reyes also is counting on returnees Bernie Hernandez, a utility player, and Aaron Sandoval who pitches or plays outfield. Two other key players who were injured last year return – sec-

ond baseman Mike Gonzalez and short-stop/pitcher Jason Sandoval. Another key pitcher for OHS is Jaime Romero.

"We have good chemistry," Reyes added. "The kids are working hard and they love to play. I'm really pleased with what I see."

Las Cruces High

The Bulldawgs, who got off to a 3-1 start this season, have a versatile, deep lineup under head coach Gil Padilla.

Las Cruces High returns six starters from last year's solid squad, including two pitchers – Chris Lee and Kyle Banegas. Other pitchers include Diego Rodriguez and Robert Daniels.

Position players returning include Nathan Paz, Jeremy Buurma, Jacob Cenicerros and Josh Watson.

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RICHARD DAVIS | The Las Cruces Bulletin

John Cachora, a senior at Oñate High School, has played baseball for four years with the Knights.

High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

Las Cruces High School

Girls Basketball at New Mexico State Tournament TBA
Boys Baseball March 12-13 at Eastwood/Hanks Baseball Tournament .. TBA
Tuesday, March 16 at Silver 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
March 18-20 at New Mexico Baseball Invitational TBA
Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13 at Eastwood/Hanks Baseball Tournament .. TBA
Girls Softball Tuesday, March 16 at Los Lunas 4 p.m.
March 19-20 at Southern NM Softball Tournament TBA



Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball at New Mexico State Tournament TBA
Boys Baseball March 18-20 at New Mexico Baseball Invitational TBA
Girls Softball Saturday, March 13 at Los Lunas 1 p.m.
March 19-20 at Southern NM Softball Tournament TBA



Oñate High School

Boys Baseball March 18-20 at New Mexico Baseball Invitational TBA
Girls Softball March 19-20 at Southern NM Softball Tournament TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Boys Basketball at New Mexico State Tournament TBA
Boys Baseball Tuesday, March 16 Santa Teresa JV 4 p.m.
March 18-20 at Dexter Baseball Tournament TBA
Girls Softball Saturday, March 13 Chaparral JV 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 at Hatch 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 18 Santa Teresa JV 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Tennis Thursday, March 18 Gadsden 3 p.m.



Richburg

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Kent State University, Richburg spent three weeks coaching the U.S. team in Crete, his favorite stop. "We trained right next to the sea," he said. "Great experience."

His current focus, however, is improving the women's team and the men's cross country team at NMSU.

"We're trying to recruit the best athletes we can," he said. "We want to let the high school coaches in New Mexico know we're here."

"We have 19 athletes from our state on the women's team and 14 men on the cross-country squad. We're going after the highest-profile athletes we can get in Texas, Arizona and California whenever possible. We recruit within a 600- to 700-mile radius usually."

You travel with Richburg's team, you abide by strict rules. He's a no-nonsense coach, allowing only Walt Disney movies on the team bus. No shady language and

"We want to let the high school coaches ... know we're here."

ORIN RICHBURG,
NMSU coach

no headsets. "We travel in a family atmosphere only," he said.

His teams are among the nation's leaders in academic achievement. "We're top 10 in the country in GPAs," he said.

When time allows, Richburg collects old western movies. Black and whites and color. Movies starring Johnny Mack Brown,

Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and others he classifies as real cowboys. He does not collect Clint Eastwood's Western films. "Guys like Clint Eastwood are not real cowboys," he said.

Richburg has roughly 5,000 movies in his collection. "Trying to get 'em switched to DVDs," he said.

With tight athletic department budgets, college track and field programs must limit competition. Most compete in invitational meets exclu-

sively. No more dual meets that dominated past schedules.

Track and field is big in Europe, Richburg said.

"Those athletes over there make big money," he said. "Over here, they don't have as much opportunity."

Baseball

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"We return six players with valuable experience," Padilla said. "We have a good blend of experienced players and newcomers. We also have a lot of versatility. When you have players that can play different positions, that helps."

Mayfield

Like Oñate, the Mayfield Trojans began the season with a 7-2 record. Coach Miguel Gomez's young team has had several blow-out wins early this year.

The Trojans are led by pitchers Dylan James and J.D. Heredia. Mayfield has hit the ball well this season with James Enriquez getting several multi-hit games already.

Adding power to the lineup are Steven Avalos, Clay Beakley, Jordan Lunsford and Luis Carreon.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

In Class 2A, the MVCS SonBlazers return only one starter from last year's team that made it to the state tournament.

Coach Steve Beardsley's team, which plays its home games at Doña Ana, got off to an 0-2 start this season. The lineup includes only two seniors, with the rest of the roster made up of eighth, ninth and 10th-graders.

Mesilla Valley is led by Pat Smith, who is the team's top pitcher and hitter. The only other senior on the team is left fielder Nate Caroe.

"Essentially, we're playing a varsity schedule with a JV team," Beardsley said. "But we'll be OK. The kids are coachable and want to do well."

"We might get a couple of players from the basketball team."

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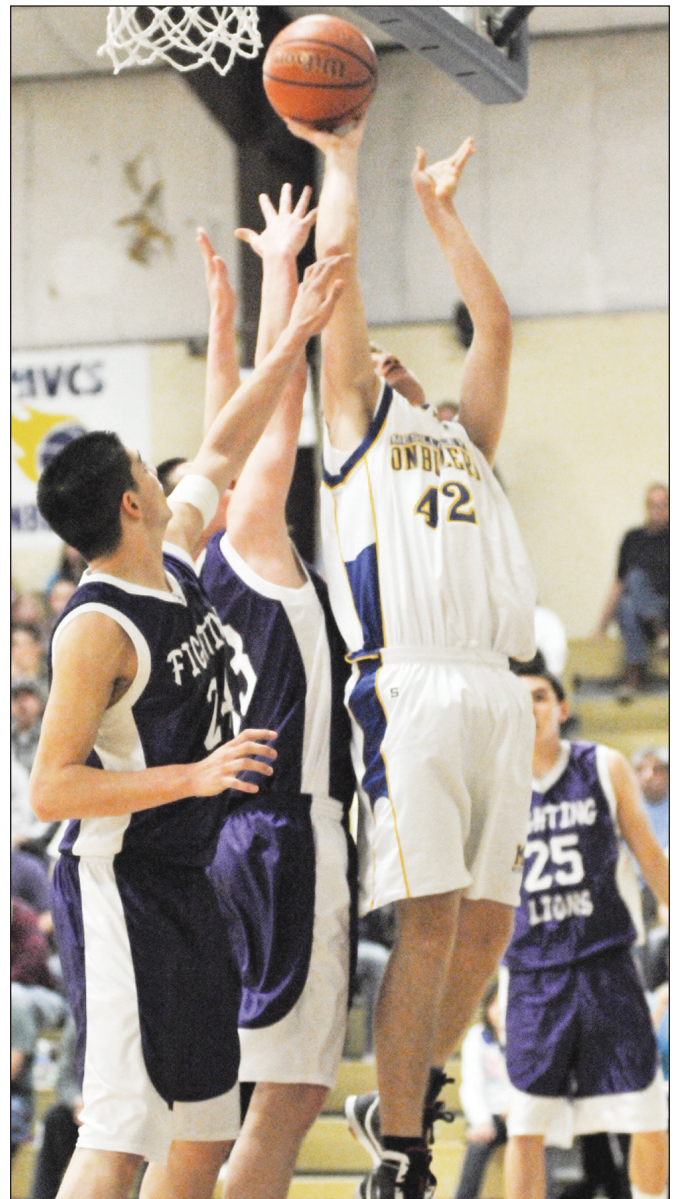
Connor Wagner handles the ball during Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' 62-50 victory during the state high school tournament, Saturday, March 6. The SonBlazers topped Mora, 102-60 on Wednesday, March 10, and will play in the Class AA semifinals against Bosque at 8 a.m. Friday, March 12, at The Pit in Albuquerque.

PHOTOS BY
RICHARD DAVIS

Scott Adler brings the ball up the court.



Adler scored 15 points in the MVCS victory.



Sean Harris is fouled as he scores two of his 12 points for the SonBlazers against Santa Rosa High School.



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Mayfield's inside game too much for AHS

Mayfield's Chris Carrasco looks for a teammate during Mayfield's 68-54 playoff win over Albuquerque High Saturday, March 6, at MHS.



Michael Hallock drives past an Albuquerque High Bulldog during Mayfield's win over AHS. The Trojans defeated Gallup 63-59 Wednesday and played Valley Thursday. The winner of that game – unknown at press time – advanced to the Class 5A finals at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in The Pit in the Duke City.



Josh Trujillo led Mayfield with 21 points.

Gabe Ybarra brings the ball up the court.

Trujillo was a force in the paint for the Trojans, who dominated the Bulldogs around the basket.

PHOTOS BY RICHARD DAVIS

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Johnson to coach Ag running backs

NMSU coach Walker hires former Utah State standout

New Mexico State head football coach DeWayne Walker announced Thursday that Shaun Johnson has been hired as the team's new running backs coach.

"Coach Johnson and I first met when I was an assistant coach and he was a wide receiver at Utah State," Walker said. "I could tell even back then that he had a good football I.Q. and I'm not surprised he is in the coaching profession. Coach Johnson interviewed with four other candidates for the job and we felt he was the best fit for our team. We are excited to have Coach Johnson as part of the New Mexico State football staff."

Johnson comes to New Mexico State after spending three years as the Utah State running backs coach from 2006 to 2008. During his final season, Johnson was responsible for developing Utah State's current star running back Robert Turbin. In addition to directing the Utah State running backs, Johnson also coached the kickoff return unit. In 2006 and 2007, Johnson coached kick returner Kevin Robinson, who set the NCAA career all-purpose yards per play record. Robinson also became one of six players in NCAA history with a total of eight combined punt and kick returns for touchdowns in a career. Additionally, Robinson has

the school record with four career kickoff returns for touchdowns.

Johnson, who played wide receiver at Utah State in 1993 and 1994, came to Logan, Utah after spending two seasons at Brown University, where he coached the NCAA I-AA rushing leader in Nick Hartigan. Hartigan was a first-team All-America selection and was one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award given to the top player at the I-AA level after rushing for 172.2 yards per game. Brown won the Ivy League title in 2005 with a 9-1 record. The Bears averaged 409.2 yards of total offense to rank 22nd in the nation, including 219.3 yards rushing, a figure that ranked 16th in the country.

As a player at USU, Johnson was on the 1993 Utah State team that won the Big West Championship and the Las Vegas Bowl. In 1994, he played in all 11 games, catching 20 passes for 190 yards and two touchdowns. Johnson, who graduated from USU with a degree in journalism in 1995, coached at Hampden-Sydney College (1998), Adams State College (1999-2000), Brown (2001, 2004-05) and Langston (2002-03), prior to coming to Utah State.

Johnson is married to the former Marcia Halauia and they have two children, Kavika and Makana.

Soccer attendance 15th in the nation

Aggies' first team draws fans

In its inaugural season, the New Mexico State soccer team ranked No. 15 in the NCAA in average attendance for the 2009 season. The Aggies averaged 1,129 fans for the seven home matches in Aggie Memorial Stadium.

"Our community support in our first year was tremendous, the environment was lively, exciting and a lot of fun for everyone that came out to be a part of our inaugural season," head coach Michael Needham said. "Our players enjoyed every home game at Aggie Memorial Stadium, our crowd was a very big part of our ability to win conference matches here in Las Cruces, and I would like to thank the loyal and faithful fans that turned out week in and week out to support this great group of young women."

Additionally, the Aggies had 7,900 fans in total attendance in 2009, which ranked No. 35 in the country. NMSU was 9-8-1 in the regular season and earned a berth to the WAC Tournament.

"We look forward to seeing everyone back out for our second season in the fall," Needham said. "We have far more home games this coming year and the excitement is building within our program about playing so many games in Aggie country."

NMSU football season tickets on sale

Home schedule includes SDSU, UNM, Boise State

The New Mexico State Athletic Department released season and single-game ticket prices for the 2010 football season.

The 2010 NMSU football home schedule includes non-conference opponents San Diego State on Sept. 11 and New Mexico on Oct. 9.

In addition, four WAC opponents will visit Las Cruces in 2010, including Fiesta Bowl Champion Boise State, Louisiana Tech, San Jose State and Hawai'i. The dates of the WAC games will be announced at a

later date, pending completion of the WAC's ESPN schedule.

As in 2009, a season-ticket purchase represents a 56-percent savings off the single-game prices in most sections. Season tickets can be purchased as little as \$44 for general admission seats. Chair-back seats at midfield cost \$117. Most seats in the stadium are priced between \$47 and \$52.

If a fan bought reserved seats to all six games, it would cost \$118. The same reserved seat with a season-ticket package costs just \$52.

"We are committed to providing the community with affordable entertainment," said NMSU Athletic Director McKinley Boston. "While the best deals are reserved for those that purchase season tickets, we will continue to feature the lowest single-game prices in the WAC and in the region."

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AGGIES NEW MEXICO STATE

NMSU's Boyd, Rosen receive women's basketball honors

Aggie guard on WAC second team

The 2009-10 women's all-Western Athletic Conference teams have been named, following a vote by the WAC's head coaches. Louisiana Tech's Shanavia Dowdell headlines the awards, earning the WAC Player of the Year honor for the second year in a row.

Dowdell, a 6-1 senior forward from Calera, Ala. (Calera HS), becomes the fifth player in WAC history to earn the honor in back-to-back seasons. She led the WAC in scoring (17.9) and rebounding (12.4), and ranked second in field-goal percentage (.520) and fifth in blocks (1.29). She also tallied a WAC-best 20 double-doubles, including 14 of 16 conference games, and was named WAC Player of the Week four times.

Fresno State head coach Adrian Wiggins earns WAC Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his career. Wiggins led the Bulldogs to a perfect 16-0 record in WAC play, becoming the first WAC team since Louisiana Tech in 2002-03 to accomplish the feat. Fresno State has won 17 straight games, dating back to Jan. 2, and has an RPI of 27.

Fresno State's Jaleesa Ross earned the WAC's Defensive Player of the Year honor. A 5-8 guard from Pinole, Calif. (Pinole Valley HS), led the league with 2.94 steals per game in WAC play. Ross was also named first team all-WAC and to the all-Defensive team.

Nevada's Tahnee Robinson is the WAC's Newcomer of the Year. Robinson, a 5-9 junior guard from Fort Washakie, Wyo. (Sheridan College), becomes the second Nevada player to receive the honor. In

WAC play, Robinson ranked third in the conference in scoring with 17.8 points per game, third in three-point field goal percentage (.436), seventh in field goal percentage (.485) and 10th in free throw percentage (.732). She reached double-digit scoring in 19 of the 21 games she played, including 15 of 16 WAC games.

Four different schools are represented on the first team, including Louisiana Tech's Dowdell and Adrienne Johnson, Fresno State's Ross, Nevada's Robinson and Boise State's Tasha Harris. Dowdell, Johnson, Ross and Harris receive first-team all-WAC honors for the second time, while Robinson earns the honor for the first time.

The all-WAC second teamers were Crystal Boyd of New Mexico State, Idaho's Rachele Kloke, Hayley Munro of Fresno State, Nevada's Shavon Moore and Amber White of Utah State. Munro is a repeat selection, while the other four are making their first appearance on the team.

The all-Freshman team includes five players from four different teams, including Boise State's Lauren Lenhardt and Julia Marshall, Fresno State's Rosie Moul, New Mexico State's Camila Rosen and Utah State's Banna Diop.

Ross headlined the all-Defensive team and was joined by Louisiana Tech's Johnson and Dowdell, Nevada's Moore and Alice Coddington of Utah State.

The championship game of the WAC Tournament will be played at 2 p.m. MST at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno, Nev.

Aggie trio on all-WAC team

Nevada's Babbitt named Player of the Year

By JIM HILLEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Three New Mexico State University men's basketball players have been selected for honors by the coaches of the Western Athletic Conference.

Junior guard Jahmar Young tops the list with his second-straight selection to the all-WAC first team, while senior guard Jonathan Gibson returns to the all-WAC second team after being selected for the team in 2008. Junior forward Wendell McKines was also recognized as a member of the honorable-mention team, his first conference recognition as an Aggie.

"I was really happy to see all three of the guys receive accolades for their accomplishments this year," NMSU coach Marvin Menzies said. "I thought finishing second in the WAC was a good indication of the direction of the program and an improvement from last year. Having three quality players helping us do that and for them to receive recognition from their conference. I was happy to see that, and that's what comes with winning."

Menzies seemed especially pleased to have McKines receive recognition.

"I think that Wendell's selection was the result of his heart and his motor and how he played. A lot of coaches respect his work ethic and how hard he plays."

The coach expressed his hope the award would spur the Aggie forward and crowd favorite from Oakland, Calif., to reach even higher next year.

"It sets the table for him to go forward with some motivation and inspiration to have a great off season and take care of business so that he can return and aim even higher for next year in terms of maybe even making one of the all-conference teams."

Gibson also received praise from Menzies.

"As far as Jonathan is concerned, I've said this before, and I'll say it again – he's been 'Steady Eddie' for us all season long and has given us consistent scoring. He's had an off game here and there," he said, "but for the most part, he's been somebody we could rely on. He gives us a good scoring punch, and that has obviously been very valuable, especially at times when we haven't been able to get stops."

"With him and JY (Jahmar Young) it's been a great combination of guards to coach, and I think it will help Gibson going forward to be able to have an award like that on his resumé."

Second-time all-WAC first team recipient Young is the Aggie's leading scorer and is considered to be one of the top three players in the WAC.

"What can you say about Jahmar Young?" Menzies said. "He's just been solid and has really developed and matured both on and off the court. It's just a joy to see the fruits of your labor when you work hard with an individual, and they start to receive the accolades for their efforts. That's what the business is all about."

"He's a great kid, and he has a great passion for the game. He's a heck of a player, and the other coaches recognize that," he said.


Menzies said he wouldn't be surprised if Young pursues a professional career after his eligibility is exhausted. Part of that might be declaring himself eligible for the 2010 NBA draft without hiring an agent, a route that would allow him to gauge his readiness for the NBA without losing the last year of his college eligibility.

2010 WAC All-Conference Awards

First Team				
Name	School	Pos.	Ht., Wt., Class	Home Town
Luke Babbitt	Nevada	F	6-9, 225, So.	Reno, Nev.
Jahmar Young	New Mexico State	G	6-4, 180, Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
Adrian Oliver	San Jose State	G	6-4, 210, Jr.	Modesto, Calif.
Jared Quayle	Utah State	G	6-1, 180, Sr.	Perry, Utah
Tai Wesley	Utah State	F	6-7, 240, Jr.	Provo, Utah
Second Team				
Paul George	Fresno State	G/F	6-8, 215, So.	Palmdale, Calif.
Kyle Gibson	Louisiana Tech	G	6-5, 205, Sr.	Los Angeles
Magnum Rolle	Louisiana Tech	F/C	6-11, 220, Sr.	Freeport, Bahamas
Armon Johnson	Nevada	G	6-3, 195, Jr.	Reno, Nev.
Jonathan Gibson	New Mexico State	G	6-1, 171, Sr.	West Covina, Calif.
Honorable Mention				
Daequan Montreal	Boise State	F	6-8, 220, Jr.	Syracuse, N.Y.
Sylvester Seay	Fresno State	F	6-10, 235, Sr.	San Bernardino, Calif.
Roderick Flemings	Hawaii	F	6-7, 210, Sr.	Dallas
Mac Hopson	Idaho	G	6-2, 185, Sr.	Portland, Ore.
Wendell McKines	New Mexico State	F	6-6, 224, Jr.	Oakland, Calif.
Player of the Year				
				Luke Babbitt, Nevada
Freshman of the Year				
				Greg Smith, Fresno State
Don Haskins Coach of the Year				
				Stew Morrill, Utah State
All-Defensive Team				
Marvin Jefferson	Idaho	C	6-10, 245, Sr.	Merced, Calif.
Kyle Gibson	Louisiana Tech	G	6-5, 205, Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Magnum Rolle	Louisiana Tech, F/C		6-11, 220, Sr.	Freeport, Bahamas
Dario Hunt	Nevada	F	6-8, 230, So.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Pooh Williams	Utah State	G/F	6-3, 200, Jr.	Federal Way, Wash.
All-Newcomer Team				
Daequan Montreal	Boise State	F	6-8, 220, Jr.	Syracuse, N.Y.
Greg Smith	Fresno State	C	6-10, 250, Fr.	Fresno, Calif.
DeAndre Brown	Louisiana Tech	G	5-11, 160, Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas
Nate Bendall	Utah State	F	6-9, 245, Jr.	Salt Lake City
Brian Green	Utah State	G	6-1, 195, Jr.	Kaysville, Utah

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ATHLETE of the WEEK



Wendell McKines

Junior, Men's Basketball

Junior forward Wendell McKines earned All-WAC honors for the first time in his career this season. He was an honorable-mention selection with a WAC-high 9.8 rebounds per game in conference contests. This is the first year since the 2005-06 season that the Aggies have had multiple all-league honorees.



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Aggies earn split with UNM Lobos

NMSU begins series with Georgia State Friday

The New Mexico State baseball team split the four-game series with in-state rival New Mexico after falling 13-4 at Isotopes Park Wednesday, March 10.

On Tuesday, March 9, the New Mexico State baseball team defeated New Mexico by the score of 14-10 at Isotopes Park.

In that game, sophomore pitcher Scott Coffman, an Albuquerque native, was credited with the win and goes to 1-1 on the year. He worked 3.1 innings and struck out five of the 14 batters he faced, while giving up only three hits and not allowing a ball.

"Coffman was brilliant, and he went out and played outstanding," head coach Rocky Ward said. "He showed leadership today by coming in with some pressure against our in-state rival and threw well."

Adam Heredia, a Las Cruces native, and Roswell native Justin Cooper also chipped in, throwing a combined 4.1 innings, while left hander Ryan Beck threw 1.1 innings.

Leading the way offensively for NMSU was junior shortstop Ryan Aguayo, who posted a 3-for-6 day with two RBI and three runs scored. Senior Ben Harty also had a great day at the dish as he two hits and five RBI, four coming off a grand slam.

"After we lost the way we did on Sunday, I told the team they had to get ready for the next game," Ward said. "We bounced back and put together a really good offensive day."

There were two scoreless innings before Harty blasted a grand slam in the top of the third giving NMSU a 4-0 lead. It was sixth home run of the season.

The Aggie lead was squeezed to one run after UNM crossed the plate three times in the bottom of the fourth. NMSU came right back in the top of the fifth inning putting up four more runs, two of which came off a two-RBI single to center field by senior Leo Aguirre.

Although UNM scored twice in the bottom of the fifth, senior Chace Perkins, who entered the game as a sub, made an outstanding play in center field as he had to chase down a hard hit ball and run up the hill that is out

in center to make an amazing catch. After the fifth, the Aggies had an 8-5 lead, however, UNM tied the game in the bottom of sixth after two Lobo base runners crossed the plate on a single and the third run came in on a balk by the Aggie pitcher. There were three balks called on the NMSU pitching staff and no balks called on the Lobos.

The Aggies regained the lead in the top of the seventh when Aguayo hit a single to left field for two RBI and senior Mike Sodders doubled to center field for two RBI of his own.

With a 12-8 lead heading into the eighth, UNM seemed to want to make a comeback as they tallied two runs to pull to within two. The Aggies fired right back in the top of the ninth with two runs of their own to go up 14-10 before Coffman came in to strikeout two batters in the bottom of the inning and get one batter to pop up to second base.

The Aggies fall to 10-7 on the year after Thursday's loss, while UNM goes to 9-5. The Aggies posted four runs on 11 hits Thursday, however they committed four costly errors. Junior right hander Dan Reid was credited with his first loss of the year after he threw 6.0 innings and gave up nine runs, six of them earned.

"It was a good series and two games were well contested, while the other two went to the home team," head coach Rocky Ward said. "Our team played well, and we were able to challenge each other and both our teams should be challenging at the top of our leagues."

The Lobos took the lead in the bottom of the first scoring two runs on two hits, then added to their lead putting up three more runs on three hits in the bottom of the second. The Aggies were held scoreless until the ninth inning when Parker Hipp scored on a balk and Nate Shaver then scored on a RBI ground out by pinch-hitter Joel Cardinal. Shaver, who was 2-for-5 with two runs scored, reached base on a double down the right-field line.

The Aggies now look forward to a three-game weekend series with Georgia State, starting at 6:05 p.m. Friday, March 12.

Idaho tops Aggies

Boyd grabs double-double

The fifth-seeded New Mexico State women's basketball team dropped its Western Athletic Conference quarterfinal to fourth-seeded Idaho 75-63 at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno, Nev., Wednesday afternoon, knocking the Aggies out of the tournament.

Aggie junior guard Jasmine Lowe and senior backcourt mate Crystal Boyd led New Mexico State on the scoreboard with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Boyd also grabbed 10 rebounds for her eighth double-double of the season.

New Mexico State finishes the season at 18-13 overall. Fourth-seeded Idaho improves to 11-19 on the year and will face top-seeded Fresno State Friday afternoon in the WAC semifinals.

Late in the game, two treys by NMSU junior guard Danisha Corbett and a bucket by All-WAC freshman Camila Rosen trimmed the Vandal lead to one at 58-57 with 4:30 left in regulation.

After a pair of threes by Idaho senior guard Charlotte Otero and junior Bianca Cheever, Lowe responded with one of her own to make it a 64-60 Idaho lead with 2:35 remaining. But Otero knocked down another trey and Vandal junior post Yinka Olorunnife made a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 69-60 and Idaho was able to make free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

New Mexico State shot 35.4 percent (23-of-65) in the game while Idaho hit 44.4 percent (28-of-63) of their shots from the floor. The Vandals out-rebounded the Aggies 46-37 and made 10 three-point shots to just seven for the Aggies.

Amy Arenas optimistic about future

Cross-country runner pushes her limits for Aggie program

If there's one thing that cross-country runner Amy Arenas of Las Cruces is great at, it's pushing herself to her limits with every run.

During her sophomore year, Arenas' limits were tested when she discovered she had asthma, but she was determined to work through both the physical and mental challenges ahead of her and face them head on.

"You just have to learn how to work with it," Arenas said. "My goal was to try my hardest, not give up and work to get back to where I was last year."

Throughout the 2009 season, Arenas did more than just work through her asthma; she also broke two New Mexico State records and finished in second at the Western Athletic Conference Championships in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:35.41.

Assistant coach Paul Harkins also

saw a great deal of improvement and drive in Arenas throughout her sophomore year.

"Amy wants to continue to improve," Harkins said. "Her drive and determination got her to where she is today. She just wants to run and push herself."

Currently, Arenas continues to train by running 70-75 miles per week and is working on staying positive to motivate herself through the pains that can sometimes stand in the way of her overall goals.

"In the back of my mind I just tell myself, 'OK, you can do this run, you've done it before,' Arenas said. "You just have to push yourself to where you know you can do it."

Arenas is optimistic about her future as a runner. Looking forward to the upcoming season, Arenas is

sure she will be able to deliver.

"If you set your mind to something, you can do it," Arenas said. "I've already accomplished so much. I broke a record at school and I never thought I'd be able to do that, but I did."

On the off-chance that you find Arenas not running, you'll find her spending time with family or attending church at the First Assembly of God, both of which are a huge part of her life. Arenas also enjoys spending time with her niece and nephew and frequently baby sits the two just to have the opportunity to spend quality time with them.

Arenas is currently double majoring in accounting and criminal justice. After graduating from NMSU, she hopes to join the police force and eventually work her way up to the FBI or DEA.

Equestrians travel to College Station

New Mexico State faces Texas A&M Friday, March 12

The New Mexico State equestrian team will travel to College Station, Texas, this week for their final regular-season road trip as the Aggies take on Texas A&M Friday, March 12.

The Aggies are coming off a win over Fresno State two weeks ago and will look to stay on the winning track against the No. 3-ranked Texas A&M Aggies. NMSU is currently 5-4 on the season, while Texas A&M sits at 9-2 on the year.

The last time New Mexico faced Texas A&M was

back in 2008, as the Texas A&M Aggies defeated the New Mexico State Aggies 15-5. The Western team was defeated 6-4, while the Hunter Seat team fell 9-1. The Aggies did have three MVP winners on the day. NMSU also saw Texas A&M in the second round of last year's Varsity National Equestrian Championships, as the Western team fell 7-0 in the head-to-head team competition.

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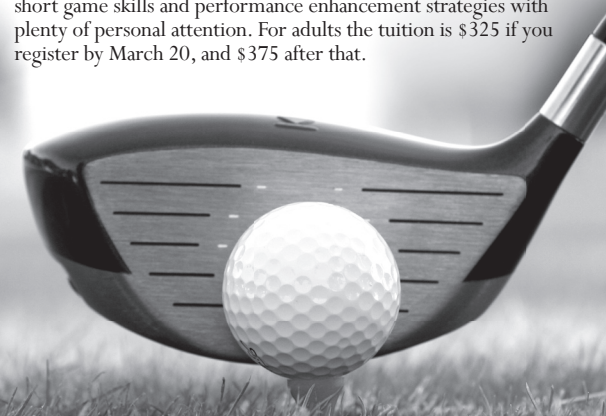
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Exotic golf clubs out of a garage?

Teen's repair shop is now America's 10th biggest golf club company

As I roamed around the PGA Golf Show in Orlando, Fla., a few weeks ago, amid the mega-displays by Ping and Titleist and Callaway, I stopped and mused about how a little guy could compete in such a crowded golf club marketplace.

When I glanced up I was standing in front of the Tour Edge booth. Tour Edge is one of the "little guys" so I thought I'd check them out. Turns out it was one of the feel-good stories of the golf industry.

Tour Edge golf was started by golfer David Glod in 1986, literally out of his garage, where he began reconditioning persimmon drivers as a high school kid.

"My mother did a lot of furniture refinishing," Glod said, "so maybe I took to refurbishing golf clubs naturally."

The entrepreneur in Glod emerged at age 10, when, growing up adjacent a Chicago-land country club, he would resell the golf balls he found to passing golfers. As a school kid, Glod worked for a local supermarket and felt early on he needed to do his own thing.

"I knew right away I wanted to be my own boss," Glod told me in a recent interview.

As a golfer, Glod was good enough to earn a golf scholarship to Florida Southern College, where his teammates were Rocco Mediate and Lee Janzen, both huge names on the PGA Tour for the past 25 years.

Looking back on competitive golf, recalls Glod, "I just wanted to go in a different direction."

After getting certified as a PGA teaching professional, Glod actually spent a few years giving lessons at a local golf club. That is until the pull of making golf clubs became irresistible.

"As soon as metal heads became available for fairway woods, I started putting them together," Glod said. "And then in 1987, I was the first to put a graphite shaft into a 44-inch driver."

Commitment to quality

From the day the company was launched, Glod's passion and commitment to bringing golfers quality products at affordable prices has continually driven sales to new heights. His credo is: "Offer the golfer and the golf shop an exceptional value, and everyone wins." He senses that his niche in the market is as a "value" company, meaning quality for price.

Today, Tour Edge ranks 10th in total sales among club companies. But, interestingly, it has been the striking innovation in combo with leading-edge technology, instead of price-sensitive value, for which the company is now best known. And like the other important golf club makers who market several lines of clubs, each aimed at a slightly different segment of golfers, Tour

Edge has its own lines.

Their Chevrolet model is the "Lift-Off" line of clubs, with an up-to-date design and a very reasonable price; sort of a starter set. They also have the "Bazooka" club line, which has become especially popular with folks who like hybrids. Incidentally, you can take a look at everything that Tour Edge has by visiting www.touredge.com.

As Glod pointed out in our interview, Tour Edge has found its rightful place among the dozens of big and small club companies by bringing out better technology.

"We see our research and development department as about the best in the industry," boasts Glod.

Tour Edge's high-tech Cadillac line of clubs is called "Exotics." The Exotics line of drivers, fairway woods and hybrids are the ones that have really put Tour Edge on the map.

My three wood is a 13-degree Exotics I bought two years ago, and it's my favorite club in my bag. I didn't know it at the time, but it turns out that the Tour Edge fairway woods you buy today come with a guarantee (it's in all their ads) that you'll hit your ball 20 yards longer than you do with your existing woods. When I asked Glod about the guarantee – a claim that is bold and unusual in the business – he said this: "That's right; we mean it. We'll see a club or two returned, but it isn't very often." I shared with Glod that I hit my CB2 Exotics three wood about 40 yards farther than I hit my driver some 20 years ago.

Most recently, Tour Edge Exotics has come out with an innovative design for their newest clubs called XCG irons. Actually there is a second line of XCG 3 clubs, made from the same materials, that are slightly oversized and more suitable for higher handicap players. Designed with a low center of gravity and a fairly beefy sole, the XCG irons are more traditional and better for low- to mid-handicap players. But make no mistake, these are not in the category of "game improvement" equipment, which is a term I abhor, since we buy everything to improve our game.

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When I experienced these irons at the PGA show, I noticed that they had extraordinary feel and responsiveness, which I learned was partly due to an elastomer "dampening" system within the cavity back to reduce excess vibrations that are normally sent up the shaft. The elastomer inserts in the scoring irons (seven through wedge) are set to produce a smooth, buttery feel and greater spin, whereas in the mid and longer irons, the inserts are firmer and promote greater



DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD

Golf Doctor

rebound, solid feel and greater distance. These irons have a thin top line and are offset progressively. With an available choice of True Temper steel, Rifle Project X or Fujikura graphite shafts, the XCG irons have the visually appealing look of blade but with super forgiveness for off-center hits. For more tech details and reviews of the XCG irons, visit www.exoticsgolf.com. While there is a paucity of Tour Edge dealers in New Mexico it would be useful to visit online stores like Golfsmith, The Golf Warehouse and Edwin Watts. Tour Edge also has a "pre-owned" shop online.

One of the things that drew me to look into the Tour Edge story is that the company does not pay any professionals to play its products. Tour Edge has staunchly maintained its position that the clubs are played on tour "because of their performance and are chosen by players who believe our clubs give them the best chance of success." Tour Edge publishes the tournaments and finishing place of Tour players who use the clubs, but not the players' names. Pretty cool. That way you and I don't have to pay \$10 a club more to fund the retirement of tour guys with names on the bags.

As for the future, Glod thinks club makers will use metals and compounds that are even more miraculous than titanium – stuff like magnesium and "exotic" composites with carbon. He likens golf clubs to where racing bicycles, skis and tennis racquets were a few years ago. The idea, he says, is to craft lighter-weight products that are easier to use.

"You're going to see lighter clubs that will add distance for folks with slower swing speeds," predicts Glod.

It sounds good, and I'm wishing him and Tour Edge all the best. Golfers like me, who love new stuff, fervently hope the new clubs won't be made out of unaffordium.




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Tess Williamson

Tess Williamson is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. She plays No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles on the Trojan girls' tennis team. Williamson placed sixth in doubles with Kelly Brenner in the America's Tennis Invite. She was a finalist in singles and helped the team win first place in points during the Oñate Tennis Invitational. Her record in singles is 4-1 and in doubles is 3-2. Williamson loves to play doubles over singles. She has sacrificed for the team by playing singles instead of doubles during the Oñate Invitational and that helped the team win the Team Tournament Trophy. Williamson is honest and hardworking, with a 3.61 GPA. She is the senior class vice president, and her interests outside of school are skiing – she will race anyone down a hill.



Austin Hooker

Austin Hooker is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles on the Trojan boys' tennis team. Hooker was a finalist in singles at the American Tennis Invitational and champion in singles at the Oñate Tennis Invitational. He helped the team win the Team Tournament Trophy. His singles record is 9-1. Hooker is great to have on the tennis team. He is honest, hard-working and a great role model as he motivates his team to work harder and be better players. Hooker is the senior class president and has a 3.9 GPA. Outside of school he enjoys playing football, swimming and skiing. He enjoys long walks on the beach, chocolate ice cream and a freshly pressed suit. He also enjoys listening to elevator music.

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Trio of Aggies earn WAC tip-of-the-hat

Young gets first-team honor

It's always good to get a compliment from your friends, but ole Pete knows that sometimes those close to you will only see the good of what you are trying to do without worrying about the overall picture. But when your peers step up with a pat on the back, then you know you have something. This peer recognition for men's basketball took place earlier this week with the announcing of the All-WAC selections for the regular season.

The coaches are the ones who have a say in choosing the members of the honors team but they have to pick from everyone else's roster. For the first time since the Aggies joined up, the men who know the most about WAC hoops picked three Aggies for recognition. The last time multiple NM Staters were tabbed was 2006 and then it was two NM State hoopsters who were singled out. Then it was Elijah Ingram and Tyrone Nelson picked to the second team.

In 2010, the trio of Crimson and White clad honorees were on the first, second and honorable mention lists. Junior guard Jahmar Young made all league for the second year in a row. He still has one year left of thrilling fans in the Pan American Center and is on track to set the school's all-time scoring record as well. In case you haven't been paying close attention, Young has been racking up the assists in each game helping his teammates score as well.

He had nine versus Nevada



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last week. Second team honors went to senior guard Jonathon Gibson. The West Covina, Calif., native has grown as a player in his senior year, caring more for the pass, the steal first and then looking to knock down the 3-pointer after that. The proof on that is in the stats as well, although Gibson still had the most 3-pointers per game so it wasn't like he got shy in his senior year.

Another Aggie who showed his game had grown in all directions was the honorable mention choice of junior forward Wendell McKines. He was a little late to saddle up for the year but he made up for lost time. Grabbing enough rebounds to pace the league for conference games and also working to set up his teammates with multiple games with multiple assists was what McKines was all about in 2009-10.

With Young and McKines up for another turn around the course next year and a second-place finish in hand at the end of the regular season, the praise from those you compete against feels mighty good. The future of Aggie basketball feels mighty good too.

Pete

A tourney memory

Columnist recalls chance meeting with the legendary Chick Hearn

With the Aggie men's basketball team facing San Jose State in the first round of the WAC tournament, I go back to my first postseason tournament in the Big West or Pacific Coast Athletic Association, as it was known then.

San Jose State was the opponent, but the real excitement for me was the site where the tournament would be played. The home of the Los Angeles Lakers, "The Fabulous Forum" was the host site. I flew to the "Citadel of the Angels" the morning of the game ready to settle in for a few days of hoops in one of the nation's premier arenas. This was 1987 and NM State had put together a .500 season with Kenny Travis, Johnny Roberson and Steve McGlothlin as team leaders.

The host hotel was next to the Forum so it was a short walk to the NBA shrine. I checked in and went to have lunch and walk where my sports casting hero, Chick Hearn, had worked for so many decades.

Hearn was a very modest man who had not let his ego grow out of control and was truly flattered by compliments and requests for interviews from other media. It was something that I took to heart as a role model of deportment and sought to come close to his brilliant on air descriptions of the thousands of Lakers games he had narrated.

I went to the Laker club to dine and unexpectedly got to meet my hero. I wanted to come across as a colleague but



JACK NIXON

Jack's Corner

couldn't help but gush praise that was accepted modestly as if he was just another cog in the Laker machine.

Soon it was time to get down to my assignment. The Spartans were coached by Bill Berry, an old pal of Aggie coach Neil McCarthy. They had been teammates on a Bay Area AAU team and Berry's son Ricky was the star for the Spartans.

I settled in, inspired by the chance meeting with Hearn and rattled on as the game played itself out. It wouldn't be the last time I would cross paths with my hero, though.

I worked at a sportscaster camp a few years later and Hearn was a guest lecturer. He was mobbed afterward, and of course, patiently answered questions, accepted praise and offered advice. He noticed me in the background and gave me a nod, which made me feel like a million dollars.

The setting of this year's game with San Jose State is Reno, Nev., the Aggies have gone on to lots of tournaments had lots of victories, the Fabulous Forum is now a church and Hearn has gone to the next realm – as we all will some day.

There are rare moments in life when the reality of what we hope for actually exceeds our dreams. That tournament trip to face San Jose State was one of those moments for me.

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Florida Gulf Coast
Clearwater, Fla.
2 p.m.

Baseball
Georgia State
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Equestrian
Texas A&M
College Station, Texas
10 a.m.

Saturday, March 13
Men's Basketball
WAC Tournament
Reno, Nev.
8 p.m.*

Women's Basketball
WAC Tournament
Reno, Nev.
2 p.m.*

Softball
James Madison
Clearwater, Fla.
11:30 a.m.

Softball
South Florida
Clearwater, Fla.
4 p.m.

Baseball
Georgia State
Las Cruces
3 p.m.

Women's Tennis
New Mexico
Las Cruces
10 a.m.

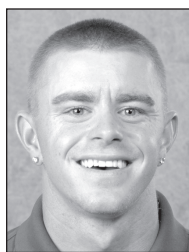
Sunday, March 14
Softball
Central Michigan
Clearwater, Fla.
9:30 a.m.

Baseball
Georgia State
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16
Softball
Minnesota
Las Cruces
3 and 5 p.m.

*Scheduled NMSU game times if the Aggies advance in WAC Tournament.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Tim Madigan
Senior
Men's Golf

Senior Tim Madigan led the Aggie men's golf team at the Border Olympics Golf Tournament. He tied for 16th overall with a three round score of 5-over par, 221. A Rio

Rancho, N.M., native, Madigan carded a final round score of 3-over par, 75.



Wade Reynoso
Senior
Baseball

Senior third baseman Wade Reynoso pounded the ball last week hitting .522 against No. 20 New Mexico and Saint Joseph's. He picked up a season-high six at-bats, a

season-high four hits and a season-high six RBI against UNM to lead the Aggies to a 17-8 victory. Reynoso heads into week four of play ranked second in the WAC in hits and first in RBI with 24. He currently has a .400 batting average.



Kylie Randall
Junior
Softball

Junior second baseman Kylie Randall batted .400 at the Eller Media Stadium Tournament with six hits in 15 at-bats. She also plated four runs and stole three bases on four

attempts. Her bunt single against Cal was the Aggies' only hit of the game. Earlier in the week, Randall's double was one of two Aggie hits allowed by No. 2 Arizona.

Looking Back



This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**MARVIN
TESSNEER**
Out of the Past

75
years ago
1935

• More than 40 El Paso businessmen met with Chamber of Commerce members at the Tortugas Grill to wind up a goodwill tour. The businessmen also had visited Silver City, Hillsboro, Hot Springs and Deming, N.M.

• H.B. Rolls from the Federal Cotton Production office met with farmers in Hatch, La Mesa and Canutillo, N.M., to explain regulations in the cotton acreage reduction program. In another sign of the Great Depression, the government was encouraging producers to reduce cotton supplies to improve the market.

50
years ago
1960

• The Las Cruces High Bulldogs basketball won its second straight state championship under coach Lou Henson by beating Highland 65-44. Highland had tied the score three times in the first quarter, but the Bulldogs went into a full-court press and led 38-22 at halftime. And Henson cleared the bench. The Bulldogs scored on 26 out of 69 shots. Bobby Banegas led scoring with 16 points and James Singleton pulled down 15 rebounds.

• City Manager Gene Higgins named Bernice Maynez city clerk.



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Farm workers spread out red chile pods when producers solar dried their chile, which many people believe produced a better taste. Now producers dehydrate chile with heated gas.

• Temperatures hit 80 degrees during the day, but dropped to 4 degrees above freezing at night.

25
years ago
1985

• The City Council starting reviewing issues that needed to be resolved before approving a City Charter, such as defining seven districts by ethnic and economic categories, regulating campaign practices and city operations.

• Mark Apodaca and Dennis Duran combined for 32 points to overcome a fourth-quarter 49-44 Mayfield lead as Las Cruces High defeated Mayfield 60-58 to end the regular season.

• Tonya Zwaagstra, of the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, won the Las Cruces Spelling Bee by spelling "torrenicole" and "unisonous."

• The New Mexico State University Roadrunners defeated the Colorado State women's basketball team 81-70 to tie for second with Utah in the High Country Athletic Conference.

• Family home-building made up for the largest construction category in February with 54 permits for a \$3.1 million value.

10
years ago
2000

• Elephant Butte Irrigation District Board chairman Gary Arnold, while speaking at the Western Pecan Growers Association Conference, told growers that the district's detailed records could assist them to establish water rights for the State Engineer adjudication.

• La Posta de Mesilla marked its 69th birthday. Owners Tom and Jerean Camuñez Hutchinson said records show it was part of the old Corn Exchange Hotel. Katy Griggs said she started the restaurant with a few tables.

• Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena and Trustees Nora Barraza, Jesus Caro and Carlos Castañeda were re-elected.

• Las Cruces rapped out 12 runs in the first inning to out-score Silver City 12-2, and Mayfield's Adam Cole pitched a two-hitter to shut out Silver 15-0.

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GARAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, across from Las Cruces High School, will hold a garage sale from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13. The sale will be held in Reeves Hall, the last building in the back next to the garage. No early birds.

ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF LUNCHEON

The Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will host its annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Masonic Lodge Hall, 180 E. Boutz Road. OES and Masonic members will be serving the lunch, which costs \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. It will include corned beef, cabbage, carrots, onions, potatoes, rolls, dessert and a drink. The proceeds will go to charities throughout Las Cruces.

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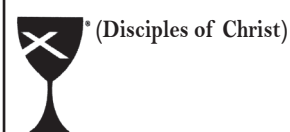
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Ministry program focuses on local young adults

Theology on Tap talks take religion out of church

By BETH SITZLER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

To bring more young adults into the church, the Basilica of San Albino Roman Catholic Church began Theology on Tap, a monthly ministry series that takes place in local establishments around town.

Started in Chicago in 1981, Theology on Tap was created by Father John Cusick and has turned into a national program.

"It's an informal talk for young people where you get food and a beer," said Jeff Barnet, who works with youths and young adults at San Albino.

Barnet, who is originally from Chicago, began the ministry program after Rev. Father Richard Catanach asked him to reach out to youths in the community.

"One of the first things he said was to find something for the young people to do," Barnet said.

The idea behind Theology on Tap is to educate young adults of all dominations on religion in a place outside of the church, where they will feel relaxed and comfortable.

"We reach people where they are at and make them

feel comfortable," he said, adding that other churches hold similar events. "After high school or college, young people go away and don't return (to the church) until they get married and have children. We have to offer something for them."

Beginning in September 2009, Barnet was the first speaker during the 30-minute discussion. Other speakers include Dan Schneider, who discussed how to reason with people about faith; Father Miguel Briseño of Holy Cross Retreat Center, who spoke on the Virgen de Guadalupe image; Catanach, who talked about the Catholic identity; and Monsignor Robert Getz, San Albino's retired pastor, who simply answered audience questions.

"I asked them to speak about what they most know," Barnet said.

While Barnet said the goal of the program is to reach out to young adults, answer their questions and show that the church is there for them, he has encountered some naysayers.

"Numerous people question whether we were encouraging young people to drink," he said. "What I say is Pope

Benedict drank beer, Jesus turned water into wine and no one has more than one.

"It doesn't have to be beer. Beer isn't essential."

Hoping each participant takes something away with them, Barnet said he wants to begin other programs to connect with the community.

"We want to establish this as a place that cares about young adults," he said.

Barnet said 12 to 15 college-aged participants have attended each event, which has taken place at Brigid's Cross Irish Pub, La Posta de Mesilla and The Game Sports Bar & Grill.

The next Theology on Tap will be held sometime after Easter, Barnet said. The programs are held at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

"I'm always looking for speakers," Barnet said. "If they think they have something to offer, they should contact me."

For more information or to become a speaker, call Barnet at 571-9627.

Put your family before your career

Low self-esteem leading cause of depression in women

I've always thought a man should be willing to work and sacrifice to reach his goals. I've heard you say, "Cool the passion and postpone the dream." That isn't the way I was taught.

There's nothing wrong with having a passion and a dream. It should, however, be kept in balance with other valuable components of your life — your family and your relationship with God being chief among them.

Let me illustrate that need to keep the various components of our lives in perspective. I read an article in the Los Angeles Times about a man named J.R. Buffington. His goal in life was to produce lemons of record-breaking size from the tree in his backyard. He came up with a formula to do just that. He fertilized the tree with ashes from the fireplace, some rabbit-goat manure, a few rusty nails and plenty of water.

That spring, the scrawny little tree produced two gigantic lemons, one weighing more than 5 pounds. But every other lemon on the tree was shriveled and misshapen. Buffington is still working on his formula.

Isn't that the way it is in life? Great investments in a particular endeavor tend to rob others of their potential. I'd rather have a tree covered with juicy lemons than a record-breaking but freakish crop, wouldn't you? Balance is the word. It is the key to successful living — and parenting.

Husbands and wives who fill their lives with never-ending volumes of work are too exhausted to take walks together, share their deeper feelings, understand and meet each other's needs. This breathless pace predominates in millions of households, leaving every member of the family frazzled and irritable. Husbands are moonlighting to bring home more money. Wives are on their own busy career track. Their children are often ignored, and life goes speeding by in a deadly routine.

Even some grandparents are too busy to keep the grandkids. I see this kind of over commitment as the quickest route to the destruction of the family. And there simply must be a better way.

Some friends of mine recently sold their house and moved into a smaller and less expensive place just so they could lower their payments and reduce the hours required in the workplace. That kind of downward mobility is almost unheard of today — it's almost un-American. But when we reach the end of our lives and we look back on the things that mattered most, those precious relationships with people we love will rank at the top of the list.

If friends and family will be a treasure to us then, why not live like we believe it today? That may be the best advice I have ever given anyone — and the most difficult to implement.

So keep your dream and your passion. Work hard to achieve the success you crave. But don't let it become a 5-pound lemon that destroys the rest of your crop. You'll regret it if you do.

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What are the most common causes of depression in women?

I asked that question of more than 10,000 women who completed a questionnaire titled, "Sources of

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Depression in Women." The most frequently reported concern was low self-esteem. More than 50 percent of an initial test group placed this problem at the top of the list, and 80 percent put it in the top five.

These were primarily young, healthy women with seemingly happy marriages, which should have produced greater contentedness. Nevertheless, the majority struggled with feelings of inadequacy and a lack of confidence. That finding is rather typical of American women in all age categories and in various economic strata.

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

Youth bands get ready to battle

MVCS holds fundraiser

The Mesilla Valley Christian Schools (MVCS) Performing Arts Department is holding its second annual Battle of the Bands fundraiser Saturday, April 10 in the MVCS gymnasium.

The competition is open to all church youth and home-schooled groups whose band members are in high school or middle school. Proceeds will be used toward the MVCS choir/band spring performing arts tour to California.

Entry fees are \$5 per band member and are due along with the completed registration form no later than March 19. Applications, fees, lyrics and optional band pictures and/or logos can be dropped off at the MVCS office located at 3850 Stern Drive, or mailed to MVCS, 3850 Stern Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Attn: Sharlene Libby.

Sound check and rehearsal will be Friday April 9.

Complete information, rules and registration forms can be found on the MVCS website at www.mvcsonline.com. Click on the "Performing Arts" link.



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Blood clots are dangerous

Prevent them with healthy circulation

By **BOB NOSBISCH**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the sudden death of Bob, my former brother-in-law. I thought he had died from thyroid cancer. It's true that he had been diagnosed with this insidious disease, but that was not the official cause of death.

My sister told me something else had killed Bob. That something else was a pulmonary embolism.

If the words "pulmonary embolism" sound scary, they should, because it's a scary way to die.

Pulmonary embolism occurs when a clump of material, usually a blood clot, blocks one or more arteries in your lungs. The clots usually originate in the deep veins of your legs even though they may come from other parts of your body. Sometimes other substances, such as part of a tumor, fat from marrow of a broken bone, or air bubbles, can block your blood vessels.

Even though the symptoms may be different among people, you should be aware if any of the following occur:

- You feel chest pain as if you're having a heart attack.
- You suddenly find it hard to breathe, regardless of whether you're resting or being active.
- Your cough brings up bloody sputum.

Leg swelling, excessive sweating, a weak pulse, fainting or lightheadedness, an irregular or rapid heartbeat, wheezing, and clammy skin are other symptoms of a pulmonary embolism.

Even though anyone can develop blood clots, some factors increase your risk of getting a pulmonary embolism:

- Prolonged immobility such as bed rest after a surgery, serious illness, heart attack, leg fracture or sitting in a cramped position during a long plane or car trip.
- Age – Older people who cope with medical problems, dehydration, or malfunctioning valves in their veins
- Family history – Family members who have had pulmonary embolism or blood clots in the past increase your risk of experiencing the same.

See **Blood clots** on PAGE A34

NMSU celebrating growth

College of Health and Social Services adds \$2M project

By **NATISHA HALES**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With a backdrop of a two-story steel frame, guests of New Mexico State University's College of Health and Social Services March 9 expansion celebration witnessed firsthand a university that is working to meet the demands of student growth and research.

In late summer 2010, that steel frame will become a \$2 million 6,400-square-foot addition to the college, which includes a 171-seat lecture hall, as well as offices, conference rooms and a seminar room.

"Our growing numbers are strong evidence of the need for more classroom, research and office space," said Dean Tilahun Adera.

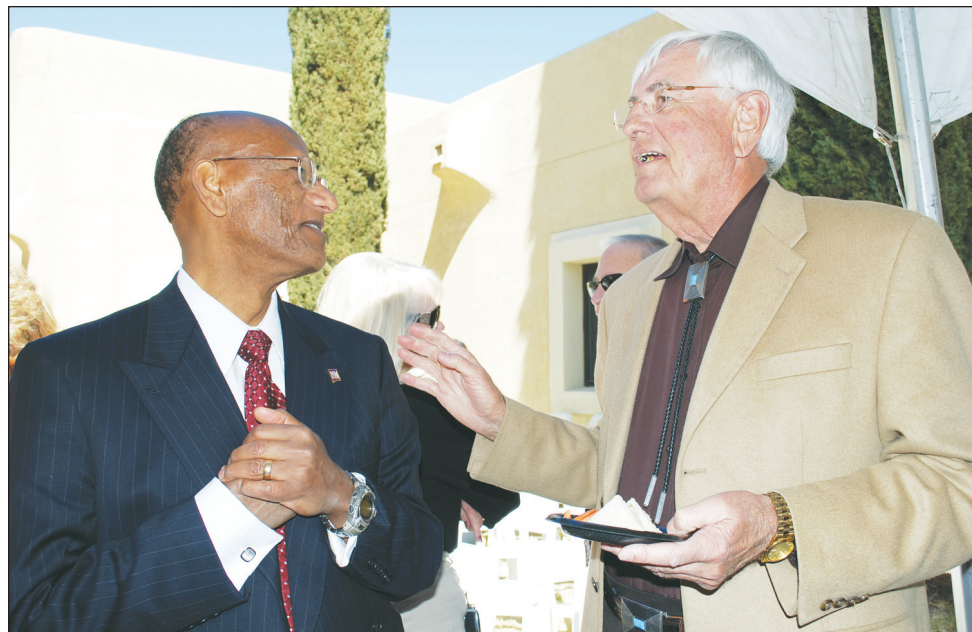
He said the College of Health and Social Services currently serves more than 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students, and approximately 250 students are expected to graduate from the college in May.

"In the past 10 years, we have had the highest percentage growth of undergraduate enrollment," Adera said, "and we have the highest percentage of minority students of any (NMSU) college at 57 percent."

NMSU President Barbara Couture said health care professions have become so popular that the overall enrollment at the college has doubled since 2001.

"Health care is critical to our community, and the college is of vital importance to the community," Couture said. "We're training the next generation of nurses and health care workers."

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New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services Dean Tilahun Adera and College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers share a laugh at the health college's expansion celebration Tuesday, March 9. See more photos on Page A34.

Nursing, School of Social Work and Department of Health Science, the college is home to the Southwest Institute for Health Disparities Research, which focuses on addressing health disparities throughout southern New Mexico and the U.S.-Mexico border region. Its purpose is to assist faculty in securing external funding and conduct research – which is key to ensuring a healthier population, according to New Mexico Secretary of Health Dr. Alfredo Vigil.

"Over the past 10 to 15 years, we have kind of plateaued (in terms of health care)," Vigil said. "If we want to get to the next plateau, research must be done, and that's what can be done in this new building."

The building that currently houses the

College of Health and Social Services is a renovation of the Memorial Tower, which was constructed in 1950 as a permanent monument to honor students who lost their lives during World War II. It was originally the focal point – and press box – of the Aggie Memorial Stadium, which was moved in 1978, when the current stadium was opened. The Memorial Tower was renovated in 2003, when the Health and Social Services building was constructed.

The new addition to the college will follow the unique style of the tower, according to NMSU Architect Michael Rickenbaker.

"This is going to be a great addition to campus, and it's moving very rapidly," Rickenbaker said in a release.

NMSU home to genetic testing instrument

Analysis tool has statewide benefits

New Mexico State University biologists have begun work using a genetic analysis instrument that has the potential to increase advantages for the university, region and state.

The pyrosequencer is capable of testing applications for health, agricultural and economical issues, but it also puts NMSU on the map as the only Hispanic-serving institution to house this type of instrument.

"While most universities have the capability to sequence small pieces of

DNA, it is generally only big medical schools or national genome sequencing centers that possess the costly infrastructure required to sequence the entire genomes of organisms," said Brook Milligan, professor of biology. "We're the first and only minority-serving institution to have this instrumentation."

The pyrosequencer's basic capabilities include obtaining ultra-deep sampling of large populations of DNA sequences and finding variations that may be present. The data allow biologists to

further research what happens to cell function when people become ill either by inherited or environmental mutations. The instrument can also reveal how organisms originated and how they are related to each other.

Currently, researchers are using the pyrosequencer to test the different strains of staphylococcus. By taking oral samples and running the genome sequencing, researchers can see the differences between the individual strains and how they may be related to drug resistance. This includes the origins and transmission of the infection.

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The testing applications can be used on infections in humans and animals. Milligan said bovine tuberculosis is closely related to human tuberculosis.

"Testing for the presence of bovine tuberculosis is a project the university has identified as a high priority in order to help out the livestock board," Milligan said. "Genetic testing would allow us to detect the presence of diseases before the animal starts showing symptoms. This is the goal."

By using these types of genetic testing applications, cattle ranchers would be able to curb the cost of losing an entire herd to a disease or infection that could have been detected early. This makes investing in the technology and developing the expertise economical and practical in solving statewide problems.

The pyrosequencer testing has other practical applications, such as determining the origins of contraband such as ivory or illegal fish. Milligan said the genotype, or genetic markers, of these types of items are difficult to find and characterize, but the pyrosequencer has the ability to rapidly identify vast numbers of these at a significantly reduced cost.

Milligan said researchers are spending time making sure they can do the test and analyze the data thoroughly. Helping with the analysis beyond the sequencing service would be an integral part of the NMSU process.

"There's a lot of software to organize and support that," Milligan said. "We're dealing with tons of data."

In fact, the pyrosequencer can characterize more than 1 million genetic samples in the same period of time that older technology processed 96 samples, and for about 1 percent of the cost.

Peter Houde, professor of biology, said other entities outside of the university are starting to take notice of NMSU and the work being done with the pyrosequencer. Researchers at the University of Maryland enlisted NMSU's help on a project dealing with fungus on chestnut trees.

Other projects NMSU biologists are working on include testing the genomes of parasites and mosquitoes. Changes in genetic materials occur when an organism becomes diseased, which causes the host to modify its DNA products. The machine evaluates those products and can determine the phylogenetics, or relationship between organisms.

In the evaluation process, a door has been opened to do cutting-edge work, made possible by a cost-share grant from the National Science Foundation. The NSF funded the Major Research Instrumentation grant for the pyrosequencer, but NMSU also put money toward the \$1.8 million effort. Houde acted as principal investigator on the grant and Milligan as a co-principal investigator.

"This has the potential for other areas of biology," Houde said. "It'll open up opportunities for research on campus. That's how we presented it to the university and to the NSF."

Houde also mentioned receiving strong support from Vimal Chaitanya, NMSU vice president for research, graduate studies and international programs, and Robert Czerniak, associate dean of research in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The biology department received the instrument in January 2009 and was able to get it up and running a few months later. It is housed in Foster Hall and staffed with two graduate students, laboratory manager Haofeng Chen and Director of Bioinformatics Alexander Tchourbanov performing the test operations and analyses. The name pyrosequencer has to do with how the DNA sequence emits light as it is read.

College of Health expansion celebration



Costing an estimated \$2 million, a two-story, 6,400-square-foot addition to the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services is being constructed. The building is expected to be complete during the summer.

New Mexico Secretary of Health Dr. Alfredo Vigil praises NMSU for addressing the demand for health care research during the college's expansion celebration Tuesday, March 9.

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U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman's representative Melanie Goodman and U.S. Sen. Tom Udall's representative Xochi Torres chat with College of Health and Social Services Dean Tilahun Adera and NMSU Vice President for Student Success Carmen Gonzales.



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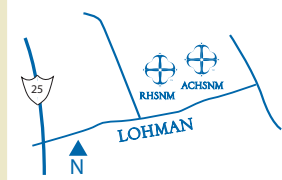
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Blood clots

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- Medical conditions – Heart disease, pregnancy and cancers, especially lung, ovarian and pancreatic cancers, increase the risk.
- Lifestyle – Supplemental estrogen, excess weight and smoking increase the risk of getting a pulmonary embolism.

However, you can help reduce the risk of developing clots in the deep veins in your legs.

If you are in the hospital, anticoagulants, such as heparin and warfarin, are often given to people at risk of clots before and after an operation as well as to those who have been admitted to the hospital because of complications of cancer, a heart attack, or a stroke. Compression stockings steadily squeeze one's legs, thus helping the blood move more efficiently. Pneumatic compression uses calf-high or thigh-high cuffs that automatically inflate with air every few minutes. This air massages and

squeezes the veins in the legs, thus improving blood flow. Also, physical activity as soon as possible after surgery can help speed up the overall recovery while helping to prevent pulmonary embolism.

If you have been sitting during a long flight or car ride, you can help prevent blood clots from forming by moving around the airplane cabin every hour or so. If you've been driving, stop every hour, do a few deep knee bends and walk around the car a couple of times. You also can flex, extend and rotate your ankles; press your feet against the seat in front of you; or try to rise up and down on your toes.

It's important that you don't sit with your legs crossed for long periods of time. Wearing support stockings helps improve circulation. Also, drinking plenty of water will help prevent dehydration, which can contribute to the development of blood clots. However, you should avoid alcohol which may dehydrate you.

Bob Nosbisch is the educational outreach coordinator for the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University.



DOSE OF HEALTH NEWS

Curves hosts food drive

Curves of Las Cruces is encouraging women in the area to show their philanthropic strength by participating in the annual Curves Food Drive. Through March 22, Curves of Las Cruces will collect non-perishable items and monetary donations for food banks in the local area.

The goal, according to Catherine Lockman of Curves of Las Cruces, is for the community to come together to help families in need.

"At the core of our business is the message that women are stronger when they rally together, and that is the point we hope to bring home with our food drive," Lockman said. "We want to show our community just how powerful the generosity of our members can be."

Non-members who donate a bag of groceries or make a minimum donation of \$30 anytime before March 22 can join Curves for free.

"We hope women in the Las Cruces area will come together and participate in this initiative," Lockman said. "Even if you're not thinking about joining a gym, you can still drop off your donations. There are so many families – right here in our own community – who need our help."

Donations for El Caldito Soup Kitchen will be accepted at the Del Rey Club, 1971 Del Rey Blvd., Suite 4; donations for Gospel Rescue Mission will be accepted at the Missouri Club, 2801 E. Missouri Ave., Suite 32; and donations for Casa de Peregrinos will be accepted at the Picacho Club, 2701 W. Picacho Ave., Suite 7.

For more information about Curves of Las Cruces and the Curves Food Drive, stop by one of three Curves Las Cruces locations or call the Del Rey Club at 382-9696, the Picacho Club at 541-6117 or the Missouri Club at 532-9462.

NMSU Spring Wellness Fair is March 13

A Spring Wellness Fair will take place to benefit New Mexico State University students and the local community from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Preciado Park, next to O'Donnell Hall on the NMSU campus.

The goal of the Spring Wellness Fair is to provide the community with useful information and resources about

staying healthy. On-campus programs, local businesses and nonprofit groups with a health-related emphasis are invited to participate and give out information.

The event will be family-friendly, with performances on stage by various wellness-related groups. There also will be a joust and a bungee run for children and adults. For more information, call Lori Haussamen at 646-7338.

Sponsors sought for Día del Niño events

Doña Ana County's Health and Human Services Department will partner with local AmeriCorps Vista volunteers again in 2010 to coordinate the fifth annual Día del Niño celebrations. In advance of the events, sponsors and partners are being sought to offer activities or provide healthy snacks for one or more of the five events.

In 2009, more than 600 children attended events throughout Doña Ana County. The local events are based on the Día del Niño tradition celebrated throughout Latin America as a day to honor children and their roles in society.

Building on the success of the last four years, five events – in the communities of Doña Ana, Chaparral, Anthony, Rincon and Organ – will be organized to celebrate children and provide a variety of enjoyable activities for them and their families. They will be held on Fridays and Saturdays during April.

The 2010 theme revolves around healthy eating and exercise for children throughout Doña Ana County. For more information, call Jessica Hawkins at 525-5860 or email jessicay@donaanacounty.org.

Once sponsors and partners have been identified, Doña Ana County will release the details of the event dates, times and locations.

Bright Star Dental scholarship accepting applications

Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental and the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation announce the 2010 Bright Star Dental Health Care Scholarship, which is granted to five Las Cruces graduating seniors.

The scholarship provides five \$1,000 one-time awards to students planning a career in health care. One recipi-

ent will be named from each category: Mayfield, Oñate, Las Cruces High, Mesilla Valley Christian and home school.

Students who apply must write a 500- to 1,000-word essay that includes general information about the applicant (hobbies, interests, abilities, personal characteristics, etc.), what field in health care the applicant has chosen, why this particular area was chosen, what dreams or goals the applicant has for his or her health care career and the applicant's name, address, phone number and which high school or home school he or she attends.

Applications are due Wednesday, March 31. Students from Mayfield, Oñate or Las Cruces High Schools will submit their essays to: LCPS Foundation, Leslie Cervantes, Executive Director, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249, Superintendent's Office, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Home-schooled or Mesilla Valley Christian Schools students will send their essays to Bright Star Dental P.C., Attention Scholarship Committee, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 121, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Gilbert awards these scholarships each year in an effort to support students who plan a career in health care and to give back to the Las Cruces community.

For more information, call Las Cruces Public Schools Executive Director Leslie Cervantes at 527-5946 or visit www.brightstardental.blogspot.com.

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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS *health events and support groups*

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences. For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room.

YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Fathers fatherhood project meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 532-1536.

RISE AND SHINE WALK

The City of Las Cruces encourages the public to join the Rise and Shine Walking Group at 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The group meets at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The cost is \$1.50 per person per day, a 30-day punch pass is \$36.

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

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES EACH WEEK

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement, a moving discipline comprised of 19 movements and one pose. T'ai Chi Chih may be done by almost anyone, in any physical condition and also sitting down. No special clothing or equipment is required. Each Tuesday, accredited instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds free classes for beginners from 9 to 10 a.m. and for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 p.m. in the fourth floor Women's Resource Room at

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. For more information, call Alvarez-Diosdado at 526-3016.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, a support group for people in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees.

The program meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays in the library at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

YOGA CLASSES

The City of Las Cruces offers ongoing yoga classes for all ages from 9 to 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are taught by Olivia Solomon, a certified Kripalu instructor. The cost is \$1.50 per class.

For more information, call 541-2563.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Doña Ana County Health and Human Services, along with Ben Archer Health Center, is sponsoring a free, ongoing support group for residents of Doña Ana County who have been diagnosed with diabetes, are at risk for diabetes or have family members with diabetes. The support group is held at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive.

For more information, call Ben Archer Health Center at 382-9292.

HERBAL MEDICINE CLASS

A Look Good ... Feel Better group session will be held Thursday, March 18, at Southern New Mexico Cancer Center, 150 Roadrunner Parkway. Look Good ... Feel Better is a free, non-medical, group program that teaches beauty techniques to female cancer patients in active treatment to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. Licensed cosmetologists

volunteer their time to teach women how to cope with skin changes and hair loss using cosmetics and skin care products donated by the cosmetics industry. For reservations and time, call Marie at 556-8644 or 382-5910. For more information on the program, visit www.cancer.org and search Look Good ... Feel Better.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of long-term illness. The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.cdfa.org). For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, contact Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

BELLY DANCING AND DRUM CLASSES

Belly dancing and drum classes are offered on a weekly basis at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Classes offered are: Moms and Daughters Beginning Belly Dance from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; Advanced Belly Dancing from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; Women's Belly Dancing from 11 a.m. to noon Fridays; and Beginning Middle Eastern Drum class from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. All classes are \$2. For more information, call 526-9509, email mail4jewell@yahoo.com or visit www.myplacejewell.com.

VETERANS' VISION SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Veterans' Vision Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Vet Center, 230 S. Water St. The topic this month is Digital Audio Books.

The group is free and open to any veteran with functional eye problems and their guests. For more information, call Terry at 382-5070.

GLUTEN FREE SUPPORT GROUP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Current research indicates that as many one in every 100 Americans may have celiac disease, which is treated by avoiding forms of wheat, barley and rye in the diet. Many others deal with gluten intolerance or a wheat allergy as they prepare their daily meals or face the challenge of finding gluten-free offerings in local restaurants.

An organizational meeting to establish a local gluten-free support group will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Enter by the south entrance. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack to share, along with the recipe, mix or box. Door prizes will be given courtesy of Bob's Red Mill and Toucan Market.

For more information, contact Susan Pieper at 522-8182 or spieper@huntel.com

OPEN HOUSE AT MORNINGSIDE

Morningside Assisted Living Center, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, will have an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Visitors can enjoy a jazz band, door prizes, refreshments and tours. For more information, call the center at 522-1110.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, contact Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE BLIND

The Mesilla Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The federation brings blind people together to share successes, to support each other in times of failure and to create imaginative solutions.

All are invited to attend. For more information, call Nato at 571-2604.



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GABRIEL VASQUEZ
Business Editor

We could use the money and the proper representation. Just as important, we could benefit from redistricting within our own city and county.

Keep an eye out for an important delivery from the U.S. Census this week.

Census questionnaires are in the mail and should reach most homes by mid-March.

It's important that you fill out your U.S. Census 2010 form and return it by April 1, at the latest, for several reasons.

Census data is used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

It's estimated that for every 1 percent of the U.S. population that does not respond, \$85 to \$90 million dollars go unspent. That's crucial for states such as New Mexico.

It's especially important in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, where growth has erupted in the last 10 years. More growth equals more money.

Having grown up in the borderland, I know how tough it's been to get an accurate count, or even an estimate, in the past 10 years.

For years, the influx of migrant workers and their families have cast a shadow of doubt on the official population estimates for the area.

Does El Paso really have 742,062 people, as the census estimates, or could the number be closer to 1 million? Depends on whom you ask.

In Las Cruces, we're waiting for that magic number – 100,000.

Local census director Rachel Garcia-Banegas said she's confident we're over the 100k mark. I'll be re-assured when I see the official numbers.

Realtors, professors and industry experts alike have said many national retailers look for that magic number to set up shop – 100,000. Let's hope they're right, we could use the jobs.

Already, the local census office has hired hundreds in part- and full-time positions. Workers will be out in force in rural communities during the next three months reaching out to community members and residents to encourage their participation.

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Wanted: Big box tenants

National retailers showing little interest in local real estate

By **GABRIEL VASQUEZ**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Small business owners won't stop calling. They're ready to invest in many of the city's vacant properties and emerging developments. The big guys, however, are holding their tongues – and their wallets.

That was the consensus of four commercial brokers who spoke during a Mesilla Valley Economic Development (MVEDA) forum focused on commercial real estate in early March.

"The small mom-and-pop businesses, they're keeping our phones ringing again," said Rick Stoes, qualifying broker for Grubb & Ellis. "But big box vacancies are a problem – the same they're having in Albuquerque and El Paso. Our smaller tenants are showing up, but bigger boxes are continuing to sit there."

Stoes, who has represented national chains such as Home Depot, Sonic, Smiths Food & Drug, Kinko's and Subway, said he expects an increase in the number of small and medium-sized retailers looking at Las Cruces to set up new businesses, but doesn't see major retailers coming to Las Cruces anytime soon.

"Toys 'R' Us has been vacant for three years, Sportsman's Warehouse is having trouble being leased out – the tenants are just not there," he said. "Not just here, but everywhere you're seeing (businesses) like Circuit City and Anna's Lincens close. These big boxes are available everywhere."

Still, Stoes said, Las Cruces is faring better than other cities in the Southwest.

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Commercial real estate brokers are finding that some of the city's largest vacant real estate locations are a tough sell in the current market. Left, the former Toys "R" Us space on Lohman Avenue has been vacant since 2006. Center, the former Sportsman's Warehouse building has been unoccupied since early 2009. Right, the former Bealls location at Mesilla Valley Mall shut its doors in 2000.

Census embarks on 2010 count

Questionnaires in the mail, workers begin scouring streets

By **GABRIEL VASQUEZ**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The countdown to April 1 has begun.

The U.S. Census Bureau is preparing for its decennial count. Crews in the local area, in the state and all around the country are assembling for one of the most logistically difficult tasks in U.S. government.

It started with President George Washington, who signed the bill to authorize the first U.S. Census in 1790.

"The decennial is an old standard for our country," said Census Deputy Director Vicki McIntire. "It defines the apportionment of fees in Congress and redistricting within states. It's also a key component in the way the federal government distributes its funds."

Census data are used to apportion congressional seats, distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments and to make decisions regarding the type of funding

for community services.

Already, census forms are being mailed out across the state. The 2010 census form consists of 10 questions, which census officials said take less than 10 minutes to complete. The form asks for gender, age, race, ethnicity, marital status, home ownership and number of residents living in the household. It is mandated that residents mail their completed forms back to the government by Census Day, April 1.

"We know how important it is to get an accurate count," said McIntire, who oversees census operations for a 10-state region from her Denver office. "We have engaged a lot in the local communities all across the country and have hired people that live in those communities to do outreach work to get trusted voices out there saying it's safe and confidential."

In Las Cruces, the census kicked off its 2010 count initiative with a fiesta featuring mariachis, a ribbon cutting



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Herb Torres, assistant superintendent for Las Cruces Public Schools, encourages community members to participate in the 2010 count during the grand opening celebration of the local census office.

ceremony and a ballet folklorico and choir performance in December 2009. At the event, which took place at the local

census office, 715 E. Idaho Ave., community leaders addressed a crowd of nearly 100.

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Ten minutes

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The lack of knowledge, illiteracy and fear in some of these communities must be overcome for them to prosper and receive federal and state funding to improve their neighborhoods and infrastructure.

To break the cultural barrier, census forms are being offered for the first time in both Spanish and English – a step in the right direction.

The form itself couldn't be easier to complete. It's 10 questions, takes 10 minutes or less to answer, and can be easily slipped into the mailbox with the self-addressed envelope provided by the U.S. Census.

I'm personally giddy about the

possibilities that exist if we achieve a significantly higher count than what the census currently estimates. Because Las Cruces is considered by many to be the "stepchild" of the state, Las Cruces must ensure their future by making sure adequate funding supports the services needed in our community.

The Complete Count Committee formed by the City of Las Cruces is doing its part. The local census office is working night and day to plan the elaborate undertaking. Our public schools are educating children about the census, who in turn are educating their parents. Clergymen and other spiritual leaders are getting the message out at the pews. Do your part. Tell a friend, a family member or a co-worker.

Let's make sure we all chip in for a better Las Cruces.



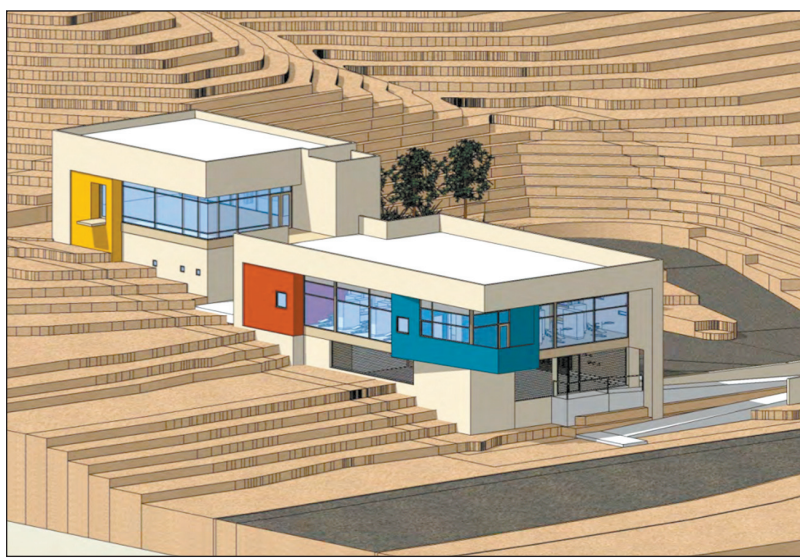
Alameda Property Group

A digital rendering of the Wal-Mart planned for the Rinconada Town Center on the East Mesa. Developer Donnie Brainard said the Wal-Mart would dwarf the company's traditional Supercenter models.



Alameda Property Group

A fourth Walgreens will be built adjacent to the new Wal-Mart on the East Mesa.



Alameda Property Group

A multiuse dental office is planned for the City Center at South Fork Village park across from MountainView Regional Medical Center on Lohman Avenue. The office will include a personal residence on the top floor.

Real estate

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"We've been fortunate compared to Phoenix or Henderson, Nev.," Stoes said. "I don't think we're going to see a whole lot of brand new development come in 2010 because we have a lot of vacancies to backfill. The best thing to hope for in 2010 is that we can forget about 2009."

Donnie Brainard, president and qualifying broker for Alameda Property Group, one of the East Mesa's largest developers, said plans for commercial development in and around the Rinconada Town Center are still undetermined due to lack of interest.

"You can just hear the crickets," he said. "There is nothing going on with any of the (retailers)."

Instead, Brainard is tackling other projects, including making improvements to the Sonoma Ranch area, such as landscaping and other cosmetic features to attract more industry.

One safe bet, however, is a new Wal-Mart Supercenter, which plans to start building soon on the corner of Rinconada Boulevard and Northrise Drive, he said.

"As of last week, the schedule was for Wal-Mart to submit (building) plans in the third quarter of this year and commence construction in January," he said.

He said he expects the store to open in early 2012. Once Wal-Mart – the anchor tenant for Rinconada – opens its doors, other businesses will follow, he said.

"We do have a Walgreens going in there," he said.

The East Mesa Walgreens would be the fourth in Las Cruces in less than three years.

"This is really the best thing we have going right now for (Rinconada)," he said. "With the big retailers, I'm finding that we're having to find different ways to paint the picture to catch their attention."

Brainard is including traffic impact and population studies as well as digital renderings in his pitches to retailers, he said.

Interest in Las Cruces from out-of-town

investors, however, is increasing. Most notably, he said business owners from Mexico looking to escape the violence and political turmoil are seeking new opportunities in and around the borderland.

"Their comfort level is in El Paso, Albuquerque and Las Cruces," he said. "A lot of these people are looking. I'm talking to a water distribution company (from Mexico) that wants to move to southern New Mexico. They can't make it in Juárez right now."

Another out-of-town investor, Francis Kent of Denver, has just acquired a 15.3-acre industrial building and yard near the Las Cruces Airport that was formerly the site of ProBuild, a company that makes tresses for homes. The property was listed last year at \$1.12 million.

Gil Jones, broker with NAI 1st Valley, said major retailers won't return until the local economy stabilizes.

"Jobs fuel demand for office space, manufacturing space, they spur retail activity and the space required for that activity," he said.

In 2009, about 1,700 jobs were lost in Las Cruces, amounting to a negative 3.4 percent employment growth. From 2000 to 2009, the city experienced a positive average job growth of 2.2 percent.

"It will be between 2012 and 2016 before we regain our employment to pre-recession levels," said Jones, adding that 2009 was a deplorable year for commercial real estate. "2008 was a record year for commercial construction and activity. The party ended abruptly in 2009. We're down 42 percent from the previous year and 20 percent below the 2000-09 average."

John Hummer, owner and broker for Steinborn GMAC, said there were two big "positives" in the works, including development of the Arrowhead Research Park on the New Mexico State University campus.

"There's a very positive infrastructure development there," he said.

The other positive for Las Cruces, he said, is the 2010 Census.

"When the 2010 Census gets done and the data gets spread nationally ... it's going to be tremendous," he said. "It will be a big impact."

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Census

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"Lives are absolutely at stake here. The count is about the future being in our hands," said City Councillor Nathan Small.

"There should be no fear, the census will make our government better and more efficient," said Luna County Commissioner R. Javier Diaz.

Las Cruces Public Schools Associate Superintendent Herb Torres said LCPS administration was making it a priority to encourage students to convince their parents to fill out the census.

"We're proud and pleased to partner with the census count," he said.

But getting an accurate account can be somewhat of a logistical nightmare.

There are prisoners to count, the homeless, migrant workers and others who may believe any intrusion by the government in their lives is unwarranted.

"In rural areas, we are going to go to door-to-door to personally drop off questionnaires," said Cathy Lacy, regional census director. "Residents in rural areas can expect to see a plastic bag on their door-knob with the questionnaire."

In December 2009, independent studies conducted by pollsters Gallup and Nielsen determined 5 percent of the population would not respond to the 2010 count, which is mandated by law. As of Friday, March 5, that percentage dropped to 2.2 percent, Lacy said.

"Although we hear a lot of negativity, most people are being positive about this and indications are that they will respond," she said.

In the 2000 count, it's estimated that 72 percent of the American population responded to the census. In New Mexico, the response rate was 65 percent, but 72 percent within Las Cruces city limits. In the county however, the response rate was about 66 percent, according to census figures.

To increase the response rate in rural areas of southern New Mexico, including colonias, McIntire said the local census office hired a team of community members and faith-based leaders to actively engage rural residents. Colonias are mostly impoverished and tend to have a high number of migrant workers.

"We have undertaken an extensive outreach campaign to stay actively engaged

in the colonias of New Mexico," McIntire said.

U.S. Law prohibits census officials from sharing any of its demographic information with other departments of the U.S. government, including any law enforcement entities such as ICE or the Border Patrol. Violators face a \$250,000 fine and five years in jail if they distribute such information.

Although the census itself is mandated by law, and punishable by up to \$5,000 for non-compliance, no law enforcement agency has ever enforced the sanction, Lacy said.

"Most people participate, they understand how important it is," Lacy said. "It only occurs every 10 years, so it makes people feel good being a part of history."

The even harder to count – the transient and homeless population – will be determined by using data collected from nonprofits and other companies who offer them ser-

vices, Lacy said.

"We count the different components of the homeless," she said. "We identify the service providers who work with the homeless such as soup kitchens and church organizations. We have a few different operations."

To ensure a more complete count, the census has partnered with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to provide information to residents who may be weary that a census worker is indeed a government employee, and not a con man or identity thief.

"We are the go-to group when people have a question of whether something is authentic, especially when someone is taking it door-to-door," said Carol O'Dell, BBB western region representative. "We can give credibility to the information that people will be receiving."

Census takers will don an official census badge, a shoulder bag and will carry with them a confidentiality document, O'Dell said.

"Some red flags to think about are if these people ask for any kind of payment or personal information other than the 10 questions included with the census form," she said. "Call us, call your local census office or check our website if you have any doubt."

On May 1, census workers will return to the field to follow-up with non-responding residences.

For more information, contact the local census office at 680-3420.

Countdown to Census Day event

The City of Las Cruces Complete Count Committee and the U.S. Census 2010 will host a Countdown to Census Day event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. The event is free and will include free food, family games and activities, musical entertainment, guest speakers and free promotional items. For more information, call the Complete Count Committee at 525-5714.

Major cuts in the works

NMSU higher ed will take a major hit



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

The special session is over and higher education didn't do very well. The Legislature cut \$97 million for higher ed across the state. New Mexico State University will lose about \$20 million, with about \$13 million coming from programs located and administered in Doña Ana County.

The most important element of state funding for higher ed is under the "Instruction and General" umbrella, or I&G, which pays for faculty and staff salaries, funds graduate students and generally pays for the cost of basic education. I&G is allocated among the state campuses based on student credit hour production – teach more students, get more funding – well actually it's a little more complicated than that.

To qualify for growth funds, a higher education institution must exceed its base year growth by at least 3 percent. Sciences count more than humanities, upper division courses more than lower division and graduate more than undergrad.

The main campus in Las Cruces did not qualify for growth funds. In a normal year, that would mean that NMSU-Las Cruces' I&G funding would remain flat. But this year, because of overall cuts to the higher ed budget, even campuses that experienced growth, such as the University of New Mexico, are being cut. No-growth campuses such as NMSU-Las Cruces are being cut even more.

The bottom line is that NMSU-Las Cruces' I&G funding is being cut 9.8 percent. It's difficult to see how this type of budget cut can be overcome without a substantial raise in tuition or layoffs; perhaps both.

Other NMSU campuses did better.

Doña Ana Community College will see a 2.2 percent cut in I&G and the tiny NMSU-Grants campus will receive a 3.1 percent increase in I&G.

NMSU will see other cuts. Funding for equipment and construction were cut. Both athletics and educational TV state funding were cut 10.5 percent. Special research projects were cut 26 percent.

An obvious solution is to increase tuition. Each 1 percent increase in tuition on the main campus generates \$600,000 in revenue. Not a magic bullet, but if tuition is increased by 5 percent, as was assumed by the Legislature, it would offset I&G cuts by \$3 million. An 11 percent tuition increase, as some are recommending, would raise \$6.6 million. Students won't like it, but for many of the poorest students, the tuition increase will be offset by increased federal financial aid.

NMSU accounts directly and indirectly for between 20 and 25 percent of the Las Cruces economy. As a result, a back-of-the-envelope calculation points to a 1 percent loss of our county's economic growth during fiscal year 2011.

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HFSNM manages wealth of health care assets

Focuses this year on addressing childhood obesity problems

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico (HFSNM) has a strong history of leadership and provides quality philanthropic programs. Its impact in the community remains significant. With a comprehensive past of giving and a future dedicated to health care, the HFSNM is continually meeting the needs of southern New Mexicans.

The HFSNM, formerly the Memo-

rial Medical Foundation, is a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM). The HSNM operates under the CFSNM umbrella. Because the CFSNM manages the business aspects of the organization, including staff management, receipting and accounting, the HFSNM can focus on building and distributing endowments for health care needs – something that would benefit other organizations in southern New Mexico.

With the help of the CFSNM and the

collective experience in organizing and executing campaigns from endowment to capital campaigns, the HFSNM is responsible for the success one of the largest capital campaigns in southern New Mexico in 2003.

In 2000, the HFSNM set a goal to raise money for prenatal and pediatric services through the First Step Center to help a growing number of young women who were arriving at Memorial Medical Center's emergency room ready to deliver babies with little or no prenatal care. With a well-planned campaign, dedicated board members and a generous community, the HFSNM raised \$6.4 million for the First Step Capital Campaign over three years.

"I got involved many years ago simply because they were addressing health-care needs within the community," said HFSNM president Diana Seward, who added she continues to see the same passion for community health care that she saw during the First Step Campaign. "To me, that is a vital component of the community."

Seward, who started her presidency in January 2009 and will serve through December 2010, has seen the organization grow as a financial advocate and a resource for health care in southern New Mexico. Seward serves alongside board members Olivia Ogas, vice president; Jeremy Settles, secretary; Beth Fant, treasurer; Abel Covarrubias; Beverly Hine; Kristi Martin; Barbara Nelson; Prasanna Pai; Silvia Sierra; Wally Vette and immediate Past President Karen Bailey.

"Las Cruces is a very caring community," she said. "Through the years, endowments have been set up by individuals

in the community to support causes they care about. Our sole purpose is to administer these endowments for the donors."

In 2009, the HFSNM acquired and managed \$8,326,000 worth of assets, managed 95 permanent endowments with a total principal of \$2,465,000 and awarded \$92,220 of distributable income. While celebrating the fourth anniversary of the First Step Center, the HFSNM also continued to support Las Compañeras: Mothers Mentoring Mothers, awarded \$5,955 in scholarships and funded 25 mammograms.

Now, the HFSNM is about to kick off a new campaign that will support those who are addressing childhood obesity.

"Addressing childhood obesity is an important step," Seward said about the process that will award funds to nonprofits addressing childhood obesity. "It's a community effort and it's not just a problem that doctors or government agencies deal with – there are a variety of nonprofits that reach out and help educate and address solutions."

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 you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The CFSNM can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.

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The first phase of Lohman Med Park, a 17-lot, 80,000-square-foot business park, is under construction. The mixed-use project is located between MountainView Medical Center and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico and Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico on East Lohman Avenue. Donnie Brainard of Alameda Property Group, the developer of the project, said a dentist's office will also be located directly across from the park. Warren Construction Inc. of Las Cruces is the builder.

Can't sell or rent your home?

'Buy and Bail' is not a viable option

In last week's column, I shared with my readers the story of an actual Las Cruces area homeowner (I called him Mr. B – for buyer) who purchased a new home a couple of years ago with the intention of living in it for quite some time.

My tale didn't begin there, however. It actually began a few weeks ago when Mr. B received a terrific out-of-town job offer and needed to figure out how much of a killing he would make if he sold his house today.

To make a long story short, the value of Mr. B's home is now around \$10,000 less than it was when he purchased it 24 months ago. Since he only made a small down payment and financed almost the entire purchase price, Mr. B's mortgage balance now exceeds the value of his home by around \$7,000.

For those of you who haven't had the privilege of owing more on your home than it is worth, the state of affairs is referred to as being "upside down." Add to the mortgage deficit the cost of selling the property, and Mr. B's total shortfall balloons to around \$13,000. As you might have expected, Mr. B had little interest in writing a \$13,000 check at closing.

The next order of business was to explore renting the property.

Unfortunately, renting is not on Mr. B's option list either because the market rent for his home will fall about \$350 per month short of covering his monthly mortgage payment. Add in a yearly vacancy factor and a few bucks here and there for maintenance and Mr. B could easily find himself "feeding" his investment to the tune of \$5,000 to \$7,000 per year. Needless to say, he was no more enamored with feeding his investment month-by-month than he was feeding it all at once.

After exhausting his choices, including refinancing the property, Mr. B came to the conclusion that he really had only two remaining alternatives: Walk away from his investment and pay for the privilege sometime down the road or remain in Las Cruces and forego the new job opportunity. Being a prudent person, Mr. B opted to stay put and dismissed entirely the notion of walking away from his home. Not all homeowners are as practical as Mr. B., however. Some decide to abandon their current home and replace it with another using a technique called "Buy and Bail."

In a nutshell, the Buy and Bail scenario is one in which a homeowner hatches a plan to purchase a home elsewhere (the buy) with the intention of discontinuing

making payments on the "upside down," or impossible-to-sell home, that he or she is about to abandon (the "bail").

How do these folks get a loan for a new home when they're barely able to hang on to their current home? Often they'll convince the loan officers that they plan to rent out the first house and use the rental income to qualify for the mortgage on their new home. In some cases, they'll actually manufacture a bogus rental agreement and submit it to the lender as proof the home has been rented. In essence, the Buy and Bail folks try to qualify for a mortgage on a new home just as they stop making payments on their old home but before any negative reporting or foreclosure notices appear in their credit files or on public record.

While buying and bailing may seem like a good idea to some, there are serious financial and legal consequences for the homeowner who chooses this option, for his or her community and for any real estate professionals who might find themselves caught up in the process.

One of the most serious downsides to this practice is that foreclosure ruins a person's credit rating. Foreclosure filings stay in one's credit file for seven years, making it difficult to qualify for new credit cards, auto and mortgage loans and even insurance. Then there's the negative impact foreclosures have on the old neighborhood.

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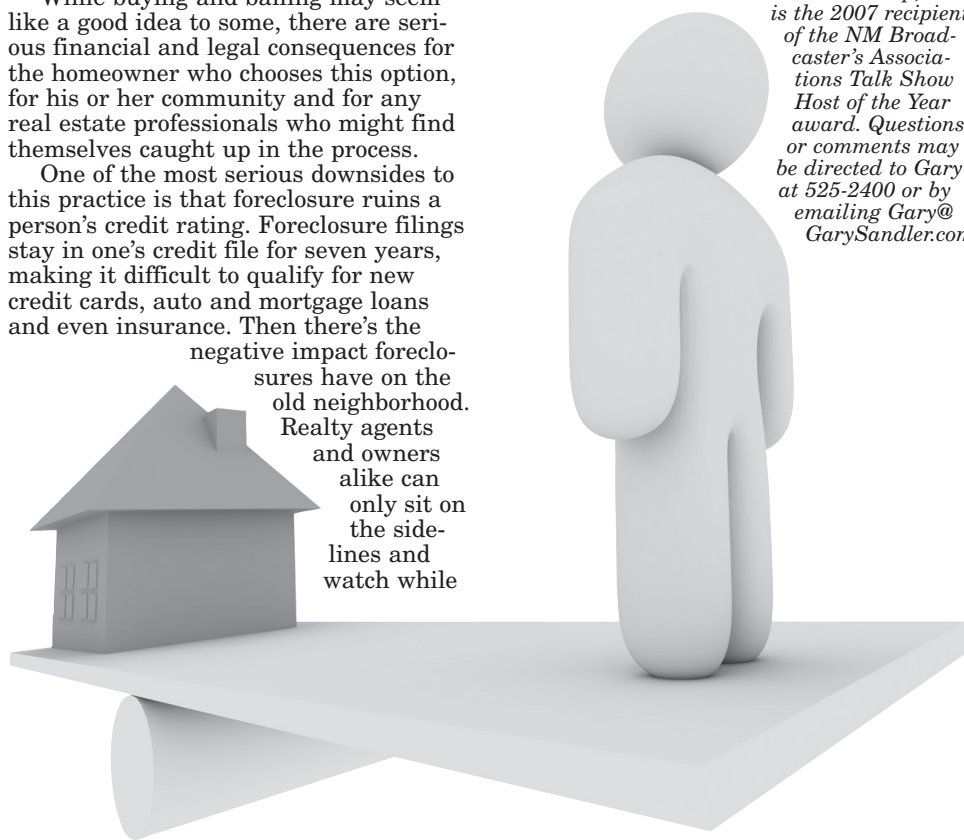
abandoned homes pull down property values.

That's not the half of it, however. The true downside to the Buy and Bail scheme is the fact that submitting bogus paperwork to a lender in order to qualify for a mortgage is a crime – and in most cases, a federal crime at that. Rather than see you convicted of mortgage fraud and living at the Graybar Hotel, I'd prefer to ...

See you at closing.

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Building Las Cruces Rokoko Art Gallery

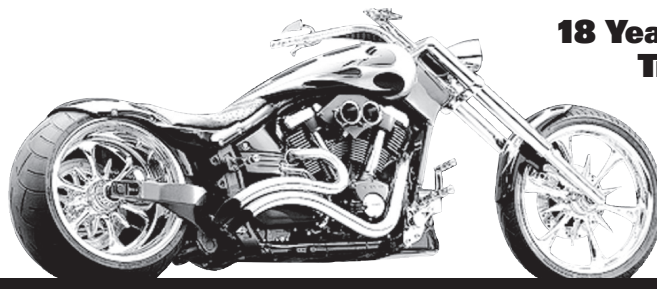


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A new art gallery adjacent to the Preston Contemporary Art Center is under construction at 1785 Calle de Mercado. The Rokoko Art Gallery, owned by Mitch and A.me Alamag, should be completed in the fall, the couple said. The gallery will feature several exhibition rooms and a studio. The project, about 1,800 square feet, is being built by Homebuilders Construction Co. The gallery will feature the works of the Alamags, who create "whimsical, eclectic, surreal, abstract and colorful" art in various media, said A.me Alamag. The Alamags plan to decorate the studio themselves and use it as a place to sell their art, but aren't making any solid plans until a "soft opening" later this year, A.me Alamag said.

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AG advises consumers on refund loans

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's Consumer Protection Division advises consumers to add up the potential costs when considering Refund Anticipation Loans this tax season. Consumers can follow a few simple steps to protect themselves from predatory lenders offering such loans. Consumers should look closely at the loan disclosures, know exactly what the interest rate is that will be paid and determine if the need for the loan is truly an emergency situation. The Internal Revenue Service offers free tax assistance programs for low-to-moderate income tax payers and the elderly. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program can be reached by calling 800-906-9887 to locate the nearest VITA site.

Comcast now offers digital voice service

Comcast announced last week it has added digital voice service to its line-up of services in Las Cruces. Comcast Digital Voice offers customers digital-quality phone service with unlimited direct-dial local and domestic long-distance calling, Web access to voicemail, E911 service and 12 other calling features.

Students experience power of alternative energies during NMSU field trip

A solar-powered light beam strong enough to melt steel may sound like science-fiction, but 60 Gadsden Middle School students found it really does exist during a visit to New Mexico State University Monday, March 8. The eighth-grade students are part of the Southern New Mexico Science, Engineering, Math and Aerospace Academy and participated in the field trip to learn about sustainability and alternative energies. They attended three hour-long workshops while on campus. Students visited sites such as the Solar Furnace, located by Anderson Hall and the NASA SEMAA Lab, located in the Foreman Engineering Complex.

NMSU acts to address exposure of student data

New Mexico State University learned that a computer file containing personal information of approximately 300 students from a spring 2006 course had appeared on an unauthorized, non-NMSU-affiliated computer. Tiversa, a company that monitors the Internet for unauthorized exposure of information, notified NMSU that the company had detected information related to NMSU students on a computer with peer-to-peer file sharing software. NMSU took immediate measures to prevent the file from being shared further and sent a letter to each of the students from the 2006 class whose data was in the file and provided the students with information about actions they can take to prevent identity theft as a result of the unauthorized data exposure.

Local employers nominated for fed award

Seventeen New Mexico Guard and Reserve service members nominated their employers for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. The Freedom Award is particularly significant because only members of the Guard and Reserve or their family members are eligible to nominate their employers for the award. The State of New Mexico Department of Information Technology in Las Cruces was nominated for the award, as was the Army Education Department at White Sands Missile Range.

Cyramcom now hiring bilingual speakers

Cyramcom, a national interpreting company, is hiring bilingual medical interpreters for its Las Cruces office. Employees are paid a starting wage of \$8 per hour and receive benefits such as paid time off, holiday pay, pay differential and health care and dental services. For more information or to apply, call Elva at 525-4906.

Convergys donates books for local charity

Employees at the Convergys Corp. contact center in Las Cruces helped local children discover the benefits of reading with the donation of 500 children's books for Books Alive! Saturday, March 6, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Convergys employees distributed the books from a booth at the library to children at the Rio Grande Theatre. Books Alive! is organized by the City of Las Cruces, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Las Cruces Museum of Art, Alma d'arte Charter School, Rio Grande Theatre and KMVR-FM Magic 105. Event sponsors included COAS Books, Burger Time, Sisbarro and All Around Moving and Storage – Bekins Las Cruces.

NARFE to meet in Las Cruces

The Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau has announced that the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees will hold its 2011 New Mexico Federation State Conference at the Las Cruces Convention Center. About 150 people are expected to attend the two-day conference, CVB officials said.

ON THE AGENDA

Hispanic Leadership Summit

The New Mexico State University Hispanic Faculty and Staff Caucus will host its first-ever Leadership Summit from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, in the Corbett Center Student Union Auditorium. The theme of the summit is "Conexiones y Lecciones: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders." A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the O'Donnell Hall Atrium. The summit will serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas among scholars, administrators and students. It will feature presentations on research conducted by faculty and students from NMSU, as well as remarks by guest speakers and panelists. Register at <http://sites.google.com/site/hfscsummit/>. Tickets for the luncheon must be obtained in advance. Seating is limited. For more information, call 646-1729.

Date: Monday, March 15

Time: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: New Mexico State University
Corbett Center Student Union Auditorium

Contact: 646-1729

Social Security seminar

Toby Rue, financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, will present "Understanding Your Social Security Benefits," a seminar featuring Ray Vigil of the Social Security Administration at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Morgan Stanley Conference Office, 3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B. The general public is invited to attend. The event is free. For more information, call Rue at 522-8500. Seating is limited.

Date: Thursday, March 18

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Morgan Stanley Conference Office
3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B

Contact: 522-8500

Grant-writing basics

HELP New Mexico, an interdenominational state nonprofit that promotes self-sufficiency and economic opportunity, will host a grant-writing workshop in Las Cruces from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Archdiocese Pastoral Center, 1208 Med Park Drive. Learn what funders look for in a proposal.

Date: Tuesday, March 23

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Archdiocese Pastoral Center
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The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host its next Small Business Workshop at noon Wednesday, March 17, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The topic of this month's workshop is "Maximizing Your Deductions," which aims to educate business owners and administrators on how to get the most out of their tax-deductible expenses. For more information, call Joel Courtney at 524-1968.

Date: Wednesday, March 17

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

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

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New Mexico chile makes debut in D.C.

Garden-variety breeds to be featured in ‘The People’s Garden’

Washington Monument? Check. The Capitol Building? Check. New Mexican chile garden? You bet.

Tourists visiting Washington, D.C., can now add an additional stop to their sight-seeing list.

"The People's Garden," surrounding the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will feature chile developed by New Mexico State University.

The People's Garden started last year as a 6-acre tract near the National Mall that demonstrates conservation and growing techniques. According to the USDA, the garden is meant to help illustrate the many ways the agency works to provide a sustainable, safe and nutritious food supply while protecting and preserving the

landscape where that food is produced.

As part of the project, Curtis Smith, an NMSU Extension horticulture specialist, traveled to Washington, D.C., earlier this month with other experts from around the country to train USDA employees who will volunteer to tend the garden. Carol Sutherland, an NMSU entomologist, will make a follow-up visit in the coming weeks.

Smith heads NMSU's Master Gardener program, which teaches volunteers across New Mexico about soil, plant science and environmental topics. After they complete the courses, Master Gardeners are able to answer homeowner horticulture questions. While training USDA employees, Smith will also deliver an assortment of New Mexico chile seeds to be grown in the

garden this summer.

"We sent almost every variety developed at New Mexico State University," said Danise Coon, a senior research specialist for NMSU's Chile Pepper Institute. "It's about 30 different varieties since 1913."

Coon said the Chile Pepper Institute regularly receives calls from all over the world asking about chile, including a call recently from researchers in Nepal looking for chile seeds. She said this is the first time she can remember NMSU chile seeds heading to the nation's capital.

"If they want hot chile, they are probably going to have to buy some grown in New Mexico," Smith said, noting the large role environment plays in growing chile, especially when it

comes to heat.

Because Washington's climate is cooler and wetter than New Mexico, chile grown there is likely to be milder than chile grown in New Mexico. Precautions will also have to be taken to ensure the chile plants' soil can adequately drain. Improper drainage can lead to fungus and various other chile ailments.

For chile plants grown this year, Coon said she recommends starting the seeds in a greenhouse within the next few weeks. For seeds planted directly in the ground, waiting until mid-April is probably best.

Smith also took blue corn seeds to Washington as well to "give them a real taste of New Mexico."

For more information about this program, or the Master Gardeners Program, call Smith at 505-865-7340 or email him at cwsmith@nmsu.edu.

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New Mexico.

CURTIS SMITH,
horticulture specialist



Chile seeds developed by New Mexico State University will be planted in "The People's Garden" near the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

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Program brings identity to New Mexico's best calves

Calves of genetic excellence to sport golden tags

A group of New Mexico bull producers is optimistic a new calf marketing program will add more value to New Mexico calves – an important process as premiums for calves have become increasingly competitive with the vertical integration the beef industry is experiencing from the ranch to the retail market.

"For years, producers throughout New Mexico have annually invested in numerous management practices with hopes of improving the value of their calves," said Manny Encinias, a beef cattle specialist with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service.

But according to Encinias, simply implementing value-added management practices alone is not the secret to achieving premium prices for calves.

"Marketing a reputable set of calves today is like putting together a complex puzzle," said Encinias, who is working with the New Mexico Beef Cattle Performance Association (NMBCPA) to run the new program. "You can see the end result on paper, but do you, and can you put all the pieces together to produce the desired package?"

A successful marketing strategy for calves requires thoughtful planning in advance of the actual marketing. Because most cow-calf producers do not have a formal strategy, the New Mexico Gold Calf Marketing Program



New Mexico State University
The New Mexico Gold Calf Marketing Program ensures that calves in the state are raised according to the highest standards in health and nutrition programs.

is designed to assist commercial cattle producers in assembling their calf crops into a more desirable marketing package for cattle buyers.

The program combines mul-

tiple aspects of other successful, national value-added calf marketing programs and adds new elements to the comprehensive marketing strategy.

"The program is focused on a

high set of standards across the board," Encinias said. The New Mexico Gold program combines genetics, a series of best management practices, and a proven marketing strategy.

The primary driver of this program is a strong genetic foundation in the calves. For calves to be enrolled in the program, they have to have been purchased from bulls from an accredited approved group of genetic (seedstock) suppliers who are active NMBCPA members.

The NMBCPA is one of the nation's oldest organized groups of seedstock producers. Since 1956, the NMBCPA membership has developed an international reputation for its centralized performance testing facility, in Tucumcari, N.M., and most recently the nation's highest altitude performance test at the Valles Caldera National Preserve in central New Mexico.

"The seedstock segment of the beef industry is the driving force behind genetic improvement in commercial cow herds," Encinias said, "and therefore has a great responsibility to their customers."

The birth of the New Mexico Gold program was ratified by the membership after a February 2009 meeting in Tucumcari identified the need to provide the service.

Encinias and other members of the NMBCPA are hopeful the calf-marketing program will develop more industry coordination, strengthen old relationships and improve marketing opportu-

nities for New Mexico calves.

Encinias said New Mexico producers presently use many outlets to market their calves, ranging from traditional auction facilities to online marketing.

"The Gold program is not meant to change where New Mexico calves are marketed but how they are marketed," Encinias said. "The bottom-line is we need to build identity and a positive reputation for quality New Mexico calves and the family ranches where these calves originate."

Calves enrolled in the marketing program will be easily identified through a visual "NM Gold" ear tag.

"Having NMSU rooted into the programs of the NMBCPA has been vital to our past and recent successes," said John Heckendorn, NMBCPA board of director and owner of J-C Angus Ranch in Moriarty, N.M., "and we are excited to have them on board with the calf marketing program."

Cattle producers interested in participating in the New Mexico Gold program are encouraged to obtain a list of current genetic bull suppliers for the program. A contact list of genetic suppliers is available on the Internet at <http://nmgoldcalves.nmsu.edu> or by contacting Encinias at 374-2566. Seedstock suppliers not presently members of the NMBCPA, but interested in becoming a NM Gold genetic supplier, are also encouraged to contact Encinias.



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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-2009-22
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

**CHARTER BANK, a feder-
ally chartered savings
bank, Plaintiff,**

vs.
**ELDELISA R. NAVA,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed Special Master will,
on March 19, 2010, at 10:00
a.m., in front of the main
door of the Third Judicial
Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las
Cruces, New Mexico, sell and
convey to the highest bidder
for cash at the time of the
sale all the right, title and
interest of the above-named
Defendant in and to the fol-
lowing described real estate
located in the above-named
County and State:
Lot 4, Block 3, Dos Lagos
Homes Subdivision, Phase
I-B, in Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, as shown and
designated on the plat there-
of, filed in the Office of the
County Clerk of said county
on December 23, 2002, in
Book 20 pages 207-208 of
Plat Records.

The address of the real estate
is 813 Golf Course Road,
Anthony, New Mexico. The
sale will be made pursuant
to the Decree of Foreclosure
entered on January 4, 2010,
in the above-entitled and
numbered cause, which was
a suit to foreclose a note and
mortgage held by Plaintiff
and where Plaintiff was
granted judgment and has
a lien against the above-
described real estate in the
sum of \$101,752.00 (includ-
ing interest to the date of
sale), plus additional costs
and attorney's fees neces-
sary to protect the real
estate, together with costs of
sale including a reasonable
Special Master's fee. Plaintiff
has the right to submit any
respective bids verbally or in
writing. Plaintiff may apply
all or any part of its judgment
to the purchase price in lieu
of cash. At the date and time
of the sale, the Special Master
is empowered to postpone the
time and date of the sale
if he deems such postpone-
ment advisable by appearing
at the time, date and place
advertised and announcing
to all present that the sale
is postponed to a new time,
date and place. The Special
Master shall not be required
to publish any notice of the
new time, date and place of
the postponed sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real prop-
erty and improvements will
be sold subject to any and
all patent reservations, ease-
ments, all recorded and un-
recorded special assess-
ments and taxes that may be
due. Plaintiff and its attor-
neys disclaim all responsibil-
ity 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 prop-
erty, affixture of any mobile
or manufactured home to the
land, deactivation of title to
a mobile or manufactured
home on the property, if any,
environmental contamination
on the property, if any, and
zoning violations concerning

the property, if any.

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the purchaser
at such sale shall take title
to the above described real
property subject to any rights
of redemption provided by
applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New
Mexico, on February 16,
2010.

/s/ John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-09-1666

**BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP, fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing LP, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JUDY RAYE AKANA, and
if married, JOHN DOE
A (true name unknown),
her spouse; and JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
tenants, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on March 17,
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 3770 Jade
Court, Las Cruces, and is
situate in Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, and is particu-
larly described as follows:
Lot 11, Block 4, LAS
COLINAS SUBDIVISION,
PHASE ONE, in the City
of Las Cruces, Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, as
shown and designated on
the Plat thereof, filed in the
Office of the County Clerk of
said county on February 26,
1986, in Book 14, Pages 148-
160 Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a judg-
ment rendered by the above
Court in the above entitled
and numbered cause on
January 15, 2010, being an
action to foreclose a mortgage
on the above described prop-
erty. The Plaintiff's Judgment,

which includes interest and
costs, is \$82,733.25 and the
same bears interest at 6.0%
per annum from August 15,
2009, to the date of sale.
The amount of such interest
to the date of sale will be
\$2,923.99. The Plaintiff and/
or its assignees has the right
to bid at such sale and submit
its bid verbally or in writ-
ing. The Plaintiff may apply
all or any part of its judg-
ment 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 sub-
ject to any and all patent
reservations, easements, all
recorded and unrecorded
liens not foreclosed herein,
and all recorded and unrec-
orded 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 prop-
erty 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.
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-09-2161

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
dba Citicorp Mortgage,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DOMINIC SALAS and,
if married, JANE DOE
SALAS, (True Name
Unknown), his spouse;
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.;
JOHN DOE and JANE
DOE, (true names
unknown), Tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on March 17,
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 1425 Thomas Drive,
Las Cruces, and is situate
in Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, and is particularly
described as follows:
LOT NUMBERED 3 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED 13 OF
DALE BELLAMAH ANNEX,
LAS CRUCES, NEW

MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS
SHOWN AND DESIGNATED
ON THE PLAT OF SAID
DALE BELLAMAH ANNEX,
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY CLERK OF
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO ON JUNE 29, 1954
IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO
56.

THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a judg-
ment rendered by the above
Court in the above entitled
and numbered cause on
February 4, 2010, being an
action to foreclose a mortgage
on the above described prop-
erty. The Plaintiff's Judgment,
which includes interest and
costs, is \$112,620.12 and the
same bears interest at 6.110%
per annum from February
2, 2010, to the date of sale.
The amount of such interest
to the date of sale will be
\$829.50. The Plaintiff and/or
its assignees has the right to
bid at such sale and submit
its bid verbally or in writ-
ing. The Plaintiff may apply
all or any part of its judg-
ment 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
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and improvements concerned
with herein will be sold sub-
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recorded and unrecorded
liens not foreclosed herein,
and all recorded and unrec-
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and taxes that may be due.
Plaintiff and its attorneys
disclaim all responsibility for,
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erty 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
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at such sale shall take title
to the above described real
property subject to a one
month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DOÑA ANA COUNTY
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2009-1844

**COMMUNITY FIRST
NATIONAL BANK KNA
BANK OF THE WEST,
Plaintiffs**

v.

**James H. Samways and
Margaret L. Samways
AND JOHN DOE AND
JANE DOE (WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN) TENANTS,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed Special Master will on

Wednesday, March 17, 2010,
at 10:00am, Third District
Court Judicial Complex, 201
West Picacho, Las Cruces,
NM, 88005, sell and convey
to the highest bidder for
cash all the right, title, and
interest of the above-named
defendants in and to the fol-
lowing described real estate
located in said County and
State:
LOT 76, MI TIERRA
SUBDIVISION, IN THE
CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
NEW MEXICO, AS SHWN
AND DESIGNATED ON
THE PLAT THEREOF,
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY CLERK OF
SAID COUNTY ON APRIL
8, 1999, IN BOOK 19 PAGE
258-259 PLAT RECORDS.
The address of the real prop-
erty is 4153 Calle Nuestra,
Las Cruces, NM 88004. Said
Sale will be made pursuant
to the Decree of Foreclosure
entered on February 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
realk estate in the sum of
\$21,700.06, plus interest
from October 31, 2009 to
the date of sale at the rate
of 10.00% per annum, the
costs of sale, including the
Special Master's fee, publi-
cation 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 cancel-
lation of this sale. Further, if
any of these conditions exist,
at the time of sale, this sale
will be null and void, the suc-
cessful 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 prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, all recorded and un-
recorded liens not foreclosed
herein, and all recorded and
unrecorded special assess-
ments and taxes that may
be due.

Dated: 2010.
Pamela A. Carmody/Special
Master
c/o Robert J. Hopp &
Associates, LLC
333 West Colfax, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 225-0800

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NOTICE is hereby given
that on February 5, 2010,
James L. Fletcher, 301
Amelia Dr., El Paso, TX
79912, filed application
numbered LRG-14799 POD2
with the State Engineer for
Permit to Drill Supplemental
Well within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground Water
Basin in Doña Ana County
to supplement ground and
surface water by using exist-
ing well LRG-14799 POD1
located within the NW 1/4
of Section 34, Township 27
South, Range 3 East NMPM
and drilling new well LRG-
14799 POD2 to a depth of
approximately 260 feet with
4 inch casing to be located on
land owned by the applicant
within the NW 1/4 of said
Section 34 at approximately
X=1,524,076 Y=334,712 feet
(K.M.S.P., Central Zone,
NAD83), for the continued
claimed diversion of 3.0 acre-
feet per annum of shallow
groundwater for domestic use
and 6.0 acre-feet per annum
when combined with surface
water from the E.B.I.D. for
the irrigation of 2.0 acres of
land owned by the applicant
located in the NW 1/4 of said
Section 34. LRG-14799 POD
1 and proposed well LRG-
14799 POD2 are located
at the physical address of
300 South NM Highway
28, approximately 400 feet
northwest of the intersec-
tion of NM Highway 28 and
Westside Rd., southeast of
La Union, NM in Doña Ana
County.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion, 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 impair-
ment, 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 575-524-5160. If
no valid protest or objection
is filed, the State Engineer
will evaluate the application
in accordance with Sections
72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3
of NMSA 1978.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.
D0307CV200903333

**US BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
TO WACHOVIA
BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR
WELLS FARGO
ASSET SECURITIES
CORPORATION,
MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES SERIES
2005-17, Plaintiff,**

v.

**KEVIN MICHAEL LEE;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF KEVIN MICHAEL
LEE, IF ANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to
the above-named Defendants
Kevin Michael Lee and The
Unknown Spouse of Kevin
Michael Lee, if any.

GREETINGS: You are here-
by 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
4054 Windridge Circle , Las
Cruces, NM 88012, Doña
Ana County, NM, said prop-
erty being more particular-
ly described as: Lot 12 in
block 1 of Sunrise Heights,
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 August 14,
1992 and recorded in book
17 at page 222, plat records.
Unless you serve a plead-
ing or motion in response to
the complaint in said cause
on or before April 12, 2010,
judgment by default will be
entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly
Kelley L. Grosso
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorneys for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
JAMES THOMAS MARTIN,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
of the Third Judicial District
of New Mexico Judicial
District Court, Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, this
day of 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
By: Deputy

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.
D0307CV200902826

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**The Estate of Leon
Telles, Jr., deceased; the
unknown heirs, devisees,
or legatees of Anita S.
Telles, deceased; United
States of America by and
through the Secretary
of Housing and Urban
Development; occupants,
whose true names are
unknown, if any; the
unknown surviving
spouse of Leon Telles,
Jr., deceased, if any,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to

the above-named Defendants
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF ANITA S. TELLES,
DECEASED AND THE
UNKNOWN SURVIVING
SPOUSE OF LEON TELLES,
JR. DECEASED, 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 650 San
Miguel Street , La Mesa, NM
88044 , Doña Ana County,
NM, said property being more
particularly described as:
Legal Description as Exhibit
A "Exhibit A" Description of
A 0.24 Acre tract A 0.24 acre
tract of land being USRS
Tract 20-35A2B in Section 22,
Township 25 South, Range
2 East, NMPM, west of La
Mesa, Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, and being more par-
ticularly described as follows:
Beginning at the northwest
corner of the tract herein
described, marked by a foun-
dation iron rod, whence the
northeast corner of Section
22, Township 25 South,
Range 2 East bears N 02
degrees 50 minutes 03 sec-
onds E, 2502.52 feet; Thence
from the point of beginning
N 89 degrees 45 minutes 30
seconds E, 108.00 feet to the
northeast corner of the tract
herein described; thence S
00 degrees 12 minutes 30
seconds W. 98.62 feet to a
point on the north line of San
Miguel Street for the south-
east corner of the tract herein
described; thence along said
street S 89 degrees 45 min-
utes 30 seconds W 108.00 feet
to the southwest corner of
the tract herein described,
marked by found iron rod;
thence leaving said street
N 00 degrees 12 minutes 30
seconds E, 98.62 feet to the
place and point of beginning,
containing 0.24 acres, more or
less, and subject to any ease-
ments of record and such as
may exist on the ground. This
legal description is based on
field data by Gerald Donohue,
NM PLS 8172, included in the
attached plat dated December
27, 2005. Job No. 109-14
Donohue Land Surveys 3010
Bowman Avenue P.O. Box 40
Mesilla Park, N.M. 88047
505-523-1114 Unless you
serve a pleading or motion in
response to the complaint in
said cause on or before April
12, 2010, judgment by default
will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI
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D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly
Kelley L. Grosso
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
Manuel I. Arrieta, District
Court Judge, of the Third
Judicial District of New
Mexico Judicial District
Court, Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, this 2nd day of
February, 2010.

Mark Perea
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
By: Nancy Heavner,
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-
CV-200900378

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

v.

**JAIME FAVILA; MARTHA
FAVILA, DEFENDANTS.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 24, 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 38, Block 3 of Desert Shadow Subdivision Phase II, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 9, 1997 and recorded in Book 18 at Pages 762-763, Plat Records The address of the real property is 5764 Crest Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 21, 2009 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 \$69,835.81 plus interest from July 23, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.00% 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-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: 2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-
CV-200801406

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,**

v.

**RAMONA OCHOA;
ALFONSO A. OCHOA;
WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A.; OCCUPANTS
WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

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on February 12, 2009 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 \$149,569.38 plus interest from January 16, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.5% 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, 2010.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-
CV-200803048

**RESIDENTIAL
MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS,
LLC, BY SPECIALIZED
LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
ATTORNEY IN FACT,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JUAN GARCIA;
ESTHER GARCIA;
THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO DEPARTMENT
OF TAXATION &
REVENUE; NEW MEXICO
WORKFORCE SECURITY
FKA NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY DIVISION,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 24, 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 2, Block B, Montecito Subdivision, in the city of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the is shown and designated on the plat no. 410, thereof filed for record in the office of the county clerk of said county on March 5, 1953, and recorded in Book 7, Page 36, plat records. The address of the real property is 1505 Colorado Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 28, 2009 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 \$91,386.68 plus interest from December 10, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.04% 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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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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Dated: , 2010.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-
CV-200900391

**HSBC Bank USA,
National Association,
as trustee for Deutsche
ALT-A Securities
Mortgage Loan Trust,
Series 2007-AR3, Plaintiff,**

v.

**Maria I. Rodriguez aka
Maria Rodriguez; Jose
A. Rodriguez; Mortgage
Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. (solely as
nominee for Lender and
Lender's Successors and
Assigns); CACH, LLC,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

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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: 2010

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.
D0307CV200900817

**National City Mortgage, A
Division of National City
Bank, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**Emmanuel Obi; Mary Ann
Obi, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 24, 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 67, Block 1, Desert Shadow Subdivision Phase V, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as Shown and Designated on the Plat Thereof, Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Said County as Plat No. 3389 on September 20, 2000 in Book 19 Page(S) 515-516 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 176 Kite CT, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 31, 2009 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 \$175,039.72 plus interest from October 15, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.99% 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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Dated: 2010.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No. D-307-
CV-200901996

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

vs.

**RICHARD HANWAY, JR.;
WASHINGTON MUTUAL
BANK, F.A.; UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
BY AND THROUGH THE
INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE; THE STATE**

**OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION & REVENUE;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
RICHARD HANWAY, JR.,
IF ANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 24, 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: See Exhibit A Lot 2 in Block 4 of Settler's Ridge, Unit Two, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is show and designated on the plat filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 7, 1996 and recorded in Book 18 at Pages 429-431, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1967 Settlers Bend North, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 7, 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 \$80,021.47 plus interest from October 15, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.25% 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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Dated: , 2010.

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

Case No. D-307-
CV-200901745

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

vs.

**RENEE MCCORMICK;
OCCUPANTS WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE**

UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 24, 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 numbered 3 in Block numbered N of Sonoma Ranch East II, Phase 5, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sonoma Ranch East II, Phase 5, filed in the office of the county clerk of Doña Ana County New Mexico on 5/22/2008 in Plat Book 21, folio 636-639 The address of the real property is 2513 Silver Hawk, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 31, 2009 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 \$217,536.89 plus interest from November 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.0000% 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: , 2010.

Pamela A. Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

NO. DM 2009-657

JUDGE Douglas R. Driggers

**Maria R. Martinez,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**Eberardo Martinez,
Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Maria R. Martinez
850 Holly Dr. SP 42B
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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 19th day of February, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
/s/ Rosie Stewart
DEPUTY

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**
No. CV-09-1797

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SETH F. BANSAS; LUISA
P. CASTELLANOS; and
JOHN DOE and JANE
DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED
NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 24, 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 2511 Rolling Hills Ln. Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot numbered 29 in Block

numbered 2 of The Ridge at Northrise Phase 3, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said The Ridge at Northrise Phase 3, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 21, 2001 in Plat Book 19, Folio 612-613.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 30, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$388,284.69 and the same bears interest at 5.500% per annum from October 17, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$9,302.87. 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 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

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**
No. CV-09-2394

**BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP, fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing LP, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JESSICA MARTINEZ, and
if married, JOHN DOE
A (true name unknown),
her spouse; NEW MEXICO
MORTGAGE FINANCE
AUTHORITY; and JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
tenants, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on March 24, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special

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vs.

JAVIER L. LUJAN; ESTEBAN G. MORENO and, if married, JANE DOE MORENO, (True Name Unknown), his spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 31, 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 1844 Salinas Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 4, Block 2, TELSHOR HILLS SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. FIVE, 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 April 23, 1974, in Book 11 Page(s) 86 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 19, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$205,474.35 and the same bears interest at 4.75% per annum from February 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,176.55. 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 #9462
Dates 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2010-12
Judge Arrieta

In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY L. COHN HATCH, a/k/a Dorothy L. Cohn, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Harry Hatch has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North

Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2010.

/s/ Harry Hatch
HARRY HATCH
Personal Representative
211 2 Desert Greens Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Pub #9464
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Idaho A Self Storage
1320 Idaho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
David Shawn Hunton
1350 Branson Apt. #10
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #45-1 at Idaho A Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$359.52. The contents of the unit consist of: Boxes, Desk & Futon

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Idaho A Self Storage
1320 Idaho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9466
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Idaho B Self Storage
127 E. Idaho
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Jerry D. Garcia
100 E. Idaho Ave. Sp. #26
Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #102 at Idaho B Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$315.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Boxes, Plastic Bags & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Idaho B Self Storage
127 E. Idaho
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9466
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Lohman Self Storage
2209 E. Lohman
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Dell Chappell
1432 Tingley Dr.
Las Cruces NM 88007

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #282 at Lohman Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$275.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Couch, Washer-n-Dryer, Rug, Table & Misc. Boxes

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:20 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Lohman Self Storage
2209 E. Lohman
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9467
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Lohman Self Storage
2209 E. Lohman
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Ernesto Tarango
P.O. Box 133395
Las Cruces NM 88005
c/o SmilesIncluded Inc.
545 N. Main St.
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #213 at Lohman Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$578.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Microwave, Couch,

Entertainment Center, T.V., DVD Player, Dinning Room Table, Vacuum & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:20 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Lohman Self Storage
2209 E. Lohman
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
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(575)525-0808

Pub #9468
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Norine Austin
505 W. Griggs Apt. C-11
Las Cruces NM 88005
708 3rd Street
Tularosa NM 88352

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #103 at Pecos 1 Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$312.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Several Boxes, Plastic Rolling Cart, Crutches & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9469
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Tannen Pierce
751 Alamo #5
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #7 at Pecos 1 Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$186.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Love Seat, Card Table, Baby Chair, Ice Chest, Computer, Desk, Kids Toys & Clothing & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Pecos 1 Self Storage
1320 Pecos
Las Cruces NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9470
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005

To
Jazmin Calzadillas
1600 Wyoming Ave. #1
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #L-22 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$444.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Bed Frame, Suitcases, Clothes, Boxes & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9478
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

To
Michelle Herrera
1970 Buchanan Ave.
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #B-32 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808
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LEGAL NOTICE
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005

To
Christina Herrera
536 N. Fifth St.
Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #67 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$360.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Pictures, Lamp, Clothing & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9471
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Felton Nichols
1126 Gardner
Las Cruces NM 88001
5475 Porter Dr. Space #119
Las Cruces NM 88012-7949

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #51 at Pecos 2 Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$220.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Christmas Decorations, Fan, Plastic Tubs & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9472
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

To
Doug Deason
P.O. Box 663
Mancos, CO 81328

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #G-53 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$376.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Several Bicycles, Misc. Bicycle Parts, Dresser, Chairs, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #9477
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 2010

LEGAL NOTICE
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

To
Justin Porter
631 S. Tornillo Apt. A
Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #171 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$414.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Washer -n- Dryer, Entertainment Center, Shelf, End Table, Table, BBQ Grill,& Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011


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Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

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LEGAL NOTICE
Rawson Telshor Self Storage
560 N. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

To
Michelle Herrera
1970 Buchanan Ave.
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #B-32 at Rawson Telshor Self Storage will be sold at



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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Informational Meeting	Opening
Bus Engine Overhaul www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/B09-10-520/	Bid 09-10-520	None	Thursday April 8, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
Gas Regulators (Fisher) P. A. www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/B09-10-178/	Bid 09-10-178	None	Thursday April 1, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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Dates 3/12, 2010

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LEGAL NOTICE

South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main / 150 W.
Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005

To
Manuel A. Roberto
P.O. Box 432
Dona Ana NM 88032

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #K24 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$440.00. The contents of the unit consist of: Mattress & Box Spring, Microwave, Car Seat, Futon, Headboard, Sports Equipment, Kids Toys, Table, Clothing, Boxes & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 10, 2010

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main / 150 W.
Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

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New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation: I0085529- T
Promotional Items

Bid Opening Date:
03/30/10

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://sciguest.ionwave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub #9480
Dates 3/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2797

BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP, fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

GILBERT TIMOTHY
GONZALES; TENNILLE
ALEXA GONZALES;
JOHN DOE and JANE
DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that on April 7, 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 5157 Sioux Trail, Las Cruces, and is situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots 6d and 6e, Block 12, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12,13 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, in 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 July 17, 1967, in Book 10 Page(s) 10-12 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 19, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$214,272.65 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from January 30, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,544.85. 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.

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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 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 #9481
Dates 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2,
2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine On-Premise Consumption Only) to Roger Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Miguel's Restaurant, to be located at 1140 East Amador Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the City Council on Monday, April

5, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division, may approve the issuance of the Restaurant Liquor License.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 4th day of March 2010.

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC,

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-39
James T. Martin

WHITE SANDS FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ARNULFO ALVAREZ, JR.,
Defendant.

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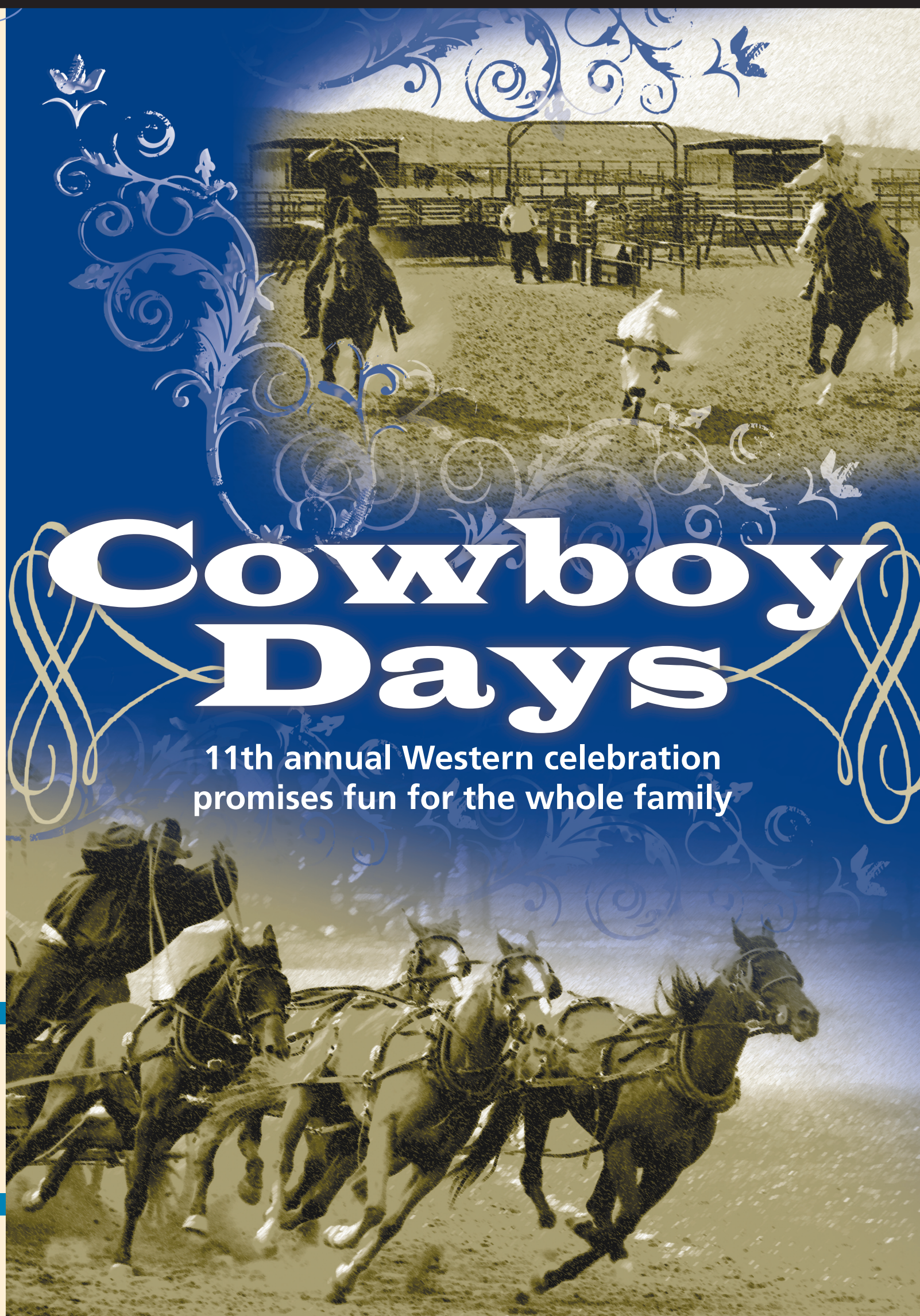
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11th annual Western celebration promises fun for the whole family

Cowboy Days promises fun for all

Even city slickers will enjoy a fun day at farm and ranch museum

By KRISTINE SANDRICK
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Having grown up in an apartment over the family sundries store, this writer is as far from a cowgirl as one can get. So writing about Cowboy Days, to be held Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum (NMF&RHM), needs to be left to the pros: Craig Massey, the museum's communication director, and the Bulletin's own Marvin Tessneer.

But first some background.

Since 1999, the museum has been hosting Cowboy Days – a two-day celebration of American horsemen and women. From gun slingers and cattle rustlers to cowgirl rodeo talent and all those who kept them clothed, fed and shod, the festival honors the heritage owned by the American Southwest. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, NMF&RHM visitors of all ages will

enjoy musical performances, horseback rides, gunfight re-enactments and so much more. There will be costumed characters from the 1800s talking to guests as though they had all taken a giant step back into the corrals of that time.

"Living history is usually an important element of the museum's special events," Massey said. "This year, we will have a re-creation of an 1895 wedding in our Cattle & Horse Barn from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Visitors will step back in time and see what it was like to live during this time and watch as two families come together."

From 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, the museum is hosting an old cowboy favorite – a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, sausage and scrambled eggs. Tickets are on sale at NMF&RHM. They are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children under 4 years old are free.

After breakfast, there will be music

performances and the Wild West will be brought to life through on-going activities from stagecoach rides and blacksmithing to children's activities and crafts.

A roping contest will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, with the finals and an award ceremony on Sunday. A full list of events and performers is listed to the right.

Cowboy Days is sponsored by the City of Las Cruces and the musical entertainment is sponsored by KGRT and KKV5 Viva Vista. For a complete list of events, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

In conjunction with Cowboy Days at the museum, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce plans to honor Topper Thorpe as the Doña Ana County Cowboy of the Year. This is the third year for the chamber's program, which is tied to the National Day of the American Cowboy.

Chamber honors modern-day cowboy

Topper Thorpe to accept award March 13

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Agriculture Committee has named Topper Thorpe of Cliff, N.M., as the recipient of the 2010 American Cowboy Award.

The chamber will present Thorpe with the award at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at

the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

"It's a humbling recognition," he said of the award.

Thorpe grew up on a farm near Doña Ana where his family raised cotton, alfalfa, sheep and beef cattle. But he made his reputation by guiding CattleFax, an innovative beef marketing service.

He attended New Mexico State University and earned a degree in agriculture business. He also trained in the ROTC, and after graduation he served two years in the army at Fort Hood as an infantry adjutant assisting in basic training.

He married the former Sandy Turner of Engle, N.M., and they have three children.

Thorpe worked for CattleFax for 32 years out of Denver.

"CattleFax was started by cattle owners in 1968 and is owned by cattlemen," Thorpe said. "I was the first market analyst for CattleFax, and I think it's a useful and valuable service for the cattle industry. We served cattle producers and feeders all over the United States."

CattleFax is known as the single source for all information on the beef industry and claims the largest private database in the country. Its members have access to analysts who specialize in their type of operations and regions. They receive weekly reports on fed-cattle marketing, current and prospective prices, contracting activity, wholesale beef trade, competitive meats, feed supplies and long-range weather outlook.

Thorpe lives in Cliff, N.M., where he has a small, irrigated pasture to graze cattle. His irrigation is part of the Fort West Ditch Association out of the Gila River that was organized in 1929.

Cowboy Days

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
Saturday and Sunday
March 13 and 14

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Saturday, March 13

8 a.m.	Cowboy Breakfast, \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance by calling 522-4100
10 a.m.	Match team roping contest, Roping Arena
10 a.m.	Melody Groves, Theater
11 a.m.	Mike Kearby, Theater
11 a.m.	Randy Granger, Courtyard
11 a.m.	Kenny Arroyo, Pavilion
11 a.m.	Parade of Breeds, Round Pen
11 a.m.	Milking, Dairy Barn
11:30 a.m.	Gunfight re-enactment, King Building
Noon	Eddy Harrison, Pavilion
Noon	John Dunklee, Theater
1 p.m.	Western Writers of America Authors Panel, Theater
1 p.m.	Eddy Harrison, Courtyard
1 p.m.	Gunfight re-enactment, King Building
1 p.m.	1895 Wedding, Horse & Cattle Barn
1:30 p.m.	Kenny Arroyo, Pavilion
2 p.m.	Leon Metz, Theater
2 p.m.	Parade of Breeds, Round Pen
2:30 p.m.	John Arthur Martinez, Courtyard
3 p.m.	Randy Granger, Pavilion
3 p.m.	Gunfight re-enactment, King Building
3:30 p.m.	Charros del Pedregal, Round Pen
4 p.m.	Day of the Cowboy presentation, Theater

Sunday, March 14

10 a.m.	John Dunklee, Theater
10 a.m.	Kenny Arroyo, Pavilion
11 a.m.	Leon Metz, Theater
11 a.m.	Randy Granger, Courtyard
11 a.m.	Milking, Dairy Barn
11 a.m.	Finals-match team roping, Roping Arena
11:30 a.m.	Eddy Harrison, Pavilion
11:30 a.m.	Gunfight re-enactment, King Building
Noon	Western Writers of America Authors, Theater
1 p.m.	Eddy Harrison, Courtyard
1 p.m.	James Michael, Pavilion
1 p.m.	Gunfight re-enactment, King Building
1 p.m.	1895 Wedding, Horse & Cattle Barn
1:30 p.m.	Melody Groves, Theater
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3 p.m.	Randy Granger, Pavilion
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Strolling local galleries

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Krista Gates and LeeAnn Brickson look at "Spiderwoman" by artist Sally Quillin at the new Quillin Gallery Friday, March 5, during the Downtown Art Ramble.



Sally Quillin, co-owner of Quillin Gallery, stands with her reproduction on peg board of Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night."



Local artist Daphne Wirthlin stands in front of her piece, "Songbirds and Soundbytes" at the Preston Contemporary Art Center.



Guests gather at the Blue Gate Gallery during the Downtown Art Ramble Friday, March 5.



Local artist Meg Freyermuth stands with her painting "Our Idea of Paradise." She is one of 38 artists exhibiting in the Southern New Mexico/El Paso Juried Exhibition showing at Preston Contemporary Art Center through March 28.



Preston patrons mingle near the jury-selected sculpture by John Northcutt titled "Red Woman Spirit House."

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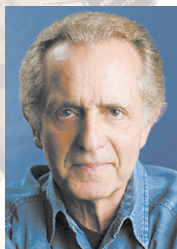
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UNSETTLED GALLERY

The gallery is featuring works by Marjorie Moeser in an exhibit titled "Curving the Outside Edge." Moeser's compositions at times conjure up extraterrestrial images or planetary stars, which she attributes to the wondrous night skies in San Miguel, N.M. where she lives. The exhibition continues through Saturday, March 27. Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St., one block south of Spruce Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. Call 635-2285.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

The Southern New Mexico/El Paso Juried Exhibition is open at the Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla and runs through Sunday, March 28. Featured artists are Ho Baron, A. Stein and Beverly Widener from El Paso; Nolan Winkler from Hillsboro, N.M.; Brad Adams, Donna Ayres, Orlando DiMatteo, Kyle Coffin, Yanick D'hooge, Joe Dominick, Georjeanna Feltha, Meg Freyermuth, Kerry Frank, Glenn Holgersen, Wayne Carl Huber, Suzanne Kane, Lynn Kelly, James Meaux, Katie McLane, Paul Neff, John Northcutt, Jesse Reinhard, Seth Roby, Angelita Rodriguez, Shawn Saumell, Edward Schmitt, Jill Somoza, Isadora Stowe, Daniel Tapper, Ouida Touchon, Brett Thompson, Kurt Van Wagner, Scott Weaver and Daphne Wirthlin from Las Cruces; Mary Frances Dondelinger, Gary Lund and Pamela Zoe Wolfe from Silver City, N.M.; and Katharine Kreisher from Truth or Consequences, N.M.

The center also is showcasing five artists of various media in the gallery's 2010 Winter Exhibition, which continues through Sunday, March 28. The show, which has an international flavor, includes works by Malaika Zbesheski Charbonneau, mixed media on canvas; Dan Davidson, painting and drawing; Amy Lam Wai Man, mixed media; Alan Weinstein, painting; and Peter Zelle, glass sculpture. PCAC is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and by appointment. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Judy Bess and Lucia Wilcox are featured for the month of March. Bess has won numerous awards in acrylic painting, capturing the viva-



"Prickly Pear I," a watercolor by Nance Brown, is part of an exhibit titled "A Class Act" now showing at the Blue Gate Gallery.

cious and beauty of the Southwest desert. Lucia is developing a Renaissance old master style of egg tempera, nicknamed the "pinta putrida" meaning the putrid or rotten paint, which mixes various natural glues mixed with colored powders (pigments). The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

RIO GRANDE GALLERIES

The galleries of the Rio Grande Theatre present a new exhibition by artist Abby Osborne titled "Patched Wings." Osborne's works will hang in both the El Paso Electric and Carolene de Mesilla galleries through March. Osborne uses painting, drawing and fiber art to create multiple layers of patterns, symbolism and spirituality. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries are located in the lobby of the historic theater at 211 N. Main St. and are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 523-6403.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery is featuring works by Peruvian painter Luis Fuentes and other artists. 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

The Rio Grande is the subject of Bonnie

Mandoe's "Riverscape Series," running through April. The paintings show the river like it's never been seen – in the vivid colorist palette Mandoe enjoys. Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

BLUE GATE GALLERY

The gallery is exhibiting "A Class Act," a show featuring six area painters – Nance Brown, Beverly Hart, Beverley Pirtle, Carol Quintana, Karla Kay Steen and Linda Zeck – who study under the guidance of Wayne Carl Huber at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The show continues through March 27 along with "Endangered Animals," 26 oils by Connecticut-Las Cruces snowbird Linda Miller. The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 523-2950.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY

Visit Quillin Studio and Gallery, the "newest" gallery on the Downtown Mall, which features Sally Quillin's watercolors and acrylics, Dedri Quillin's hand-woven and hand-dyed fibers and Aline Fister's silver and stone work. The gallery is located at 317 N. Main St., behind Coas Books. Hours are by appointment. Call 312-1064.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Warhol & Pop Art" runs through Saturday, April 3, and includes photographs by Billy Name, Andy Warhol's in-house photographer who recorded daily life at Warhol's studio, the Factory. Also, the museum is hosting Warhol Factory Weekends in March for children to explore Warhol's art-making process. Cost is \$5 per class. Warhol Factory Weekends will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 13 and 20. The museum is located at 491 N. Downtown Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday. Call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter's Spring Membership Exhibit includes works from 23 local artists displaying works selected by jurors Michael and Victoria Copeland of Alamogordo, N.M. Showing through Saturday, March 27, the exhibit offers a wide variety of styles and subject matter, from landscapes and florals to abstraction and figurative paintings, and from experimental to the traditional. The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

TIERRA MONTANA GALLERY

Tierra Montana is featuring Ruidoso, N.M., artist Esther Rogaway who paints dream-like images of horses and people. There is a mystical, spiritual quality in the images that is enhanced by a richness and depth of color. The gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 635-2891.

THETHEATREGALLERY

Emotions and ideas that David Lindsey-Abaire incorporates in his play "Rabbit Hole" inspire "Counterpoint," the current exhibit at the theatre gallery, in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, N. Downtown Mall. "Counterpoint" brings together work by photographer Bernie Lieberman and artist Margaret Bernstein. thetheatregallery is open an hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery presents the elegant and accomplished watercolors and colored pencil drawings of Penny Thomas Simpson for the month of March. The exhibit runs through April 2. The Tombaugh Gallery of the Las Cruces Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

A collection of Margaret Bernstein's work is on display in the lobby during the month of March. Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau is located at 211 N. Water St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 541-2150.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery is featuring Jo-an Smith's new art and jewelry show, "Eclectic!" Smith's 12th one-woman show in this area includes graphite and charcoal drawings, oils, watercolors, oil on gold leaf, gold jewelry and cloisonné jewelry. Cutter Gallery is located at the corner of El Paseo Road and University Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY 3/12

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 522-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

7 p.m. LoCura & Nuevo Sol, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. LoCura mixes grooves and melodies from Latin and North American influences to create an original blend of music that bridges cultures and transcends borders. Joining LoCura are local rising stars, Nuevo Sol. Cost \$15. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

7 p.m. An Evening with Anne Hillerman, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. The Border Book Festival host author Tony Hillerman's daughter and her husband, photographer Don Strel. Hillerman will present her book, "Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn." The event is a fundraiser for the upcoming festival April 8 through 11. Donation is \$10 and includes a reading, slide show, silent auction, book signing and reception. Call 523-3988 or email bbf@borderbookfestival.com.

SATURDAY 3/13

7 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.

8 to 10 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Followed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. by 11th Annual Cowboy Days. Breakfast is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door – includes Cowboy Days admission, which is \$4 per person, children 4 and under are free. Call 521-4100.

10 a.m. "One Peace at a Time," Fountain Theatre, one block south of Mesilla Plaza. Movie featuring music of The Band, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson to name a few. This film shows solutions to five issues: water, nutrition, shelter, health and education worldwide. Presented by the Las Cruces Friends of the Department of Peace. Donation requested to support both the film and the Department of Peace conference. Call 541-9093.

10 a.m. Branigan Cultural Center Historic Walking Tour, Phillips Chapel, 638 N. Tornillo St. Tour Mesquite Street and the original town site historic district. Free. Call 541-2154.

10:30 a.m. Children's Stories, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano store. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend the storytelling sessions. Free. Call 526-8377.

1 to 5 p.m. Farmers and Crafts Market, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Handmade crafts, farm products and snack bar. Free. Visit www.lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

3 p.m. You, Me & the Piano – Rudolf Budginas in Concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Budginas, a musical prodigy, illustrates how classical music has influenced contemporary artists by actually breaking down how Billy Joel might have drawn on Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody" to get "Piano Man." Budginas takes the audience from "Claire de Lune" to "Rhapsody in Blue" with contagious energy and endless surprises. Tickets \$20, students with parents or guardian are free. Call 521-4051.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Erik Mack, Live Jazz, The Player's Grill, New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse. Cover \$10, \$5 with a valid NMSU ID. Call 646-4257.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Couples and singles ages 50 and older are invited to dance to the music of Jim Corrons. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

7:30 p.m. Big Band on the Rio Grande Spring Concert, New Mexico State University's Atkinson Recital Hall. Favorite standards on the program include "Over The Rainbow," "Caravan" and "Georgia." Featured guest artist will be George Aiuvlasit on chromatic harmonica. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors Call 373-2188.

SUNDAY 3/14

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cowboy Days, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Cost is \$4, children 4 and under are free. Call 522-4100.

1:30 to 5 p.m. Weaving Instruction: Triangular Shawl or Beginning Inkle Loom weaving, My



New Horizons Band and its new Swing Band will perform a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Third of three Sunday afternoon sessions. One-time \$60 fee. Call 680-0791 or 639-1616.

2 p.m. New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter March Meeting, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, lower level Conference Room in the Administrative Wing (there is parking close to the entrance; the stairs and an elevator are in the Main Lobby). After a brief business meeting, Penny Simpson will talk about and demonstrate her watercolor technique that produces her trademark black background and luminescent subjects. Free. Call 647-1193.

3 p.m. New Horizons Band Concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Under the direction of John Schutz, the New Horizons Band is composed mostly of musicians ages 50 and over who will present a program featuring traditional marches, folk music and more. Also performing will be the New

Horizons Swing Band under the direction of Shawn Robinson. Free. Call 523-1652.

TUESDAY 3/16

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 522-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

7 to 9 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One-time \$60 fee. Call 680-0791.

WEDNESDAY 3/17

7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall on Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh fruit and vegetables, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equip-

ment provided. One-time \$60 fee. Call 680-0791.

6:30 p.m. Stitch 'n' Visit, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Share creative ideas and good conversation. Bring a portable craft such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit <http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com>.

6:30 p.m. Drum Class for women, Mikey's Place – A Workshop for the Arts, 3100 Harrelson St., at Conway Avenue in Mesilla Park. Hand drums, all levels. Cost \$5. Email mvalverde@zianet.com.

THURSDAY 3/18

9 a.m. to noon, Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One time fee, \$60. Call 680-0791.

11:30 a.m. Lonnie's Luncheon, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra Maestro Lonnie Klein will discuss the group's Classic Series Five at a luncheon buffet. Cover \$16. Call 646-3709.

7 to 9 p.m. The Big Band Dance Club Presidents' 29th Anniversary Ball, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of the High Society Orchestra. Dress code; semi-formal attire recommended. Country club membership not required. Singles and couples over 21 are welcome. Cost is \$7 for BBDC members and \$9 for guests. Call 642-2002, 525-9227 or visit www.bigbanddanceclub.org.

FRIDAY 3/19

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 522-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Event features acoustic musicians, poets and storytellers. Sign up begins at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks and coffee provided. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Community Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society dance featuring Brian-Amy and Friends playing old-time acoustic music. Everyone is encouraged to wear green. Cost is \$5, \$2 for youth 17 and under. Call 522-1691.



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Passenger-train service ended in Las Cruces in 1968, but we still hear the lonesome sound of the train working its way through the Mesilla Valley. When you visit the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, you can learn more about the integral part railroads have played in our history. One way is to enjoy the exhibits and see the new model railroad layout that represents 1940s to 1950s small-town life in the Southwest down to the smallest detail and includes recognizable Las Cruces landmarks such as St. Genevieve's Catholic Church and the depot, even though it doesn't represent any particular city.

This layout is a work in progress, thanks to donors who provided financial support through the Railroad Museum



A model railroad exhibit representing 1940s to 1950s small-town life in the Southwest is on display at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

Challenge Grant, which has raised \$4,500 to date, and energetic volunteers, who spend their time constructing it. Our thanks to everyone who has contributed money and to these volunteers for

their gift of time: Steve McDaniel, Ed Kosciolk, Bill Atchison, Ralph Troeller, Mary Lucero, Christine Camacho, Joanne Beer, Mike Weiss and Mike Hallock. We are still happy to accept donations to help

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President, Foundation for the Las Cruces Museums



with this project.

Another way you can learn more about the Las Cruces of 100 years ago is to attend one of the museum's monthly talks. At noon the second Tuesday of each month, a new topic will be explored by a guest speaker as part of the lecture series "100 Years Ago: A Cross-Cultural Look at Life in 1910 Southern New Mexico."

The talks are sponsored by the museum, the New Mexico Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities as a We the People project.

At noon Tuesday, March 9, Prince McKenzie will speak on the topic "The Transcontinental Railroad System and How It Influenced Our Southwest." April brings Carolyn Buchanan and a talk titled "How the Harvey Girls Civilized the West." Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

The Railroad Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Admission is free. Call 647-4480 for more information.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is a nonprofit organization that supports all four city museums: Art, Railroad, Natural History and the Branigan Cultural Center. You can help us with our mission by becoming a Friend of the museums or making a purchase at our gift shop, El Mercado de los Museos, located in the Museum of Art on the north end of the Downtown Mall. More information is available at www.flcm.blogspot.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL TO POLITICAL ARTISTS

The third installment of SumArt y La Gente, a highly interactive exhibit of art in all media, is scheduled for April 9 through 17 in Las Cruces. Artists from throughout the region are invited to submit art that makes a political statement. There is a \$20 fee for one to five pieces. Works must be framed or ready to hang. SumArt Fest keeps a 25 percent commission on sales. Entry forms and fees are due by March 15 and works must be delivered by April 1. For more information

or for entry forms, call 312-9892 or visit www.sumartfest.org.

CALL FOR MOVIE ACTORS

Male and female leads are needed for "Folklore" an independent horror film. Shooting will take place in and around Las Cruces in May and June. Auditions are being held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at 1100 S. Main St., Suite 110. Email folklorethefilm@gmail.com

Former POW shares experiences



Author and Iraqi war prisoner Shoshana Johnson talks about her book "I'm Still Standing," at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., on Sunday, March 7. In her book, Jackson writes about her 22-day ordeal as a POW and her life since the rescue.



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THEATER

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Actress Ruby Nelda Perez stars in "Rosita's Day of the Dead," playing Friday, March 12, and Saturday, March 13, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre.

The American Southwest Theatre Company at New Mexico State University Department of Theater Arts presents a limited engagement of the national tour of "Rosita's Day of the Dead," starring acclaimed actress Ruby Nelda Perez, March 12 through 14 at the Hershel Zohn Theater on the NMSU campus.

Written by Rodrigo Duarte-Clark, the artistic director and resident playwright of El Teatro de la Esperanza in San Francisco, this one-woman show is deliciously comic and peppered with the poignancy of cultural pride. Rosita cooks late into the night, dishing out recipes and juicy stories about the dead, the living and the people who fall somewhere in-between.

"We're honored to bring a play of this caliber to Las Cruces," said ASTC Managing Director Tom Smith. "Ruby Nelda Perez is a phenomenal actress in a phenomenal show."

Nelda Perez has been touring professionally throughout the U.S., Mexico and Latin America for more than 30 years. She performed "Historias para ser Contadas / Stories to be Told" at the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center where she was honored with the Award of Excellence medal. She toured Las Cruces last season with "Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen." The resident company of ASTC designed the show.

Performance times are 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Tickets are \$10 and \$15, and are available by calling the ASTC box office at 646-4515.

THEATER BRIEFS

Children's theater to perform

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) will perform the classic Greek satire "The Birds" by Aristophanes at the Mesilla Park Community Center Auditorium, 304 W. Bell Ave.

Performances will be at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., and 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 12. This is for children's audience and by reservation only. For reservations, call Pinky Kingsley, show coordinator, at 644-9561.

ACT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation providing youth theater and film experience since 1993. It is funded by a grant from New Mexico Arts and by the support of local businesses.

Hear the Vienna Boy's Choir

The Doña Ana Arts Council will bring the internationally renowned choir to Las Cruces for two shows at 6 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, as part of its 2009-2010 Cultural Series. Tickets are \$40. To reserve tickets visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

Asylum Street Spankers benefit

Guitars Not Guns presents The Asylum Street Spankers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. This is a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization that gives free guitar lessons to disadvantaged youth.

Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit www.guitarsnotguns.org or www.asylumstreetspankers.com.

Pianist Trefor Smith returns to NMSU

German pianist Trefor Smith will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at New Mexico State University's Atkinson Recital Hall. His repertoire will include "Sonata Op. 2 No. 2" and "Variations Op. 76"

by Beethoven, "Sonata in C Major K. 330" by Mozart, "Rhapsody in B Minor" by Brahms and "Harmonies du Soir" and "Mephisto Waltz" by Liszt.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 for students, and are available at the door.

An evening with Mark Medoff

Local writer and director Mark Medoff is hosting a special event "Taking REFUGE in Las Cruces" at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Allen Theatres Cineport 10, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Medoff is a board member for the White Sands International Film Festival, winner of a Tony Award and Academy Award nominee. Films to his credit include "Children of a Lesser God," "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder," "Children on Their Birthdays" and "Refuge." He will present 83 minutes of stories, scenes, amusing videos, surprise guests and technological glitches from the making of his recent film "Refuge," starring Linda Hamilton. Tickets are \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples. Following the event will be a reception at the Medoff home.

All proceeds will benefit the sixth annual WSIFF scheduled for April 15 through 18 in Las Cruces. The festival attracts visitors from around the world with its films, informative panels and special events.

Tickets for "Taking REFUGE in Las Cruces" and the WSIFF can be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/90360. Call 877-345-6973.

Alma's 'Buffons'



KRISTINE SANDRICK | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Alma d'arte Charter High School Theatre class, under the direction of George Kiernan, took its creativity and enthusiasm to the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday, March 6, in the form of "Buffons." Kiernan said he learned in Paris and London this style of theater, which characterizes the social rejects of the medieval times. The student thespians – representing all grade levels – created a sketch taken from artist Andy Warhol's musings about the benefits of Coca-Cola. About 17 students participated in Saturday's event, which was tied to the Warhol exhibit at the Las Cruces Museum of Art and Warhol readings at the Rio Grande Theatre.

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Judy Welch:

Painting horses is her life

Dream of living in the West comes true

By KRISTINE SANDRICK
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Judy Welch said all she knows how to do is paint.

Growing up in Wheeling, W.Va., she was raised in the country where she dreamed about becoming an artist, owning a horse and living in the West, she said. The artist started drawing horses when

she was 3 years old, then moved to painting horses and then, eventually, the landscape behind them.

"I've been painting my whole life," she said. "I was a stay-at-home mom and painted all the time," she said. "I first started going to art shows in 1970."

With a husband in the Army, Welch and her family moved to different places, and in 1993 they moved from El Paso to Chaparral, N.M. where they built the house Welch still calls home.

Welch is known for her "cowboy art" and will be among those showing and selling their work during the 11th annual Cowboy Days, Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

"I've been showing at the big cowboy shows, in fact, I'll be at the Cowboy Symposium this October in Ruidoso," she said.

She is on the road quite often, showing her work at cowboy poetry and music gatherings and Western art shows in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. In addition to Cowboy Days, she enjoys participating in the Western Music Festival in Albuquerque, the Lincoln



"Paint"

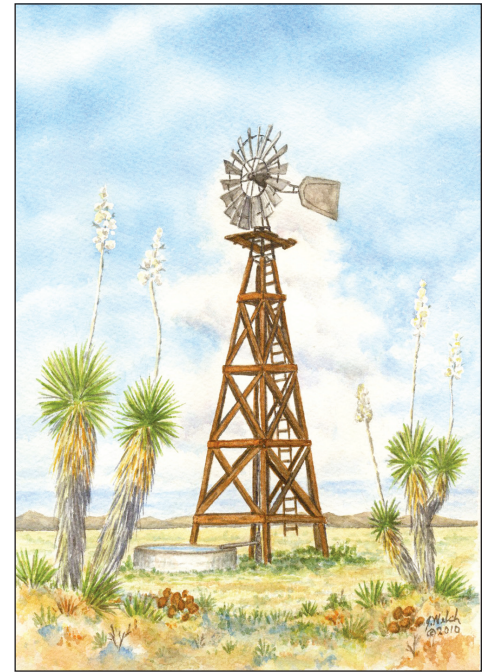
County Cowboy Symposium and Ruidoso Downs in Ruidoso, N.M.

Between shows, Welch has been a regular at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall since 1995. The Bulletin caught up with her on Saturday, March 6, where she has a booth directly across from the Rio Grande Theatre.

"These are my prints. I make my prints myself and cut the mats myself," she tells one customer.

At the same time, a visitor from Colorado asks her about the yucca plants in her paintings. People come and go, looking through her prints and the originals of horses and donkeys hanging on display. Her work ranges from watercolor to oils, inks and pencils. She is also well-known for her hand-painted neckties, which she said are in demand around the world.

She said she loves the desert.



"Windmill"

"Love to see it. Love to paint it ... and I had horses until five years ago," she said, adding that she gave them up so she could paint full time. "I'd be riding and thinking I should be painting, or I'd be painting - thinking I should be riding."

Welch has never had formal art training, but took a few lessons when her husband was stationed in Japan. Since then, she has taken lessons from Las Cruces painters Carl Cogar and Bert Gammill, El Pasoan Bill Bissell and has taken workshops with Tom Lynch and Judi Betts, nationally known watercolorists.

Welch has been quietly painting for more than 60 years now and her calm demeanor is reflected in the animals and landscapes she captures on paper. Be sure to look for her at Cowboy Days and at the Farmers & Crafts Market. She'll be wearing her black hat and a gentle smile.

Judy Welch

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Mixing it up Tokyo style

East meets West via Mix Express delivery

By **JEFF BARNET**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mix Express, 1001 E. University Ave., is one of three related restaurants that together create a "Little Tokyo" district near the New Mexico State University campus.

The menu includes mostly traditional Japanese dishes such as a teriyaki chicken bowl, sushi roll and tempura shrimp and vegetables, at prices beginning at \$3.99.

In addition, East meets West in such creations as the green chile sushi and pecan-breaded Las Cruces roll.

East also meets West via the Mix Express delivery service – that is, East Mesa and West Mesa. Mix Express delivers all over the Mesilla Valley, from Sonoma Ranch to the village of Doña Ana and all points in between. Customers can order online by visiting www.themixexpress.com, which sends an immediate alert to the mobile phone of manager Dennis Duran.

"We get all orders into the system within three to five minutes," Duran said.

The Mix Express started as a grocery 10 years ago, but quickly rolled into a high-volume counter service and take-out restaurant catering mostly to NMSU students and faculty. The food is healthy, plentiful and inexpensive, and Duran said the chefs aim to get every order out within seven to 10 minutes. Business is steady all day long, he said, and often lines of customers go out the door.

"The demand for takeout was so great that two years ago we added delivery service," he said.

While the menu is limited – popular items include the teriyaki beef and chicken bowls and combinations of sushi, tempura and noodle dishes – Duran noted that every day there is a chef's choice, a unique item that rarely repeats.

"It's whatever the chef wants to do that day," he said.

The chef's sauces, especially the delicious tempura sauce, are all closely guarded secrets, he added.

"We serve good food at special prices in a fun atmosphere," Duran said. "If you do those things consistently, customers will be happy."

The atmosphere is fun. The Mix Express is decorated in a postmodern Japanese style with Speed Racer placards

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Mix Express is located just west of Kinko's/FedEx, across from New Mexico State University.

and Cirque du Soleil videos playing on flat-screen TVs. The restaurant can comfortably seat 30 to 40 people and has become a popular hangout for university students.

Also available at Mix Express are Japanese desserts and drinks, including iced green tea and oolong tea. Poké, a Japanese chocolate candy, sells out quickly.

Sushi at the Mix Express is priced at \$5.25 and up. Duran pointed out that sushi is not always raw fish; it also can be cooked. The traditional sushi-eating method is to put the wasabi, which is very spicy green horseradish, on the sushi and use the ginger afterward as a palate cleanser. However, many people put the wasabi and ginger together. Duran said another popular technique is to marinate the wasabi in soy sauce.

The Mix Express is next door to The Mix and Katana Grill, a teppanyaki restaurant featuring the knife-juggling antics of teppan chefs. Monday nights are especially festive in the Little Tokyo corridor, when prices across the board are sliced in half. Konbanwa! (Good evening!)

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ACROSS

- 1 Of the heart
8 John Wayne film
9 Lat. or Lith., once
12 Skilled craftsman
13 End of the small intestine
16 Small barracuda
19 Bulgarian cash
22 Flexibility
23 Dr. Leary's drug
26 Kneeling bench
27 Toy racer
30 Point: pref.
31 Adjectival suffix
32 Dads
33 Dogpatch Daisy
34 Rough tear
35 Coarse file
39 Sm. landmass
40 Notable
44 Literary miscellany
45 "Dies ____"
46 Old-time Olds
47 Bedrock pet
48 901
49 Cyrillic USSR
50 European eagle
51 Port-of-Spain man
56 Sr. org.
57 Fuss
58 Superlatively sore
59 DDE opponent
61 Pers. savings
64 Worth noting
67 A-Team member
68 Actress Loretta
69 Goddess of folly
70 Sicilian town
71 French summer
72 Singer Smith
73 Seventh tones
74 "Bad Day at Black Rock" director
77 Gun owners' grp.
78 Meth. of operation
79 Addams Family cousin
80 Glutton
81 ____ Aviv-Jaffa
82 7 on a sundial
83 Building wing
84 Contains in a box
88 Lines in a sonnet
93 ____ Baba
94 Depend
95 X-coordinate of a point
96 Nordic goddess
97 "Philadelphia" director
98 Candy pops, to Brits
104 IRS mo.
105 Most limber
106 Curdled snacks

DOWN

- 1 Volcano opening
2 Make public
3 Baloney!
4 Half of MCII
5 Naxos's neighbor
6 Arab cloak
7 Plotters' plots
9 Builder's office
10 Lost traction
11 Kidneys: pref.
14 A. Godfrey's instrument
15 Half a Kenyan rebel?
16 NCO rank
17 Brief photo
18 Zsa Zsa's sister
20 Railroad honcho
21 Canvas depiction
23 Feeble
24 Leaf through
25 Song for two
27 Meadowsweet
28 Movie platters
29 Scandinavian capital
35 Costa ____
36 Reliquary
37 Baptism and the Eucharist
38 California evergreen
40 D.C. summer hrs.
41 USSR space station
42 Opening moves
43 Insignificant ones
52 Of the lower alimentary canal
53 34th president
54 Gas: pref.
55 Eminem's Dr.
60 Swipes
62 River islands
63 Editor's note
65 Opp. of SSW
66 Dodge fuel
74 Queens ballpark
75 Driving expense
76 Wrinkly citrus fruit
84 Lubitsch and Mach
85 Modern: pref.
86 Calc. key
87 Writer Rand
88 Passing craze
89 U.K. honor
90 West Point inst.
91 B.C. cops
92 Level
99 Tic-tac-toe win
100 Unhewn timber
101 Baton Rouge sch.
102 Comparative suffix
103 Superlative ending

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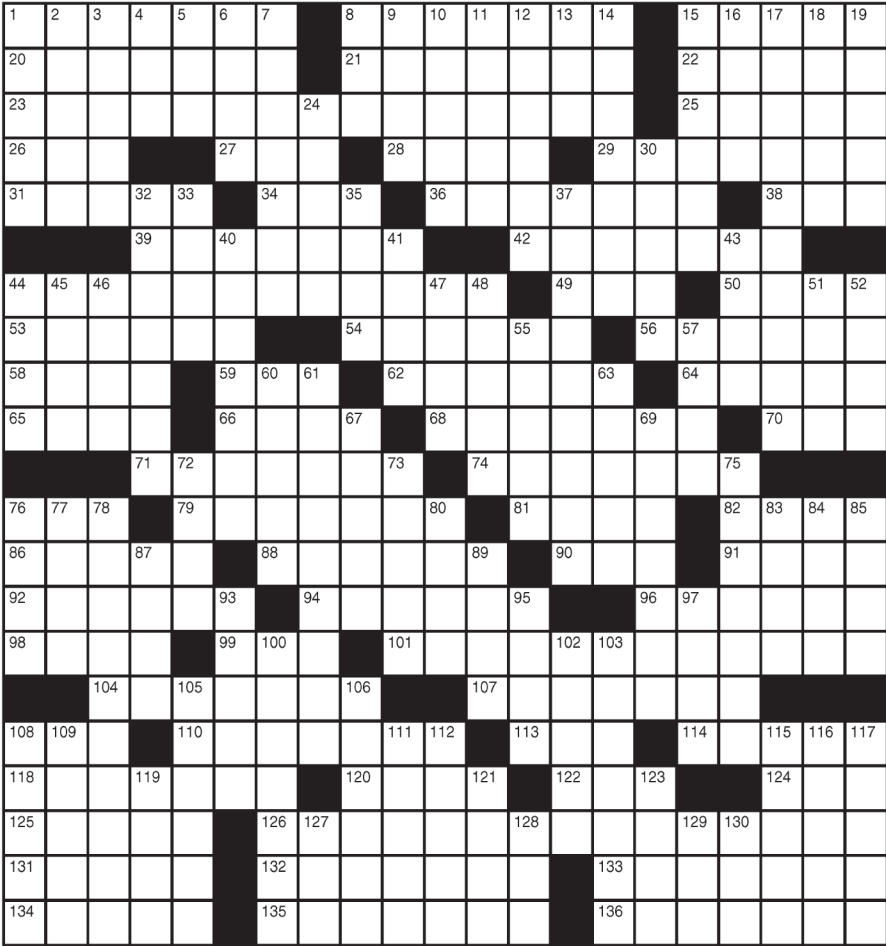
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- 1 Self-denying individual
8 Hurt, as a toe
15 Propels skyward
20 U.S. peninsula
21 Casual emphatic denial
22 Stage front
23 Adhesives breakthrough claim?
25 Lake ____ Vista, FL
26 CPR performer
27 "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
28 Oompah sounder
29 Root vegetable
31 Glory and Tobacco, e.g.
34 Small lump
36 Roadway pit
38 Dosage amt.
39 Two cents
42 Relaxer, for many
44 Where to catch "Gone with the Wind" airings?
49 Can.-Mex. go-between
50 Full of keen anticipation
53 Ocean mammals
54 Flight between stories
56 Basic character
58 Oscar-winner Thompson
59 Light knock
62 Look up to
64 Pass on (to)
65 In the vicinity
66 U.S. tennis stadium honoree
68 Pittsburgh player
70 Opponent
71 Laugh-track users
74 Relief bringer
76 Director Lee
79 Showy blooms
81 Japanese P.M. (1964-72)
82 One of the Baldwins
86 Payload
88 Penn pal
90 Recipe meas.
91 Arizona river
92 Craving
94 Kind of counter
96 Make beloved
98 Uniform
99 ____ pro nobis
101 Auto body repair special?
104 Chinese appetizer
107 Hurly-burly
108 Co. brand names
110 Set apart
113 Tour guide
114 Drop off

- 118 Movie studio section
120 Spanish kiss
122 Astronaut Jemison
124 ____ Simbel
125 Change for the better
126 Architectural innovation in the hospitality arena?
131 Taylor or Adoree
132 Public speaking
133 Charlotte and her kin
134 Charger
135 Enters data anew
136 International accord

DOWN

- 1 Chasing
2 Video effect
3 Terra ____
4 Stretch of time
5 Up to, briefly
6 In an aimless way
7 Seasoning with a kick
8 "30 Rock" inspiration
9 Racetrack figure
10 Exhaust
11 Tolkien's ring finder
12 Respiration unit
13 Some U.S. bonds
14 Iron-hand rulers
15 L.A. tar pits
16 Artistic work
17 Rudeness in Paris?
18 Pick-me-up
19 Loses it
24 Outfit for C. Yeager
30 Composer Berg
32 Singles
33 "Pursuit of the Graf ____"
35 Archery gear
37 Indoor kid?
40 Tuition category
41 Jot down
43 London art gallery
44 Pop singer Stefani
45 Woebegone lament
46 Dixie sch., briefly
47 Hoarse sound
48 Wind-blown toys
51 Hydrox rival
52 "Sommersby" star
55 Jean and Janet



- 57 Composer Thomas
60 Broad tie
61 Talking loudly on a cell in public?
63 Mongrels
67 Writer Zola
69 If all goes well
72 Wall St. debuts
73 Baseball commissioner
Bud
75 Child's floppy toy
76 Play parts
77 Port on Okinawa
78 Area needing a good cleaning?
80 Nintendo rival

- 83 Stead
84 Verve
85 Haul
87 Actor Kinnear
89 Unwind
93 Body trunk
95 Baba au ____
97 M. Harmon series
100 Cheer on
102 Tense situation
103 Stalemate
105 Like some jewelry
106 Maze runner
108 Slope devices
109 "The Cryptogram" playwright

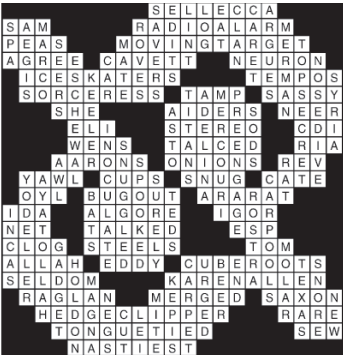
- 111 Peevish
112 Impede, in law
115 Consumed
116 Film maven Roger
117 Throb
119 Support for a proposal?
121 Mythical monster
123 "SportsCenter" stn.
127 Dander
128 Fleur-de-____
129 Chart-topper
130 Laudatory lines

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa



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An angry customer told a barista her coffee tasted like mud. The barista kept her cool and playfully retorted, "Yes, it's fresh ground."

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


















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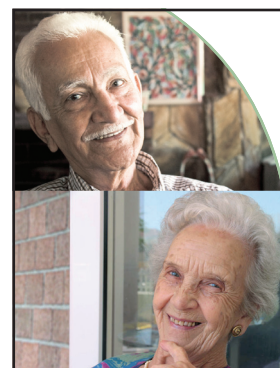
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PBS	2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Wash.	McL'ghlin	NOW,	T.A.M.I. Show: Rock 'n Roll's First				Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley	
CBS	3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (N) ☑	NUMB3RS ☑		News		Letterman		Late	
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Supernanny (N)	Supernanny ☑	20/20 "Haywire" (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	14	Dr. Phil (N) ☑	News	News	Two Men	House "Epic Fail"	Kitchen Nightmares	KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy		Frasier	
NBC	9	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Who Do You	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) ☑		News (N)		Jay Leno			Late	
CW	14		Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		America's Next Top Model		Society	Laguna	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access	
WGN	15		Home Videos		★★ "Blue Chips" (1994) Nick Nolte. ☑			★★★ "Hoosiers" (1986) Gene Hackman.			S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek: Next Gen.			
ESPN	26		College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter (Live) ☑			SportsCenter ☑		
ESPN2	27		College Basketball: ACC Tournament				College Basketball: ACC Tournament				Score	College Basketball				
USA	31		(4:00) "The Bourne Identity"			★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.			(:03) ★★★	"The Bourne Identity" (2002) ☑			U-571			
TNT	32		Bones ☑		Bones ☑	★★★ "Dreamgirls" (2006) Jamie Foxx. Premiere.			(:45) ★★★	"Dreamgirls" (2006) Jamie Foxx. ☑						
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★ "Rush Hour 3" (2007) Jackie Chan.			"Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby"			★ "The Whole Ten Yards" (2004) ☑					
COM	35		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Comedy	Comedy	★★ "Jackass: Number Two"			South Park
LIFE	39		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Will	Frasier	Medium ☑	Medium	
FOOD	40		Challenge		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Best	Best	Good Eat	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Best	Best
HGTV	41		House	House	Property	Property	House	Buck	House	House	Unsell	First Pla.	House	Buck	House	House
A&E	43		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44		Modern Marvels		Gangland ☑		Gangland ☑		Gangland ☑		Madhouse ☑		(:01) Gangland		(:01) Gangland	
TLC	45		Four Weddings		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Four Weddings (N)		What Not to Wear		Four Weddings		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47		Dirty Jobs ☑		Dirty Jobs ☑		American Loggers		American Loggers		Dirty Jobs ☑		American Loggers		American Loggers	
ANPL	50		Animal Cops ☑		I'm Alive ☑		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted ☑		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted ☑		I'm Alive ☑	
FAM	51		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Funny Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Ripped
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54		iCarly	Sponge	iCarly	Big Time	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57		"Jeremiah John."		★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood. ☑				★★★ "Kelly's Heroes" (1970) War				Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas. ☑			
SYFY	59		Caprica ☑		Caprica		Caprica (N)		Warehouse 13		Caprica		Warehouse 13		Stargate Atlantis	
CNN	62		Situation Room		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 ☑				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63		Kudlow Report (Live)		Biography on CNBC		The Oprah Effect		American Greed		Mad Money		The Oprah Effect		American Greed	
MSNBC	64		Hardball ☑		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Lockup: Raw		Lockup Special	

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			11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30		
PBS	2	22	Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone! Overcoming habits. (In Stereo) 						Diet Free With Zonya Foco, RD (In Stereo) 				Eyes-Smiling			
CBS	3	3	Basketball	College Basketball						College Basketball			College Basketball			
ABC	7	7	College Basketball				College Basketball				Paid Prog.		Paid Prog. At-Movies			
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog. Gladiators		Paid Prog. Traveler		Bones (In Stereo) 		American Idol Rewind		*** "The Negotiator" 		(1998) Kevin Spacey			
NBC	9	9	Paralympics (Taped)		PGA Tour Golf WGC CA Championship, Third Round.				From Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami.				Paid Prog. Raymond			
CW	14	14	Turtles Chaotic		Into Wild Wild Am.		Edgemont Edgemont		Adventures Adventures		WHAD Edgemont		Edgemont Edgemont			
WGN	15	15	Law Order: CI			Law & Order: Intent		Law Order: CI		Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Bones (In Stereo) 		
ESPN	26	26	GameDay		College Basketball			College Basketball							College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	27	College Basketball		College Basketball			College Basketball							College Basketball	
USA	31	31	(10:56) ★ "The Condemned" (2007) Steve Austin. 						(2:27) *** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney. 						Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	32	(10:00) *** "Freedom Writers" ★★ "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003) LL Cool J.						★★ "John Q" (2002) Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall. 							
TBS	33	33	(10:55) ★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) 						Accrd/Jim		Raymond Raymond		Raymond King		King The Office	
COM	35	35	Scrubs		Scrubs		Scrubs		★★ "RENO 911: Miami" (2007, Comedy) 		★★ "Spaceballs" (1987) Mel Brooks. 					
LIFE	39	39	★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas.				"Living With the Enemy" (2005) Sarah Lancaster.				★★ "Derailed" (2005) Clive Owen. 					
FOOD	40	40	Giada		Contessa		Challenge		Chopped		Dinner: Impossible		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America	
HGTV	41	41	Outdoor		Destination		Outside		Design		Dime		Colour		Colour	
A&E	43	43	Billy		Billy		Billy		Simmons		Simmons		Simmons		Simmons	
HIST	44	44	Ice Road Truckers			Ice Road Truckers			Ice Road Truckers			Ice Road Truckers			Ice Road Truckers	
TLC	45	45	What Not to Wear			What Not to Wear			Say Yes		Say Yes		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	47	Destroyed		Destroyed		Swamp Loggers 		Swamp Loggers 		Swamp Loggers 		Swamp Loggers 		Swamp Loggers 	
ANPL	50	50	Animal Cops Miami			Animal Cops Miami			Weird		Weird		Monsters Inside Me		Lost Tapes Lost Tapes	
FAM	51	51	"Bring It On"			★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003) Amanda Bynes. 						★★ "Step Up" (2006) Channing Tatum, Jenna Dewan. 				
DISN	52	52	Movers		Handy		Phineas		Phineas		★★ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002) 		Montana		Montana	
NICK	54	54	Drake & Josh (In Stereo) 				Big Time		The Fairly OddParents		Penguins		Penguins		Fanboy	
AMC	57	57	(9:45) "Winchester 73"				*** "Kelly's Heroes" (1970, War) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles. 						*** "Pale Rider" (1985) 			
SYFY	59	59	"Mega Shark vs. Giant Octopus" (2009) 						"Lake Placid 2" (2007) John Schneider. 				"Sea Beast" (2009) Corin Nemec. 			
CNN	62	62	Your Money			Newsroom			Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64	64	Buried Secrets			Broken Vows			Double Lives		Twins.		Forbidden Love		Scenes From a Murder	



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PBS	22	Eyes	Jimmy Sturr and His Orchestra			More Funny Ladies		Straight No Chaser: Live			Rick Steves' Mediterranean Mosaic					
CBS	3	College Basketball	Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: Crime Scene		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI: Miami	Cold			
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	Desperate House.		Desperate House.		Castle	ABC 7	(:35) Cheaters	Chopper			
FOX	8	Legend Seeker	House			Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Wanda Sykes	Sit Down	Office		
NBC	9	Foods	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Parenthood		Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live	(N)			
CW	14	** "Cowboy Up" (2000, Drama)				** "Undercover Blues" (1993, Comedy)				The Hills	The Hills	Payne	Chris	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	
WGN	15	Fun Vi	*** "Love & Basketball" (2000)			Sanaa Lathan.		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Angela's Ashes" (1999) (In Stereo)				
ESPN	26	College Basketball	College GameDay	College Basketball						SportsCenter		Final	NBA	SportsCenter		
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball				College Basketball					Drag Racing				
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice		White Collar		
TNT	32	** "Enough" (2002)		Jennifer Lopez.		** "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007)			** "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003)			"Shattered" (2007)				
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	* "Rush Hour 3" (2007) Jackie Chan.			** "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves.			Walking				
COM	35	** "Scary Movie 3" (2003) Anna Faris.				** "Jackass: Number Two" (2006)			Aziz Ansari		Arj Barker: LYAO		"Borat: Cultural"			
LIFE	39	"The Two Mr. Kissels" (2008)				"Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" (2010)			"Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" (2010)			Project Runway				
FOOD	40	Flay	B. Flay	Chefography	Ult. Recipe			Ult. Recipe		Iron Chef America		Ult. Recipe		Ult. Recipe		
HGTV	41	For Rent	House	D. Design	Sarah	Outdoor	Block	House	House	House	House	Outdoor	Block	House	House	
A&E	43	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		(:01) CSI: Miami		(:01) CSI: Miami		
HIST	44	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		
TLC	45	LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		
DISC	47	Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		
ANPL	50	Cats 101 (In Stereo)		It's Me or the Dog		Underdog		Dogs 101 "Puppies"		Underdog		Dogs 101 "Puppies"		It's Me or the Dog		
FAM	51	** "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.					** "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock.					** "The Cutting Edge" (1992)				
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Deck	Deck	Suite Life on Deck		Wizards-Place		Phineas	Montana	
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	Troop		Big Time		Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	
AMC	57	(3:30) "Pale Rider"		*** "Gangs of New York" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. Premiere.				*** "Gangs of New York" (2002)								
SYFY	59	* "Spring Break Shark Attack" (2005)				"Dinoshark" (2010) Eric Balfour. Premiere.				* "Dinocroc" (2004) Costas Mandylor.				"Dinoshark" (2010)		
CNN	62	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Her Name Was Steven"				Newsroom		CNN Presents "Her Name Was Steven"				Newsroom		
CNBC	63	American Greed		Coca-Cola Stry		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part		Debt Part		American Greed		Suze Orman Show		
MSNBC	64	Blood Secrets		Lockup		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup		Lockup Special		Lockup Special		

SUNDAY MORNING										MARCH 14, 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	
PBS	22	(Off Air)				Body	Car Care for Everyone-Pat			Priests-Concert-Liverpool			Steph	
CBS	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Copeland	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Nation		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Road to the Final Four		
ABC	7	Rangers	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		This Week (N) [CC]		Montana	Suite Life	
FOX	8	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	** "Ice Princess"		
NBC	9	(:08) Poker After Dark		Today (N) [CC]		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Travel NM	Meet the Press (N)		Mthws	Hockey	
CW	14	(3:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
WGN	15	Winston	Facts	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart [CC]		Feed	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Cultivating	WWE Superstars [CC]		
ESPN	26	SportsCenter [CC]		SportsCenter [CC]		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) [CC]				College GameDay (Live)		
ESPN2	27	Saltwater	Fishing	Fishing	Coastal	Pirates	Span. Fly	Drag Racing				Race Day	Baseball	
USA	31	Big Grill	Creflo Doll	In Touch		White Collar [CC]		Burn Notice [CC]		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) [CC]				
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Progeny"		Law & Order "Rage"		** "John Q" (2002)		
TBS	33	Married...	Married	** "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000)			* "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence.			"Austin Powers"				
COM	35	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	** "RENO 911!: Miami" (2007, Comedy) [CC]			** "Spaceballs" (1987) Mel Brooks. [CC]			Scrubs				
LIFE	39	Ever Increasing Faith		Hour of Power [CC]		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	** "Wicked" (1998) Julia Stiles. [CC]				
FOOD	40	Emeril	Rescue	Chef	Ingred. Fix	Cooking	Giada	Contessa	Grill It-Flay	Guy's, Bite	30-Minutes	Money	Dinners	
HGTV	41	Get Out	Dig In (N)	Curb	Curb/Block	Yard	Holmes on Homes	Unsellable		Designed	Get It Sold	House	House	
A&E	43	Biography [CC]		Biography [CC]		Private Sessions [CC]		The Sopranos [CC]		The Sopranos		The Sopranos [CC]		
HIST	44	Modern Marvels [CC]		Modern Marvels [CC]		Einstein [CC]				Art of War [CC]				
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Bikini Bodies		Paid Prog.	Moving Up [CC]		Moving Up [CC]		Moving Up		Moving Up [CC]		
DISC	47	Thin	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	MythBusters		MythBusters [CC]		Man vs. Wild [CC]		Man vs. Wild	"Jungle"	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Barking	Animals	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom [CC]		Wild Kingdom [CC]		
FAM	51	** "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen"				* "What a Girl Wants" (2003) Amanda Bynes. [CC]					** "Miss Congeniality" (2000)			
DISN	52	Gotta Kick	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Chugging	Chugging	Chugging	Chugging	Chugging	Chugging	Chugging	Chugging	
NICK	54	Grown Up	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC	57	Jewel-Nile	*** "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" (2005) [CC]				* "The Skulls" (2000) Joshua Jackson. [CC]				** "Firewall" (2006) [CC]			
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Twilight Z.	"When Good Ghouls Go Bad" (2001) [CC]			"Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer" [CC]				
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources [CC]		State of the Union		
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		To Hell and Back		

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PBS	22	Steph Olsen Power	Diet Free With Zonya Foco, RD (In Stereo)				National Geographic		Gogreener		Visions						
CBS	3	College Basketball Atlantic 10 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA.				College Basketball Big Ten Tournament, Final: Teams TBA.				NCAA Selection							
ABC	7	College Basketball				NBA	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers.				Entertainment Tonight						
FOX	8 14	(10:00) "Ice Princess"		** "Shallow Hal" (2001)		Gwyneth Paltrow.		** "Proof" (2005, Drama) Gwyneth Paltrow.		NewsRadio King							
NBC	9 9	NHL Hockey: Capitals at Blackhawks				PGA Tour Golf WGC CA Championship, Final Round. From Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami.											
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Scrubs	Punk'd	Chris	Payne	American Chopper	Latino TV	LatiNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut					
WGN	15	Boston Legal		** "Sixteen Candles" (1984) Molly Ringwald.				MLB Preseason Baseball: Cubs at Angels									
ESPN	26	College Basketball			College GameNight (Live)						SportsCenter						
ESPN2	27	Bull Riding		Bull Riding		Spanish Primera Division Soccer Teams TBA.				Strongman	Strongman	Drag Racing					
USA	31	(10:59) * "Good Luck Chuck" (2007)				(12:58) ** "Along Came Polly" (2004)				(2:59) ** "The Game Plan" (2007)							
TNT	32	(10:00) ** "John Q" (2002)		*** "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson.						** "Enough" (2002)							
TBS	33	"Austin Powers"		*** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				** "Walking Tall" (2004, Action)				** "The Replacements" (2000)					
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Scary Movie 3" (2003) Anna Faris.				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama				
LIFE	39	"Joy Fielding's The Other Woman" (2008)				** "Mr. Brooks" (2007) Kevin Costner.				"Unstable" (2009, Suspense) Shiri Appleby.							
FOOD	40	Boitano	Big Daddy	Chefography	Guy Fieri.	Diners	Diners	Best Thing	Best Thing	Ace, Cakes	Cakes	Tasting Ireland					
HGTV	41	First Place	Property	Bang, Buck	Bang, Buck	Income	Income	House	House	Get It Sold	Unsellable	To Sell	To Sell				
A&E	43	*** "A Bronx Tale" (1993, Drama) Robert De Niro.				Iced		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking				
HIST	44	Stealing Lincoln's Body				Fort Knox: Secrets Revealed				Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers							
TLC	45	Police Women		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories		Untold Stories		Untold Stories		Untold Stories					
DISC	47	Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		King Tut Unwrapped "Royal Blood"				Who Was Jesus?		Who Was Jesus?		Search-Grail					
ANPL	50	Polar Bears Uncovered		Human Prey		Human Prey Hippo.		Human Prey		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut					
FAM	51	"Miss Congeniality"		** "The Cutting Edge" (1992) D.B. Sweeney.		"The Cutting Edge 2: Going for the Gold" (2006)				"Cutting Edge 3"							
DISN	52	Chugging	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	** "The Thirteenth Year" (1999)		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards				
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Big Time	Penguins	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly				
AMC	57	(9:30) ** "Firewall"		** "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche.				*** "Gangs of New York" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio.									
SYFY	59	Jack Brks	"My Name Is Bruce" (2007) Bruce Campbell.				"The Nightmare Before Christmas"		** "Reign of Fire" (2002) Christian Bale.								
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Amanpour.		Your Money		Newsroom		Amanpour.		Newsroom					
CNBC	63	Paid Prog. Paid Prog.		Paid Prog. Paid Prog.		Hair Loss Paid Prog.		Paid Prog. Curl Conf		Paid Prog. Paid Prog.		Paid Prog. Paid Prog.					
MSNBC	64	Cult Killer		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Conviction: Murder		Cradle to Grave					

SUNDAY EVENING										MARCH 14, 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	Visions of Canada		Best-Daniel O'Donnell		Roy Orbison		Celtic Tenors: No Boundaries		Gogreener		(Off Air)			
CBS	3	CBS	News	60 Minutes (N)		Amazing Race		Undercover Boss		Cold Case (N)		News	CSI: NY		Ripped
ABC	7	News	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Extreme Makeover		Desperate House.		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	'Til Death	'Til Death	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Tucson	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Office	Deadliest Catch	
NBC	9	NBC	News	Minute to Win It		Minute to Win It (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice				News (N)	Lopez	Paid	CSI
CW	14	*** "Hoosiers" (1986)	Gene Hackman.			** "Phone Booth" (2002)	Colin Farrell.		Housewives			Access Hollywood		Stargate Atlantis	
WGN	15	Cosby	Cosby	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker	BarneyM	B. Miller
ESPN	26	College GameNight	(Live)			30 for 30 (N)			SportsCenter (Live)				SportsCenter		
ESPN2	27	Drag Racing				The Experts (Live)						30 for 30 (N)			NBA
USA	31	House		House "DNR"		House "Histories"		House		House "Wilson"		** "The Game Plan" (2007)			
TNT	32	(3:30) "Enough"		*** "Dreamgirls" (2006)	Jamie Foxx.			(:45) *** "Dreamgirls" (2006,	Musical)	Jamie Foxx.					TimeKill
TBS	33	"Replacements"		* "Rush Hour 3" (2007)	Jackie Chan.			* "Rush Hour 3" (2007)	Jackie Chan.			* "Blue Streak" (1999)	Martin Lawrence.		
COM	35	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	S. Park	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	* "Karla" (2006)	Laura Prepon.			"Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" (2010)				"Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" (2010)			Mother	Mother	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Ultimate Recipe				B. Flay	Flay	Ultimate Recipe		Iron Chef America	
HGTV	41	House	House	House	House	Holmes on Homes		Antonio Treatment		Antonio Treatment		Holmes on Homes		Antonio Treatment	
A&E	43	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
HIST	44	Ax Men		American Pickers		Ax Men		Ax Men (N)		Madhouse (N)		American Pickers		(:01) Ax Men	
TLC	45	Woman-Giant Legs		Help-Giant		Hoarders: Buried				Help-Giant		Hoarders: Buried		Hoard-Buried	
DISC	47	Science-Bible		Who Framed Jesus?	The death of Jesus.	Shroud		Who Framed Jesus?	The death of Jesus.	Shroud		Who Framed Jesus?	The death of Jesus.	Shroud	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		Killer Aliens	Invasive species in Florida.	Fatal Attractions		Killer Aliens	Invasive species in Florida.	Fatal Attractions		Killer Aliens	Invasive species in Florida.	Fatal Attractions	
FAM	51	"Cutting Edge 3"		"The Cutting Edge: Fire & Ice" (2010)		"The Cutting Edge: Fire & Ice" (2010)		J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev		Paid			
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Sonny	Jonas (N)	"The Lizzie McGuire Movie"		Phineas			
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57	"Gangs of NY"		**** "Pulp Fiction" (1994)	John Travolta.			**** "Pulp Fiction" (1994)	John Travolta.						
SVFY	59	* "Ultraviolet" (2006)	Milla Jovovich.			** "Crank" (2006)	Jason Statham.			"Highlander: The Source" (2007)				"Beyond Loch"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Her Name Was Steven"		Newsroom		CNN Presents "Her Name Was Steven"						Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Big Mac: Inside		Big Brother, Big Business	Surveillance.			Biography on CNBC		American Greed		Ultimate Fight.	
MSNBC	64	Children for Sale		Vegas Undercover		Vegas Undercover 2		Necessary Evil		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		Predator Raw	

MONDAY EVENING										MARCH 15, 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		Latin Music USA "Bridges; The Salsa Revolution"				Charlie Rose (N)		World		T. Smiley	
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Rules	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami		News	Letterman		Late
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	20/20 (N) (In Stereo)				Castle		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	14	Dr. Phil		News	Two Men	House "Black Hole"		24 (N)		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N)		Trauma "Protocol"		Law & Order (N)		News (N)	Jay Leno		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		Life Unexpected (N)		Gossip Girl (N)		Laguna	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		America's Funniest		America's Funniest		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	S. Park		Star Trek Gen.
ESPN	26	Select.		NBA Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics.			NBA Basketball: Lakers at Warriors							SportsCenter
ESPN2	27	SportsNation (N)		College GameNight				SportsNation		SportsCenter		30 for 30			NBA
USA	31	NCIS "Tribes"		NCIS "Stakeout"		WWE Monday Night RAW				(:05) Psych		(:08) White Collar		(:08) "Open Range"	
TNT	32	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer		Law & Order		CSI: NY "Trapped"		CSI: NY "Wasted"	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	RENO	RENO	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	S. Park	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Martin	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		"Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" (2010)				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good Eat	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	House	House	Giveaway	Property	Home Rules		House	House	Unsell	First	Home Rules		House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		Paranor	Paranor	(:01) Intervention		(:01) Intervention	
HIST	44	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	
TLC	45	Little	Little	Little	Little	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake	Cake	Little	Little	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake	Cake
DISC	47	Pacific Secrets		Two Weeks in Hell (In Stereo)		Indianapolis				Two Weeks in Hell (In Stereo)		Indianapolis			
ANPL	50	Reptile Kings		Animal Cops Miami		Pit Boss (In Stereo)				Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Animal Cops Miami	
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Greek (N)		The 700 Club		Secret-Teen		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	** "Eloise at the Plaza"		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Whole 9 Yards"		** "Something to Talk About" (1995)	Premiere.			** "Raising Helen" (2004)	Kate Hudson.					"Whole 9 Yards"	
SVFY	59	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster	Street Fighter		Highlander	
CNN	62	Situation Room		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report (Live)		Biography on CNBC		House of Cards				Mad Money		Tom Brokaw Reports: Boomer!			
MSNBC	64	Hardball		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING										MARCH 16, 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)	News 22		Pat Boone: Love Letters		Chet Atkins: Certified		Charlie Rose (N)		World		T. Smiley	
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Jurisdiction"		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife (N)		News	Letterman		Late
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Lost "Dr. Linus"		Lost "Recon" (N)		FlashForward (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	14	Dr. Phil		News	Two Men	American Idol	The 12 finalists compete.			KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N)	(In Stereo)			Parenthood (N)		News (N)	Jay Leno		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		90210 "Girl Fight"		Melrose Place (N)		Laguna	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	America's Funniest		** "Shallow Hal" (2001)	(In Stereo)			WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park		Star Trek Gen.
ESPN	26	Bracket		College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter (Live)			SportsCenter
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				College Basketball				College Basketball					Scoreb'd
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Psych			Law Order: CI
TNT	32	Bones		Bones		Bones		Southland "U-Boat"		CSI: NY "Risk"		CSI: NY			Southland "U-Boat"
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		* "Karla" (2006)	Laura Prepon.			Will	Will	Frasier	Medium		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrap	Best	Chopped		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best		Chopped
HGTV	41	House	House	First	First	House	Buck	House	House	Marriage	First	House	Buck	House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Samurai (N)				Life After People (N)		Life After People		(:01) Samurai			
TLC	45	Ultimate Cake Off		6 Going on 60		19 Kids	19 Kids			6 Going on 60		19 Kids	19 Kids		Too Many Babies?
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Man-Venom		Madman of the Sea		Man-Venom		Untamed and Uncut		Madman of the Sea	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	Celeb	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"Her Best Move" (2007)		Phineas		Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(4:00) "Halloween"		*** "12 Monkeys" (1995)	Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe.			** "Escape From L.A." (1996)				*** "Halloween"			
SVFY	59	Star Trek: Next Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		WWE NXT		"Meltdown: Days of Destruction" (2006)		Highlander			
CNN	62	Situation Room		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report (Live)		SI Swimsuit Issue		Marijuana Inc.		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		Marijuana Inc.		Biography on CNBC	
MSNBC	64	Hardball		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown	

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	When Irish Eyes-Smiling			Best-Daniel O'Donnell			Charlie Rose (N)		World	T. Smiley		
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY ^{CC}	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Scrubs	Middle	Family	Cougar	(:01) Ugly Betty (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8	Dr. Phil ^{CC}		News	Two Men	Human Target (N)		American Idol ^{CC}		KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier		
NBC 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Mercy (N) ^{CC}		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno		Late		
CW 14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)	America's Next Top Model (N)			Society	Laguna	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN 15	Home Videos	★ ★ "Road House" (1989) (In Stereo)					Home Videos	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.			
ESPN 26	SportCtr.	NBA	NBA Basketball			San Antonio Spurs at Orlando Magic.	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Warriors			SportsCenter ^{CC}					
ESPN2 27	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter ^{CC}		NFL Live	SportsNation ^{CC}	NASCAR		
USA 31	NCIS "Dog Tags"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS ^{CC}	★ ★ ★ "Casino Royale" (2006) Daniel Craig, Eva Green. ^{CC}							
TNT 32	Bones ^{CC}		Bones ^{CC}	★ ★ ★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt. ^{CC}				Leverage ^{CC}	Leverage ^{CC}		CSI: NY ^{CC}				
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Lopez Tonight	Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &		
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	S. Park	South Pk	Ugly	Daily	Colbert	Ugly	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★ ★ ★ "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) Whitney Houston.				Will	Frasier	Medium ^{CC}	Medium			
FOOD 40	Challenge		Ultimate Recipe		B. Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	B. Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		
HGTV 41	House	House	Property	Property	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Income	First	Holmes on Homes	House	House		
A&E 43	Criminal Minds		Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Billy	Billy	Billy	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter		
HIST 44	MonsterQuest ^{CC}		MonsterQuest ^{CC}		MonsterQuest (N)		Ax Men ^{CC}		Modern Marvels		(:01) MonsterQuest		(:01) MonsterQuest		
TLC 45	Kate: Her Story		Tiger Woods		Hoard-Buried		Addicted "Amanda"		Hoard-Buried		Addicted "Amanda"		Tiger Woods		
DISC 47	MythBusters ^{CC}		MythBusters ^{CC}		MythBusters ^{CC}		MythBusters ^{CC}		MythBusters ^{CC}		MythBusters ^{CC}		MythBusters ^{CC}		
ANPL 50	Untamed and Uncut		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Was Bitten ^{CC}		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Was Bitten ^{CC}		
FAM 51	70s Show		70s Show		★ ★ ★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. ^{CC}				The 700 Club ^{CC}		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid	
DISN 52	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001)			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC 57	(3:00) "12 Monkeys"		★ "Red Planet" (2000, Science Fiction) Val Kilmer.					★ ★ ★ "The Terminator" (1984) Linda Hamilton ^{CC}			★ "Red Planet"				
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Destination Truth		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		★ ★ "Leprechaun"		
CNN 62	Situation Room		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 ^{CC}				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper		
CNBC 63	Kudlow Report (Live)		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed		American Greed		
MSNBC 64	Hardball ^{CC}		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball ^{CC}		Countdown		

THURSDAY EVENING										MARCH 18, 2010				
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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	In Place out of Time				Rounder Records 40th			Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley	
CBS 3	College Basketball				College Basketball						News	Letterman	Late	
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	FlashForward "Revelation Zero" (N) Ⓞ			Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 8	Dr. Phil Ⓞ		News	Two Men	Bones Ⓞ	Fringe "August"	KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier		
NBC 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	Parks	Office	30 Rock	The Marriage Ref	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show	The Vampire Diaries	Supernatural Ⓞ	Laguna	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access				
WGN 15	Home Videos		WWE Superstars		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Star Trek Gen.		
ESPN 26	SportCtr.	NFL Live	SportsNation (N)		Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe		SportsCenter Ⓞ	SportsCenter Ⓞ	SportsCenter Ⓞ			
ESPN2 27	College Basketball				Strong		Strong		Strongest Man	Scoreboard	NBA	NASCAR		
USA 31	NCIS Ⓞ		House Ⓞ		House Ⓞ		House Ⓞ		Burn Notice Ⓞ	House "Teamwork"	"The Prestige" Ⓞ			
TNT 32	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Miami Heat. Ⓞ				NBA Basketball: Hornets at Nuggets				Inside the NBA		CSI: NY Ⓞ			
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy)		Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &		
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly	South Pk	Martin	Sarah	Daily	Colbert	Bill Engvall	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Models	Project Runway	Models	Project Runway		
FOOD 40	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Ace of Cakes		Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America	Ace of Cakes		
HGTV 41	House	House	First Pla.	My First	Selling	Nails	House	House	House	First	Selling	Nails	House	House
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HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Food Tech (N)		American Pickers		Food Tech Ⓞ	Modern Marvels	(:01) Food Tech			
TLC 45	LA Ink Ⓞ		Police Women		Police Women		LA Ink (N) Ⓞ		Police Women	LA Ink Ⓞ	Police Women			
DISC 47	Man vs. Wild Ⓞ		Man vs. Wild Ⓞ		Man vs. Wild Ⓞ		Man vs. Wild Ⓞ		Man vs. Wild Ⓞ	Man vs. Wild Ⓞ	Man vs. Wild Ⓞ			
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SYFY 59	(4:00) * "Cold Creek Manor"		*** "28 Days Later" (2002) Cillian Murphy. Ⓞ						Caprica		Stargate SG-1		Highlander Ⓞ	
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Difficulty rating: Easy

Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

CHALLENGER

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Difficulty rating: Moderate

Expert

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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

1	6	8	5	4	3	9	7	2
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You decide if McKay is Oscar material

Actor nails the mercurial man in 'Me and Orson Welles'

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

If this year's Oscar judges overlooked anyone for the Best Actor Award, it was the lead characters in this --- look at the old days of theater, "Me and Orson Welles."

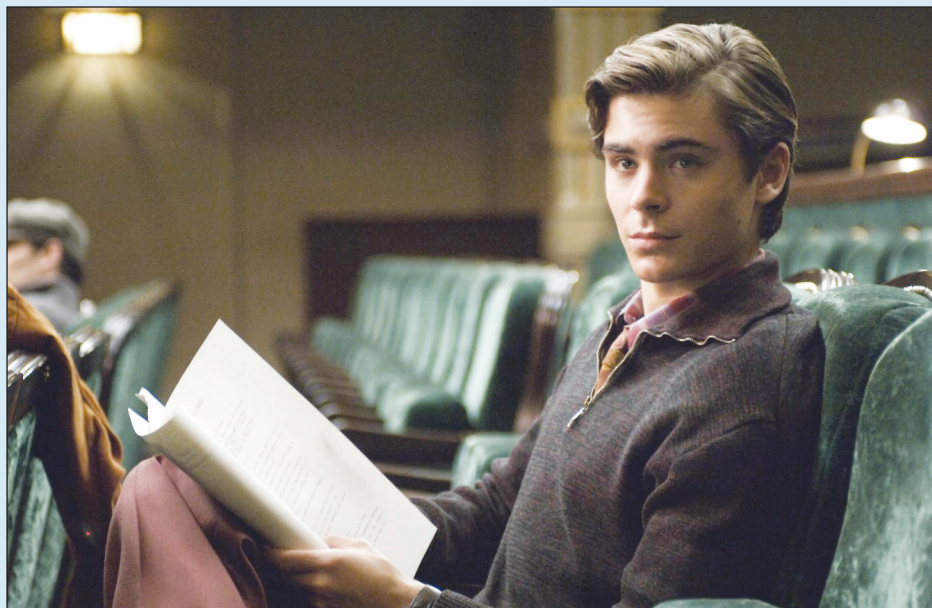
Actor Christian McKay is able to cover quite well the different nuances of Orson Welles, a man I've seen act in his own films. As Welles, McKay is able to be charming and bullying, gruff and quiet and demanding and introspective. His voice sounds very similar to that of Welles, and he is even able to conquer some facial expressions.

Zac Efron plays Richard, a wanna-be actor, who stumbles into good fortune one fine day in 1937 or so, when he encounters Welles and part of his troupe outside a theater. As usual, Welles is barking orders to underlings and blowing cigar smoke at anyone within shout-distance.

Richard is well aware of Welles' reputation and soon, mostly because of Welles' unpredictability and temper fidgets, finds himself in the leading role of a very revisionist version of Julius Caesar, portraying the noble Roman more or less as a Fascist.

But in an emotional error that leads to extreme dismay a bit down the road, Richard also is taken with Sonja (Claire Danes), the production assistant for the play and Welles' occasional lover.

Although he won't admit it, Welles is quite taken by Sonja, a bright, attractive and very independent woman.



Along with Christian McKay, Zac Efron, from the "High School Musical" movies, puts up an award-winning performance in "Me and Orson Welles," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

Therein lies the second part of the story, which is not connected with the attempt to get the production on stage on time. But rather, it's the clash of egos between the king-sized one that Welles carries and that which Richard is developing as his "success" on the stage goes to his head.

Compounded by Sonja's blend of ego and heartstring tugging and Richard's attraction to Gretta, things smolder and simmer both on and off the set.

"Me and Orson Welles" is slightly out of character from director Richard Linklater's other films, which include "A Scanner Darkly" and "Before Sunset." But he does a terrific job at capturing the life of a production company, along with an excellent feeling for the '30s, during which the film takes place.

Welles of course went on to be an occasional overwhelming presence in the film world, with much of his potential talent remaining untapped or full

FILM REVIEW

"Me (well, not me, really) and Orson Welles" opens March 12 for a weeklong run at the Fountain Theatre, just a smidge south of Mesilla Plaza. Rated PG 13, it is 114 minutes long and in English.

GRADE

A+

of "failed promise" as noted by film critic Roger Ebert. However, this tightly filmed little picture offers an excellent view at the man's "was, could have been and should have been."

McKay's performance is mesmerizing, as one can imagine Welles himself was during his long career on stage and screen.

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. Me and Jeff Berg can be reached at jeffberg@lascrucsbulletin.com

Special Event

The Sunday evening screening of "Me and Orson Welles" will be preceded by a short event called Stage Night at the Movies, when several actors and other luminaries associated with local theater groups, including Las Cruces Community and the Black Box theaters, will be on hand to briefly describe what they do and upcoming local productions. Several free tickets for the next LCCT production, "Big Bad Mouse," will be given away as door prizes. Arrive early to meet some of the folks behind the greasepaint and the scenes.

Dancing before tumbleweeds

Film showcases Marta Becket's 'Amargosa'

The CineMatinee for Saturday, March 13, is "Amargosa" (2000, 90 minutes, not rated).

The delightful and award-winning documentary "Amargosa" leaves no doubt that the 76-year-old dancer and artist Marta Becket is a remarkable person. When she was 43, she abandoned a rich New York art scene to forge a new, creative life in the tiny Death Valley ghost town.

Thin, graceful, wizened and disarmingly down to earth, Becket is an inspiration. "Amargosa" treats her as such, catching her at work in the ornate Amargosa Opera House she pretty much restored single-handedly.

Director Todd Robinson's portrait is an affectionate look at a woman who faced her own destiny one day and refused to blink.

Becket was a successful Broadway dancer traveling cross country with her husband when their car broke down. They were near Death Valley Junction, on the site of an abandoned adobe hotel complex.



Marta Becket found Amargosa, Nev., by accident but now has lived and danced there for more than 40 years.

The place, Amargosa, Nev., was once operated by Pacific Coast Borax Co. and had a small, crumbling theater.

Becket decided on the spot that it would be home for her boundless creative energies.

The forthright artist went on with what essentially was her own private show. She choreographed and performed her own dances, at first to an audience of tumbleweeds. But over the course of six years, she painstakingly developed another audience -- the Renaissance-looking crowd she painted in elaborate murals to fill

her Amargosa Opera House with gawking spectators. She performed here for more than 40 years.

The film is an engaging testament to the pursuit of dreams. Becket overcame much and worked hard to get where she is today.

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 Mesilla Plaza. For information, call 524-8287.

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Burton adding too much logic to Carroll's planned nonsense

'Alice in Wonderland' should be 'Lord of the Smoke Rings'



A reason to keep watching the movie is to see Mia Wasilkowska as Alice.

REVIEW BY **JEFF BARNET**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Curious and curiouseer.
How could the rich fantasy material of beloved author Lewis Carroll, placed in the hands of creative geniuses Tim Burton and Johnny Depp, result in such an average film?

Director Burton has based his new movie on Carroll's two books of literary nonsense, "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass." Readers will recognize the many famous characters from the books, but not the plot. Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" is a mish-mash of scenes from the books and gives way to an entirely new storyline that has no whimsy or nonsense at all.

Screenwriter Linda Woolverton's story is a watered-down message of feminist empowerment combined with a tepid "Lord of the Rings" style battle ending. The message — women should be independent and strong and resist believing in princes who will save the day — could have been lifted from any number of self-help books. There's nothing wrong with the message. It's just that it is so logical. And logic of the dreamless modern variety is the last thing one wants to see in Wonderland.

It also is logical to divide the world of Wonderland into two warring camps. Good and evil are not bitterly polarized in the works of Lewis Carroll. In his books, the characters all know each other in an absurd, nonsensical interplay of dreamlike exchange. The newly embattled world of Wonderland, which Burton renames "Underland," is a place of predictable conflict that gives way to a perfectly predictable ending.

Off with their heads!
Perhaps I should have seen the 3-D version. It is true that the film is a visual feast, even in 2-D. Depp's Mad Hatter is indeed mad, and his tea party is classic physical comedy with the irritable dormouse and jittery March Hare bounc-



Johnny Depp's character, the Mad Hatter, is indeed mad and dark in Burton's "Alice in Wonderland," now playing at Allen Theatres.

ing sugar cubes off each other in fits of delirium. My guess is that this scene is a complete riot in 3-D.

Helena Bonham-Carter has many hilarious moments as the imperious Red Queen. Both the Chesire Cat and the hookah-smoking blue caterpillar Absalom are entertaining characters and provide much-needed relief from the ho-hum storyline.

Anne Hathaway's White Queen is another attempt at comic relief. She plays the part, on purpose, like a hammy high school actor. It kind of works.

The best reason to keep watching is the graceful performance by Mia Wasilkowska as Alice. She is by turns charming, funny and subtle. Hers is an understated portrayal in a film that works hard to be over the top.

Burton plays with an intriguing idea: that Alice visited Wonderland long ago but has no memory of it. The darkness of it, the self — hiding from the self — could have been developed into a deeper and more illogical exploration of the psychic awakening of a young woman.

Even so, Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" is dark. Perhaps it is the static performances of Depp and Bonham-Carter that give the movie its dark feel. They have nowhere to go with their mad acts. Some parts of the battle scene, as well as scenes involving the monsters the Frumious Bandersnatch and the Jabberwocky, seemed too intense for children.

But, then again, Burton is not aiming for an audience of children. This is intended to be a trippy adventure for adults. Too bad Burton couldn't draw on resources deeper than pop psychology.

It is because Burton and Depp are two of the best minds working in Hollywood that I came away so disappointed in "Alice in Wonderland."

Of course, you're curious to see this movie. You are going to go down the rabbit hole. If so, may I suggest you take off your rose-colored glasses and wear a pair of 3D glasses instead.

I could be completely wrong, however. This might have been a film for teenaged girls. If so, I totally missed the point. Never mind. I may have taken the "overly critical" pill.



Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter's characters are curious and curiouseer.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND
Director: Tim Burton
Starring: Johnny Depp, Mia Wasilkowska
Running time: 108 minutes
Rated: PG

Grade C

AT THE MOVIES



Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Shutter Island

Rated: R

Plot Overview: Two U.S. marshals investigate the mysterious disappearance of a murderess from a fortress-like hospital for the criminally insane.

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Ben Kingsley

Director: Martin Scorsese



Book of Eli

Rated: R

Plot Overview: Some 30 years after the final war, a solitary man walks across the wasteland that was once America. The roads belong to gangs that would murder a man for his shoes, an ounce of water ... or for nothing at all.

Starring: Gary Oldham, Denzel Washington

Director: Albert Hughes



Percy Jackson & the Olympians

Rated: PG

Plot Overview: It's the 21st century, but the gods of Mount Olympus seem to have walked out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology text and into his life.

Starring: Logan Lerman, Uma Thurman

Director: Chris Columbus



The Crazies

Rated: R

Plot Overview: Inhabitants of a small Kansas town are suddenly plagued by insanity and death after a mysterious toxin contaminates their water supply.

Starring: Timothy Olyphant, Radha Mitchell

Director: Breck Eisner



Cop Out

Rated: R

Plot Overview: Two longtime NYPD partners on the trail of a stolen, rare, mint-condition baseball card find themselves up against a merciless, memorabilia-obsessed gangster.

Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan

Director: Kevin Smith



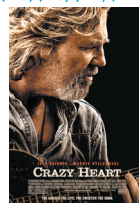
Crazy Heart

Rated: R

Plot Overview: Bad Blake is a broken-down, hard-living country singer who reaches for help from a journalist who discovers the real man behind the musician.

Starring: Jeff Bridges, Maggie Gyllenhaal

Director: Scott Cooper



Alice in Wonderland

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: Director and subject matter make for a perfect marriage in Tim Burton's version of the Lewis Carroll classic.

Starring: Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway

Director: Tim Burton



Brooklyn's Finest

Rated: R

Plot Overview: In just one chaotic week, the lives of three New York City police officers are dramatically transformed by their involvement in a massive drug operation.

Starring: Richard Gere, Don Cheadle

Director: Antoine Fuqua



The Wolfman

Rated: R

Plot Overview: A haunted nobleman is lured back to his family estate after his brother vanishes, and when he sets out to find him he discovers a horrifying destiny for himself.

Starring: Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins

Director: Joe Johnston



Dear John

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: An adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks novel about a young soldier who falls for an idealistic college girl.

Starring: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried

Director: Lasse Hallstrom



Avatar

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: An ex-Marine finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms. As an Avatar, a human mind in an alien body, he finds himself torn between two worlds.

Starring: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana

Director: James Cameron



Our Family Wedding

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A newly engaged couple returns from college to suddenly announce their marriage, sending their highly-competitive fathers into a havoc-wreaking frenzy on the special day.

Starring: Forest Whitaker, America Ferrera

Director: Rick Famuyiwa



Green Zone

Rated: R

Plot Overview: During the chaotic early days of the Iraqi War, Roy Miller and his team of army inspectors are dispatched to find weapons of mass destruction. But they stumble upon an elaborate cover-up.

Starring: Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear

Director: Paul Greengrass



Remember Me

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A young man in New York City has a strained relationship with his father ever since tragedy separated their family. When he meets Emily, he finds happiness and meaning in his life, but hidden secrets cause things to unravel.

Starring: Robert Pattinson, Pierce Brosnan

Director: Allen Coulter



She's Out of My League

Rated: R

Plot Overview: Kirk is just a normal guy with average looks and an average job until a stunning woman begins to think he's something special.

Starring: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve

Director: Jim Field Smith



New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, March 16 •

The Twilight Saga: New Moon

Rating: PG-13

Genre: Drama, Romance

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson

Director: Chris Weitz

The Princess and the Frog

Rating: G

Genre: Family, Musical

Starring: Anika Noni Rose, Keith David

Director: Ron Clements, John Musker

Did You Hear About the Morgans?

Rating: PG-13

Genre: Comedy, Romance

Starring: Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker

Director: Marc Lawrence

TOP GROSSING

• March 5-6 •

Rank **Movie Title** (Week No.)
Weekend Gross

- Alice in Wonderland** (1)
\$116,300,000
- Brooklyn's Finest** (1)
\$13,500,000
- Shutter Island** (3)
\$13,300,000
- Cop Out** (2)
\$9,100,000
- Avatar** (12)
\$7,700,000
- The Crazies** (2)
\$7,000,000
- Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (4)
\$5,100,000
- Valentine's Day** (4)
\$4,300,000
- Crazy Heart** (12)
\$3,400,000
- Dear John** (5)
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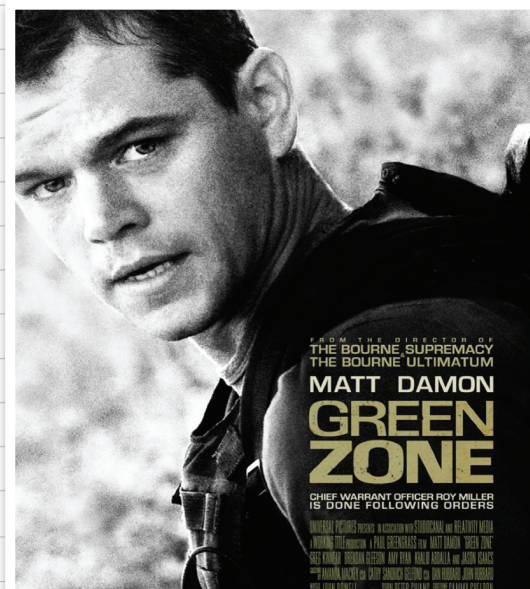


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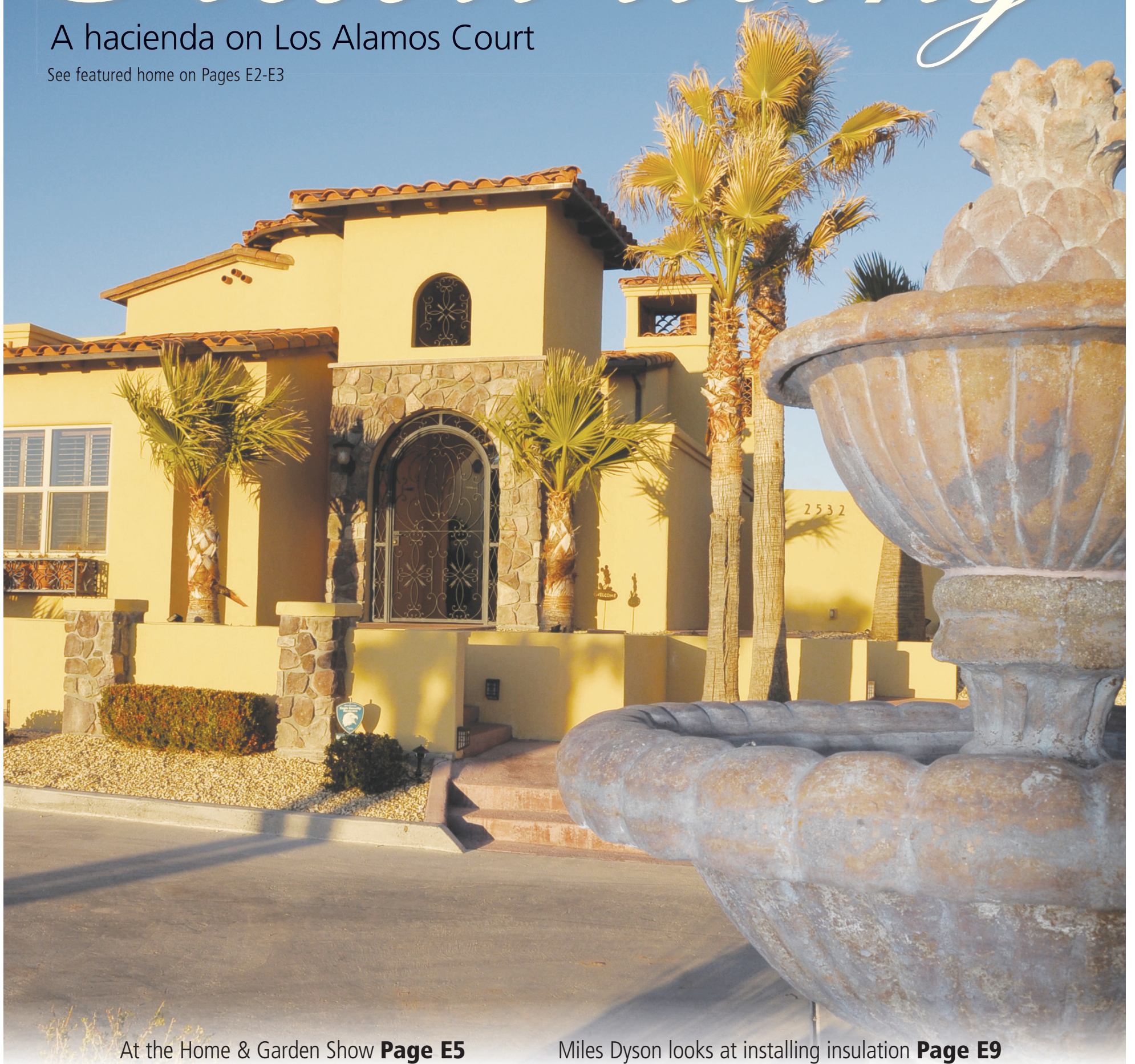
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This hacienda-influenced home at 2532 Los Alamos Court, sits atop a hill.

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The lagoon-style pool features a spa, and rock from New Jersey.



Non-glare granite and walnut cabinets decorate the oversized kitchen.

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High life on a hilltop

Hacienda-inspired retreat offers elegant, comfortable living both indoors and out

By **BETH SITZLER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After years of appraising high-end homes in Las Cruces, appraiser JD Smith built his own home in 2004, pulling details from what he had seen throughout his career.

What was created was a four-bedroom, 3,920-square-foot home at 2532 Los Alamos Court, located on a hill in the Sonoma Ranch area.

"I think JD came from a long end of looking at houses and remembered what he liked," said Realtor Kaye Miller of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, who is representing the listing.

Miller said the hilltop lot, which is larger than most found in Sonoma Ranch, has one of the highest elevations on the cul-de-sac to take advantage of the 360-degree view of the Organ Mountains, city and the Doña Ana Mountains.

"The hills remind people of the rolling hills of California," Miller said.

Reminiscent of an old hacienda, but with a Tuscan flair, no design style or elegant detail was spared.

"It's luxurious, but at the same time comfortable for living," Miller said. "This house has it all. It's a great entertaining house."

Arriving at a large iron gate, guests pass the stone façade to the front door, which leads to a circular foyer, complete with nichos and a mosaic floor created from ceramic tile.

"All of the wrought-iron work is impressive," Miller said. "Stone is important to the home."

Near the entrance are a private guest suite and study. The guest area features a bathroom with a shower enclosed in ceramic tile, as well as a window that peers over the city.

Through the arched hallways and 8-foot, solid-wood doors – repetitive elements throughout the home – guests are brought to the formal living room. Along with wood floors and a decorative ceiling at least 18 feet high, the room also features one of the home's two indoor gas fireplaces.

"I've been in very few homes with 8-foot, solid-wood doors throughout," Miller said.

A textured-plaster hallway next to the stairs leads guests past a mudroom and three-car garage – featuring a room specially designed to be a workshop or hobby room – to the master suite.

The master bedroom showcases a cove-inspired ceiling treatment. The bathroom includes a walk-in shower and high adult sinks encased in stone with walnut cabinets, as well as a Jacuzzi bathtub nestled against win-

dows to view Sonoma Ranch and the Organ Mountains.

Back in the shared living spaces are the formal dining room that looks out onto the pool area, family room and oversized kitchen.

A unique plaster-and-wood checkered pattern enhances the family room ceiling, as the dark, textured walls resemble leather. The chic room also features the second fireplace.

The large kitchen features non-glare granite countertops and island, walnut cabinets, commercial appliances and a skylight. The island includes a sink, ice machine and seating with easy access to the bar area. A breakfast nook with a large picture window looking out to the backyard completes the area.

"I love that kitchen," Miller said. "For families that aren't outside, the kitchen becomes the focal point. You can have a lot of people in here."

Upstairs features two bedrooms, each of which include a walk-in closet and private bathroom. The rooms also have their own private balconies that look onto the home's luxurious swimming pool and outdoor living area.

The surrounding backyard is divided into three separate living areas. Near the side of the home is the pool and covered patio. Thanks to a fireplace and fan, the patio can be enjoyed year round and protects residents from the New Mexico elements, especially wind and sun.

Miller said it also is the perfect retreat for homeowners. Out there, she said, they can enjoy peace and quite, the warmth of the fireplace or cool air from the fan and the soothing sound of the pool's waterfall.

A cabana next to the pool includes an outdoor shower, bathroom and storage. The lagoon-style pool, which is surrounded by a 12-foot wall, features rock from New Jersey, an island with a palm tree, decorative lights and a spa. Both the temperature of the pool and spa are remote controlled.

A built-in gate can be rolled across the patio to close off the pool area to any small children or pets.

The backyard area behind the home features an unobstructed view, grass, flagstone and palm trees, as well as an outdoor kitchen that includes a grill and sink, perfect for summer barbecues and family get-togethers.

"It's resort living," Miller said.

The third area outside is gated, making it an ideal dog yard.

Despite the home's size, Miller said it doesn't feel overwhelming and perfectly balances indoor and outdoor living spaces, as well as comfort and elegance.



The outdoor living area is perfect for relaxing and enjoying the Las Cruces weather.

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Featured home
2532 Los Alamos Court

Square footage
3,920

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Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
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Fireplaces
Two

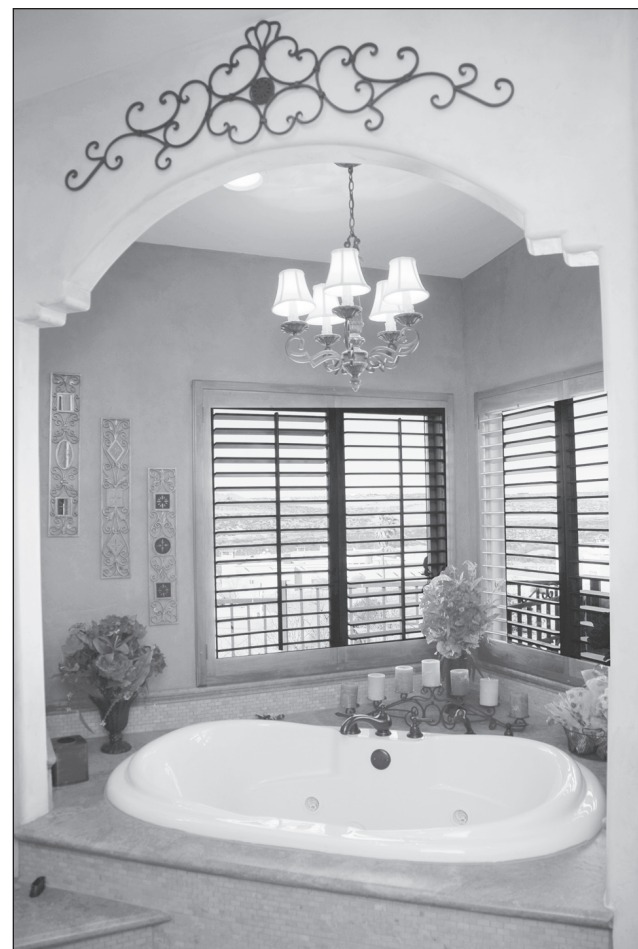
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Windows and ceramic tile surround the Jacuzzi bathtub.

"It flows really well," she said. "There was so much thought put into building this home."

"All the Realtors that come into the home said this is really a well priced home. In the homes I have listed over the years – a lot of which have been upper end – this has got to be one of my favorites. It's incredibly beautiful and incredibly well priced."

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Denture cleaners create happy smiles in numerous ways

By BETH SITZLER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Dentures have been used to improve smiles around the world since 700 B.C. when the first pair was created in northern Italy.

Probably the most famous denture wearer in this country was President George Washington. While it was believed his dentures were made from wood, they were in fact crafted from hippopotamus ivory. His famous teeth can be seen today in an exhibit at Mount Vernon, the first president's home near Alexandria, Va.

There are a wide range of dentures available, including full, convention partial, non-metal acrylic partial, non-metal flexite and fixed partial. These dentures are made from synthetic plastic resins, metal alloys, porcelain, flexible nylon and acrylic.

It is recommended to brush dentures daily along with using a denture cleanser. While hand soap and mild dishwashing liquid can be used to clean a set of teeth, specially designed denture-cleaning tablets also are available.

In addition to caring for dentures, these cleaning tablets can be used around the home in other ways.

1. Clean glassware: Get a spot-free finish to your glassware by cleaning them with denture tablets. Soak the stemware in warm water with a few of the tablets. After rinsing them thoroughly, let them air dry. Water spots will be gone.

2. Remove goop from your casserole

dish: The next time your casserole dish becomes coated with baked-on food, skip hours of scrubbing by using denture tablets. Place the dish in your sink filled with hot water and add several of the cleaning tablets. Let the dish sit for 15 to 20 minutes, or longer if needed. When you return to the dish, wipe away the mess with ease – even those hard-to-reach corners and crevices.

3. Get a clean kettle: Mineral deposits can form on your teakettle due to frequent use and hard water. Denture tablets, however, make light work of this normally stubborn mess. Get a squeaky clean kettle by filling it with water and adding two tablets. Let it sit overnight before rinsing it out several times. Not only will this trick clean the beverage dispenser, it also will deodorize it.

4. Eliminate stains from a coffee cup: If your favorite coffee mug has become riddled with stains, instead of throwing it away, clean it with denture tablets. Drop a tablet into the cup and fill it with warm water. Rinse out the cup after it has soaked for 15 minutes.

5. Unclog your sink: Skip chemically based products the next time you need to unclog a sink and just grab denture tablets. Depending on how clogged the drain is, drop two to four tablets down it, followed by a cup of white vinegar. After 10 to 15 minutes, run the hot water and the

clog will be gone.

6. Freshen up your jewelry: If your diamond has lost its luster or that beaded necklace no longer shines, give them new life with the help of denture tablets. Place the jewelry into a container and cover the items with warm water. Drop a tablet into the water. When the tablet is no longer fizzing, remove the pieces and rinse them with water and place them on a soft cloth to dry.

7. Disinfect baby items: To disinfect and deodorize baby bottles, teething toys and pacifiers, clean them with denture tablets. Let the items soak in a water-tablet mixture for 20 minutes then rinse well. The denture-cleaning solution will infiltrate the nooks, crannies and crevices of the baby items, removing old formula, germs and bacteria without the need for scrubbing.

8. Make a vase sparkle: It can be hard to work your fingers into a tight-necked vase. To reach these areas of the container, fill it with warm water and drop in a few denture-cleaning tablets. Dump out the water once the tablets have stopped fizzing and rinse with water. The scum in the vase will be gone, leaving a fresh place for new flowers.

9. Refresh your toilet: Getting a clean toilet doesn't require long hours of scrubbing when you have denture tablets on hand. Place several tablets into the porcelain bowl and let them sit. After they have stopped fizzing, flush the toilet and the dirty and grime deposits will be gone. This trick also works on porcelain sinks and bathtubs.

10. Wash your brushes: Denture-cleaning tablets are designed to kill germs and bacteria, which makes them great



for washing your tooth and hair brushes. Place the toothbrush, hairbrush or comb into a container of warm water and drop in a few denture tablets. Let the item sit overnight, remove, rinse with cold water and let it air-dry.

11. Boost your nails: After working in your garden or on your car, your dirty nails will be in need of a deep cleaning. Get your nails shiny and white by soaking them in a bowl of warm water and denture cleaning tablets.

12. Treat stains on plastic containers: Don't toss out your plastic ware because of a few food stains. Remove those stains with the help of denture tablets. Fill the container with warm water and drop in two tablets. After two hours, your container will look like new.

13. Cleanse your showerhead: If limescale has made a mess of your showerhead, remove the white deposits with denture tablets. Unscrew your showerhead and place it into a bowl of warm water with two denture tablets. Let it sit overnight. Reattach the showerhead the next morning and run the water for a couple of minutes. If stubborn spots remain, rub the area with an old toothbrush.

14. Whiten your whites: For the whitest fabric possible, use denture tablets to treat yellow stains. Fill a sink with warm water and dissolve several denture tablets. Add the fabric and let it soak until the yellow stains disappear.

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Ash Bianco of Easylawn explains the company's different synthetic grasses and putting greens to Rich Hernandez and Annett Patton.



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Kevin Wilson joined Steinborn GMAC Real Estate almost five years ago.

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Promoting Las Cruces

Realtor showcases the best of his hometown

By BETH SITZLER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"God hates a coward," said Realtor Kevin Wilson when asked why he entered into real estate. "I had been in residential business all of my life ... I thought it was the course to go."

Born and raised in Las Cruces, Wilson's father, local poet Keith Wilson, worked as an English professor at New Mexico State University.

"Thanks to him, he taught me how to talk to people," he said.

After graduating from Las Cruces High School, Wilson moved to Albuquerque for eight years.

"I always wanted to come back," he said of his return to his hometown.

Once back in the City of the Crosses, Wilson attended NMSU and entered the homebuilding world.

"I put myself through college bending nails and setting tile," he said.

When he wasn't working hard on the construction site, Wilson said he was behind the bar, working as a bartender for a local establishment.

"I learned a lot about human nature as a bartender," he said.

While he was busy working toward his degree, Wilson soon had to make a difficult decision.

"I wound up getting the opportunity to build a straw bail home," he said. "I jumped into the homebuilding industry and never looked back."

The self-described "Jack of all trades" became a licensed contractor and spent his time building and remodeling homes, creating cabinetry as well as working in various forms of sales. He then went on to become a building inspector for the City of Las Cruces.

Almost five years ago, Wilson said he began looking into real estate after his wife Dana Wilson decided to be a stay-at-home mother.

Finding his perfect career

The idea of becoming a Realtor first entered Wilson's head when he and Dana Wilson were looking to buy their first home.

"We had an unpleasant experience with our Realtor,"

he said. "My wife said, 'You'd be great as a Realtor.'"

With Dana's support, Wilson joined Evelyn Bruder's seven-person "Dream Team" at Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, which he said consisted of the top-producing agents in Las Cruces in 2009.

"We're truly one of the few actual teams Las Cruces has to offer," said Wilson, adding that they are a full-service team that is also technologically advanced.

Through working with the team, Wilson said he has been able to expand as a Realtor.

"I may have had some natural gifts, but she (Bruder) provided me with the tools and knowledge to really tone my skills as a Realtor," he said.

His ability to communicate, past experience in the industry and love for the city have all played a major role in Wilson's real estate career and successes.

These characteristics came into play early on in his Realtor career. After spending a day showing a couple of Internet clients various homes and locations in Las Cruces, they told him they were going to look at homes in other cities as well, including Albuquerque.

"I felt defeated," he said.

Later on that evening, he said the couple called to tell him they changed their minds and wanted to live in the city where the residents are so nice and the Realtors are very helpful.

"It felt incredible that I was able to convey my love for Las Cruces well enough that they loved it too," he said. "After that, I knew I found my home, and I knew I loved real estate – for better or for worse."

His love of Las Cruces has especially allowed him to be successful in working with clients who are transferring to the area from out of state.

"It's vitally important to have a good time while we're doing it," he said. "I sell Las Cruces. I think we have a wonderful community, and what they're buying is a membership to Las Cruces. I'm a concierge. I learn about the people themselves and find out what Las Cruces has to offer them."

Since entering real estate, Wilson has been abundantly productive, aiding in the sale of 160 homes in his career and averaging between 30 and 40 home sales each year, he said.

"I am successful because I have a Ph.D. in real estate – poor, hungry and driven," he said. "It keeps me from ever turning off."

"I've been extra successful because I work very hard. It's a great career and extremely rewarding and not just financially."

Rewards, obstacles, experience

A passion for sales and a desire to never turn off has allowed Wilson to navigate through the obstacles associated with the real estate market.

"I found nothing but challenges with my job," said Wilson, adding that each day brings a new opportunity to be creative, follow his passion and make friendships.

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• Wife Dana
• Son Jeremiah
• Daughters Kandra and Kayla



The front of this postcard reads, "Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico."



Wilson represents this listing at 2354 Cheyenne Drive.

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"I love that my clients become my friends. I'm sure there are great rehab programs for old Realtors."

The personal aspect of buying a home is what Wilson enjoys most about his career as a Realtor.

"(It's rewarding) to watch people get their home," he said. "It's phenomenal to be part of and feel like family."

While the team specializes in relocations, Wilson said they also specialize in first-time homebuyers, a client base of which he is especially fond.

"I love working with first-time homebuyers," he said. "They're so excited. You'll always be remembered as the person that got them into their first home."

He said many first-time homebuyers are cautious and don't think they can afford to buy a house. After giving them the knowledge and tools they need, Wilson said they soon see they can have their own special place to call home.

"I have a very casual approach (to working with my clients)," he said. "There's no need for high-pressure sales when they're making the most important decision of their life."

Wanting whatever is best for his clients, Wilson said he never makes them feel rushed.

"(What sets me apart is) my willingness to devote as much time as someone needs," he said. "If you pick your own hours, you're not going to be successful."

Along with his extensive knowledge of Las Cruces, his homebuilding and inspecting past has helped him educate those unfamiliar to the industry.

"The beauty of real estate is that we're such individuals that there is a real estate agent for everyone," he said. "My clients appreciate my level of building knowledge. I apply all of my background when identifying good homes in the market."

While most have felt the impact of the recent economic downturn, Wilson said he has seen some promising signs that the Las Cruces real estate market is ready for a comeback.

"In Las Cruces, we had our growing pains as well, but we were sheltered from the brunt," he said. "It's a fantastic real estate market. I look forward to more growth."

Professionally, Wilson said entering the real estate world is his greatest accomplishment since it is not only challenging, but also rewarding. Personally, however, he said his greatest accomplishment is raising three children – son Jeremiah, who recently graduated from NMSU, and daughters Kandra, 9, and Kayla, 8.

"Being a parent is the greatest gift in life," he said. "I love every minute of it."

Wilson said he hopes to continue growing in his career and making friendships along the way.

"I take everything one day at a time and count my blessings every morning," he said.

Wilson said he and the Evelyn Bruder team will now represent Twilight Homes, a local building company that offers green amenities.

"I look forward to a long relationship with a quality green builder," he said.



Wilson, who is part of Evelyn Bruder's "Dream Team," represents the home at 4220 Fireweed Drive.

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Well it looks like the winter took a toll on most of the palm trees this year.

The Mexican fan, California fan, Sago and date palms have all shown signs of winter damage in the Las Cruces area. Most of these plants should recover upon the return of warmer temperatures.

You can use magnesium sulphate now and/or a palm food toward the end of March, to help expedite the green look it had last summer. We still have the likelihood of a few more frost days ahead of us so don't over fertilize them. Doing so may provide lush growth that is more susceptible to frost damage.

It should be safe to remove the old, dead or dying fronds at the end of the month as well. If you are in

doubt that your palm is still alive, try pulling the newest part of growth in the center of the tree. If it is still firmly in place and does not pull out, it should still be viable. If the center of the palm slips out, it is probably time to replace the palm.

The palm trees that thrive in our climate and have little or no winter damage are Mediterranean and windmill. These can endure brief temperatures down to the teens without getting that winter look. This is assuming that the low temperatures decline at a steady rate.

In some cases, an extreme and abrupt temperature drop can still cause damage to even these cold, hardy palms. These trees are slow-growing and, in general, do not get to the same height as the California, Mexican and date palms.

If you don't have any palm trees now and are thinking about planting some in your yard, keep the following questions in mind: Are there telephone wires above? Will this palm block a view? Will the "spines" on the palm produce a hazard to people or pets walking by? When this palm tree reaches its mature height, will someone be able to groom it?



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Winter damage can be seen on Mexican fan palms around Las Cruces.

Consider planting the hardier varieties listed above. Again, they won't get as tall as the less hardy varieties, but at least they won't get that dead winter look, unless Mother Nature has something different in mind.

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Here's to Erin Go Bragh and green bugs, too

Insects get in the St. Patrick's Day spirit

If you wandered the fields, forests and streams in search of the elusive leprechaun and his pot o' gold this week, you were much more likely to stumble upon these green creatures: stink bugs, darner dragonflies and lacewings.

Decked out in a light green shield this St. Patrick's Day, the green stink bug is a wee bit mischievous himself. Disturb him, and he'll send up an odiferous alarm.

He'll also wreak havoc on crops and groves. This bug can cause extensive damage to produce such as black cherry, pears, tomato and corn, as well as destroying flowering dogwood and pine trees, among others. Thank goodness for its natural predators – birds, toads and spiders.

Other insects that wear the green bring us more luck. And what sounds more magical – as if it lived in the misty

dew among the fairies – than a green lacewing. The flying insect with shimmering wings also dines on fare that perpetuates a mystical image: nectar, pollen and honeydew.

Its offspring, however, feast on aphids and other damaging pests like they were corned beef and cabbage. Known as aphid lions, the young lacewings are used by commercial farmers on crops and in greenhouses and orchards to reduce the use of pesticide in the battle against bad bugs.

Last, but not least in today's trilogy, is the green darner dragonfly. This darting insect is reminiscent of the leprechaun in its catch-me-if-you-can flight path.

Among its strong character traits are its beautiful green luminescence and its affinity for the flavor of mosquitoes. The green darner also has a more upscale palate: Nothing like a little freshwater



BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

shrimp to satisfy. The dragonfly is an aggressive hunter as well and is equipped for underwater travel.

Unlike the leprechaun, any one of these bugs could surprise you if you look among the shamrock in New Mexico. Will they bring you luck, like the legends of Ireland? You might want to keep looking for that four-leaf clover.

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Is insulation sexy or just itchy?

Improve comfort, efficiency of new or existing homes

The president told us recently that "insulation is sexy." As someone who gets paid to crawl around and through obscure insulated areas in homes, I feel like I may be missing some of this new insulation glamour. Sexy or not – properly installed insulation is a critical factor in keeping you cozy at home and reducing utility costs.

What's the best type of insulation?

I get this question all the time. According to industry-standardized testing, most types of commonly used residential insulation material have very similar thermal properties.

Insulation is rated in terms of thermal resistance, called R-value. R-value indicates the resistance to heat-flow through a material. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effectiveness. The R-value of thermal insulation depends on the type of material, thickness and density.

The R-value (per inch) for fiberglass batts, blown fiberglass, blown or wet spray applied cellulose, cotton batts, open cell spray foam and rigid Styrofoam are not significantly different. More exotic (and expensive) insulating materials, such as rigid poly-isocyanurate and closed-cell spray foam, have nearly double the R-value per inch of more common materials.

The key to effective insulation performance is not necessarily the type used, but that there is some and that it is installed correctly. Las Cruces has several existing homes built prior to the '70s with either poorly installed insulation or simply no insulation at all.

Rising energy prices have led to increased insulation use in the outer building shell of modern homes. Until recently there has been very little focus on correct insulation installation to ensure that it can perform as rated when installed in the building envelope.

Insulation airhead

My wife and my high school driving instructor have both accused me of being an "airhead." When it comes to effective insulation, that can be a good thing. Air has excellent R-value as long as it is not moving. The better a material can encapsulate and hold air molecules in place, the better we can prevent energy transfer or heat loss or gain through the home envelope.

The most effective insulation installations include air barriers that keep air stabilized in place. Spray foam or rigid insulation materials are great because the surface is an air barrier and each capsule or "cell" within the material holds immobilized pockets of air.

When air moves through a material, it carries thermal energy with it. If more porous types of insulation, such as fiberglass or cellulose, are installed with no barrier to limit air flow, we just get a filter. This situation is typical of batt insulation installed in attic walls.

Our framed house walls usually box in insulation within the wall on all six sides. When batt insulation is installed at walls adjacent to an attic space, the attic side of the insulation is usually left exposed. Since the surface of the batt insulation has no air barrier, air moves freely through the insulating material and much of the thermal R-value is lost.

Any opening or gap in an insulated wall system that allows air movement greatly reduces the effective R-value. For example, a typical 2-by-6 wood frame wall with an R-19 rated fiberglass batt may provide an effective (total wall system) R-value of 13 or even less. The reduced performance is not due to the fiberglass batt being an inferior material; it simply was not installed to fill the wall cavity and allows air to move freely through and around the insulation.

Stand guard at the energy bridge

A thermal bridge is a place in your house wall, floor or ceiling where insulation is bypassed. These "thermal bypass" areas are numerous and include areas with no insulation such as metal or wood lumber framing, concrete slabs, windows, heating and cooling registers, window frames, skylights, utility penetrations or similar areas where heat energy can be easily conducted. The most effective wall, ceiling and floor assemblies include a continuous layer of insulation also known as a "thermal break".

A continuous layer of rigid insulation installed at the inside or outside of a cinderblock, metal or wood framed wall provides a thermal break. It doesn't matter how good the R-value of the insulation is between the studs in a wall, if you can still move energy through the concrete, wood or metal materials from the interior to the exterior (or vice versa, depending on the season), a thermal bypass will decrease the thermal barrier performance of the wall system.

Advanced wall systems such as insulated concrete forms and blocks (ICFs), structural insulated panels (SIPs) and offset double frame walls all use thermal breaks to maximize home envelope insulation effectiveness.

Comparisons of these advanced types of wall systems to standard frame walls can be confusing since the rated R-value of the insulation material used may be higher in the standard wall. A 6-inch SIP wall panel may have an insulation

R-value of only 19 while a traditional 2-by-6 wood frame wall may have R-22 rated blown fiberglass cocoon insulation. The combined thermal properties of the SIP wall system will be better (due to the thermal break inherent to the design) than the frame wall assembly because there are fewer thermal bridges (SIP = R-19, and 2-by-6 with blown fiberglass = R-15, for the entire wall as a system including framed areas).

Cheap and effective

Insulation installed correctly is one of the least expensive and most effective ways to improve the comfort and efficiency of a new or existing home.

EPA's Energy Star "Thermal Bypass Checklist" provides best practice installation guidance for insulation in new home construction. In your existing home, be sure to work with a licensed insulation contractor or HERS rater that can do a whole house thermal performance analysis (e.g.: ResCheck or RemRate) prior to installation. This type of analysis takes away the guesswork on which type of installation will work best for your specific project.

Federal, state and utility provider tax credits and or incentives are available for most insulation projects – be sure to check with your contractor, supply store, utility provider or Home Energy Rater.

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2010 Pecan Food Fantasy Contest awards top winners

By **BETH SITZLER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The 44th annual Pecan Food Fantasy Contest was held during the Western Pecan Growers Association Conference Sunday, March 7, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Eighty adults and 108 youths from throughout the area participated in this year's contest, which featured an array of categories, including traditional pecan pie, breads, cookies, tarts, cheesecake, candy, appetizers and unusual desserts, among others.

"The Food Fantasy is a wonderful way to promote the use of pecans through recipes," said Gayla Weaver, extension home economist from the Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University.

Cash prizes were awarded to contest winners in first, second and third place. The following are a few of the 2010 award-winning recipes.

Outstanding youth: Mariel Fallon
Pecan Triple Chip Cheesecake

Pie Crust:
1 cup pecans, crumbs
1 3/4 cups chocolate graham cracker, crumbs
1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

Filling:
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, soften
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 cup butterscotch morsels
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup white chocolate morsels

Topping:
Pecans, sprinkled on top
1 tablespoon each butterscotch, chocolate and white chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 300 degrees and grease a 9-inch spring form pan. Combine crumbs and butter in a small bowl. Press into bottom and 1 inch up sides of prepared pan.

Beat cream cheese and granulated sugar in a large mixer bowl until smooth. Add sour cream, flour and vanilla extract, and mix well. Add eggs and beat on low until combined.

Melt butterscotch morsels according to its packaging. Stir until smooth. Add 1 1/2 cups of batter to melted morsels. Pour into crust. Repeat procedure with semisweet chocolate and layer over butterscotch. Do the same with

the white chocolate.

Bake for 60 to 80 minutes, or until center is almost set. Cool in pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then run a knife around edge of cheesecake. Let it stand for one hour.

For the topping, place each flavor of morsels separately into three small, heavy-duty resealable plastic bags. Microwave on high for 20 seconds, kneed bags to mix. Microwave in additional 10-second intervals until smooth. Cut a small hole in the corner of each bag and squeeze over cheesecake. Sprinkle pecans over morsels and refrigerate for three hours or overnight.

Traditional Pecan Pie youth winner: Caitlyn Salopek
Pecan Pie

1 cup pecans
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
2 tablespoons butter
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the remaining ingredients and pour into an unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes.

Outstanding adult: Samantha Moyer
Cappuccino Pecan Nuggets

1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
1 tablespoon instant espresso coffee, dry
2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
12 ounces vanilla-flavored candy coating (almond bark), chopped
1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 tablespoon whipping (heavy) cream
10 to 12 ounces milk or semisweet backing chocolate, chopped
3 tablespoons shortening
Instant espresso coffee

Line a square pan, 8-by-8-by-2 inches or 9-by-9-by-2 inches, with aluminum foil, leaving one inch of foil overhanging at two opposite sides of the pan and spray with cooking spray.

Heat brown sugar 1 tablespoon coffee and the milk to boiling in a 2-quart saucepan, then remove from heat. Stir in candy coating until melted. Pour into pan. Refrigerate uncovered for about 30 minutes or until firm. Remove mixture from pan, using foil edges to lift. Cut into 6-by-6-rows.

Heat caramels, chocolate chips and whipping cream in 1-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring frequently, until mixture is melted and smooth. Refrigerate uncovered for about 15 minutes, stirring once or twice, until mixture



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Linda Wells, "Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition" program coordinator, judges an iced gingerbread carrot cake Sunday, March 7, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

holds its shape and is cool enough to handle.

Cover cookie sheet with wax paper. For each nugget, roll 1/2 teaspoon caramel-chocolate mixture into a ball; press between 2 pecan halves and flatten slightly. Shape one square of coffee mixture evenly around the pecan cluster; roll between hands to form a ball. Place on cookie sheet and refrigerate for about 15 minutes or until firm.

Cover cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Melt baking chocolate and shortening in a 1-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Dip one nugget at a time into chocolate mixture and place on cookie sheet.

Immediately sprinkle coffee over the nuggets. Drizzle remaining melted chocolate over nuggets, if desired. Refrigerate for about 10 minutes or until set.

Traditional Pecan Pie adult winner: Virginia Lee
Mom's Traditional Pecan Pie

1 cup light corn syrup
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 (9-inch) unbaked or frozen deep-dish pie crust.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the corn syrup, sugar, butter and vanilla using a spoon. Stir in the pecans and pour into the pie crust.

Back on center rack of the oven for 60 to 70 minutes. Cool for 2 hours on a wire rack before serving.

Drop Cookie youth winner: Jovita Batres
Butter Pecan Cookies

3/4 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
1/3 cup sugar, plus more for coating
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. On a baking sheet, toast pecans until fragrant, about 6 minutes. Let cool completely then finely chop.

With an electric mixer, cream butter for about a minute. Add 1/3 cup of sugar and cream until light, about 1 minute more. Beat vanilla, salt and flour, scraping down sides of bowl, just until dough comes together. Fold in pecans.

Separate dough into 12 pieces and shape into balls. Roll in sugar and place 3-inches apart on a baking sheet. Gently flatten with the bottom of a glass and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake until golden brown, rotating sheet halfway through, about 15 minutes. Sprinkle with more sugar. Cool cookies of a wire rack.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales	3	7	2
New Homes			

Closed Sales	11	27	10
Existing Homes			

Pending Home Sales (All)	209	190	170
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	74	92	127

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$149,990	\$159,950	\$323,480

Median Price Existing	\$145,500	\$167,000	\$182,000
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,216	1,215	1,325

Real Estate Agents	450	450	535
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Celebrate with sweet quesadillas

Honor St. Patrick with a tasty tortilla treat

"A wish that every day for you will be happy from the start and may you always have good luck and a song within your heart." – Old Irish blessing

Top of the mornin' Las Crucens! St. Pat's Day is now just o'round the corner. Go green (and red) with dessert quesadillas prepared with New Mexican green (or red) chile and fruit of your choice.

These scrumptious bites will satisfy both your sweet and chile pepper addictions. Serve them for breakfast, lunch, dinner or as a mid-afternoon "upper." Your Irish eyes will tear (a wee bit) and your tummy will smile. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Good as Gold! Quesadillas

2 Granny Smith apples, thinly sliced
1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1 teaspoon cinnamon sugar
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon lemon juice
7 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
6 (10-inch) flour tortillas
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup caramel sauce
1/2 cup pecans, toasted and chopped

Toss together the first five ingredients. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat; add apple mixture, and sauté 5 minutes or until tender. Remove apple mixture, and set aside; wipe the skillet clean.

Spread 1 tablespoon of butter evenly on one side of each tortilla. Stir together the cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth. Spread the cheese mixture evenly on unbuttered side of each tortilla; top evenly with apple mixture. Fold tortillas in half over apple mixture. Cook quesadillas, in batches, in skillet over medium heat, 2 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Drizzle with caramel sauce, and sprinkle with pecans before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Shamrock Dessert Quesadillas

4 small flour tortillas
1/2 cup butterscotch chips (morsels)
Crushed red chile pepper pecans
(such as Stahmann's)

Ground cinnamon
Sugar
Butter
1 cup vanilla yogurt

Lightly butter both sides of each tortilla. To assemble the quesadillas, place each tortilla in a medium-hot skillet and sprinkle 1/4 of the butterscotch chips on each tortilla. Sprinkle cinnamon, sugar and red chile pecans to taste on top. As the butterscotch starts to melt and stick to the tortilla, fold over and brown lightly on each side. Cut into wedges (or into a shamrock with a cookie cutter) and serve with vanilla yogurt sprinkled with green sugar.

A Leprechaun's Kiwi Chocolate-Chile Quesadilla

2 (6-inch) flour tortillas
1 kiwi, sliced thinly

1 tablespoon semi sweet chocolate chips or 1/2 chocolate bar

Cooking spray

1 teaspoons cinnamon sugar mixed with 1/2 teaspoon New Mexico medium-hot red chile powder

Pre-heat a sauté pan to medium high. Spray one side of each of the tortillas with cooking spray and sprinkle with the cinnamon sugar and red chile powder mixture. On the non-sprayed side of a tortilla, layer the kiwi and chocolate chips evenly.

Top with the other tortilla so that the cinnamon, chile and sugar coated sides are on the outside. Place quesadilla in the sauté pan and cook about 2 minutes per side.

Top with puréed strawberries. Use fresh strawberries puréed in a food processor. For sweeter strawberries, add sugar to taste. Add a generous dollop of slightly thawed Cool Whip.

Top of the Morning! Breakfast Dessert

Serve these scrumptious quesadillas at breakfast with a hot mug of your favorite java or hot chocolate.

1/2 cup light cream cheese, whipped
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon habanero powder
1/2 teaspoon lemon peel, grated
1 teaspoon lemon juice, freshly squeezed
4 (6-inch) medium flour tortillas
4 medium apricots, sliced into thin wedges
2 servings cooking spray, butter-flavored
1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Stir cream cheese, granulated sugar, habanero powder, lemon peel and juice together in a medium bowl. Spread mixture on one half of each tortilla, layer with apricot slices and fold in half.

Coat a 12-inch nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Arrange two folded tortillas in skillet; sauté over medium heat until golden, flipping once, about 4 to 5 minutes on the first side and 1 or 2 minutes on the other side. Remove from pan, cover to keep warm, and brown remaining two tortillas.

Cut each tortilla in half to form quarter wedges, place on a serving platter, dust with powdered sugar (use a sieve) and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Lucky Leprechaun Chocolate-Banana Ancho Quesadillas

1/4 cup white sugar
1 large banana, sliced
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon ancho chile powder
1/4 cup water
2 large tortillas
Chocolate fudge sauce

Put sugar in an iron skillet. Heat until sugar liquefies and becomes a clear syrup. Add the cinnamon, vanilla, ancho chile powder and water. Boil until mixture becomes slightly thickened then remove from the heat. Fold in sliced bananas. Spread banana spread



Pair fresh fruit with chocolate-chile bites to create sweet-heat quesadillas for your St. Patrick's Day celebration.

on one tortilla. Top with the other tortilla. In another dry skillet, heat quesadillas on both sides until golden brown. Remove and cut into wedges. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a teaspoon (or two) of chocolate fudge sauce. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

O'Conley's Favorite Caramelized Plantain Dessert Quesadillas with Strawberry 'Salsa'

Plantains, also referred to as "cooking bananas," are popular in Latin American countries. They can be found in the produce section of most grocery stores.

2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 black-brown plantains, sliced into 3/4-inch pieces
1/4 cup Nutella (hazelnut spread)
2 whole wheat tortillas
3 strawberries, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and brown sugar in a small dish. Mix butter and sugar mixture with sliced plantains in an 8-inch square-baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until plantains are caramelized.

Spread Nutella evenly over tortillas. Top Nutella on one tortilla with caramelized plantains and then place the remaining tortilla on top, Nutella side down.

Mix remaining 1 tablespoon butter and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in a small dish. Use a pastry brush to evenly coat one side of the quesadilla. Place the quesadilla, buttered side down, in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, brush remaining butter on the other side of the quesadilla. Flip over and sauté the other side as well. Cool slightly and cut into wedges. Serve with strawberry "salsa." Makes 4 servings. (Recipe adapted from <http://cakebatterandbowl.com>.)

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Get your meter to run backward

Home & Garden Show seminar discusses solar panels

By **BETH SITZLER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

This year's Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico Home & Garden Show featured more than 80 booths and various cooking demonstrations and seminars.

One seminar, titled "How to Make Your Electric Meter Run Backwards," presented by Mellow Honek of Sunspot Solar Energy Services, examined the numerous benefits of using solar panels.

Honek said running a kilowatt meter backward means

residents are sending electricity to the electric company and money into their pockets, which is beneficial this year since Las Cruces can expect to see an increase in their electric bill.

"This summer will be more expensive," he said, adding that there will be a baseline increase of 5 percent.

In addition to money, reducing pollution and greenhouse gases is another reason to invest in solar energy, he said.

"Pollution is a bad thing," he said. "Probably most of the electricity in this country is created from burning coal."

Before running the kilowatt meter backward, Honek said homeowners first need to slow it down by looking at three simple things – their refrigerator or freezer, light bulbs and thermostat.

"Refrigerators are so efficient now," he said, explaining that appliances from 10 years ago use twice as much energy as ones from today, so waiting for one to fail will cost homeowners more in the long run.

As with old refrigerators, Honek said freezers kept in a garage cost residents more money.

"Get the most recent (freezer)," he said. "They're better insulated and better constructed."

Honek also recommended replacing traditional light bulbs with curly, compact fluorescent light bulbs, which save energy and trips up and down a ladder.

"I still have those light bulbs in my socket for 10 years," he said.

Lastly, residents can save on their electric bill by purchasing a programmable thermostat.

"Buy one and use the default program and chances are you'll save some money," he said.

To make your meter run backward, Honek said Las Cruces need to create their own energy by equipping their homes with solar panels. He said Las Cruces has a major advantage to other Southwest cities because along with having an abundance of sunlight, our temperatures aren't as hot.

"Solar panels are funny things," he said. "They like the sun, but they don't like the heat."

He said solar panels in Las Cruces last about 50 years since they don't have a mechanical process that could break down, which also makes them silent and low maintenance.

"You just have to hose them off once a year," he said.

He said a home's solar panel creates electricity that flows to the circuit box to be used in the home. Any extra energy then flows to the electric company, making the kilowatt meter run backward.

Honek said there are financial helpers for homeowners who use solar, including state and federal tax credits and El Paso Electric programs.

In addition to a 10-percent tax credit from the state, the federal government gives a 30-percent tax credit, saving the user 40 percent on the total cost of their solar system.

El Paso Electric offers the Net Metering Program and Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Program to help solar using residents.

The Net Metering Program subtracts the electricity produced by a panel from the electricity purchased.

"(If) my home consumes 600 kilowatt hours and my solar panel creates 300 kilowatt hours, then I get the rest of the electricity from the electric company. It cuts my bill in half," he said. "To make my bill go away, I need to make all my own electricity."

Another way to get rid of the electric bill is to join the REC Program, which is a 12-year agreement.

"El Paso Electric will pay 12 cents for every kilowatt hour generated. That takes care of the other half of the bill," he said. "Now you're at zero."

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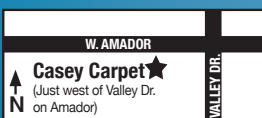
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