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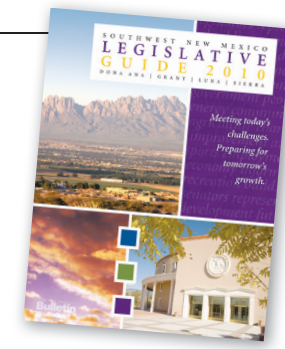

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Voters to decide school bond issue

Mill levy, $65 million before voters Tuesday

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

Residents in the Las Cruces Public Schools district will decide Tuesday, Feb. 2, on passage of a $65 million bond issue and to keep in place a two-mill levy.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 28 consolidated precincts throughout the school district. Visit the LCPS website (www.lcps.k12.nm.us) for a list of voting locations.

Registered voters who live in the school district can vote in the bond election.

The bond debt is being structured so its passage will not increase property taxes. Along with the mill levy, the LCPS portion will remain at $9.807 per $1,000 of taxable property value, which is one-third of the assessed property value.

Bond supporters have been emphasizing the district's consistent enrollment growth rate of about 1 percent per year, which has required the district to open 12 new schools since 1982.

The schools plan to use the bond and levy money to pay for improving current school conditions, upgrading technology and constructing new schools and facilities, as well as renovations such as $10 million for Las Cruces High School.

For more information on voting in the election, call the Doña Ana County Elections Bureau at 647-7428. For more information on the bond issue and mill levy, contact LCPS Communications Director Jo Galván by calling 527-5811 or emailing jgalvan@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Pride of the city

STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

City of Las Cruces employee Richard Pastron supervises the initial lift of the first of two lion statues in front of City Hall early Wednesday, Jan 27. The lions will be stored at the Parks and Recreation Department's yard until the new city hall is ready for their re-installation next month.

More than 200 head to Santa Fe

Las Crucens get day to lobby state lawmakers

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

Whatever limits the state budget crisis may put on what can be passed this 30-day session, it's not stopping 230 local residents from again heading to the Roundhouse to make sure lawmakers are aware of concerns from southern New Mexico.

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe is officially Monday, Feb. 1, at the Roundhouse. Registration begins Saturday, Jan. 30, at the host hotel, Hotel Santa Fe.

As in past years, there will be a gathering at the Governor's Mansion on Sunday, Jan. 31. But the real lobbying begins early Monday with a breakfast for lawmakers before Las Crucens fill the Roundhouse rotunda. Las Crucens also will be recognized in both the House and Senate.

Members of a group called the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition will be making a point to reach lawmakers on their legislative priorities.

The coalition is a partnership of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University, White Sands Missile Range, Las Cruces Public Schools and The Bridge/Regional Education Initiative.

The coalition is supporting Las Cruces Public Schools' request for help to improve road access to new schools being built on the East Mesa, including a $100 million high school off Dripping Springs Road.

Las Cruces Downtown revitalization

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Las Cruces eyed for immigration center

'Campus' would house women, children being deported

By **Todd G. Dickson**
The New Mexican

City-owned land west of the industrial park could be the future temporary stop for women and children being deported from the United States.

Davin Lopez, CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, said a company trying to win the federal contract to create such an immigration center is interested in making the Las Cruces location part of its proposal.

In a report to the City Council at its meeting Monday, Jan. 25, Lopez said the center is needed because federal law prohibits women and children from being held in a detention facility if their only violation is that they are in the country illegally.

So the proposed center would be more of a "campus" facility with a capacity to house about 200 and would employ 150 people for jobs paying between $30,000 and $40,000, Lopez said.

The facility would cost between $15 million to $20 million to build, Lopez said, and the company is willing to consider using local contractors to build it. City councillor Nathan Small thanked Lopez for bringing up that concern in early negotiations.

"It bodes well that we're having these conversations on the front end," he said.

The city-owned land is about a half-mile west of the West Mesa Industrial Park, and the city would earn money through Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds during the center's operation. Also, once the lease agreement with the city expired, the land would revert back to the city along with ownership of the facility.

Besides its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border, the proposed site is close to Interstate 10, as well as Interstate 25 and U.S. Highway 70.

Lopez, who didn't disclose the company name, said he was letting the council know about the proposal to schedule a future meeting with the company to get

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Las Crucens rally for their beliefs

Glenn Landers holds up an abortion rights sign during the rally held at Pioneer Park.

Las Crucens on both sides of the issue marked the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. Above, Steve Klinger and Kathy Meyer entertain attendees at an abortion rights rally held Friday, Jan. 22, at Pioneer Park.

Janet MacIntyre holds an anti-abortion sign during an anti-abortion rally outside City Hall Friday, Jan. 22.

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STEVE MACINTYRE

Nancy Baker and Shirley Judson hold up a sign during the abortion-rights rally.

William Contreras, 12, and Cameo Contreras hold up an anti-abortion sign during the anti-abortion rally outside City Hall.

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From the Publisher

Chamber celebrates 'Spirit of Las Cruces'

Record number of attendees at annual banquet are 'fired up' with pyrotechnics of new chairman

By **David McCollum**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

McCOLLUM

Nearly 400 local business leaders and dignitaries crammed into the main hall of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum to recognize community award winners, celebrate the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's successful year in 2009 and to positively look forward to an even better year for businesses in 2010.

Following a lively opening reception, Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Director **Stacie Christiano** opened the affair with a heartfelt a cappella rendition of The Star Spangled Banner. After the invocation, new Chairman **Kiel Hoffman** led the solemn honoring of two key chamber members who passed away in the past year, longtime Conquistadore **Doug Rains** and former Chamber President **Hotch Manning**.

While dinner was being served, emcee **Garrey Carruthers** kept the program moving forward with his witty and insightful remarks about those in attendance. **Jim Berry** recognized his fine staff including **Liz Banegas**, **Joel Courtney**, **Alesia Garcia Dutton**, **Janet Acosta Clifton** and **Alyssa Gintant**.

Berry then announced **Sarah Stegall** as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year, which was sponsored by Mesilla Valley Hospital. Other individual award winners and the sponsors of the award were: **Savonne Griffin**, Conquistadore of the Year (sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center); **Buddy Ritter**, Citizen of the Year (sponsored by Steinborn Inc. Real Estate); Crystal Apple Awards (sponsored by NMSU Arrowhead Research Center); **Denise Briggs**, Teacher of the Year; and **Brenda Lewis**, School Administrator of the Year.

The Nonprofit of the Year award, sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center, was given to the Salvation Army, represented by **Capts. Cristian** and **Rebecca Sibaja**.

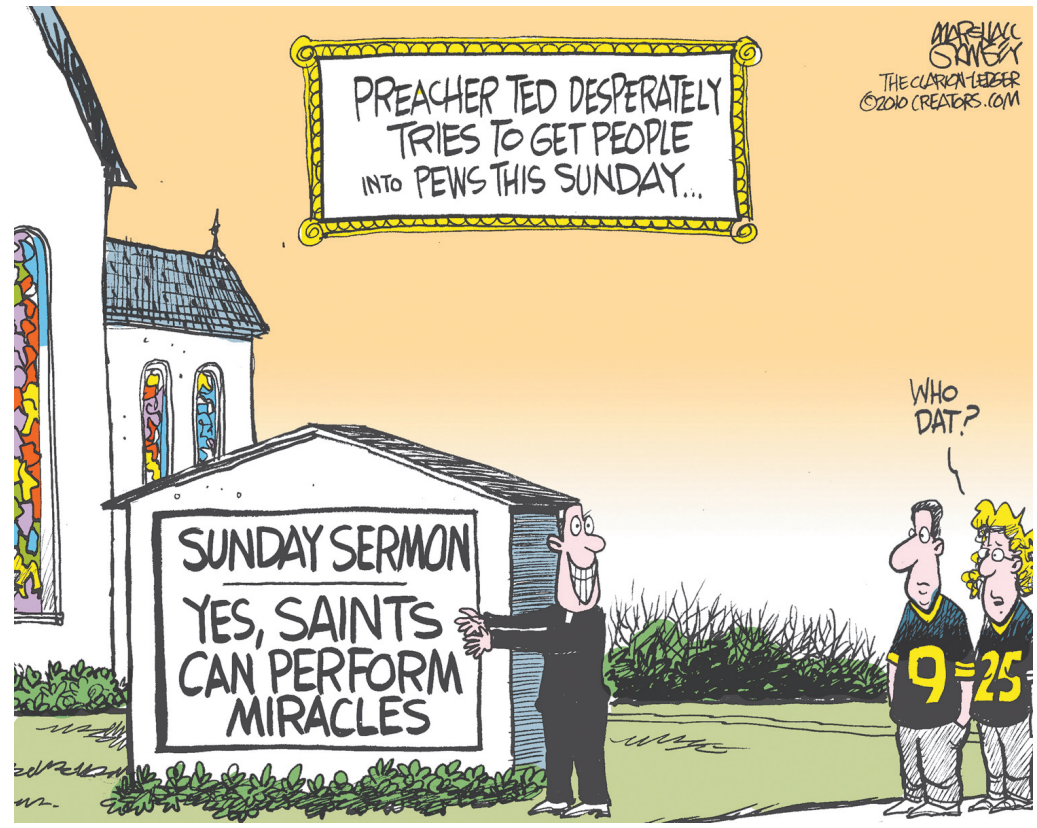
Twelve local businesses had earned Business of the Month recognition (sponsored by the Las Cruces Bulletin) throughout 2009. These community-minded companies included Dickerson's Catering and Event Services, Bravo Mic Communications, Doña Ana Community College, Del Valle Printing, Insta-Copy Imaging, L&P Building Supply, A Perfect Fit, SpringHill Suites, Burger Time, ABC Printing, Action Equipment Rental and Comcast Cable. From this group, **Action Equipment Rental** was selected as Business of the Year (also sponsored by the Las Cruces Bulletin). The Business of the Year Award was accepted by AER Sales Manager **Mike Zamora**.

Following the awards, the outgoing Chairman **John Hummer** reflected on the successful past year, which was highlighted by the first ever Total Resource Campaign that generated more than $150,000 in new funds to support the chamber operations and activities. Hummer also recognized outgoing board members **Bill Connor**, **Donna Stryker** and myself for past service as board members and officers of the chamber.

Hoffman, the new chairman, then took the stage and outlined exactly what the chamber has done for the business community in the past year and what he plans to do in 2010. Hoffman then asked all attendees to reflect on the woes, problems and challenges that they had encountered in 2009, and to write each of those items on the back of a blank card. The cards were then collected and presented to **El Cucuy**, the "Spirit of Las Cruces," an effigy figure eerily similar to Santa Fe's Zozobra. Immediately the pyrotechnics began as strategically placed giant sparklers, hidden within gaudy, giant table centerpieces, rained "fire" upon the attendees. All the woes of 2009 were taken away as El Cucuy melted amidst the fiery action.

One thing is sure for 2010. Under the direction of Hoffman, no one will be able to complain about complacency of the chamber. The year 2010 will certainly be a year that will celebrate the Spirit of Las Cruces.

Go get 'em, Kiel!



Letters to the Editor

Vote on Feb. 2

With the school bond election coming up and hearing comments around the community that these are troubled times and we do not need to maintain or grow in our school system, it's perturbing that there are those who feel this way.

Let me give just a little history of my own family in this school system. I'm a native of Las Cruces, graduated from Las Cruces High School and New Mexico State University and coached at LCHS, NMSU and Mayfield High School. My entire family, their spouses and children basically have done the same.

My grandmother, Mary Woodson, was a teacher and principal at Grandview, as well as my mother, Corine. The name was changed to Bradley Elementary in 1965, and the school was torn down in 1977. Many natives of Las Cruces are very aware of this history.

We do have a vested interest in Las Cruces and the education system. The punch line is simply this: Las Cruces has never turned down a bond issue and has provided a quality education and employment opportunities for many.

These are tough times. When hasn't it been tough when there are taxes involved? Tough times don't last – tough people and understanding people do.

This community has endured before during tough times and never has taken a step back. Las Cruces and the school system are and will continue to be one of the fastest-growing communities in the state. It's kept up with progress in a reasonable way, and it must continue.

There will always be those who complain about many legitimate factors in the school system and take it out on a bond election. There are those who don't have children in our schools and those who moved here and feel it's not their responsibility. Excuses are a dime a dozen, but is there any reason why we all can't help support education and maintain the progress that we have achieved up to this point?

Mediocrity is only for those who either don't care or look for excuses. The bottom line is simply this: We do not need to take a step back. We must accept the challenges that exist right now and prepare for the future just as many previous citizens of the community have always done in the past.

There is nothing in this request that isn't essential to growth and maintenance of our school system. We must pass both the bond issue for building new facilities and the mill levy to maintain existing ones. Taxes will not be raised and will remain the same. It's a never-ending task to keep our school system in the top echelon and build and grow as a community.

Perhaps we should all take an attitude of gratitude and look at all the positives in our schools and community. Take 30 minutes and vote on Feb. 2.

JIM BRADLEY

Coyotes may be a danger

I have been watching coyotes hunting in the morning in the field across from the Casitas of Morningstar on Morningstar Drive. I stand on the balcony overlooking the field, have my coffee and watch the wildlife living there. Several times I have seen coyotes.

The danger is that parents in the neighborhood are letting their children walk through that field in the morning to go to the elementary school on the other side. These coyotes are hungry. Please post this so that they will be aware of the danger.

MARY LAMOTHE

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Little consensus on budget fixes coming out of the Roundhouse

Committee identifies 'low-hanging fruit'

What will the next 20 days bring? Republican leaders say all $650 million of the deficit should be covered by cuts in government.

Gov. Bill Richardson has ruled out increasing any of the taxes he has cut during the first seven years of his administration.

Some Democrats say all of the deficit must be covered by additional taxes. Their reasoning is that since taxes were cut by $1 billion during the good years of the Richardson administration, they should be reinstated now that the economy has turned bad.

> "Nothing is going to be easy now."

And some conservative Democrats say it should be a mix of governmental cuts and tax increases. But first, they contend, there has to be some agreement that everything is on the table for budget cuts and for tax increases.

As this is being written, no agreements on anything have been reached. As the stalemate increases, one bright spot on the horizon may be the report from a committee on governmental efficiency Richardson appointed in December 2009.

The committee, chaired by former Republican Gov. Garrey Carruthers, was asked to take a quick look at the structure of state government and make recommendations about streamlining state government and saving taxpayers some money.

With only a month to do its work, the committee was asked to make recommendations for changes that could be made relatively easily. The governor called it "low-hanging fruit."

The result was a report that identified $129 million in potential savings. Included were mergers and consolidation of many state government departments and the elimination of 18 boards and commissions that have outlived their purposes. The recommendations also included changes in Medicaid benefits and public school funding.

Richardson said the recommendations make sense and he is ready to pursue many of the recommendations immediately during this legislative session.

Carruthers also appeared before the Legislative Finance Committee shortly before the session started. Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Arthur Smith said he was pleased with the recommendations because the Legislature has a tremendous opportunity to redefine state government.

That is a point on which Republicans also can agree. State government has expanded tremendously over the decades. During the first six years of the Richardson administration, the state budget grew by 50 percent.

The efficiency committee's recommendations may not be particularly easy to get through the Legislature. But nothing is going to be easy now that one-time sources of revenue for plugging the budget gap have been just about exhausted.

Elimination of 18 unneeded boards and commissions may be the easiest to pass. Many would like to see more of them go. Consolidating departments of state government will be tougher.

Since 1978, the state has doubled the number of cabinet-level departments. With some independent agencies added in, the governor's cabinet is now at 30.

The efficiency committee's recommendations essentially take the departments back down to their 1978 levels by returning the new departments that have been created since then back to their previous division status within other departments.

All of the new departments were created with much effort to pass them through the Legislature. The interest groups that pushed their creation will be back to fight their elimination.

An effort also will be made to consolidate some school districts. Back in the 1950s, school districts were pared down from more than 600 to 89.

Since then, unsuccessful efforts have been made to trim that even further. It is a tremendous blow to a community to lose its school district and you can bet they will fight hard to prevent any future efforts.

Actually, the process already has begun. Smith has introduced legislation reducing the financial distribution to small and rural schools. So get ready for that discussion. Small districts already are organizing.

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

Letters to the Editor

Up and down vote

Once again, the folks at the Las Cruces Public Schools or their political action committee (The Blue Ribbon Committee) are not being forthright in their advertisements and letters. Our taxes may not go up as a result of a renewed mill levy, but they would certainly go down if the levy is not renewed

MARK BEST

Bond passage sends message

I am voting for the Las Cruces Public Schools bond issue and two-mill levy on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Las Cruces has always supported our youngsters. Voting for the bond will again show commitment to our schools and youth. It means new roofs, improved technology, playground equipment, improved athletic facilities and more. It will also help pay for the final phase of the new high school.

I was an educator for more than 40 years and saw how this community supported its schools. Passage of the bond will have a positive impact on the thousands of children in the school district. It will also say that we, the citizens of Las Cruces, will once again continue to provide for our children.

Remember the bond issue will not raise the current property tax. So, join me and vote for the bond issue.

BOB OGAS

Likes the Guide

Congratulations on your excellent 2010 Legislative Guide. What a pleasant surprise to find outside my door in the morning. The Bulletin continues to do a great job of serving my information needs. Your product is a must-have and an incredible value.

WILLIAM BEERMAN

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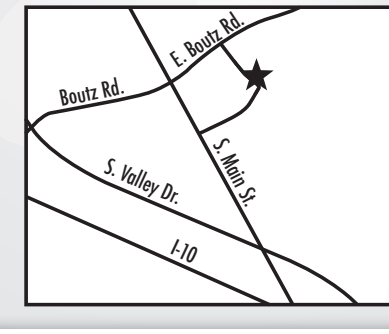

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On February 2, 2010, voters will consider a $65 million school bond issue and renewal of a two mill capital improvements levy. If approved, bond funds will renovate schools; make major repairs and improvements to roofs, heating and cooling, and playgrounds; and will improve many school facilities. The bond funds will also help maintain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act through remodeled restrooms and nursing areas. In addition, the bonds will provide safety systems and important technology infrastructure to support our students' current and future technology needs. Funding will also allow for the purchase of land for future school sites.

Also on the election ballot will be renewal of a two mill capital improvements levy which will provide funds to maintain all schools — protecting taxpayers' investments. The capital improvements levy also pays for school equipment, playground improvements, classroom furnishings, repairs and much more.

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Disaster planning before or after the nuclear explosion?

Maybe we should get ready for the next disaster

By Michael Swickard
The Las Cruces Bulletin

What is best? A – plan for disasters before they happen, or, B – deal with them afterwards? We have seen the results of B in Haiti and New Orleans.

How could New Orleans happen? It was not "if" a hurricane would devastate New Orleans, only "when." The national, state and local disaster preparedness for just such a hurricane was itself a disaster.

The Haiti aftermath makes me think of the Y2K worldwide disaster planning ten years ago. Some people stocked up on food, water, power generators and toilet paper. Most did not.

To those stockpiling I asked, "If your house has the only heat and lights, you can expect those who did not plan for the disaster to visit you. Do you have enough for everyone or will you shoot the neighbors to protect your supplies? And, how will you 'fit' in your neighborhood when the crisis is over?"

There was no disaster, and most Americans, even those with years of toilet paper stored said, "I told you so." Those were the "good old days" because the threat was imaginary.

Americans appear to not take a real threat seriously, that of terrorists exploding a nuclear device in the United States. A nuclear device could be smuggled into our country in a load of illegal drugs, since the United States is powerless to stop most drug smuggling.

Do our enemies wish to kill millions of Americans? Is there material for nuclear bombs available to terrorists? Does our government see this threat as credible? Yes to all of the above.

When I was young, we had nuclear attack drills where we crouched under our school desks. The first time I saw a nuclear blast flatten a house on television I realized that crouching under my desk was useless.

What if we were not in the blast zone but must deal with the ensuing chaos? Two questions: How should citizens prepare? And, should our government compel us to be prepared?

I have been told that some of my columns are depressing. That does not mean we are not in danger. Some people ask if I could just write columns about puppies and good stuff. Nope.

So, what do we individual citizens do if one of our cities goes up in a nuclear flash and our country grinds to a halt for a while? Do many of us have emergency stores of food, water, protective tape and plastic liners to seal up a survival room?

Gosh, writing about that is not as much fun as writing about my dog, Conrad, who is fun to be around and does not worry in the least about nuclear explosions. Does Conrad's carefree attitude protect him from terrorists? No.

There are four main survival questions: Do you have several weeks of food and water? Do you have rudimentary medicine for you and your family if the authorities are unable to respond? Can you survive the cold or heat?

And, how do you deal with attempts to take your supplies by force? A huge problem in both Haiti and New Orleans involved looters and lawlessness.

Quite possibly we may not be faced with these hard questions since we may be vaporized instantly. Pleasant thought.

But we should be asking ourselves these questions and not just assuming our various government agencies will provide for us. Maybe neighborhoods must prepare with neighborhood leadership for a couple of weeks of being cut off from national or state disaster intervention.

Perhaps there would be teams within the neighborhood association who dealt with food, security, etc. rather than each family trying to go it alone.

But what if families or even neighborhoods do not want to prepare?

If they do not take good advice should we make them? That is the stickiest part. Should the government require us to be prepared for disaster? Should they force us all to buy survival kits and have inspectors check their viability every month?

After the nuclear flash is the wrong time to start planning. We need continuous real planning so we have no more disasters like New Orleans and Haiti.

What do we do with the people who make no plans and only want to talk about puppies?

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County fairs, why?

BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

"Most people just don't get it," said Ron, bemoaning the urban politicians that continue to whittle away at funding for county fairs and the ag extension service. "It's all about the kids learning real life."

To their misfortune, urban children have much less opportunity to connect with real life. They look at some farm kid working on his show steer every day for months. It is beyond their comprehension. "Why," they think, "Would anyone want to waste their time in such a mindless pursuit?" and then they whip out their Game Boy and fall into a trance.

Thank goodness there are some politicians, corporations and influential associations that do get it. As farmers and livestock raisers continue to decline in numbers, it is even more critical that parents, county agents, ag teachers, 4H leaders, scientists and teachers instill in the next generations the realities of life that farming depends on. Does America want to become a net importer of food in 50 years?

I appreciate Mrs. Obama's garden, Whole Foods specialty markets, organic and natural producers. They have a niche market. But who is going to feed the other 99 percent of our burgeoning population, much less a hungry third world?

Those kids, our kids, who are fitting steers, doing chores, picking apples, showing hogs, driving the grain truck, learning to weld, riding pens, irrigating strawberries, managing a pasture, hosing the milk room, stacking hay and learning to read the sky are assimilating the mountain of knowledge that it takes to make dirt and rain into food.

Farm kids start learning the land and the livestock when they are old enough to carry a bucket When they help with the daily chores they are practicing. It's like taking piano lessons or tennis lessons except what farm kids learn has a much more profound objective; feeding us all.

Our culture expends a great deal of effort on future NBA stars, astronauts, environmental lawyers, doctors and political science majors. But for every 100 rock stars, Rhodes scholars and Heisman Trophy winners our country produces, we better make sure we spend enough to train at least two future farmers, so the rest of them can eat. That is the essence of the county fair.

Beneath all the fun, auctions and show ribbons, the serious business of learning how to make a living off the land continues like an underground river.

The list of "essential professions" is a short one. That's the reality of real life. Farm kids hold our future in their hands. They are in training to feed the world. And fair board members and county agents get it.

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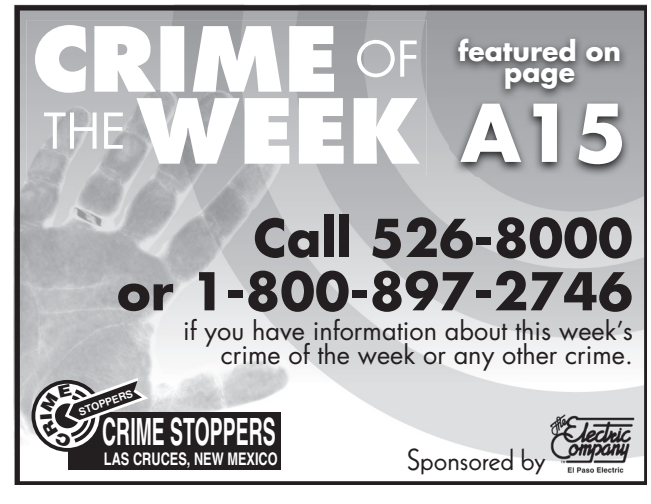

Let's Talk Taxes
GREETINGS FROM THE IRS

The mail has just arrived and there amidst all of those other bills and letters is a piece of correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service. A feeling of dread comes over you…

STEP ONE – DO NOT panic or toss it, and please DO open it. It might even be good news.

STEP TWO – Read the letter thoroughly.

STEP THREE – Determine what they are looking for. MAIL from the IRS is a notification that they need verification of documents or substantiation of an amount claimed on the tax return. It could be a simple matter: forgotten signature, missing attachment etc. you may be able to quickly and easily resolve the issue, IF NOT proceed to step four…

STEP FOUR – If you used a tax professional to prepare your return, you should contact that person for help immediately. If you prepared your own return or cannot reach the person that prepared your return you may wish to contact an Enrolled Agent (EA).

An enrolled agent is, licensed by the US Department of the Treasury to represent taxpayers before the IRS for audits, collections and appeals. To attain the enrolled agent designation, candidates must demonstrate expertise in taxation, fulfill continuing education credits and adhere to a stringent code of ethics.

The biggest mistake taxpayers make is procrastinating getting help or even ignoring that correspondence hoping it will go away. Usually, penalties and interest will be added-so, the sooner you seek help, the less it will cost.

Now you're thinking, what about that possible good news mentioned earlier? An unexpected refund, of course. Now, open that letter!

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GUEST COLUMN

Education is vitally important in challenging economic times

BY NORMAN E. TODD
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, voters in the Las Cruces Public Schools district will have the chance to approve a school bond issue and mill levy. The school bond and the mill levy are both vitally important to our community. I hope voters will join me in voting "yes" for both issues.

The school bond would provide $65 million to continue investing in the capital needs of our school district. Money from the bond issue will be spent on new construction, major renovations and upgrades of existing school buildings, purchase of future school properties and many repairs.

The proposed construction and improvements are badly needed. First, new schools have to be built to keep pace with our district's growing enrollment. In this school year, there are nearly 600 more students enrolled. Our student enrollment increases about 1 percent every year. Schools and classrooms reach their maximum capacity and then new facilities have to be built. Money from school bonds is the way local residents pay for this new construction. The funds that our school district receive from the state pays for the daily operation of the district, including salaries, utilities and insurance.

Second, existing schools must be repaired, renovated, improved and upgraded. Most of our existing elementary schools – 15 of 25 schools – were built more than 30 years ago. As these buildings age they require maintenance and upkeep. Older buildings also need to be remodeled to meet current needs. A large portion of the school bond money will be spent to upgrade security systems, to wire buildings for high-speed Internet connectivity and to upgrade electrical systems so they can "power up" computers and other new educational technologies being used today.

Our two largest high schools – Las Cruces High and Mayfield – were both built more than 40 years ago. If the school bond is approved, both schools will continue to be brought up to current building standards, as required by the state.

An additional benefit from this bond issue is the "match" that our school district could potentially receive from the state. There are several projects that may qualify for additional funds from the Public School Capital Outlay Council on a 2-to-1 basis – for every dollar voters approve the state could match two additional dollars. Those projects are renovations and upgrades to Loma Heights and University Hills elementary schools and Mayfield and Las Cruces high schools.

Voters should also remember that a second item will be on the Feb. 2 election ballot.

The two mill capital improvements tax will bring important funding to our schools. The mill levy pays for classroom furnishings, student desks, copiers, computers, musical instruments and other equipment inside the buildings. It also pays for repairs and grounds improvements, and will furnish and equip new schools.

Approving the bond issue and the mill levy will not raise the school tax rate in the district. Voters can be sure that money from the bond issue and mill levy will be spent wisely and well: a capital outlay committee, made up of parents, LCPS staff, principals, teachers and community members, meets regularly to provide oversight and input on all capital spending by the school district. Money from the last bond issue, approved in 2006, has been spent to complete-capital improvement projects, including the new elementary school, middle school and high school that are currently being built.

Anyone who wants additional information about this election should contact LCPS at 527-5811 or visit www.lcps.k12.nm.us.

These are challenging times in our community and in the world around us. But our current economic uncertainties and changing times should remind us of the value of a good education. There is no economic stimulus in the world that can equal a well-educated mind, a creative intellect and a desire to know more and do better.

Let's give our children the schools where that kind of learning can start – please vote "Yes" for our children on Feb. 2.

Norman E. Todd is chairman of the Las Cruces Public Schools Blue Ribbon Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote bond issue

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, I will be going to the polls to vote "yes" for the Las Cruces Public Schools bond issue.

This was an easy decision for me. The local tax rate will not go up, and the students of Las Cruces will benefit greatly. Passing the bond issue will result in much-needed improvements throughout the school system and will encompass everything from new construction to much-needed repairs in building, athletic facilities and much more.

Please join me and vote "yes" Tuesday, Feb 2.

DON BALL

Vote 'yes'

I am voting "yes" on the Las Cruces Public Schools bond issue and two-mill levy on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Furthermore, I recommend that your readers exercise their right and vote "yes" as well.

Las Cruces Public Schools now has more than 24,000 students, and is growing at a rate of more than 1 percent per year. We need the bond and mill levy to help keep pace with this growth, to build new schools to meet the growing demand and to maintain or renovate existing schools.

The local tax rate will not go up one penny if the bond and the mill levy are passed.

Bond projects will benefit students at almost every school in the district, and will pay for security upgrades and additions; improved technology; better athletic facilities; major construction projects; new roofs, shade structures, playground equipment; the final phase of construction at the new high school and much more.

The quality of any community is often judged by the quality of support given by the citizens to the public school system. Likewise, economic development and the general prosperity of a community is, more often than not, a function of the quality of the public school education and the systems that support and promote it.

This bond issue and mill levy are important to the future of our schools and our children.

CLAY DOYLE

Anti-abortion rally an inspiration

On Friday, Jan. 22, a pro-life rally was held on the steps of Las Cruces City Hall. Though it was cold and raining, 100-plus pro-lifers, young and old, came to peacefully and lovingly stand up for the culture of life. Tony Levatino, presented on Turning Point, a new women's health clinic. Emily Mauer shared her testimony of post-abortion syndrome and how she's found healing through Rachel's Vineyard Ministries.

Father Enrique Lopez challenged us all to respect the dignity of human life in all forms and ages. Heather Van Doorn informed us of the wonderful resources available to help a pregnant woman at the Mesilla Valley Pregnancy Resource Center. Rich Hinderliter told us all about the Gabriel Project, which also helps to provide for pregnant woman's needs. Martha Beasley spoke about Rachel's Vineyard Ministries and the healing that takes place for both women and men at their retreats.

Finally, Father Joshua from St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox mission charged us with the task of not growing faint or weary.

I would like to invite everyone to an open meeting of the Doña Ana County Right to Life Committee from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Mesilla Park Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

GREGORY GOLDBLATT
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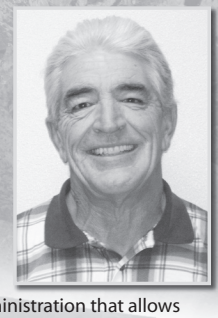

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Background Brief Bio: I have been involved in education for 28 years. My experiences have included teacher (U.S. History, A.P. U.S. History, Family Living and Psychology), Coach and Assistant Principal.
Favorite Aspect of Being a Teacher at LMHS: It is an atmosphere of learning. With the size of classes that we have here, it is conducive to getting to know your students better and helping them become successful. The staff is a great mix of younger and more experienced teachers which bring an enthusiasm to teaching and an administration that allows the teachers to experiment with different ways to teach, to find the best practice for our students and their success.
Favorite Quote: "And so my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man." John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 1961

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CINDI FARGO
Executive Director of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

The Downtown Las Cruces Partnership works in conjunction with the City of Las Cruces, the New Mexico Main Street Program and the National Main Street Center, using the successful Main Street Four-Point Approach to downtown revitalization. We frequently highlight our local program activities and Downtown progress, but what about our framework? What is this Main Street Four-Point Approach we talk about and how does it work nation wide?

About Main Street

The Main Street movement has transformed the way communities think about the revitalization and management of their commercial districts.

Four-Point Approach

The Main Street Four-Point Approach is a community-driven, comprehensive strategy used to revitalize downtown and neighborhood business districts throughout the United States. It is a common-sense way to address the variety of issues and problems that challenge traditional business districts.

As a unique economic development tool, the Main Street Four-Point Approach is the foundation for local initiatives to revitalize their districts by leveraging local assets – from cultural or architectural heritage to local enterprises and community pride.

The four points of the Main Street approach work together to build a sustainable and complete community revitalization effort.

Organization

This involves getting everyone working toward the same goal and assembling the appropriate human and financial resources to implement a Main Street revitalization program.

A governing board and standing committees make up the fundamental organizational structure of the volunteer-driven program. A paid program director coordinates and supports volunteers. This structure not only divides the workload and clearly delineates responsibilities, but also builds consensus and cooperation among the various stakeholders.

Promotion

Promotion sells a positive image of the commercial district and encourages consumers and investors to live, work, shop, play and invest in the Main Street district. By marketing a district's unique characteristics to residents, investors, business owners and visitors, an effective promotional strategy forges a positive image through advertising, retail promotional activity, special events and marketing campaigns carried out by local volunteers. These activities improve consumer and investor confidence in the district and encourage commercial activity and investment in the area.

Design

Design means getting Main Street into top physical shape. Capitalizing on its best assets – such as historic buildings and pedestrian-oriented streets – is just part of the story. An inviting atmosphere, created through attractive window displays, parking areas, building improvements, street furniture, signs, sidewalks, street lights and landscaping, conveys a positive visual message about the commercial district and what it has to offer. Design activities also include instilling good maintenance practices, enhancing the physical appearance of the commercial district by rehabilitating historic buildings, encouraging appropriate new construction, developing sensitive design management systems, and long-term planning.

Economic Restructuring

This strengthens a community's existing economic assets while expanding and diversifying its economic base. The Main Street program helps sharpen the competitiveness of existing business owners and recruits compatible new businesses and new economic uses to build a commercial district that responds to today's consumers' needs. Converting unused or under used commercial space into economically productive property also helps boost the profitability of the district.

Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana, 136 N. Water St., is just one example of the progress being made through partnerships in Downtown Las Cruces.

The four points of the Main Street approach correspond with the four forces of real estate value, which are social, political, physical and economic.

Eight Principles

The National Trust Main Street Center's experience in helping communities bring their commercial corridors back to life has shown time and time again that the Main Street Four-Point Approach succeeds. It is guided by eight principles, which set the Main Street methodology apart from other redevelopment strategies.

1. **Comprehensive:** No single focus – lavish public improvements, name-brand business recruitment or endless promotional events – can revitalize Main Street. For successful, sustainable, long-term revitalization, a comprehensive approach, including activity in each of Main Street's four points, is essential.
2. **Incremental:** Baby steps come before walking. Successful revitalization programs begin with basic, simple activities that demonstrate that "new things are happening" in the commercial district. As public confidence in the Main Street district grows and participants' understanding of the revitalization process becomes more sophisticated, Main Street is able to tackle increasingly complex problems and more ambitious projects. This incremental change leads to much longer-lasting and dramatic positive change in the Main Street area.
3. **Self-help:** No one else will save your Main Street. Local leaders must have the will and desire to mobilize local resources and talent. That means convincing residents and business owners of the rewards they'll reap by investing time and money in Main Street – the heart of their community. Only local leadership can produce long-term success by fostering and demonstrating community involvement and commitment to the revitalization effort.
4. **Partnerships:** Both the public and private sectors have a vital interest in the district and must work together to achieve common goals of Main Street's revitalization. Each sector has a role to play, and each must understand the other's strengths and limitations in order to forge an effective partnership.
5. **Identifying and capitalizing on existing assets:** Business districts must capitalize on the assets that make them unique. Every district has unique qualities – like distinctive buildings and human scale – that give people a sense of belonging. These local assets must serve as the foundation for all aspects of the revitalization program.
6. **Quality:** Emphasize quality in every aspect of the revitalization program. This applies to all elements of the process – from storefront designs to promotional campaigns to educational programs. Shoestring budgets and "cut and paste" efforts reinforce a negative image of the commercial district. Instead, concentrate on quality projects over quantity.
7. **Change:** Skeptics turn into believers and attitudes on Main Street will turn around. At first, almost no one believes Main Street can really turn around. Changes in attitude and practice are slow but definite – public support for change will build as the Main Street program grows and consistently meets its goals. Change also means engaging in better business practices, altering ways of thinking and improving the physical appearance of the commercial district. A carefully planned Main Street program will help shift public perceptions and practices to support and sustain the revitalization process.
8. **Implementation:** To succeed, Main Street must show visible results that can only come from completing projects. Frequent, visible changes are a reminder that the revitalization effort is under way and succeeding. Small projects at the beginning of the program pave the way for larger ones as the revitalization effort matures and that constant revitalization activity creates confidence in the Main Street program and ever-greater levels of participation.

Source: National Main Street Center, Trust for Historic Preservation, January 2010.

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Coming Up

Farmers and crafts market

An indoor Farmers and Crafts Market is held from 1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday at the Las Cruces Events Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Vendors will be selling handmade crafts and farm products, and a snack bar are available. For more information about the market or becoming a vendor, call George Pintar at 680-6515.

Conlee yard sale

Conlee Elementary School, 1701 Boston Drive, will have a community yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 30. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the students of Conlee Elementary School.

For more information, contact Nadia Anderson at 527-9656 or nanderson@lcps.k12.nm.us.

NMSU Museum workshops

The New Mexico State University Museum will host two Saturday Family Workshops from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. The project for this workshop will be Mexican coin jewelry. The workshops are free and open to all ages, with materials provided. Reservations are not required, but call ahead for large groups. For more information, call 646-5161 or visit www.nmsu.edu/museum.

DanceSport fundraiser

The DanceSport Society, a booster club providing financial support to the New Mexico State University DanceSport team, is hosting a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. The dance is open to the public, and singles and couples of all skill levels are welcome. Cost is $8 for DanceSport Society members and students and $10 for non-members. For more information, call 524-0500 or 640-2000.

Pet adoptions Saturday

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, Jan. 30, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall. Adoption fees are $75 for dogs or puppies and $50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay and neuter and microchip.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, adoptions also will be facilitated 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 unneutered pets are $25 each. Proof of spay or neuter is required before a $5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

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

LPGA Girls Gold Club

LPGA Girls Golf Club of Las Cruces will accept registration for 2010 year membership at the New Mexico State University Clubhouse Restaurant from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. The annual fee is $50.

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf provides an opportunity for girls ages 7 to 17 to learn to play golf, build lasting friendships and experience competition in a fun, supportive environment, preparing them for a lifetime of enjoyment with the game. The only national initiative of its kind, Girls Golf is administered through a partnership between the Ladies Professional Golf Association Foundation and the United States Golf Association, both nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

For more information, call Joanne Cox at 649-9758.

Seed-sharing event

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will present a pot luck and seed-sharing event from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Participants can bring in saved seeds – to exchange to help promote genetic diversity and strength – and a dish to share.

For more information, email jonsimmons@hotmail.com.

DACSAR meets

Doña Ana County Search and Rescue Inc., a volunteer community service team will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in conference room 114 of the main building of Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. Visitors are welcome and the team is currently looking for and training new members. For more information, visit www.dacsar.org or call 526-4918.

Magic show benefits Jornada

The Reality Magic Show featuring Las Vegas entertainers Garry Carson and Kelsey Kara will present one show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. All proceeds will benefit Jornada Elementary School PTO. Tickets are $12 and can be reserved by calling 621-3205.

Oral history club meets

The Mesilla Valley Oral History Club will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Days Inn & Suites Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Mary Salopek will make a presentation titled "A Mesilla Valley Pioneer Family – the Salopeks."

The cost is $14 and includes dinner. Reservations are required by Monday, Feb. 1. For more information or to make a reservation, call 524-0589.

Welcome Strangers meet

Welcome Strangers Bridge and Canasta Club meets at 12:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Dessert, coffee and tea are served. Anyone interested is asked to make reservations by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting. For more information or to make reservations, call 523-0509 or 524-1285.

MVM nutrition lecture

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will present "Nutrition For Your Thyroid," a free discussion with Dr. Joann Love at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Participants can learn the 11 steps to achieve thyroid balance, how to eat right and achieve a healthy weight and how to deal with the adrenal fatigue often associated with low thyroid function.

For more information, call 523-0436.

Lifeguard training set

The City of Las Cruces is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program for people 15 years and older.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, and is ongoing until all classes are filled. Registration, pre-testing and classes will be held at Frenger Indoor Pool, 800 Parkview Drive.

Those interested must first pass a pre-test scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Classes will be held the following days and times: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20; 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22; 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

All qualified candidates must sign a liability release form, and candidates under 18 years old must have a signed parental permission form to take the pre-test and attend the class. Cost is $150 per student, which includes books, lifeguard and CPR-PR certifications payable after the candidate passes the pre-test and before the first class is held.

All candidates need to bring approved swim wear and towels to the pre-test and all classes. Goggles are allowed for some activities, but are not provided.

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There will also be a Lifeguard 101 Workshop scheduled from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, for applicants to learn and practice the skills necessary to pass the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training pre-test.

For more information, call the Aquatics Program at 523-0362. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Sierra pancake breakfast

The Sierra Middle School PTSO will host a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Sierra Middle School, 1700 Spruce Ave., in the café.

Tickets are $5 each. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage and a choice of orange juice or coffee. Proceeds will be used for special projects and field trips.

NARFE meeting set

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Days Inn and Suites Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Mary Ellen McKay, president of the New Mexico Federation of NARFE Chapters, will share her observations of the chapters statewide and offer some encouragement to members to be more active in the organization. There is a cost for the breakfast buffet, and reservations must be made by Feb. 9, by calling Joy Davenport at 522-1160 or Diane Clark at 532-1334.

Plant society lecture

The Native Plant Society Las Cruces chapter will present C. Edward Freeman, a botany professor at the University of Texas at El Paso, giving a talk titled "Sex and the Single Flower," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The talk will focus on floral morphology, color, nectar and pollinator type.

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

Crisis volunteers sought

The Las Cruces Police Department's Victims' Assistance Unit is seeking volunteers interested in becoming Crisis Intervention Response Team members.

The team works with police officers and detectives in offering assistance to victims of crimes and accidents. Volunteering for the team is a unique opportunity for those interested in a career in law enforcement or as a victim's advocate or college students who want experience in the field of law enforcement.

Applicants must be able to speak English as their primary language. Bilingual speakers are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants should be at least 20 years of age, have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, reliable transportation and must be able to pass a background check.

Those selected will attend a 40-hour training academy and are asked to make a one-year commitment to the program. Volunteer advocates are required to be on call one weekend a month from 5 p.m. Friday through 8 a.m. Monday.

Those interested in applying for the program are asked to contact Lana Weir, volunteer coordinator for the LCPD Victims' Assistance Unit, at 528-4111 or lweir@las-cruces.org. before Feb. 12.

ALR series focuses on PSL

The history and current activities of the Physical Science Laboratory at New Mexico State University are the topics of the February Academy for Learning in Retirement lecture series. Jay Jordan, interim executive vice president and provost of NMSU and former senior director of the Physical Science Laboratory, will discuss V-2 rocket testing, satellite tracking, near-space scientific platforms, avionics, atmospheric sciences and the future of PSL.

The lectures will be given from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Feb. 9 and 16, and Thursdays, Feb. 11 and 18, at the Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. There is a $5 fee for each lecture and no advance registration is required. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation.

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

Field trip to Aden Crater

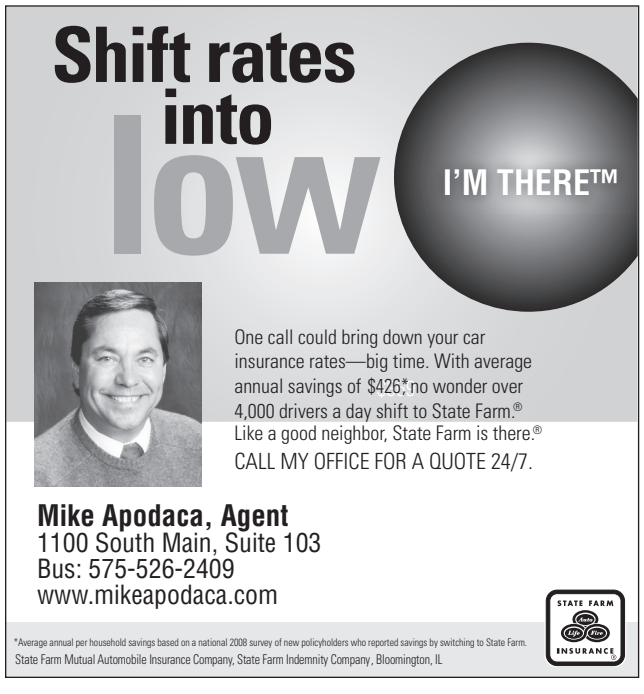
The Native Plant Society Las Cruces chapter will have a field trip to Aden Crater at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

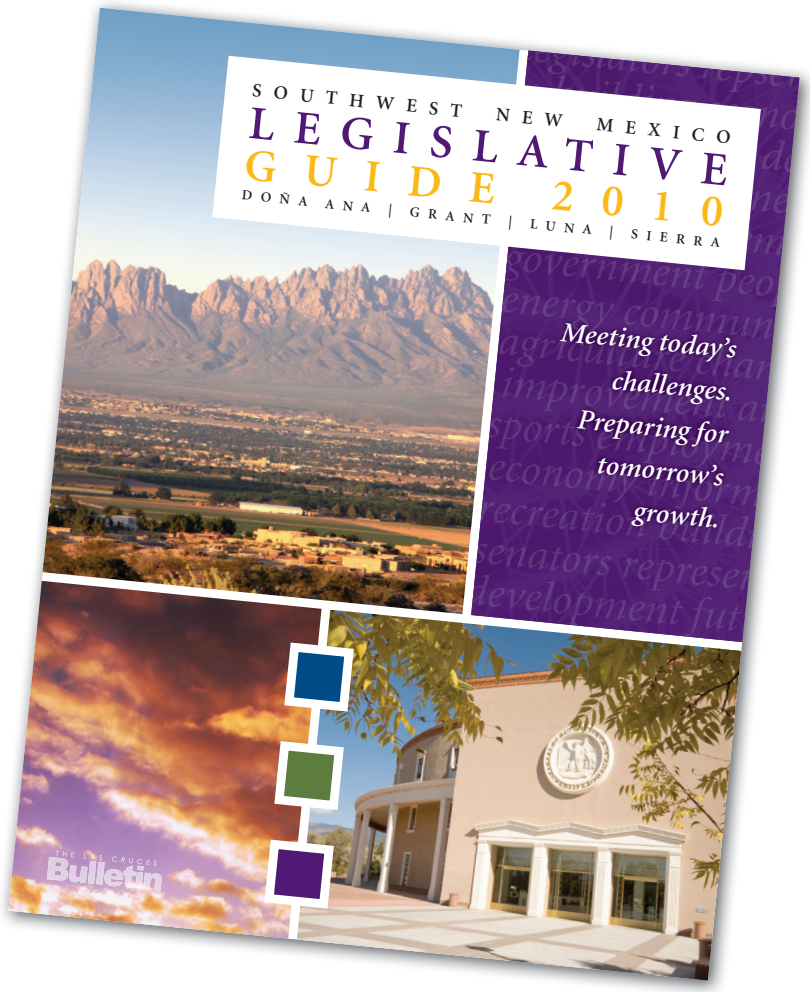
Aden Crater is a unique volcanic setting. The group will meet at the east end of the Rio Grande Bank parking lot at the corner of University and Telshor avenues.

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

TEA Party meets

The Las Cruces TEA Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in the Community Rotary Meeting Room at the Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 Montana Ave. The meeting room and parking lot are best accessed from Foster Road. For more information, contact Debra White at 312-5562 or realgenius65@gmail.com.





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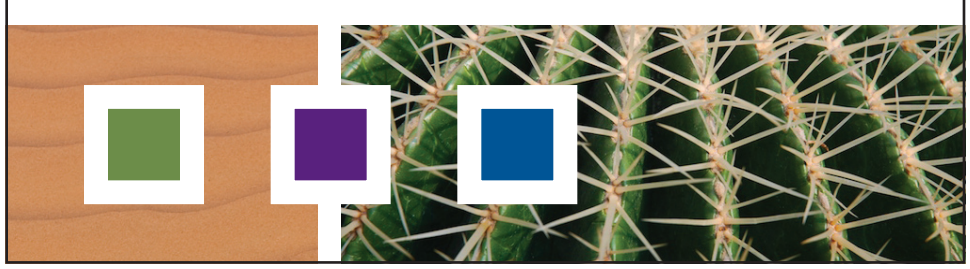

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also needs help reopening streets closed by the failed Urban Renewal mall concept. A mechanism for doing this in a tax increment development district, for which city and county governments are committing their shares of future gross receipts tax growth to the effort. The Legislature has yet to approve the state's portion, which could add more than $5.5 million to money for Downtown improvements.

The coalition is calling for the Legislature to adopt an interstate compact that addresses the educational transition issues of military children.

Operating monies are needed for the Regional Education Initiative, now called The Bridge. Doña Ana County leaders from business, education, economic development and government meet regularly to work on reducing the dropout rate and increasing academic relevance in career and technical education.

One of the more successful educational efforts has been the state allowing high school students to get college credits while attending classes that also fulfill high school graduation requirements. Critical to the dual-credit program is funding to support the cost of textbooks and other course-related materials for students.

The coalition is backing Eastern New Mexico Economic Development Alliance's Jobs for New Mexico Agenda to increase the number of higher-wage jobs.

The coalition supports funding for capital outlay at NMSU, such as $20 million to establish the Institute for Public Policy. The group also is going to bat for $7 million for the next phase of Doña Ana Community College's Gadsden Center.

The burden of handling the mentally ill at the Doña Ana County Detention Center will be greatly relieved with the creation of Crisis Triage Center, which is another coaliton priority.

In 2009, Senate Bill 37 was introduced as the Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act. It requires space flight participants acknowledge the risks involved with commercial human space flight. Virginia and Florida have already passed such legislation and Virgin Galactic – Spaceport America's anchor tenant – supports the New Mexico legislation.

Another coalition priority is to get franchise fee legislation passed. Currently, an investor-owned utility collects a franchise fee on its billing for residents in unincorporated areas, which pay for county rights-of-ways. There is discussion at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission about the legality of the collection of franchise fees. Without a statutory right to collect such fees, Doña Ana County could lose more than $1 million a year.

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more details. Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who liked the proposal, asked Lopez to contact the company to see if a representative could attend the council's Feb. 16 meeting for a more detailed briefing.

In other City Council business, Miyagishima and councillors met with City Manager Terrence Moore in closed session before the regular meeting to discuss limited personnel matters relating to Moore.

"As a result of the meeting, it was agreed by all to, at a later time, revisit certain terms of Mr. Moore's employment agreement with the City of Las Cruces, and offer further clarification where needed," Miyagishima said in a prepared statement. "Mr. Moore has agreed to this and will accept council direction as determined at the later meeting."

Moore's current employment agreement runs through August 2011.

Train stops here

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

George Kopp, president of the Doña Ana Modular Railroad Club, monitors the model trains as they pass on a display Sunday, Jan. 24, at Golden Mesa Retirement Village. Each train is based on a scale where one model inch equals 87 actual inches.

Saddle winners

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

First place Gymkhana award-winners each received a hand-crafted leather saddle from Las Cruces Horseman's Association at its awards banquet Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds Event Center. The winners, from left, are Bladen Reno, 7, Shawna Middagh, 16, Jordan Morris, 13, Nancy Alexander and Jamee Middagh, 9.

Owners of Cowboy Cooks Barbecue catering, Sandi Cardwell and Jamie Cardwell.

Leak closes Munson Senior Center

Repair to air system will take time

Crews with the City of Las Cruces Facilities Department continue to make repairs and modifications to the heating system of the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., which has been closed since Monday, Jan. 25.

The 35-year-old center was evacuated after a carbon monoxide leak associated with the heating system boiler was discovered. A total of 16 people, including center staff and seniors, were given oxygen at the scene by the Las Cruces Fire Department. No serious injuries or illnesses are reported.

The center will remain closed at least through Feb. 7. The public will be notified of the center's reopening when the information becomes available.

In the interim, activities and meals for senior citizens will continue to be provided at the city's three other senior sites: Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; Benavidez Community Center, 1045 W. McClure Road; and Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

For more information about senior programs, to make meal reservations, call 528-3012.

Legislature 2010 Week two

Bill aims to allow guns in restaurants

Permitted carriers now not allowed if alcohol is served

By Steve Terrell
The New Mexican

People with licenses to carry concealed guns could take their firearms into restaurants that serve beer and wine under a bill that zipped through a Senate committee on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Senate Bill 40, sponsored by Sen. George Munoz, D-Gallup, cleared the Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee by a 7-1 vote. Sen. Linda Lovejoy, D-Crownpoint, cast the only vote against the measure.

Gov. Bill Richardson sent an executive message to the Senate calling for such a bill to be considered. That's a necessary step in a 30-day session for bills not directly concerned with finance and budget matters.

Steve Aikens, a firearms instructor from Clovis who teaches courses that are required for concealed carry licenses, told the committee that no holder of such a license in the United States has been charged with shooting a gun in a restaurant since states began passing concealed-carry laws in the mid 1980s.

Aikens, who is founder of a pro-gun website www.handgunlaw.us, said when license holders have to leave their guns in their vehicles when they go to get a meal, they are taking a chance of the weapon being stolen and the guns going into the hands of criminals.

Allison Smith, lobbyist for the New Mexico Restaurant Association, said her group is against the bill. She said restaurant owners are concerned about liability issues if guns are allowed. Smith also said they are concerned about what happens if a server brings an alcoholic drink to someone with a concealed gun. Even if the bill is passed, a person with a firearm would not be allowed to consume alcohol.

Munoz pointed out that no restaurant would be forced to allow concealed weapons.

The bill would apply only to establishments that derive at least 60 percent of its income from food eaten on the premises.

A fiscal-impact report for the bill, quoting an analyst from the Public Defender's Office, agrees with Aikens' point that the bill would reduce the number of guns stolen from cars. But it also quotes an analyst from the Public Safety Department that says the bill might make some concealed-carry license holders believe they have the right to drink alcohol in a restaurant.

Last year, a similar bill by Munoz passed the Senate by a 26-15 vote. The 2009 bill also passed House committees, including the House Judiciary Committee, which voted 10-2 for a do-pass recommendation. But the bill never made it to the House floor.

The next stop for Munoz's current bill is the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Domestic partner issue divides many

Some call social legislation diversion to budget focus

By Steve Terrell
The New Mexican

The battle in the Legislature over a bill to establish domestic-partner rights pits social advocates and lobbyists who normally are allied on a variety of issues against each other.

Sen. Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe, introduced Senate Bill 183 on Tuesday. As has been the case with previous domestic-partnership bills, it is backed by Gov. Bill Richardson.

Also working for the bill are various left-leaning activists, civic organizations and churches. But opposing it are New Mexico's Roman Catholic bishops, who have stood alongside many of the domestic-partnership proponents in past legislative fights to end the death penalty and cockfighting, increase the minimum wage and to preserve funding for poverty programs.

The church's opposition last year – after years of staying neutral on the issue – was credited by many on both sides for defeating a domestic-partnership last year by a decisive vote in the Senate.

"I don't know of any vote that's changed," said Allen Sanchez, executive director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops. Sanchez was referring to last year's 17-25 Senate vote against the bill.

"But what does have a good chance of passing are bad (budget) cuts," said Sanchez, who had just spoken at a rally in the Rotunda for those opposing cuts to social programs. "Our time will be divided by the domestic partnership bill. All the advocates should come together to stop the bad cuts from passing."

In Brief

House passes border security measure

The House on Wednesday approved a measure (HJM 9) that asks for officials from four state agencies to work with federal officials to coordinate safety and other efforts along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The state officials would come from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation and the Border Authority.

The measure's sponsor, Rep. Nate Cote, D-Organ, said the legislation aims to keep residents safe.

"We must address the overwhelming criminal activity occurring across our border and take measures to prevent it from spilling over into New Mexico," he said. "We need to keep our citizens who live or travel along the border safe from criminal drug and cartel activity. The fact that this legislation was met with no opposition reflects the importance of the initiative."

The measure now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Steinborn seeks veteran property tax exemption

Veteran organizations would get a property tax exemption under a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, and Purple Heart recipient Sen. David Ulibarri, D-Grants.

"Now more than ever, we need to support our veterans organizations and help keep them strong," Steinborn said. "Removing the property tax burden on veterans posts will help ensure these facilities remain open, for both our current veterans and those men and women returning home from combat. I'm confident that if we put this on the ballot, New Mexicans will overwhelmingly approve this measure."

Under Senate Joint Resolution 7 veteran organizations chartered by the United States Congress would be exempt from property taxes contingent upon voters passing a constitutional amendment referendum. If passed by the New Mexico Legislature, it would be placed on the 2010 November election ballot for consideration by New Mexico voters.

Ulibarri, also serves as the co-chair of the Legislative Interim Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. He is a co-sponsor of SJR7 with Rep. Steinborn.

Sources: The New Mexican and press announcements.

Talking about prehistory

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Regional Paleontologist Pat Hester talks Tuesday, Jan. 26, to Las Cruces resident Joan Woodward about the significance of discoveries in the Robledo Mountains that will be studied and featured at the new Prehistoric Trackways National Monument. The BLM's open house for public input at the Best Western Mission Inn was well-attended.

Chile conference's hot topic

Crop mechanization progress continues

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The annual state Chile Conference will be Feb. 1 and 2 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Mechanical harvesting and removing pod stems will be the subject of reports at 11 a.m. Tuesday by Paul Funk of the USDA Southwest Cotton Ginning Research Laboratory and Ryan Herbon of the New Mexico State University Manufacturing Technology and Engineering Center.

"Labor is the largest and most variable cost in the production of chile here," Funk said. "Land, fertilizer and other inputs are somewhat constant worldwide. Harvest labor costs vary tremendously from one country to another. The goal of mechanization is to reduce harvest costs. During the last 10 to 15 years, there has been an alarming decline in New Mexico chile acreage. Production of chile will be retained here only when our harvest costs are competitive globally."

New Mexico chile growers follow safer health standards than growers from other countries, he said.

Mesilla Valley farmers have to be flexible with crop programs. Most grow cotton and chile as part of their crop rotation, which they practice to prevent the buildup of bacteria, virus and fungi in their field soils, Funk said.

Gene Baca also will speak on the latest developments with the New Mexico Chile Association at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday. Baca is the association president and Bueno Foods vice president.

An open forum on new chile yield initiatives will start at 1:20 p.m.

Other conference topics Tuesday:

- 8:40 a.m. Root knot nematodes in chile, Steve Thomas
- 9:30 a.m. Outlook and fungal and bacterial diseases, Soum Sanogo
- 10:30 a.m. Fumigation options for chile growers, Chad Hutchinson
- 1 p.m. Healthy chile nutrition, Carol Turner
- 1:40 p.m. Organic chile production, Kulbhushan Grover
- 2 p.m. Managing soil health for sustainable chile production, John Idowu
- 2:20 p.m. viruses in chile, Rebecca Creamer

Crime Stoppers: Homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering up to $1,000 for information that leads police to two men wanted in the Jan. 17 shooting death of 39-year-old Jorge Rey Monje of El Paso.

Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office investigators have obtained arrest warrants for Juan Castillo, 22, of Anthony, N.M., and 26-year-old Ricardo "Ricky" Castillo of Chaparral, N.M. Juan Castillo is charged with an open count of murder, tampering with evidence and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Ricardo Castillo is charged with tampering with evidence and battery.

CRIME STOPPERS LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

Deputies were dispatched to the 1100 block of Tierra Huichol Circle in Anthony, N.M., at around 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, after a fight resulted in gunshots, one of which killed Monje. Juan and Ricardo Castillo were seen leaving the scene in a silver 2005 Nissan Altima with New Mexico license plate JZR457.

If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, 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.

Election 2010

Estrada announces PRC run

Las Crucen seeks Republican nomination

Las Cruces native and businessman Jamie Estrada has announced he is seeking the Republican nomination for the District 5 seat on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC).

Estrada said the PRC is in need of independent, qualified and strong leadership. Having successfully worked in both the private and government sectors, Estrada said he will bring strong administrative and industry expertise to the PRC.

The PRC's core responsibility is to protect New Mexico consumers while ensuring that New Mexico's regulatory environment will attract jobs and new investment opportunities to the state.

"The recent conduct by some PRC members has affected the commission's productivity and has caused the public to lose confidence in the current administration," Estrada's announcement stated.

Estrada vowed to restore the public trust and get the PRC back on track for the people of New Mexico.

"In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to hearing from voters across central and southwestern New Mexico about their concerns and how the PRC can better protect consumers and make New Mexico more competitive," Estrada said in his announcement.

Estrada is a business and international trade policy consultant. From 2005 to 2009, Estrada served as U.S. deputy assistant secretary of commerce for manufacturing. He negotiated with trade officials around the world to remove trade barriers and prevent burdensome regulations for U.S. businesses in the energy, health care, transportation and information and communication technology sectors. During his tenure, Estrada launched new initiatives to open and expand overseas markets for U.S. nuclear and renewable energy and environmental technology companies.

Before his presidential appointment to the Commerce Department, Estrada worked for Intel Corp. where he began his finance career at the company's Rio Rancho, N.M., site and advanced to several operational, strategic and management positions over a nearly 10-year period. He played a key role in the 2000-02 expansion of Intel's manufacturing capacity in New Mexico. While working in the company's governmental affairs office in Washington, D.C., he advocated for accelerated broadband deployment and for opening overseas markets to U.S. technology products.

Las Cruces native Jamie Estrada is seeking the Republican nomination for the District 5 position on the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Estrada was born and raised in Las Cruces and his family has deep roots in the Mesilla Valley. He received his bachelor's degrees in economics and finance with distinction in university honors from New Mexico State University and earned his master's degree from Georgetown University. While in college, he interned in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici.

For more information, visit www.jamieestrada.com.

Chief Deputy Assessor Andy Segovia is running for county assessor.

Chief deputy assessor to run for county assessor

Segovia promises smooth transition if elected

Andy Segovia, chief deputy assessor for Doña Ana County, has announced his candidacy for county assessor in the Democratic primary election on June 1.

"If elected, I will continue to provide professional, expeditious and responsive service to all the citizens of Doña Ana County," Segovia said in his announcement. "I will continue to utilize state-of-the-art technology, while providing property owners with a wide array of informative and educational resources about property valuations, exemptions, office procedures and recent property tax legislation.

"The assessor's job is one of great difficulty, and sometimes unpopular. However, I believe my experience and my ability to listen puts me in the best position to accomplish my duties in a way that is both sensitive to the county's taxpayers and fair to the entities that rely on property tax revenues."

Current County Assessor Gary Perez is term limited, but will serve as Segovia's campaign treasurer.

A Mesilla resident, Segovia and his wife Tish have two children. He is a graduate of Las Cruces High School and New Mexico State University.

Segovia said he began his career in Bernalillo County's Assessor's Office as a GIS Technician in 1999. In 2002, he was hired at the Doña Ana County Assessor's Office as a GIS analyst. Perez appointed Segovia as chief deputy assessor in January 2003.

"I am designated as a Certified Appraiser by the New Mexico Property Tax Division, and have successfully completed numerous appraisal courses," Segovia said. "I have served on several professional organizations, including the International Association of Assessing Officers, the New Mexico Association of Counties Assessor's Affiliate and as the GIS chairman for the Assessor's GIS Affiliate. As a member of these committees, I have acquired a considerable amount of knowledge about property tax laws and regulations."

Segovia also has been involved with several community organizations including the Town of Mesilla Planning and Zoning Commission, the Las Cruces Horseman's Association, the Whole Enchilada Fiesta and 4H.

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At the spelling bee

Gabrielle Conde from White Sands Elementary concentrates as she spells out a word at the Las Cruces City Spelling Bee, which featured spelling champions from Las Cruces Public Schools. Michelle Thomas, an eighth-grader at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, took first place at the bee held Friday, Jan. 22, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center.

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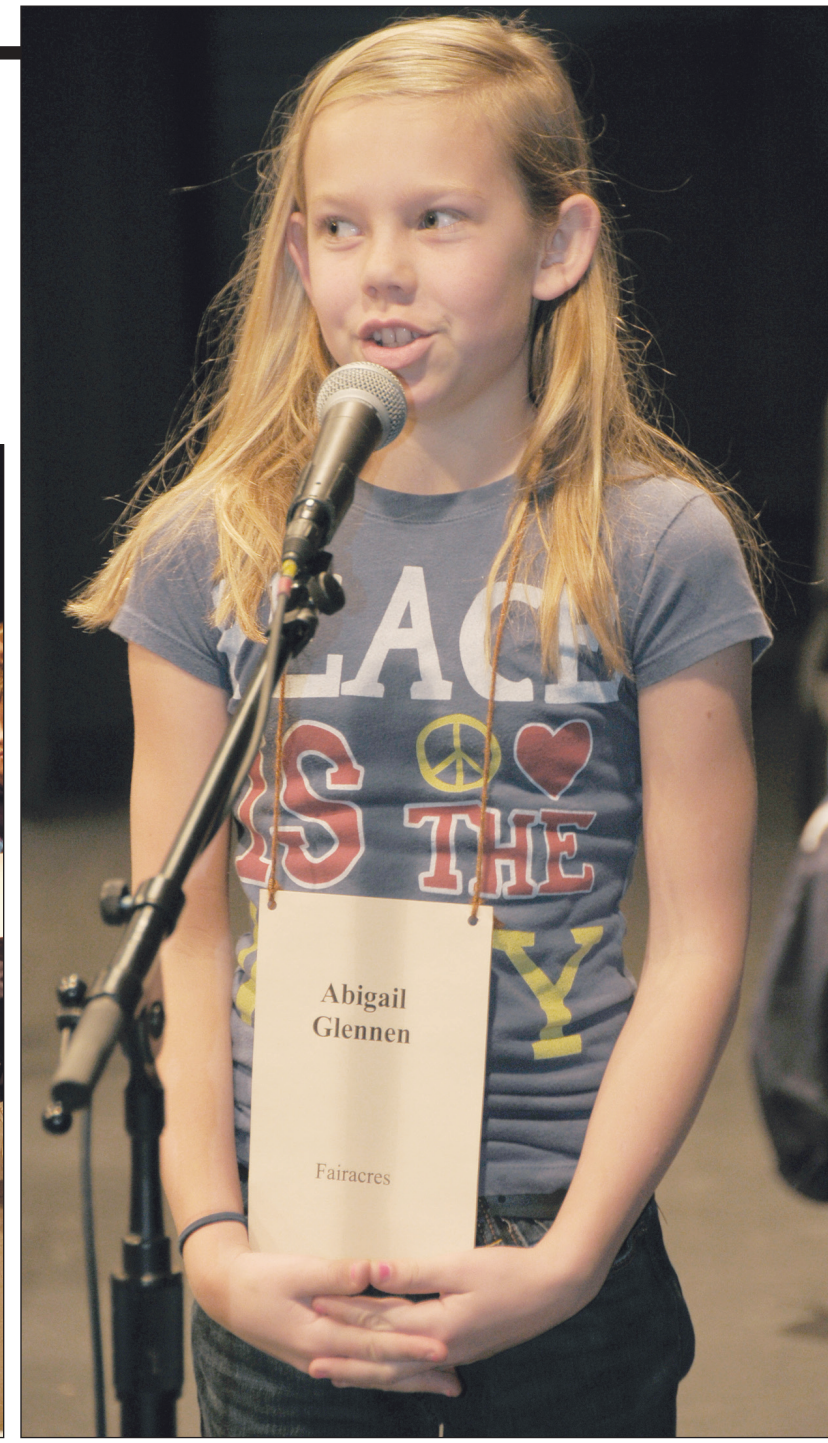
Irene Fernald from Tombaugh Elementary School spells a challenging word.

Alden Javery from White Sands Elementary takes her turn.



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At the Farmers Insurance Community Service Awards

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Las Cruces Police Officer Miranda Baker accepts her award from agent Bruce Buchman for her work with the gang unit.

Fire Inspector Adrian Aria accepts his Community Service Award from Farmers Insurance agent Michelle Stecher Friday, Jan. 22, at Outback Steakhouse. The local Farmers Insurance group has been giving quarterly awards to those in service to the community – police, firefighters and nurses. Las Cruces Trophy supports the program by providing plaques.

Memorial Medical Center nurse Anita McGee received a Community Service Award but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Doña Ana County Sheriff's Deputy William Hampton accepts his award from agent Steve Howard.

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Walker picks defensive backs coach

NMSU signing day 'spectacular' scheduled Feb. 3

New Mexico State University football coach DeWayne Walker announced Friday, Jan. 22, that Will Martin has been hired as the Aggies' new defensive back coach for the 2010 season. Most recently, Martin was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at College of the Desert.

"Martin and I go way back when he used to work my defensive back camps when I was in the NFL and I think he is the type of guy that will bring a lot of experience as a former defensive coordinator," Walker said. "He kind of reminds me of how I got my career started in the junior college ranks. Martin understands our type of defense and what we like to do from a fundamental standpoint. I think this will be a smooth transition with him working with coach Mike Rutenberg to continue to improve our secondary."

Prior to his defensive coordinator duties at College of the Desert, Martin was the school's defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator from 2006-08. In 2006, Martin was also with the San Diego Chargers as a defensive backs intern.

Before coming to College of the Desert, Martin was the defensive backs coach for Riverside Community College from 2003-06. Prior to his stint at Riverside, he was the head coach at Moreno Valley High School from 2000-03.

Signing day

Walker also announced the second annual Aggie Signing Day Spectacular will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, on the third floor of the Stan Fulton Athletics Center on the New Mexico State University campus.

The event is open to the public and Aggie fans are encouraged to come and be a part of a very special occasion as Walker introduces the new additions to the Aggie football team in the 2010 recruiting class.

The evening will feature a chalk talk from Walker on the 2010 recruiting class and his vision for the New Mexico State football program as well as an introduction of the new coaching staff. A video presentation on the strength and conditioning program will be shown, along with a 2009 highlight video and a top-10 plays of 2009 video. Walker will also recognize defensive back Davon House for his first team all-WAC selection in 2009.

A cash bar will be available along with some light snacks beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Long jumper lends a hand

World-class athlete mentors NMSU track team

Trevell Quinley is one of the world's top long jumpers.
JIM HILLEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As New Mexico State University track and field athlete Jordan Wood practices her approach to the high jump, she gets a little extra advice on how to position her body.

"You have to fight going into the turn, … twist before you reach that spot … your shoulders weren't square … you can't beat the force of gravity, but you have to fight it!"

That advice is coming from one of the best long jumpers in the United States and the world, Trevell Quinley, who lives in Atlanta and is in Las Cruces visiting his parents, practicing and "getting some home-cooked food."

Quinley said his parents Alfred and Latricia Lynch moved to Las Cruces when his father was transferred to the Lockheed-Martin facility at White Sand Missile Range.

"They love it in Las Cruces," he said. "They just miss having a Trader Joe's."

Quinley said his next competition will be at the World Outdoor Championships in Australia at the end of February.

Aggie track coach Orin Richburg is glad to have Quinley pass his experience on to his athletes.

"He shows them that you don't have to be spectacular, but you have to be consistent to be successful," Richburg said.

Richburg met Quinley when he was coaching the U.S. relay team at the Beijing Olympics, and he also coached Quinley's sister Shevell, who was on his 2006 World Junior Team.

As one of the country's top long jumpers, Quinley is someone the young athletes will listen to. In 2008, he was the U.S. Indoor Champion and Olympic Trials Champion in the long jump. In the Olympic Trials, he posted a personal best jump of 27 feet, 5-1/4 inches, which qualified him for the Olympics in Beijing. It was the sixth best long jump in the world that season.

Unfortunately, Quinley could only watch the Olympic Games as a spectator because a groin injury kept him out of the competition. Perhaps even more frustrating, his jump in the U.S. Trials would have been good enough for the Gold Medal in the Olympic Games.

"It was less than I jumped, but I don't regret anything," he said. "I was able to be there and that was a great experience."

During his college career, he was two time runner up in the PAC-10 before capturing the conference crown in 2005, his senior season. He went on to place fourth in the NCAA Outdoor Championships. At Merrill F. West High School in Tracy, Calif., Quinley earned three letters in track and two in basketball. He was the state champion in the long jump as a senior.

Quinley is now 27 years old, but feels he still has his best days ahead of him.

"The best long jumper in the world right now is Dwight Phillips, and he is 32 and had his personal best last year." he said, "As you get older you don't get faster and stronger but you get better technically."

See **Quinley** on PAGE A20

Aragon always brings it

Las Cruces senior never 'takes a play off'

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Andrea Aragon didn't leave much doubt about her future when she got the opportunity to play on the varsity level four years ago.

It was during the Holiday Hoop-La Tournament at the Pan American Center and the Las Cruces High School girls basketball team was trailing Los Alamos by 10 points at halftime. Aragon, then a freshman, had recently been moved up to varsity and led a second-half rally with 14 points as LCHS came back to win. She finished with 22 points.

"We knew she was for real then," Las Cruces coach Matt Abney said.

Hundreds of points, steals and assists later, Aragon has set the standard for players in Abney's program. She had more than 100 steals and 100 assists last season, and is on pace to hit those marks again this year. She leads the 19-1 Bulldawgs in scoring this season and is closing in on 1,000 career points at LCHS.

As outstanding as the numbers are, it's something else that impresses Abney most.

"In four years, she has never taken a play off in practice," Abney said. "Every drill and everything we do, she does at game speed. Her work ethic in practice is what makes her so special."

Aragon has been playing basketball since third grade and her parents, Joe and Carolyn, have been there every step of the way. Joe, who has coached youth teams in town, is usually there for Aragon's individual practice routine that continues year-round.

During the summer, her sessions are every day. She said she works out about three times a week during the fall and four times a week during the season. With her father's supervision and depending on the weather or facilities availability, she does drills either at home in the driveway, at the LCHS gym or at the Activity Center at New Mexico State University. A cousin usually is there as well, and sometimes her brother joins the workout.

"I actually like to practice," she said. "It's fun. I enjoy it a lot."

The hard work has paid off.

Aragon is one of the top players in the state, specializing in defense and 3-point shooting. She leads the team in steals (70), assists (96), scoring average (14.3), 3-point shooting (36 percent) and free-throw shooting (86 percent).

"She's quick, fast and very aggressive,"

See **Aragon** on PAGE A21

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Las Cruces basketball coach Matt Abney credits Andrea Aragon's work ethic for her success on the court.

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Jan. 29	at Gadsden	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 2	Silver	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Jan. 29	Gadsden	7 p.m.
Wrestling	Saturday, Jan. 30	at Mayfield Wrestling Invitational	8 a.m.

Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Jan. 29	Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 2	at Oñate	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Jan. 29	at Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 2	Oñate	7 p.m.
Wrestling	Saturday, Jan. 30	Mayfield Wrestling Invitational	8 a.m.

Oñate High School

Boys Basketball	Tuesday, Feb. 2	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Saturday, Jan. 30	at Belen	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 2	at Mayfield	7 p.m.
Wrestling	Saturday, Jan. 30	at Mayfield Wrestling Invitational	8 a.m.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Boys Basketball	Friday, Jan. 29	Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 2	at Capitan	6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Jan. 29	Cloudcroft	5 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 2	at Capitan	5 p.m.

Quinley

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It's that technical skill he is helping pass along to the Aggie athletes.

"It's a blessing to be able to coach some of the girls," Quinley said, "It is my chance to give back, I had peopled that mentored me as well."

"I tell them that they have to pay attention to detail, as you get older, everybody is good and it's the details that might get overlooked," he said.

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Trevell Quinley explains to New Mexico State University track athlete Jordan Wood how to improve her technique in the long jump at the NMSU track facility on Monday, Jan. 25. Wood competes in multiple events for the Aggie track team.

NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Jim Brouleau

Junior, Men's Tennis

Junior Jim Brouleau had a strong weekend for the NM State men's tennis team in two matches against No. 58, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Jan. 24, in Albuquerque, N.M. He earned his first singles win of the season against Dmitry Novikov, 6-1, 6-4, at the No. 1 position. In doubles play with freshman Orlando Superlano, the duo picked up a win at the No. 2 spot, 8-6.

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Aragon

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Abney said of his standout guard. “She changes the game at both ends of the floor. Her defense creates offense for us.”

The crowd erupts whenever Aragon sinks a 3-point bomb, which is several times a game. But the player who loves practice understands the importance of defense, too. Would she rather hit a 3-pointer or get a steal?

“I would rather get a steal,” she said. “You can’t win without defense.”

Team goals are extremely important to Aragon, but she has an individual goal as well – to play college basketball. She is receiving a lot of interest from junior colleges in the region as well as some four-year schools.

Aggies win at USU

Junior guard Jasmine Lowe hit two free throws with nine seconds remaining to give the New Mexico State women’s basketball team a 56-55 road victory over Utah State at the Spectrum Center Saturday, Jan. 23.

The home-standing Aggies used an 11-3 run in the late moments of the game to give Utah State its first and only lead of the half at 55-54 with only 12 seconds remaining in regulation. On the next possession, Lowe penetrated the lane and was fouled to give her two shots at the charity stripe. Lowe’s makes from the line secured the NMSU victory. Utah State’s Alice Coddington drove the length of the floor in the final seconds but her layup attempt from the left side danced off of the rim.

Lowe scored all nine of her points in the second half after missing her initial eight attempts in the first 20 minutes. NMSU senior guard Crystal Boyd notched her sixth double-double of the season with a game-high 23 points and 11 boards.

The road win stopped the Aggies’ three-game losing streak. As a result, NMSU improves to 13-7 on the year and evens its record at 3-3 in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). Utah State fell to 10-9 overall and 2-4 in league play with the loss.

New Mexico State returns home Sat. Jan. 30 to host the Nevada Wolf Pack for a 7:05 p.m. start inside the Pan American Center.

The game will be televised on Aggie Vision with play-by-play provided by Kyle Doperalski. The contest can also be heard live on the Aggie Sports Radio Network with Lorn Brown on KSNM-AM 570.

Basketball tournament tickets on sale

Fans interested in attending the 2010 WAC Basketball Tournament can now purchase all-session tournament tickets. The tournament will be held March 10 through 13 in Reno, Nev., on the University of Nevada’s campus at the Lawlor Events Center.

In order for New Mexico State University fans to sit in their school block, they must order tickets though the New Mexico State Ticket Office at 646-1420.

After a school’s block is filled, tickets to the tournament must be purchased through the University of Nevada’s Ticket Office at 775-348-7225.

Single game tickets will go on sale Saturday, Feb. 27, and can only be purchased through the Lawlor Events Center Ticket Office at 775-784-4444.

All-session ticket pricing (pricing includes tickets for the men’s and women’s games)

- Lower bowl tickets $195
- Upper bowl center tickets $145
- Upper bowl end tickets $110
- Student tickets $55

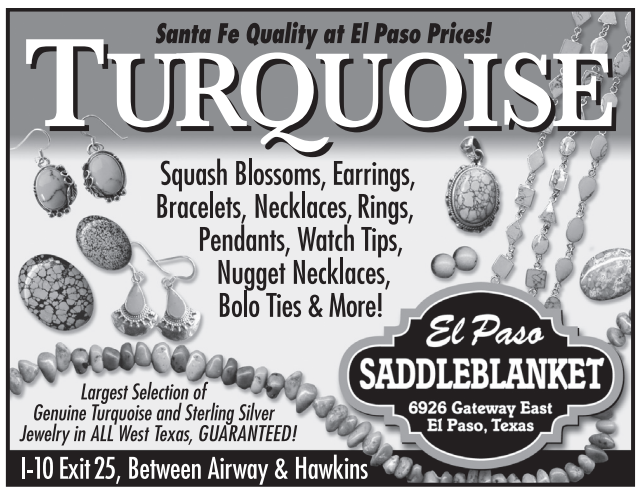
Men’s basketball single session ticket pricing

- Lower bowl $55
- Upper bowl center $35
- Upper bowl end $25
- Student (with valid student ID), youth (ages 3-12), senior (65 and up) and active-duty military ... $20

Women’s basketball single session tickets are $15.

Fans may purchase 15 or more tickets through Nevada Ticket Office and receive $10 off per ticket.

The 2010 WAC Basketball Tournament is being hosted by the University of Nevada and the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority. For more information on the Reno – Tahoe area and hotel accommodations, visit www.visitrenotahoe.com/wac.



LCHS tops Oñate

Andrea Reish calls out an offensive play during the Oñate Knights' Friday, Jan. 22, game at Las Cruces High School. The LCHS Bulldawgs won the game 49-32.

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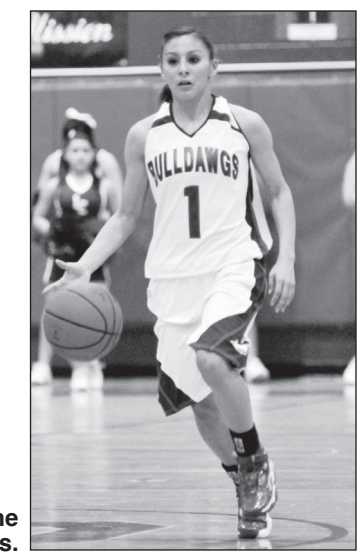
Danica Ortiz drives with the ball.

Devon Mulheron scored 12 points for the Bulldawgs.

Bessie Gomez looks for an opportunity to penetrate the LCHS defense.

Reish drains a 3-pointer.



Andrea Aragon had 11 points in the Bulldawgs' win over the Knights.

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"The devoted golfer is an anguished soul who has learned a lot about putting just as an avalanche victim has learned a lot about snow." – Golf writing legend Dan Jenkins

When we talk about the "short game" we're actually referring to play that is within 60 yards of the putting green and play on the green itself. These are golf shots that include short pitches, chip shots, sand bunker shots and, of course, putting. The variety of challenges you face from 60 yards in realistically accounts for more than half of your shots in a full round of golf. Consistent with the old saying "drive for show putt for dough," on and around the green is where scoring takes place.

Your wedges and your putter are your "scoring clubs." Astonishingly, the vast majority of weekend golfers spend practically no time practicing their chipping and putting. Not surprisingly, the pros and scratch golfers spend a lot of time practicing their short game.

If you are truly committed to jacking up your game with a real golf makeover, you've got to sharpen your short game. It takes a thorough grasp of technique, plenty of practice and some imagination.

Chipping

Let's start with your greenside chipping. Please understand that my disclaimer here is that a picture or a demonstration is worth a thousand words. Consider the shot you have to play when your ball is a few yards off the green and sitting in medium rough with a decent lie, perhaps 40 feet from the pin. You have several options. And it's important that you consider a few options quickly and automatically, since you don't want to be stuck as a one-trick pony.

One option is to take a sand wedge, play the ball back in your stance, hit down on the ball, landing it half way to the hole with a little "bite" and letting it roll the rest of the way. A classic wedge chip. Delicate variations may be needed if the ball is sitting on top or lodged way down deep in the rough.

You also have the choice of taking a six iron, for example, and making a very abbreviated swing that amounts to almost a long putt. This is the "bump-and-run" shot, where you are landing the ball just onto the green surface and watching it simply roll most of the way to the hole.

Another play is to take a hybrid or a fairway wood and essentially create a long putt. The difference is that the 18 degrees (or so) of loft will lift the ball out of the long grass and get it running fast. It's also a great shot for very tight lies, with little or no grass under the ball, and for steep uphill short shots.

Lastly, you can always putt the ball, which I do quite often. There's an old adage that your worst putt will be a lot better than your worst chip. Putting and bumping it with a hybrid will take the bladed or thin "skulled" miss-hit out of the equation. It'll spare you the embarrassing chunk or duff as well.

Naturally, confidence around the greens comes from hundreds of instances where you have executed these shots properly and with good results. They lodge in the recesses of your long-term memory and reside there as accumulated unconscious evidence that you know how to do it. Hours and hours of practice prepares you to transfer your learning and confidence to the golf course when it really counts.

Putting

Over the years, volumes have been written on how to putt. Thousands of videos have been made and millions have been sold. If I had a dollar for every different putter that has ever been manufactured in the last hundred years, I'd be rich. Tom Watson once said that putting is a game within a game, and I think he was right. Golf legend Doug Sanders mused that "the trouble with golf is you're only as good as your last putt." A missed final putt can really stick in your mind.

I am not a putting guru, mind you. I fashion myself a very good putter and have some valuable advice if you're struggling with your flat stick, and would like to make a giant step forward on the greens. I'll offer the advice in the form of insightful, short and sweet putting tips. Consider and apply them as you will.

If your putting method is a good one, go with it and trust it on every putt. If it isn't working so well, have a professional look at you and be willing to completely change it. Be informed that the two most common causes of poor putting among high-handicappers are lack of distance control and off-center hits. As for technique, the "reverse overlap grip" is now conventional and taught for putting. Playing the ball slightly forward in your stance is also recommended, so that you're contacting the ball slightly on the up-stroke and impart overspin.

The putting stroke is thought of as mostly a pendulum action, with the length of the backswing matching that of the follow through. Modern teachers promote a shoulder turn motion in contrast to an overly wristy stroke. Smooth tempo and rhythm are critical, and can be practiced with a little "tick-tock" metronome to listen to as you putt. Finally, keep your eyes down and steady until well after impact with the ball, disciplining yourself not to peek to see how you did. Especially on short putts.

Get lost in your routine. Have a compact routine that doesn't vary. Don't think about anything; don't distract yourself by the chaos and jabbering going on around you, or the consequences (read $) of a make or a miss. Don't allow any room for negative thoughts to sabotage any putts at any time.

This is the one thing that makes the best players mentally tough. They don't sabotage themselves. Being overly concerned with the outcome of a putt is a negative thought. Make the best stroke you can, and learn from how the ball responds. Detach yourself. Observe everything that happens on the green.

We must realize all good putters have peaks and valleys; they make a lot for a while, and miss some for a while. Tour pros go through these cycles; hacks go through ups and downs. Expect it and don't be shaken by the inconsistencies, trivialities and vagaries of putting. If you have a good putting stroke, and know you can make putts, just struggle through the slump, like a major league hitter goes through a mid-season batting slump.

Good putting stroke or not, you still have to practice a lot to get the most out of your play. I suggest setting up your personal practice program, using drills and putting aids that address your particular needs. For example, if you tend to pull or push putts inside of 10 feet, practice with a string line or a chalk line. If you struggle with lag putts, spend some time on drills that give you the feel from 20, 30, 40 and 50 feet, so it becomes automatic and you can trust it.

Half your total practice time should be devoted to chipping and putting. That's where the scoring happens. As you continue to practice your confidence will grow. And building confidence is one of the topics of next week's article, as we tackle the mental game.

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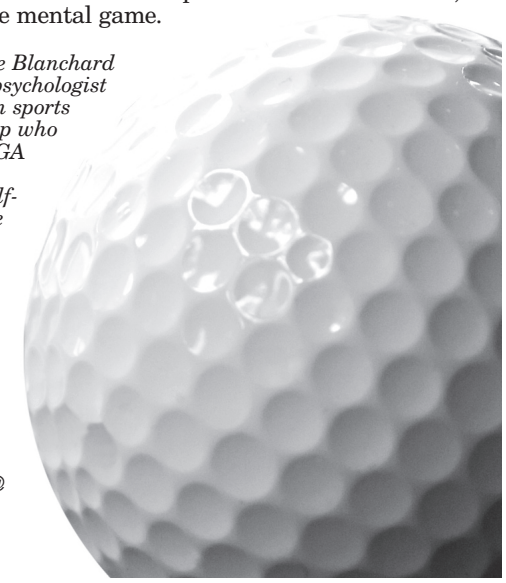

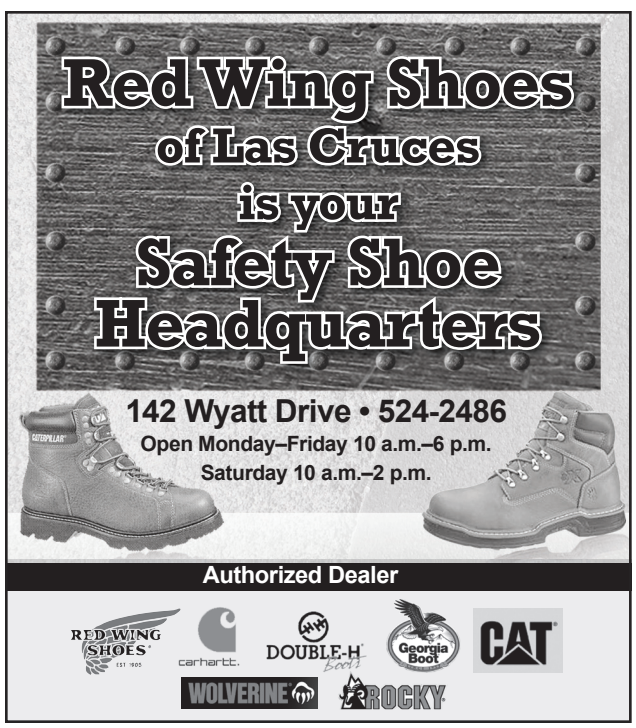

Las Cruces High School

High School Athlete of the Week

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Samantha Harding

Samantha Harding is a 15-year-old sophomore at Las Cruces High School. She is on the Bulldawg girls' swim team. Harding swims distance free, individual medley and backstroke. She is the defending state champion in the 500-yard freestyle. This season she has bettered her performance and is currently ranked No. 1 by over 12 seconds with a time of 5:12.97. She is a member of our No. 1 ranking 200 Medley Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay that also broke school records this season. Last weekend Harding won the 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke and was a member of our winning 200 Medley and 400 Freestyle Relay in Rio Rancho. Sam hopes to earn a swimming scholarship at a Division I school. She is working hard to defend her state championship in the 500 yard Freestyle, and breaking her own school record.

She is a hard worker and an excellent student, with a 3.75 GPA. Harding has participated as a volunteer in Dress a Child and Coats for Kids. She is also a member of a local club swimming team, WILD.

AGGIE INSIDER

A well-deserved tip of the 10-gallon hat

Heap of Aggies shine in academics

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

The Aggies stood tall in the saddle when the Academic All-WAC selections were announced for the fall term.

This is not an honor given just for show, specific criteria must be met. You must have played in at least 50 percent of your team's games and have a 3.0 or better grade-point average. That is a tall order to accomplish with a student-athlete's world filled up with practice time, travel and weekend competition. To have grades that are in the upper fourth of the scale and be a team regular takes some mighty special people.

Again, this year Pete is proud to say 33 Aggies earned the honor from the top brass at the league office. Thirteen players on football head coach DeWayne Walker's team garnered all-league honors, including grad student Ross Conner, seniors Marcus Anderson, Jamar Cotton, Joe Suder, Ka'ua Adolpho and the team's top tackler Jason Scott. Both quarterbacks and their targets earned the academic tip of the 10-gallon, too. Both Trevor Walls and Jeff Fleming along with returning receivers, Todd Lee, Darrius Preston and Julius Fleming were at the head of the WAC's academic class. Blockers Kyle Smith and Ronny Torres are coming back next year as well and showed that brain and brawn can coexist with their selection as well.

The idea that championship-training habits lead to championship study habits were proven out in the Aggie cross country programs. NM State won the women's conference title and had 14 squad members in the league academic parade. Ingrid Flores, Brandi Gutierrez, Brittany Hurtado, April Lewis and Jessica Payne were leading the pack on the championship trail and in the chase for academic excellence. The men had a pair of Harts, James and Michael, in the spotlight along with Austin Brackeen, Christopher Galli, Marcus Porter, Ian Ruybalid, Terry Williams, Kevin Taft and Victor Sanchez.

The super surprise of the fall, the NM State soccer team, placed sophomore Marisa Moya on the team in the first semester of its existence. Mike Jordan's squad had a trio of seniors and a pair of sophomores tabbed for their hard work. Kelsey Brennan, Jennah DeVries and Erin Birmingham were on the WAC top squads for their play on the court and also get the nod for their studies. Seniors Kelli Goodan and Krista Altermatt had four great years in both arenas as well.

The numbers keep increasing year by year. More honor roll students, higher graduation numbers and recognition by our conference as well as district academic awards are on the rise at NM State. It was once said that "to climb the ladder of success, a ladder must first be provided."

That's what is going on at NM State.

Pete

Winning close ones

Teams that keep their cool make it to postseason play

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

"Jack, good teams win close games." That is what Lou Henson told me once as we were traveling somewhere during his second term as head coach of the men's basketball team. He was referring to a story about a tough road loss in St. Louis in the 1970s when the Crimson and White were competing in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Since this tidbit came from one of the smartest coaches in America, I retained that nugget of information that I believe to be a truism.

This year's Aggies have been in five games that were decided by four points or less. Their record is 5-0 in those tight games as we head into the weekend's match up with Louisiana Tech. The crux of this is that a team that plays as one and has developed a trust in each other will hang together when it gets dicey at the end.

The win in Honolulu is the latest example of this statement. Hawai'i's Hiram Thompson tied the game with 12 seconds to be played. NM State head coach Marvin Menzies didn't need to call a time out to reorganize or tell the team what to do, he just hollered for them to get down court and put the pressure on the Rainbow Warriors defense. The result, the team got the ball to its best shooter, junior guard Jahmar Young who clipped the cords with less than a second left and another game went into the win column.

The confidence the team has developed enabled them to come from behind versus Utah State and Fresno State at home and on the road at Idaho and Boise State. Ironically, NM State had the lead at San Jose State at halftime but fatigue played its hand and a good Spartan team pulled away through the final five minutes.

It should be comforting to Aggie fans to see their team operating with confidence in all situations on the court. The inner strength that has appeared this year is a sign of maturity, individually and collectively. As far as the early season games that were blowouts, anther Aggie team suffered similarly and wound up in the NCAA Tournament.

In the 1998-99 season, the Aggies were crushed twice by Boise State and Texas Tech. That team learned to eat pressure for breakfast and laughed at tight situations.

They were a hybrid team of transfers from a school that dropped athletics and leftovers from Neil McCarthy's last team in Las Cruces. They took some lumps but had the inner strength to hang with Boise State in the Big West title game and reversed the double digits regular season losses into a 10-point win.

Teams that can keep their cool when the heat is on are the ones that play in the postseason.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Jan. 29
Track and Field
Lobo Challenge
Albuquerque
All day

Saturday, Jan. 30
Men's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Ruston, La.
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Nevada
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Swimming and Diving
Boise State
Boise, Idaho
1 p.m.

Track and Field
New Mexico Invitational
Albuquerque
All day

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Women's Basketball
San Jose State
San Jose, Calif.
8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4
Women's Tennis
Arizona
Tucson, Ariz.
1 p.m.

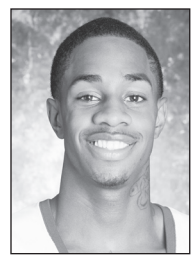
Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Danisha Corbett Junior Women's Basketball

Junior guard Danisha Corbett led the Aggie women's basketball team with 19 points in a loss against Idaho Jan. 20. She knocked down five from 3-point range, tying her career high from beyond the arc. In a win at Utah State Jan. 23, Corbett scored nine points including a perfect 4-for-4 from the line, and she added four steals against the Navy-clad Aggies.

Jordan Veney Senior Track and Field

In her first week of competition in the indoor season, senior Jordan Veney earned the only first-place finish for the Aggies at the Cherry and Silver Invitational, Jan. 23, in Albuquerque. In the weight throw, she threw a mark of 57-06.50. Currently, Veney holds the NM State all-time record in this event with a toss of 58-04.



Jahmar Young Junior Men's Basketball

Junior guard Jahmar Young guided NM State to a split at Hawai'i and San Jose State with a team-high 30 points per game. He hit the game winner over the Rainbow Warriors with a running jumper with 0.9 seconds left to cap his game-high 26 points Jan. 21. He then scored a career-high 34 points against the Spartans. For the week, Young shot 51.1 percent from the field (24 for 47), 36.8 percent from the 3-point line (7 for 19) and 71.4 percent from the free throw line (5 for 7). He also grabbed 11 rebounds, dished seven assists with a steal and block.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

New Mexico State University Library, Archives and Special Collections

The Loretto Academy stood where Loretto Towne Center now sits at what was, at one time, the end of Main Street. The academy, which was known for its lush gardens, was a victim of urban renewal in the late 1960s.

75 years ago 1935

• The enrollment of 35 new students brought the total enrollment at New Mexico A&M up to 512. Enrollment the two previous semesters was 499. Additional registrations were expected to bring the total to 520, close to an all-time high for the college at the time.

• Phil Kaltenback was writing a letter to the St. Louis Cardinals to see if he could interest them in establishing a training camp in Las Cruces. The effort was prompted by a local campaign to have Las Cruces be the hometown for a baseball team to join in a six-team league consisting of Las Cruces, El Paso, Albuquerque, Bisbee, Tucson, Ariz. and Phoenix.

• Standard Drug was advertising a bottle of 100 cod liver oil tablets with vitamins and calcium for $1.

50 years ago 1960

• During a meeting at La Posta restaurant, Air Force space pioneer Capt. Joe Kittinger wowed local Air Force reservists with tales of his skydiving jumps from more than 70,000 feet above Holloman Air Force Base. The jumps were part of a program to test the effects of high altitude on the human body in preparation for later human space flight.

• Walter Bunyea was named chairman of the nominating committee for the Doña Ana County-wide PTA Council during its monthly meeting.

• Rabbit hunters were warned by the director of the Department of Game and Fish after two rabbit hunters died by gunshot wounds the year before in the state.

• Dorothy Carol Robbins was named the 1960 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Las Cruces High School.

25 years ago 1985

• County extension agent Javier Vargas reported that 90 percent of the Mesilla Valley cotton harvest had been picked, but 30 to 40 percent of the pecan crop remained unharvested due to wet weather conditions that prevented harvesters from entering the fields.

• Las Crucens returning from Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe were hopeful that funding would be obtained to finance the final phase of the city's wastewater treatment plant.

• The Branigan Cultural Center was to present a one-man show by artist Bill Wadkins, a freelance artist in industrial advertising.

10 years ago 2000

• A $4 million bond issue that would allow the Las Cruces Public Schools to build a 12,500-seat sports complex dubbed the "Field of Dreams" was being hotly debated before the election scheduled the first week of February.

• Paul Brilliant was inducted into the National Golf Association's National Golf Coach's Hall of Fame. Brilliant was hired as assistant golf director by New Mexico State University in 1969 and was promoted to golf director in 1981.

• Memorial Medical Center's brand new HealthPlex was planning an open house. Director David Bilbrey said the new facility was "not like a hospital."

Edited by Jim Hilley. Sources: NMSU Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections.

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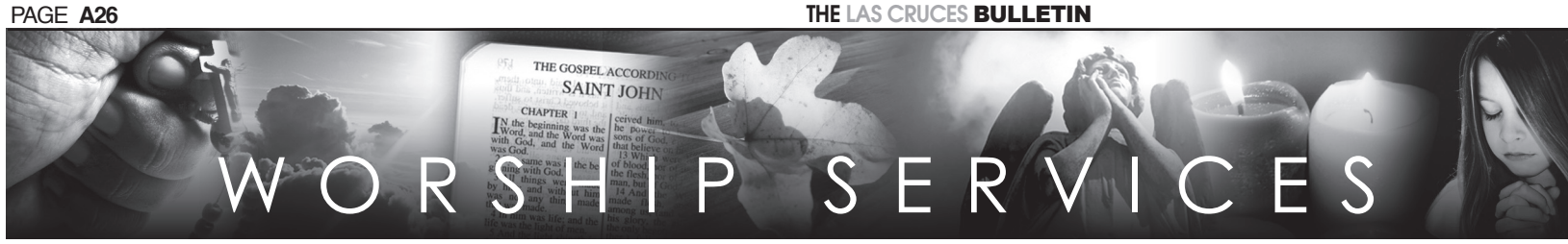

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CHURCH NEWS

ONE SHABBAT, ONE WORLD

Chabad of Southern New Mexico, 1833 Sumner Ave., will hold a "One Shabbat, One World," dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and service and lunch at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. The event, held around the world, will unite the Jewish community in peace. For more information, call 524-1330, email rabbi@chabadlc.org or visit www.jewishlc.com.

FREE YARD SALE

East Mesa Baptist Church, on the corner of Moongate Road and Bataan Memorial Highway West, will hold its monthly free yard sale from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Clothes, toys and some household goods will be available free for the taking. The sale is open to everyone. For more information, call 383-0386.

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Keep marriage energized during the stale periods

Time apart can strengthen children of single parents

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

My wife and I love each other very much, but we're going through a time of apathy. We just don't feel close to each other. Is this normal, and is there a way to bring back the fire?

This happens sooner or later in every marriage. A man and woman just seem to lose the wind in their romantic sails for a period of time.

Their plight reminds me of seamen back in the days of wooden vessels. Sailors in that era had much to fear, including pirates, storms and diseases. But their greatest fear was that the ship might encounter the Doldrums.

The Doldrums was an area of the ocean near the equator characterized by calm and very light shifting winds. It could mean certain death for the entire crew. The ship's food and water supply would be exhausted as they drifted for days, or even weeks, waiting for a breeze to put them back on course.

Well, marriages that were once exciting and loving can also get caught in the romantic doldrums, causing a slow and painful death to the relationship.

Author Doug Fields, in his book "Creative Romance," writes, "Dating and romancing your spouse can change those patterns, and it can be a lot of fun. There's no quick fix to a stagnant marriage, of course, but you can lay aside the excuses and begin to date your sweetheart."

In fact, you might want to try thinking like a teenager again. Let me explain.

Recall for a moment the craziness of your dating days – the coy attitudes, flirting, fantasies, chasing after the prize. As we moved from courtship into marriage, most of us felt we should grow up and leave the game playing behind. But we may not have matured as much as we'd like to think.

In some ways, our romantic relationships will always bear some characteristics of adolescent sexuality. Adults still love the thrill of the chase, the lure of the unattainable, excitement of the new and boredom with the old. Immature impulses are controlled and minimized in a committed relationship, of course, but they never fully disappear.

This could help you keep vitality in your marriage. When things have grown stale between you and your spouse, maybe you should remember some old tricks. How about breakfast in bed? A kiss in the rain? Or rereading those old love letters together? A night in a nearby hotel? Roasting marshmallows by an open fire? A phone call in the middle of the day? A long-stem red rose and a love note? There are dozens of ways to fill the sails with wind once more.

If it all sounds a little immature to act like a teenager again, just keep this in mind: In the best marriages, the chase is never really over.

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As a single mother, I'd like to leave my children with friends or relatives for a few days and get some time for myself, but I'm worried about how this might affect them. Will they feel deserted again?

Not only is a brief time away from your children not likely to be hurtful – it will probably be healthy for them. One of the special risks faced by single parents is the possibility of a dependency relationship developing that will trap their children at an immature stage. This danger is increased when wounded people cling to each other exclusively for support in stressful times.

Spending a reasonable amount of time apart can teach independence and give everyone a little relief from the routine. Therefore, if you have a clean, safe place to leave your children for a week or two, by all means, do it. You'll be more refreshed and better able to handle your usual "homework" when you return.

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.

Temple Beth-El welcomes its Scholar in Residence

History professor speaks to the public Feb. 12 and 13

By **Beth Sitzler**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

David Ruderman, professor of modern Jewish history and director of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, will be this year's Temple Beth-El Scholar in Residence Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, at the temple, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave.

Rabbi Paul Citrin said the temple's Scholar in Residence program began as a way to further the congregation's understanding of a particular topic and to encourage them to further their own Judaic study.

"A Jewish academic comes in and spends the day with the congregation and gives them a level of depth beyond adult education classes," he said. "In a small community such as ours, it is even more important to bring in guests from around the country to keep a connection to academic trends in the broader world."

Citrin said subjects and speakers vary year to year. Last year, he said the Scholar in Residence was a Cantor who taught the congregation about Jewish music. This year, Ruderman's topic is "The Jewish Encounter with Medicine and Science."

"David was chosen because he is probably one of the foremost Jewish scholars today," Citrin said. "He has published seven books, lectured widely and he is an engaging speaker."

Ruderman will give three presentations, the first of which will take place around 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, following the Sabbath evening service. The title of this presentation is "The Rabbis, Kabbalists, Magicians and Physicians – An Introduction to the History of Jewish Medicine and Science."

Saturday, Feb. 13, will kick off with a reception from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the temple's Social Hall. During this time, Ruderman will speak on "Three Jewish Doctors of Early Modern Europe and their Vital Contributions to Jewish Culture."

That evening, Ruderman will present "Kabbalah, Science and Loving One's Neighbors: A Popular Hebrew Text of the 19th Century" at 7:45 p.m. Before the presentation, a Havdalah service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Coffee, dessert and conversation will conclude the evening.

Citrin said the presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, call the temple at 524-3380.

CHURCH NEWS

Continued from previous page

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will host Friendship Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, Jan. 31. Guests and member friends are encouraged to attend the service, which will be followed by a pot luck. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

CELIA AT WELLSPRING

Singer/songwriter Celia will perform during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Jan. 31, at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road. At 3 p.m. she will perform a concert of both original and traditional music. Seating is limited and tickets are $10. For more information, call 647-2560.

SEARCH YOUTH RETREAT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina St., will host a three-day SEARCH retreat for youth in grades 10 to 12 Wednesday, Feb. 10, through Friday, Feb. 12. Come experience Christian friendship, the unconditional love of Jesus and the meaning of being his disciple. Registration forms can be picked up from the church from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Forms must be returned by Monday, Feb. 8. For more information, call 524-8563.

FREE WEDDINGS

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will provide free weddings on Valentine's Day starting at noon Sunday, Feb. 14. Call the church to schedule a time, which are limited since it will start after the regular service. Couples must provide the license, which is available at the County Courthouse. For more information or to reserve a time, call 523-5592.

HYMN FESTIVAL CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will hold a Hymn Festival Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. The program will feature guest organist, choir director and composer Michael Burkhardt, New Mexico State University's University Singers, Doña Ana Youth Choir and an expanded adult choir. The public is invited. For more information, call 532-9239.

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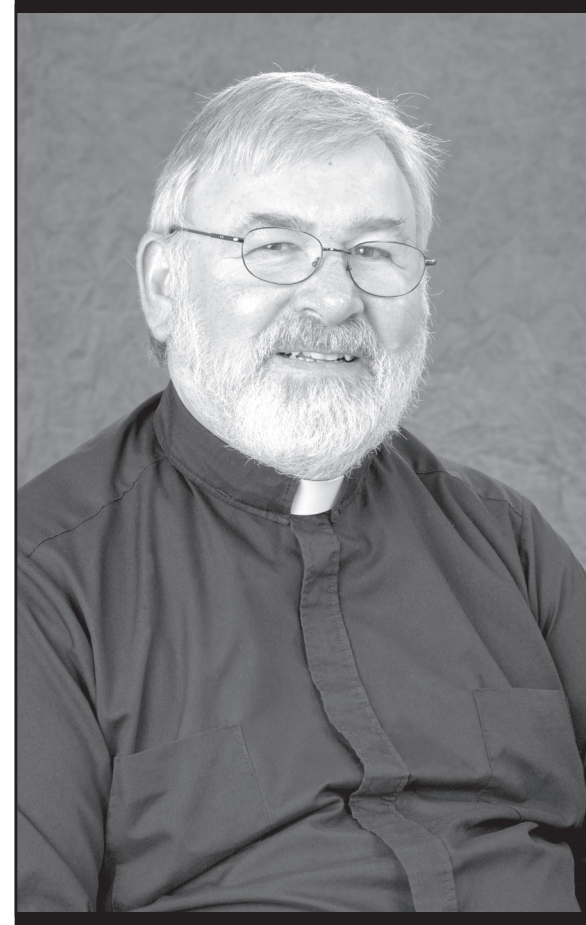

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Munson Senior Center is closed at least through Sunday, Feb. 7 due to a problem with the heating system (See article on Page A13). For information on temporary locations of senior activities call 541-2324.

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Jennifer Smith is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

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HATHA YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, a certified instructor, leads Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

BINGO MANIA

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

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

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

T'AI CHI CLASSES

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

CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All experience levels are welcome.

CHESS

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

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Doña Ana Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

HORSESHOE-PITCHING

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

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

SENIOR FOLKLORICO

Senior Folklorico with Juan Ortiz is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Call 541-2304 for more information.

POTLUCK BRUNCH

Enjoy a potluck brunch at 12:45 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish and their own plates, cups and silverware.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson have temporarily moved to the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. For more information call 523-1871

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Taking care of eyesight

Vision loss a major concern for elderly

By Bob Nosbisch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Over the past few months as holidays were celebrated and temperatures dropped, many people traded abdominal crunches for the crunch of cookies, gave up Pilates for pie and traded shaking in aerobics classes for baking in the kitchen. Candy bars replaced barbells; licking fudge replaced lifting weights. After all, the weather was colder and it was quite easy to don a sweater or long pants, thus allowing people to help hide their body sizes and shapes.

As the weather turns warmer, people will be more conscious of how they look in T-shirts or shorts. They will work to develop "fab abs." The walking trail on Triviz Drive should see an increase in usage. Running, jogging, walking or biking will replace sitting or lying on the couch, watching TV or reading books. More people will head to local gyms, swimming pools, or maybe baseball or soccer fields. Home improvement stores will see an increase in customers getting ready to plant flowers, mow lawns or tend to various home repairs.

The point is that many people will revert to taking care of their bodies as they did before the holiday season. Others may be trying out exercise for the first time. As people become more self-conscious of how they look in warm weather clothing, they will take time or make time to take care of their bodies.

Unfortunately, one body part that many people continue to neglect, regardless of the weather, is the eyes. Some people still insist on reading in dimly lit rooms, keeping their eyes glued to computer screens for inordinate amounts of time or neglecting regular visits to the eye doctor. While poor vision affects people of all ages, this column is aimed at people who are more susceptible to Age-related Macular Degeneration or AMD.

AMD is a leading cause of vision loss for Americans who are 65 or older. An organization called Prevent Blindness America (PBA) has dedicated the month of February to AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month.

In spite of the starkness of the disease's name, PBA says there are many things you can do to help

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Free dental work from Bright Star

Gilbert's Dentistry from the Heart event to be held Feb. 12

Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental is offering a no-cost way for people in need of dental care to get one free service during his Dentistry from the Heart event from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

For the fourth year, he and his staff will spend the day providing patients with a free cleaning, one free extraction or one free filling.

Over the past three years, they have provided more than 600 services to people who have come to the office the Friday before Valentine's Day.

The services are free to adults on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of income level, as long as they are 18 or over and bring their valid, government-issued photo ID. Each person will be required to complete a short health history form.

"We're doing this to help people's lives," Gilbert said. "It's a gift back to Las Cruces."

Due to the number of people who are expected, Bright Star Dental has made arrangements for a shuttle to run between their office and Young Park, located nearby on South Walnut Street. They ask that everyone park there and take the shuttle to provide parking places in Arroyo Plaza for neighboring businesses.

Gilbert, a New Mexico native, recently celebrated 20 years of practicing in Las Cruces. He said he strongly believes in giving back to the community. Along with this annual event, he offers scholarships to five students going into health care fields and last year kicked off his first Halloween Candy Buy Back event. The Candy Buy Back gave kids the chance to sell their sacks of treats to the dentist for $1 a pound. He then donated the piles of candy to Operation Gratitude, which ships it to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dentistry from the Heart is a major

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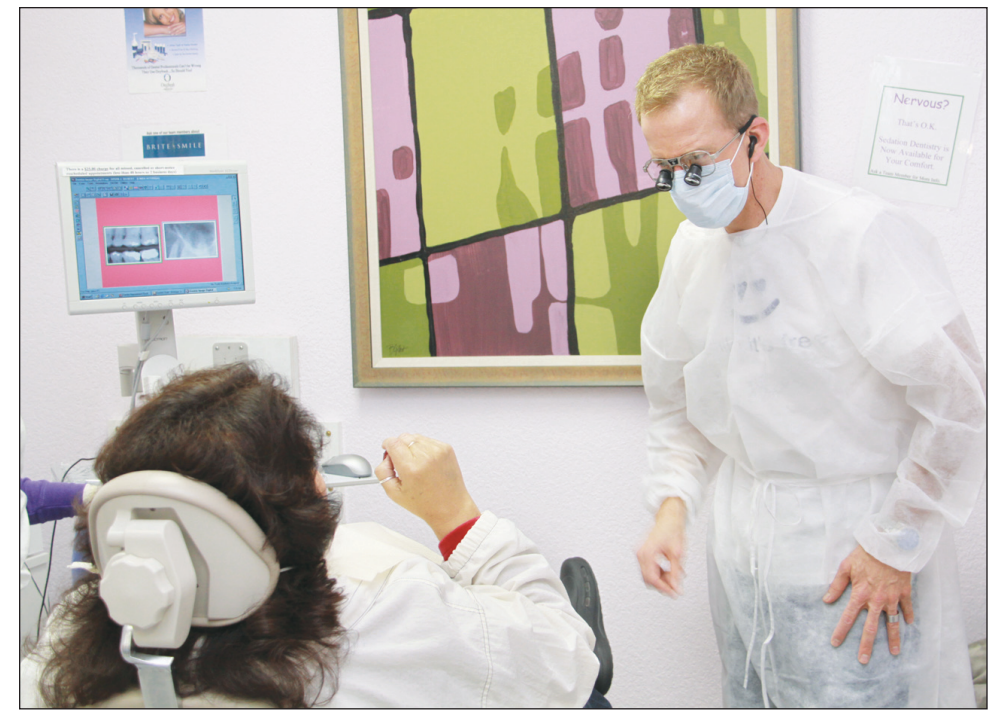

Dr. Brian Gilbert talks through his mask with Linda Astorga about her X-rays during Bright Star Dental's third annual Dentistry from the Heart event held in February 2009. During the free day of dentistry, Bright Star Dental's staff, with the help of volunteers from the community, including New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, provided $49,108 worth of free dental work to 192 patients.

Giving women a 'makeover for the spirit'

'Look Good … Feel Better' boosts cancer patients' self-esteem

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While the treatment isn't the most pleasant, the side effects of chemotherapy can be devastating, especially for women. Skin changes and hair loss are just some of the dreaded results of chemotherapy, and while patients are not only physically ill, they also can feel depressed and self-conscious.

To curb those feelings, the American Cancer Society's (ACS) local Cancer Resource Center (CRC) – located inside the Southern New Mexico Cancer Center – is bringing local female cancer patients the opportunity to feel beautiful again.

Through "Look Good … Feel Better," a national, non-medical group program, female cancer patients in active treatment can help to combat appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment by learning makeup techniques for free. Key partners include the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association Foundation, the ACS and the National Cosmetology Association.

On Friday, Feb. 5, licensed cosmetologists trained by the ACS will volunteer their time to help women cope with skin changes and hair loss using cosmetics and skin care products donated by the cosmetic industry. Each participant will receive a bag of name-brand cosmetics – available for all complexion types – valued between $300 and $500, said CRC Chair Marie Roberts.

"When the ladies come to the session, a licensed cosmetologist will apply the makeup and help these women look good," Roberts said. "After chemo, the skin changes and the makeup they're using may not be appropriate anymore, or maybe they just want a change. The cosmetologists will also style wigs if they have one."

Although Feb. 5 is the first "Look Good … Feel Better" event in Las Cruces, Roberts said the CRC plans on holding monthly events for up to six women at a time.

"When you're going through treatment, you look at yourself in the mirror, and you don't always feel like you're looking at the same person," said Roberts, a breast cancer survivor. "Programs like this are very helpful when a woman is depressed, which is almost a given during a serious illness. I feel very strong about it. These ladies need this."

Those interested are asked to make a reservation for the next session to be held Friday, Feb. 5, at the Southern New Mexico Cancer Center, 150 N. Roadrunner Parkway. For more information or to make a reservation, call Roberts at 556-8644 or 382-5910.

Take that, you swine flu!

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Memorial Medical Center Auxilliary volunteers Kathy Fusco and Jeanne Coleman hand out clipboards and information forms to Las Cruces residents at an H1N1 vaccination clinic at the hospital Saturday, Jan. 23.

Jan McDougall receives a vaccine from Doña Ana Community College nursing student volunteer Naomi Robles.

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reduce the chances of getting AMD. These recommendations include regular visits to the eye doctor, learning and watching for the signs and symptoms of AMD and taking care of yourself.

If you are 65 or older, you should get a complete eye exam every one or two years, even if you see well. PBA says you should ask for a dilated eye exam, which will help your doctor check for such diseases as AMD.

Signs and symptoms of AMD include dark or empty spaces blocking the center of your vision; blurry type in books, newspapers or magazines; and straight lines, such as the sides of buildings or telephone poles, appearing wavy. If you have experienced any of these, you may have AMD. Knowing these signs and symptoms may prompt you to see your eye doctor, which may help you from developing more severe eye problems down the road.

As for taking care of yourself, PBA says your risk of AMD or other eye diseases and vision loss will be lessened if you stay active, eat healthy foods and avoid smoking. Quitting smoking also may reduce your risk of developing glaucoma or cataracts.

More information on AMD and the PBA is available at www.preventblindness.org.

Bob Nosbisch is the educational outreach coordinator in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services.

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operation. Gilbert's staff of 20 meets several times to iron out the details of the event, from scheduling who will be cleaning teeth to figuring out parking. They'll be stuffing goody bags with free toothbrushes and offering coffee to those waiting in line for their free procedure. When patients approach Bright Star Dental, which is located in the Arroyo Plaza at 2001 E. Lohman Ave., they'll be greeted by staff waiting outside to sign them in and provide a short health history form to be completed. Then they'll receive a number and wait their turn to be treated.

Once inside, if they need an extraction or filling, it will be completed by Gilbert. Cleanings are completed by Gilbert's hygienists, three of them working in rotation in four rooms. The goal is to provide quality service quickly in order to serve as many people as possible.

"Sometimes people ask if I can extract or fill two teeth," Gilbert said, "but I can't. We have to serve as many people as we can."

It's a busy day that staff says goes by in a blur. They arrive early and stay late, at the end of the long hours setting up the office to go back to regular service on Monday. But they find it to be a very satisfying day as well.

"While we provide a free service to any adult who comes that day, we really want to help those who can't afford regular dental care," Gilbert said.

With more than 100 million Americans without dental insurance and the recession causing people to cut back on their expenditures, the number of people not able to afford care is quite large. Last year, Bright Star Dental provided free dental care to 192 patients during Dentistry from the Heart. This year, they hope to exceed that number.

There is a link between good dental care and heart health. Studies indicate that due to improper dental care, which can lead to gum infections and gingivitis, harmful bacteria can enter the blood stream and lead to heart disease, such as atherosclerosis. So keeping your teeth and gums healthy can keep your heart strong, too. Besides, who doesn't want a nice smile?

Dr. Vincent Monticciolo of New Port Ritchey, Fla., is the creator and founder of Dentistry from the Heart. Since 2001, Dentistry from the Heart has helped more than 10,500 people and donated more than $2.5 million in free dental work in 29 states. Dentistry from the Heart is a registered nonprofit organization that provides free dental work for those who need it. More than 60 Dentistry from the Heart events nationwide are scheduled throughout the year in 2010.

For more information on the national program, visit www.dentistryfromtheheart.org. To learn more about Bright Star Dental's Dentistry from the Heart event on Feb. 12, call 650-8593 or visit www.brightstardental.blogspot.com.

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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.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholic 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 (TOPS) 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.

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CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, a support group for people in recovery from mental illness, meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. In addition, the men's support group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday, and the women's support group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Friday, also at the Bridge.

For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

CITY OFFERS FITNESS CLASSES

The City of Las Cruces is offering fitness classes at these community and recreation centers:

- Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E Hadley Ave., is offering aerobics classes from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Body Blast from 6:05 to 7:05 a.m. Wednesdays and Zumba from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, yoga is offered from 9 to 10 a.m., stability ball from 12:10 to 12:45 p.m., Pilates from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and spinning from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information about classes at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, call 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.
- Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road, is offering Yoga classes from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to patrons at least 50 years of age. For more information about classes at Benavidez Community Center, call 541-5185.
- Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., is offering aerobics classes from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for patrons of any age and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to patrons at least 50 year of age. The center is also offering low-impact aerobics form 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for patrons at least 50 years of age. For more information, call 541-2455.

All age-restricted classes are on a donation basis. The fee for all other classes is $1.50.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at various locations in Las Cruces on a weekly basis.

The clinic is held from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road.; from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite. St.; and from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is requested. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

DYSLEXIA PRESENTATION

Nationally recognized dyslexia expert Susan Barton will give a free dyslexia presentation at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Corbett Center Auditorium on the New Mexico State University campus. The three-hour talk is open to the public.

Barton will discuss the classic warning signs of dyslexia, the latest brain and genetic research, and techniques proven to improve reading, writing and spelling skills.

To learn more about dyslexia, visit www.brightsolutions.us.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact CC Manning at 571-3895, or sign up online at www.manning.eventbrite.com.

GRAND MOVING EVENT

Golden Mesa's Grand Moving Event, open to all ages, will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Golden Mesa, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. The information fair will feature experts from the moving, real estate, Veterans Affairs, home health care and physical rehabilitation professions. Visitors also will receive a complimentary tour of the facility, and the event will end with a "grand holiday retirement" dinner at 5:30 p.m. No reservation is required. For more information, call Golden Mesa at 522-4219.

LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Psychologist Cheryl Black is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Two sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The first session is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 504 W. Bell Ave. The second session is from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3000.

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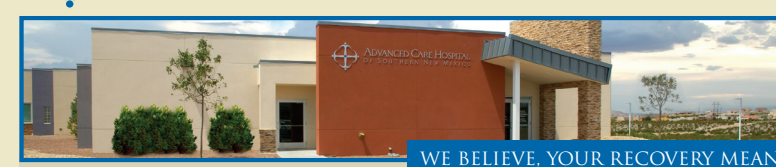

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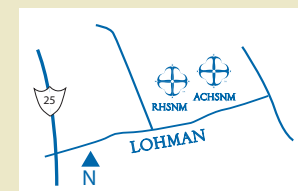

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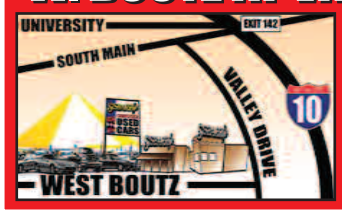

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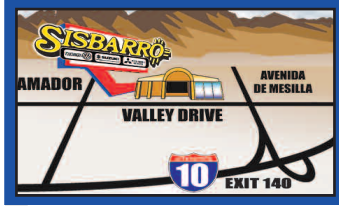

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To spy or not to spy?

GABRIEL VASQUEZ
Business Editor

Just a quick peek at what your employees have been doing on the Internet could subsequently boost productivity in the workplace.

That's the message of a story pitch I received via email from Pandora Corp., a software company that just created The Office Software, a program to "combat cyberslacking and security risks" at work.

According to the company, social networks are destroying employee productivity. It claims time, money and resources are being wasted at a "higher rate than most employers think."

I hate to say it, but it's probably true.

The company cites that 64 percent of employees use company time to browse sites such as Facebook. I would estimate at least 25 percent of professionals I know who use Facebook during work hours. Some more than others.

And me? Guilty as charged.

The problem, for me personally, is that I receive updates on my cell phone about who's posted what, who tagged me in a photo from an event I don't remember, or who's having a lousy day because they got a parking ticket or because their favorite restaurant was closed for lunch. Seemingly unimportant facts and events, but I must admit, often interesting to read.

The new software from Pandora Corp. encourages cybermonitoring at work.

"Employers have every legal right – and in some cases a duty – to monitor employee Internet activity," said Pandora Corp. co-founder Jamie Leasure. "And in this economy, companies can't afford lost productivity."

I would argue that a company's financial success hinges little on the amount of time its employees spend on Myspace or Facebook, and that putting more money and resources into cybermonitoring would probably be counterproductive. But the software exists for a reason.

At big corporations, many sites, including Facebook, have restricted or limited use. Some companies

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GREATER LAS CRUCES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kiel Hoffman, incoming chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, eliminates the woes and worries of the collective business community with the help of "El Cucuy," who helped carry the bad spirits away during the chamber's Annual Banquet held Friday, Jan. 22, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Biz community celebrates new year, owners, volunteers

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

People's worries went up in smoke, community members and businesses were honored and local leaders and legislators listened closely to the collective voice of the Las Cruces business community Friday, Jan. 22, at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Along with fireworks, dancing and inspirational speeches, nearly 400 gathered to celebrate the chamber's accomplishments in 2009.

"We all survived 2009," said outgoing board chair John Hummer. "We still have a ways to go, but in the midst of what happened a year ago, we were able to pull together as a chamber and launch a great Total Resource Campaign."

The chamber's 2009 Total Resource Campaign was modeled using a fundraising program created by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in the '80s, which has been "replicated by many other chambers in the country" to raise money in troubled economic times, according to chamber officials. During the 2009 TRC campaign, teams of business owners and Conquistadores – the goodwill ambassadors of the chamber – helped raise more than $150,000 in cash, trades and sponsorships to help the chamber grow. The chamber's new chair, Kiel Hoffman of Pioneer Bank, led the TRC campaign last year.

"Under Kiel's leadership, we will continue to grow stronger in the future," Hummer said.

Hummer also thanked the chamber's volunteers and staff for a "very successful 2009."

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Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta and Las Cruces City Councillor Dolores Connor

State unveils new supercomputer

'Encanto' to serve as gateway for economic development

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The world's fastest public-access supercomputer was unveiled during a "Connect New Mexico" presentation Monday, Jan. 25, in a teleconference meeting with virtual participants and stakeholders from across the state.

"Encanto," as the state is calling it, is a technological powerhouse, capable of processing 127 trillion calculations per second with 28.7 terrabytes of local memory and a direct connection to the National LambdaRail, a high-speed national computer network that operates over fiberoptic lines.

The project was developed by the New Mexico Computing Applications Center (NMCAC) based in Albuquerque and is housed at an Intel facility in Rio Rancho, N.M. The NMCAC has a close business relationship with Intel.

"The center couples tremendous intellectual talent in New Mexico with the supercomputer Encanto to solve problems in business industries and the community," said Gov. Bill Richardson, announcing the project via teleconference from the Roundhouse in Santa Fe.

About a dozen professors, IT specialists and members of the media gathered Monday at New Mexico State University to take a peek at the new technology. Eight other partner higher education institutions at their respective "gateway sites" also participated in the event. Connectivity will soon be made available to 24 other sites across the state, Richardson said, all of which will have access to the blistering processing capabilities of Encanto for education and business needs.

The end result of the project, Richardson said, will allow urban and rural communities to participate in high-tech economic development.

"This is an unparalleled resource in growing New Mexico businesses and attracting new businesses to New Mexico," he said. "It sets us apart from other states. Companies that relocate here can tap into our supercomputer resources ... this is one of the

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Supercomputer

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offers that we're making."

Specifically, Encanto will help the film industry transfer large amounts of high-resolution and bandwidth-heavy data to their respective worksites around New Mexico, and back to Hollywood, said Shaun Cooper, chief information officer for NMSU.

"One of the big pushes in terms of economic development was the film industry," Cooper said. "It's very expensive for (film companies) to deliver their product without traveling back to Albuquerque. It becomes very expensive to move back and forth from one place to another."

Also, the NMCAC is working on Encanto-based projects in the fields of aerospace, aviation and clean and renewable energy technology. As a "green grid" is developed in New Mexico, for example, Encanto will analyze grid performance, cybersecurity and map out scaling models before the system ever goes online.

But Encanto is not just limited to business and economic development, officials said. The computer will provide educational opportunities for institutions of higher learning and K-12 schools. It will enable students to virtually walk through the human body, universe, or even help medical technicians learn to save lives after accidents in real-time settings.

"The supercomputer will provide remarkable new educational opportunities in high-tech performance computing throughout the state at the gateway sites," said Jami Grindatto, director of corporate affairs at Intel for Southwestern states, in a statement. "This network of sites gives supercomputer access to all New Mexicans and will help create the high-tech workforce of the future."

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Christina Pheley, senior communications specialist for New Mexico State University, and Shaun Cooper, chief information officer and associate vice president for NMSU, watch a 3-D movie created by University of New Mexico students with the help of Encanto, the world's fastest public access supercomputer, Monday, Jan. 25, at NMSU.

The NMSU gateway, housed at Jacobs Hall, Room 128-C, will be made available to students for both fun and research, Cooper said. In total, there will be 32 other similar sites around the state. Sites already operational include NMSU, the University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Santa Fe Community College, San Juan College, New Mexico Military Institute and ENMU-Roswell. All other gateways will be operational by March, NMCAC officials said.

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have gone as far as to only allow employees access to their local area network.

For me, and for many others as well, the Internet plays a big part in the way I perform my daily work duties. I use it to gather information, research, use maps, find breaking news, story ideas, and occasionally Facebook.

Perhaps in an unspoken agreement, many employers seem to feel that it's OK to occasionally surf non-work-related sites while on the job. The difference of opinion probably comes into play when surfing turns into an obsessive distraction, which then, could lead to decreased productivity.

Because social networking has interwoven the fabric of our social lives through easily accessible technology we use everyday, "cyberslacking" will probably exist as long the technology does.

The question you should be asking yourself when you're reading status updates at work, however, is "Could I be doing something more productive?"

Chances are, your answer will be "yes." Perhaps then, it's best to wait for lunchtime. But if the urge is too strong, there's probably software out there to monitor your employer monitoring you.

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Las Cruces area pending home sales

	Oct. 12	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Dec. 7	Jan. 4	Jan. 12	Jan. 20	Jan. 26
New homes	69	65	68	67	58	46	42	38	38	43	43
Existing homes	190	170	165	152	149	145	119	101	109	118	130
All homes	259	235	233	219	207	191	161	139	147	161	173

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Las Cruces area closed sales

January*	2009	2010
New homes	11	7
Existing homes	29	27
All homes	40	34

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Las Cruces area home sales off to a good start

Nationwide sales fall by 16 percent in December

Pending sales of new and existing Las Cruces area homes, townhomes and condominiums are on the rise, according to data from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors' (LCAR) Multiple Listing & Information Service (MLIS) arm. Pending sales are those that are "under contract" but not yet closed.

The Pending Sales Index is the foremost leading indicator of the number of closings that will take place 30 to 60 days into the future. As of Jan. 26, MLIS listed 173 residential properties under agreement and awaiting closing, up 25 units, or 16.9 percent, over the 148 pending sales posted at the end of January 2009.

When it comes to the closings themselves, the 34 closed transactions posted through Jan. 26 trailed the 40 closings posted during the same period last year by six units, or 15 percent, which was not unexpected. That's because many first-time buyers closed in November 2009 in an effort to snag the $8,000 tax credit, which pulled what would have normally been December closings into the November window.

Markets across the country are experiencing the same phenomenon, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR). The trade association reported last week that nationwide December closings fell 16.7 percent below the number of closings booked in November.

> "... many first-time buyers closed in November 2009 in an effort to snag the $8,000 tax credit ..."

As I mentioned in last week's column, now is a great time to buy a home. Unless Congress takes additional steps to prop up the housing market, interest rates will rise and mortgages will be more difficult to obtain. Two other good reasons to get on the bandwagon now are the $8,000 tax credit for first-time buyers and the $6,500 tax credit for current homeowners. Both programs require that buyers sign purchase agreements by April 30 and close their transactions by June 30 in order to receive the credits.

If you're on the fence and not sure if the time is right for you to buy a new or existing home, load yourself and your loved ones into the family car and take a look at the available inventory. There are many great homes on the market today at prices that may surprise you.

See you at closing!

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On the Agenda

Finance workshop for area teachers

The New Mexico Jump$tart Coalition will present a half-day teacher workshop on financial literacy from 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 29, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The workshop will provide middle and high school teachers with the resources and tools to help build financial awareness and education in their classrooms. New Mexico high schools must now offer financial literacy as an elective in their curricula. The workshop will feature a continental breakfast, box lunches, a keynote speaker and three breakout sessions. There is no cost for teachers to attend this workshop. However registration is required and space is limited. To register, visit www.nmjumpstart.org.

Date: Friday, Jan. 29
Time: 7:30 a.m. to noon
Location: New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Contact: www.nmjumpstart.org

Business on the Border

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance will host its monthly economic forum update, Business on the Border, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Days Inn & Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel & Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The guest speaker will be Christopher Madrid, vice president of IMPACT-NM Business Growth Services. Cost is $15. Lunch and drinks will be served. Call 522-2852 for more information.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 2
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Days Inn & Suites
901 Avenida de Mesilla
Contact: 522-2852

Small business lenders forum

WESST, the Small Business Development Center and SCORE will host a small business lending forum from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. National news sources have reported a staggering decrease in bank lending to small businesses in 2009. Participants can expect to learn what has changed in lending in 2010, what banks expects from borrowers and what Small Business Administration programs or guarantees exist today. Food and beverages will be provided. Space is limited. Pre-register by calling 541-1583.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 4
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: DACC Workforce Center
2345 E. Nevada Ave.
Contact: 541-1583

Send us your agenda items!

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send their workshop and meeting items to be included in the Business Section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information about the event, as well as the date, time, location, contact and cost, if any, to business@lascrucesbulletin.com. Agenda items must be received by noon Friday for consideration in the next week's Bulletin.

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People on the Move

City attorney announces retirement

Fermin Rubio has announced that he will retire as city attorney of Las Cruces and will accept a position with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Bliss. Rubio's retirement will become effective Feb. 28. He will retire after more than 25 years of public service, more than 12 years of which as city attorney. Prior to becoming city attorney, Rubio served as assistant general counsel for the New Mexico Worker's Compensation Administration in Albuquerque; a military attorney in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and U.S. Naval Reserve; an active duty military attorney in the U.S. Navy; an associate attorney for a New Mexico law firm and an assistant city attorney in Roswell, N.M.

Prasanna named First Step Center director

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Prasanna Pai was named executive director at First Step Center on Monday, Jan. 4. First Step Center is a not-for-profit organization that provides women's and children's health services to Doña Ana County residents regardless of their financial, social or medical condition. Pai will manage day-to-day operations, budgeting and recruitment, among other duties at First Step. Pai earned his MBA from Rutgers University. He has worked for the State of New Mexico, consulted for various Fortune 100 companies and worked in healthcare offices.

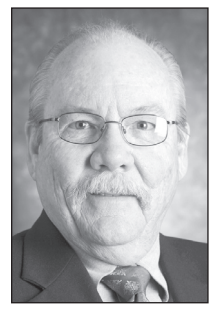
Aragon wins six Pixie Awards

CLC-TV Comcast cable channel 20, the official broadcast station of the City of Las Cruces, recently won six Pixie Awards from the American Pixel Academy. All six awards go to Media Production Specialist Dominic Aragon. The Pixie Awards honors outstanding work in the fastest-growing area of the moving pixels industry, which includes animation, motion graphics and effects. Dominic Aragon won six gold awards for the following projects: Know Your City opening title, CLCTV.com promo, City Beat opening title, Know your City opening title (2) and Neon Logo plug.

Hand-Marr joins BIA staff

The Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico (BIA-SNM) selected Beth Hand-Marr as its membership director Jan. 5. In addition to her position at BIA-SNM, Hand-Marr is an active Realtor with Steinborn GMAC Real Estate. Her responsibilities at the BIA include increasing the membership base and membership programs, managing the association's website advertising and facilitating rental of the 2,200-square-foot meeting hall.

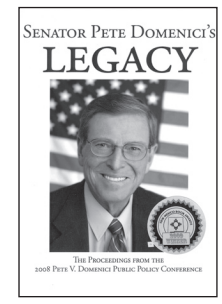
NMSU appoints chief of staff



MCNIEL

New Mexico State University has appointed Robert McNiel as interim chief of staff. As chief of staff, McNiel serves as a liaison between NMSU President Barbara Couture, the Board of Regents and the communities they work with. He previously served as the special assistant to the president, where he developed outreach opportunities to the communities in eastern New Mexico. McNiel also has held numerous positions at El Paso Electric. McNiel is involved extensively in the community. He is a past chair of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Corp. and the Las Cruces Forum. He also is the past chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and vice chair of the New Mexico Border Authority.

NMSU professor awarded for book on Domenici legacy



The book "Senator Pete Domenici's Legacy," edited by New Mexico State University Professor Jon Hunner, has won the award for best anthology of 2009 by the New Mexico Book Awards. The awards, presented by the New Mexico Book Co-op, recognize the best books by New Mexico authors and publishers. "Senator Pete Domenici's Legacy" contains the proceedings from the 2008 Domenici Public Policy Conference, held at NMSU.

Glass Doctor moves up in Franchise 500

Window and windshield repair provider Glass Doctor moved up to No. 240 on the "Franchise 500" list, as published in the January 2010 issue of Entrepreneur magazine. The company was ranked No. 277 in 2009 and No. 312 in 2008. In addition, Entrepreneur added Glass Doctor to its list of America's Top Global Franchises at No. 179. Glass Doctor expanded into Canada last year with the opening of five new franchises. This year the company expects to add 10 more Canadian franchises. For more information, call Glass Doctor of Southern New Mexico at 635-4500.

Advanced Target Marketing celebrates 15 years

Advanced Target Marketing Inc. (ATM) is celebrating 15 years in business. Located in Las Cruces, ATM is serves the business, nonprofit and political community, by providing campaign development, consulting, design, printing, database marketing and direct mail production services. ATM specializes in business-to-customer marketing with the philosophy. ATM clients include Comcast Cable of Southern New Mexico, numerous Domino's Pizza franchisees including the Las Cruces area, Team New Mexico and El Paso, along with many local and regional businesses and nonprofits. Lawrence Joy is the owner of ATM.

Ethics reform long overdue

Corruption major barrier to economic development

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

A lot of ink has been spilled over Gov. Bill Richardson's call for ethics reform. Most of it has involved explaining why ethics reform won't pass in this session. It seems that lawmakers don't want to go on record for voting against ethics reform in an election year, meaning that if it came to a vote, it might pass. Legislative leaders don't want reform, so no vote.

This isn't the way democracy is supposed to work, folks. Popular ideas are supposed to pass in election years. And if the idea also makes good sense, then all for the better.

The governor's ideas do make good sense; most editorials have come out in favor of their passage. They derive from the recommendations of a bipartisan commission co-chaired by NMSU College of Business fearless leader and former Republican governor Garrey Carruthers.

Richardson wants whistleblower protection. He wants disclosure of contributions made by those bidding on state contracts. He wants a ban on campaign contributions by corporations, contractors and lobbyists. The governor wants to place restrictions on legislators becoming lobbyists. And he wants the creation of an independent ethics panel.

Most of these reforms, or ones similar to them, have been adopted in other states. For example, 41 states have independent panels to investigate unethical behavior by legislators.

Ethics reform is not just about good government, although that is enough of a reason for reform. It is also about economic development.

Corruption is like a tax. It diverts resources from the private sector to public officials. But unlike a normal tax, corruption is also unpredictable. A business doesn't know how much spending is needed to gain the particular outcome desired. Pay your property tax and you know that you will be allowed to continue to do business at your present location. Pay your corruption tax and the politicos may or may not give you what you want.

In this sense, $1 of corruption is more onerous than $1 of tax because businesses don't like uncertainty. Risk is bad for business. States with a reputation for corruption, even the soft corruption of campaign contribution abuse, will find it harder to recruit business.

Take, for example, the case of developer SunCal. Last year, a bill to issue a $408 million TIDD bond was defeated in the House on a 33-33 vote. The bond would have helped finance SunCal's development of a 57,000-acre planned community on Albuquerque's westside. The failure to pass the TIDD bond happened despite 12 lobbyists and campaign donations to various legislators. The defeat was a surprise to the real estate industry in the state, which had expected SunCal's massive lobbying effort to pay off in profits. Instead, it was just money down the rat hole.

In a survey of reporters conducted by the New York Times released in December 2008, New Mexico ranked third most corrupt, behind Rhode Island and Louisiana. This is bad news, since even the perception of corruption is enough to discourage business form locating in New Mexico. Gov. Bill Richardson's proposed ethics reforms will help to turn our image around. And it might also actually reduce corruption. Won't that be good?

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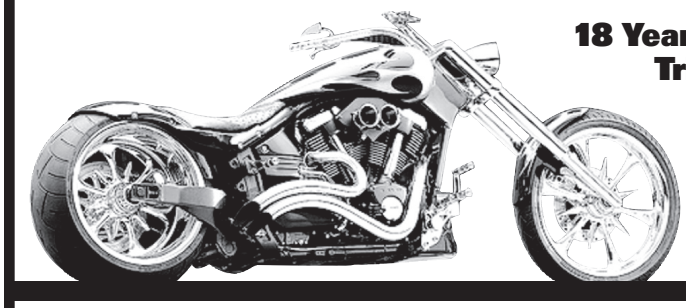
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Tessneer keeps deep-rooted interest in ag

Reporter has storied past in the valley

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The son of an Arkansas farmer, Marvin Tessneer grew up in Racine, Wisc., where his father moved to work as a precision machine engineer. After attending school in Racine, Tessneer joined the U.S. Navy and after showing an aptitude for communications, was trained as a radio operator.

"To me, the International Morse Code was not dots and dashes but was like musical notes, not very melodious, but I thought of it that way, and I picked it up quick," Tessneer said.

Stationed in Gulfport, Miss., he was weeks away from being shipped out when news of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima reached Gulfport, and he never saw combat. He trained as a Third-Class Radioman, but was sent to work as a storekeeper for the NROTC at Tulane University and later at the University of Wisconsin-Racine and at the main campus in Madison.

"I trained to do something for the war effort, but ended up in an office. It was very frustrating," he said.

While missing out on the horrors of war, Tessneer said he feels a great deal of sympathy for his friends and neighbors who did see combat.

"I heard about kids who went to war, some never came back, some came back maimed, some came back helpless drunks," he said. "I've met a lot of vets later who were in combat and there is a difference."

While at Tulane University and still in the reserve, he came so close to being called up for active duty that they gave him a uniform, but the call never came.

Tessneer, who describes his early outlook as that of a "poet and a dreamer," studied international relations and minored in German, but later switched his minor to English.

As a young man, Tessneer said he had a "bad attitude," but over the years he has come to believe that with the "right" attitude, anything is possible.

Tessneer's career as a reporter began at weekly newspapers in Littleton and Gunnison, Colo.

"Gunnison is on what they call the 'western slope' and was a mining town, which means they have a boom-and-bust economy," Tessneer said. "I was not there very long because the mine was slowing down and, when the publishers combined two newspapers into one, my job was eliminated."

At that time, the latent "poet and dreamer" in Tessneer lured him to Mexico City.

"They used to call it the 'Paris of the New World' and what a beautiful city it was," he said. "They had a very good bus system at reasonable rates so I was able to travel around."

He obtained a work permit and took a job for a publishing company that conducted business in several European countries and Japan and needed English writing skills.

On a trip to Banco de Valle de Mexico, Tessneer met Irma Becerra, who was working at the bank while taking a break from law school after an illness.

"She was very well-educated and was also studying piano at a music academy – she auditioned her way in," he said.

They were married in 1956.

Tessneer did not feel that his career at the publishing company held much promise, so the newlywed couple decided to move to the U.S.

Returning to Wisconsin, Tessneer found work at the Monroe Times Daily in Monroe, where he covered sports and the County Commission.

The Tessneers had two children while in Monroe – Deborah and Kevin – who would go on to graduate from Las Cruces High School and New Mexico State University.

After four years of working in Monroe, Tessneer and his family moved to Farmington, N.M.

"I liked the Southwest, and first I went to Farmington where I worked as sports editor, but being a sports writer was hard on my family, so I took a job with the Las Cruces Sun-News," he said.

At the Sun-News, Tessneer covered local government, including the City Council and County Commission.

"I was impressed because at that time they were making a community-wide effort to build a new hospital. I covered all those meetings starting in the mid '60s," he said. "Ben Archer was chairman and they worked on it for four years. They finally selected a location on university property – I was impressed that the community came together and built the hospital."

It was at the Sun-News that he developed his passion for covering agriculture in the Mesilla Valley.

"I saw when I came here that agriculture was important. I started out putting together an agriculture page, mostly with stuff from the university or the agricultural association. I remember the first year the irrigation district said it would start out the season with less than a foot of water and I realized how important it was to the people," he said. "I don't think people understand the importance of agriculture here – both culturally and economically – it's what makes Las Cruces special."

Tessneer catalogued the history of agriculture in the Mesilla Valley during his time in Las Cruces.

"I learned about the history. At one time here, cotton was king, but they were losing their market so they had to diversify. They planted onions, lettuce and chile," he said. "I admire the farmers. Farmers are good businessmen, they have to make a profit and show a cash flow. They bring a lot of business in and spend their money in town. They raise safe food and fiber for the people.

"But the agriculture industry is losing land. People should be watching real close. Agriculture is not growing, it is leveling off. The city is interested in buying water for purification out of the Rio Grande. What will that mean to farmers?"

Tessneer later worked for the Hatch Courier, and eventually was asked by David McCollum, publisher of the Las Cruces Bulletin and a former colleague at the Sun-News to work for the Bulletin.

Over the years, Tessneer has been recognized several times for his reporting and advocacy of the agricultural community in the Mesilla Valley. He is an honorary Chapter Member of Future Farmers of America and an honorary lifetime member of 4-H.

In 1992, the New Mexico Farm Bureau (NMFB) recognized Tessneer as the Outstanding Reporter of the Year in the state of New Mexico. "Marvin was covering agriculture before I came to the farm bureau almost 30 years ago," said Eric Ness, NMFB director of communications and media relations. "He has always known the importance of agriculture not only in this valley but statewide and nationally as well. He is a journalistic icon in the Mesilla Valley and in the community of agriculture. His hard work and dedication are certainly appreciated by everyone involved in this important industry."

Tessneer will add to his list of awards at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, when the Doña Ana Historical Society will present him with the Pasajero del Camino Real Award at its annual banquet at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

For more information about the banquet, call George at 522-3477 or Xandy at 526-9774.

Profile:

Marvin Tessneer

Agriculture reporter

Family
- Wife Irma
- Daughter, Deborah, and son, Kevin

Education
Bachelor's degree in English literature, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and studies in international relations and German

Organizations
Cowboys for Cancer Research

Awards
- Doña Ana County 4-H, State 4-H Honorary Member and Doña Ana County 4-H Lifetime Member
- New Mexico FFA Chapter Member
- New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau of Agriculture, Agriculture Reporter of the Year
- Las Cruces Horseman's Association
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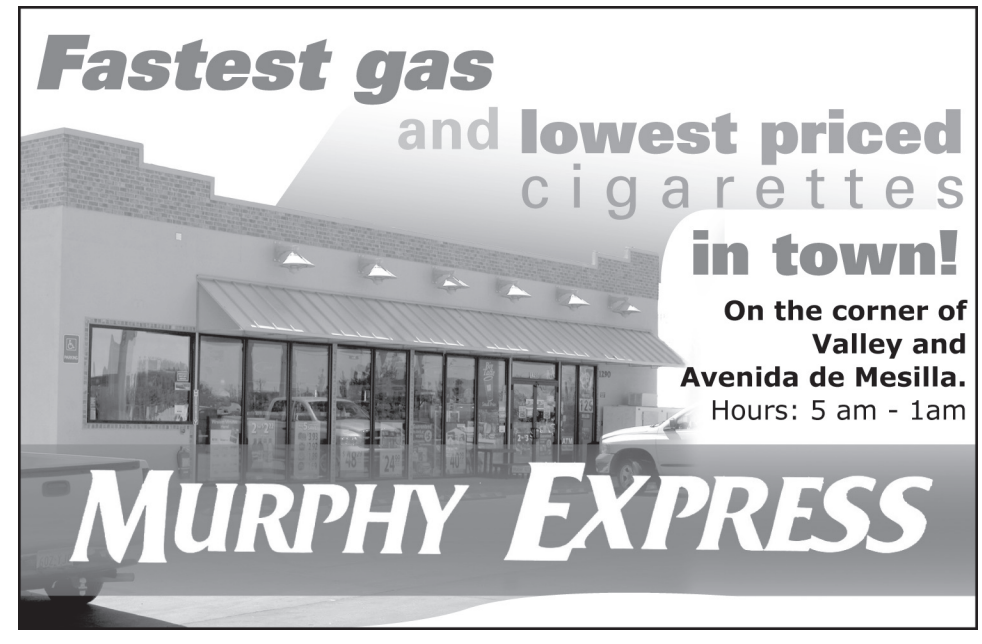


Local businesses support charitable giving

Generous support allows foundation to keep helping

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) makes an impact in the community, but not without the help of generous donors.

Some of those donors are business leaders who strive to bring excellence in commerce and a charitable spirit to the area.

The CFSNM's Founder's Circle recognizes individual donors as well as business donors who contribute $5,000, $10,000 or $15,000 to cover operational expenses within the foundation.

Operational funds donated are used specifically to keep the doors open so the foundation can perform its work. Like all businesses, whether they are for-profit or not-for-profit, staff needs to be paid, funds need to be managed responsibly, customers/donors need services and the public needs accountability. In addition to day-to-day expenses, the foundations pays for their annual audit, professional liability insurance, fund management fees and other professional services. By receiving operational support through donations from local companies, the foundation is able to keep its long-standing commitment to the community while offering services at some of the most reasonable rates statewide.

"These donors recognize the importance of adequately funding the operation of a foundation," said CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn, referring to the Founder's Circle, which is split into three tiers – Heritage, Leadership and Foundation. "This support allows us to continue providing an array of charitable services including planned giving."

In 2009, 11 individuals or businesses donated $5,000 or more toward the CFSNM's operational expenses, including those in the **Heritage Circle:**

- Memorial Medical Center
- First Community Bank*
- Cupit and Co.

The Leadership Circle:

- MountainView Regional Medical Center
- Comcast Cable

The Foundation Circle:

- The Las Cruces Bulletin*
- An anonymous donor
- Ammu and Rama Devasthali
- Compass Bank
- Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico
- CFSNM Board of Directors (collaborative donations)
- Kelly Services of Las Cruces*

** Gift in-kind donations*

In addition to the Founder's Circle, the CFSNM receives support from local businesses during special campaigns.

During last year's Nonprofit Economic Crisis Campaign (NECC), the following businesses were **sponsors:**

- Bravo Chevrolet
- Bravo Mic Communications
- Sitel
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Cupit and Co.
- Sierra Vista Growers Inc.
- Compass Bank
- Las Cruces Radiology Associates P.C.
- Rio Grande Medical Group

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

Briefs

Convention Center books Beta Sigma Phi

The Las Cruces Convention Center has booked Beta Sigma Phi Convention group for the soon-to-be convention facility. Working together, Global Spectrum – operators of the Convention Center – and the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, secured the 2011 Beta Sigma Phi New Mexico State Convention to be held June 3 to 5, 2011. Beta Sigma Phi will bring 400 delegates from New Mexico and surrounding states to Las Cruces for the three-day convention. The group will not only be meeting at the Las Cruces Convention Center, but has carved out time during their visit to see the sights, shop and be entertained by the venues the city has to offer.

PSL represented on UVS board

The Unmanned Vehicle Systems International General Assembly, which was held in Paris, France, on Jan. 12, selected its new board of directors for the years 2010-11. Doug Davis, Global UAS Strategic Initiatives Director for New Mexico State University's Physical Science Laboratory was among those named to the board. Davis was elected the new secretary.

NMDWS mails out 1099s

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

For more information, call NMDWS at 524-6250, or email the department at infodws@state.nm.us.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report January 22, 2010

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20100360	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	New/Res	5706 Pecan Lane	$118,326	$1,670
20100370	Jesus and Erika Moreno	Jesus and Erika Moreno	Reroof	700 California Ave.	$3,000	$45
20100371	Jesus and Erika Moreno	Jesus and Erika Moreno	Reroof	700 California Ave.	$3,000	$45
20100361	Veloz Homes Inc.	Bright View Land Company	New/Res	4196 Franzia Road	$186,304	$3,686
20100373	Jesse Carrera	Jessie A. Carrera	Res/Add	2021 Princess Jeanne	$4,000	$51
20100374	Jesse Carrera	Jessie A. Carrera	Reroof	2021 Princess Jeanne	$8,000	$75
20100413	Desert Hills Roofing	John D. and Camille A. Algelt	Reroof	1020 Laurel	$4,225	$53
20100411	Desert Hills Roofing	Barbara York	Reroof	1770 Betty Circle	$5,775	$62
20100412	Desert Hills Roofing	Mary A. Burke	Reroof	2113 Via Tesoro	$8,500	$78
20100464	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Westmoreland ENT LLC	New/Res	4731 Zeno Place	$149,240	$2,024
20100447	Southern Comfort Builders	Logos Development Inc.	New/Res	7345 Vista De Sobre Drive	$173,840	$3,665
20100482	Rodger Ocheltree	Rodger and Roselyn Ocheltree	Res/Add	4842 Calle Bella Ave.	$2,500	$42
20100466	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Westmoreland ENT LLC	New/Res	4728 Zeno Place	$205,328	$2,120
20100481	Enchanted Desert Homes LLC	David A. and Patricia L. Levine	New/Res	4372 Isleta Court	$201,392	$2,330
20100408	Thurston Equity Corp.	Ken Thurston Homes LLC	New/Res	7512 Sierra De Oro Place	$133,824	$1,693

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

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report January 22, 2010

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
35302	Self	Rigoberto Marin	New/Res	617 Old Laredo Road	Chaparral North Acres Phase I	$400
35304	Sonrisa Builders	Coronado Development Corp.	New/Res	1292 Cassatt Place	Fairway 18 Townhomes	$531
35309	Self	Javier Guerrero	New/Res	11 Memory Lane #2	N/A	$353
35312	R Hines Construction	Brad Aday	New/Res	1861 Santa Nova Arc	The Sanctuary	$955

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

EPA joins effort to redevelop El Paseo

Agency to provide recommendations to City Council

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Many have spoken out about the issue for years. El Paseo Road isn't what it used to be, or what it could be.

As part of the city's efforts to reinvest in the historic, mixed-use El Paseo corridor – pockmarked with empty retail spaces, low-income housing and a variety of businesses – the U.S. Environmental Protection and other federal agencies are getting involved in planning efforts.

"We're here to facilitate the process in developing the public participation tools that the city can use in order to undertake this process," said Clark Wilson, senior urban designer for the EPA's Smart Growth Program. "We provide education for communities that want to grow and develop, and want to do it in a smarter way."

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, and Wednesday, Jan. 20, a consortium of EPA officials, representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, El Paseo business owners, commercial Realtors and city officials met to develop a vision for the corridor and identify barriers and challenges the city could face as it moves forward with its plan.

"This is a new experience for the federal agencies to work together on a project like this," said City Councillor Sharon Thomas. "And on our level, it's a new experience for the city to work across a number of departments."

The EPA's involvement is a result of an application the city submitted to participate in the agency's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program, a highly selective group of projects carried out by the EPA every year. Out of more than 100 nationwide applicants, Las Cruces was chosen "because the issues that Las Cruces is dealing with could, in the future, be applied to other cities," Wilson said.

Other communities participating in the program this year are Louisville, Ky., Montgomery County, Md., and the entire state of California.

According to the EPA, "to succeed, the city (leadership) knows it must engage in a robust public input process that will address both neighborhood and regional concerns."

EPA officials at a dinner Wednesday, Jan. 20, said they expected the area to be in a greater state of disrepair, but recognized issues such as "a large amount of concrete, revitalizing the area with affordable housing and bringing more businesses in."

City Councillor Nathan Small said he envisioned entertainment venues, such as a comedy club, to be main attractions to the corridor. He also wants to see better public transportation and an improved pedestrian system.

The study, which started in October 2009, will take about a year to complete, after which a public gathering will be held to showcase the findings, Wilson said. Thereafter, council will implement its own regional comprehensive plan for the area.

"It will be an ongoing effort," Thomas said. "We will have the opportunity to apply for funding for a lot of things as a result of being chosen for this project."

A soon-to-be big draw to the area is Pros Ranch Market, which plans to open its Mexican-themed supermarket on what was formerly El Paseo Plaza sometime this year. Walter Skowronski of NAI 1st Valley, who represents the company in Las Cruces, attended several of last week's meetings and said he has mixed feelings about the program.

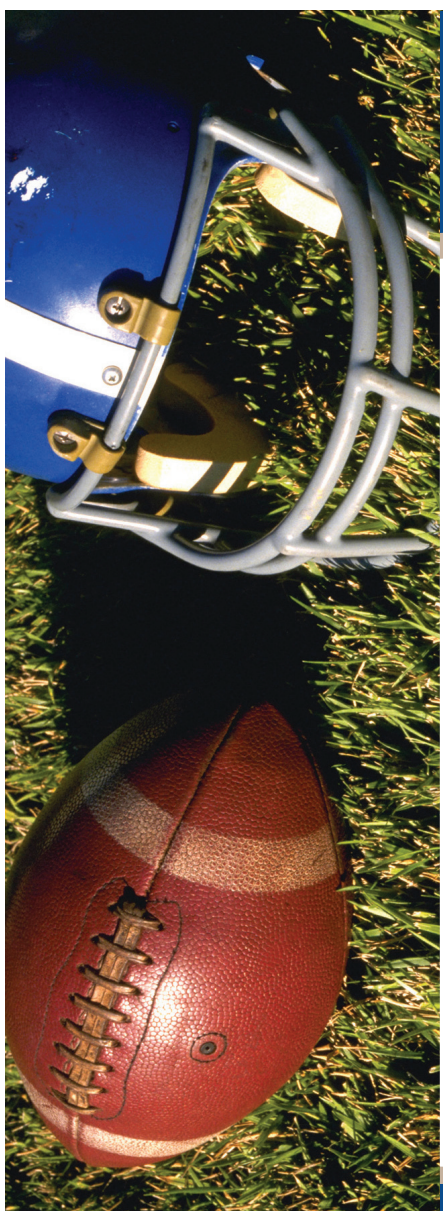
"The good thing is this will bring attention to public transportation in the area," he said. "And city (officials) and councillors have been helpful in supporting our concerns, so that is encouraging."

But, Skowronski said he is unsure if the right population is being targeted to provide input at the meetings held thus far.

"There was a comment made that the people who are coming to these public meetings are more educated, they're out of the area and they are much older, which is a totally different demographic of the people in the (El Paseo) area," he said. "We're going to figure out how to get input from people that actually live there."

A two- to four-day community meeting is planned for sometime in the spring, said Susan Lowell, planner for the City of Las Cruces.

This shopping plaza on El Paseo Road has undergone a number of commercial vacancies throughout the years. Work is under way to repave the parking lot.



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Business of the Year
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Action Equipment Rental

Sales Manager Mike Zamora accepted the award on behalf of Action Equipment Rental. With three locations in Las Cruces, Action Equipment Rental is the largest independently owned New Mexico rental equipment supplier. The business employs about 40 people, with a management staff who have more than 100 years of experience in the rental industry. Action Equipment Rental is a strong member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, with employees donating time to the Conquistadores, Chamber/Aggie Tailgate and the Golf Classic.

Principal of the Year
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NMSU Arrowhead Center

Brenda Lewis

Brenda Lewis has admirably served the students and families of the Las Cruces Public Schools system for 23 years, including 13 years as a science teacher, three years as an assistant principal and the last seven years as principal of Sierra Middle School. Under Lewis' leadership, Sierra Middle School encourages family and community involvement through family and parent conferences and a partnership with NMSU social work interns as part of a dropout prevention program. Her dedication is demonstrated each year as Sierra Middle School is one of the most highly performing middle schools in the district.

Teacher of the Year
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NMSU Arrowhead Center

Denise Briggs

Denise Briggs, teacher at Hillrise Elementary school, served as a classroom teacher for 12 years before moving to Advanced Educational Services as a gifted facilitator in 2003. During her teaching tenure, Briggs has been a finalist for the Las Cruces Public Schools Teacher of the Year twice, has been a Disney Teacher of the Year nominee, has received the Phi Delta Kappa Excellence in Education Award three times and is on the New Mexico State Teaching Academy's Wall of Honor. She currently teaches reading to first through fourth-grade students and works with fifth-grade students to create digital portfolios exploring their strengths.

Citizen of the Year
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Steinborn Inc. Real Estate

C.W. "Buddy" Ritter

C. W. "Buddy" Ritter is a fifth-generation native of Mesilla and Las Cruces. He attended high school at New Mexico Military Institute and majored in banking and finance at Tulane University in New Orleans. Ritter received his bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and entered Michigan State's graduate program, becoming the first certified hotel administrator in New Mexico. He served with the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Group at Fort Meade, Md.

Ritter has been in the hotel and restaurant business for 50 years, owning four hotels, 11 restaurants and two breweries in New Mexico and Arizona. He served two terms as president of the New Mexico Hotel-Motel Association and served on the National Board of Directors of the American Hotel Association for four years. He served on the International Board of Directors of Holiday Inn for six years and on the NMSU Board of Regents for four years. He has served on the Pioneer Bank Board of Directors since 1985.

Ritter has served the community on numerous foundations and boards, including serving as chairman of the President's Associates and of the NMSU Foundation, chairman of the Dean's Business Council, chairman of the Tri-Culture Traders Monument Committee, founding chairman of the State Economic Forum of the College of Business, founding chairman of the Las Cruces Forum of Community and Business Leaders, State Crusade chairman of the New Mexico Cancer Society and as co-chairman of the New Mexico Bicentennial Commission.

Banquet

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Hoffman, in a lengthy but inspirational address, spoke about the chamber's goals for 2010, which include raising membership to 1,100, becoming a nationally accredited chamber of commerce and expanding the current chamber's office location.

"Another thing that we're going to spend a lot of time doing this year is staying involved in issues that affect business owners, the schools, the university and all of the things associated with growth and development," Hoffman said. "We're going to take a stand to make sure that if we pass laws or have changes, that we make sure they are good for business in Las Cruces. We're putting our arms out to elected officials."

Hoffman thanked Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima for his attendance.

"We're really working hard to make sure the chamber and the local leadership can work together," Hoffman said.

Last year, Gil Jones, a former city councillor with close ties to the chamber and local economic development organization, was ousted by progressive Gill Sorg, who took control one of the city's largest districts. Similarly, former Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta, considered "pro-business" by some, was defeated in the same election by Olga Pedroza, another progressive. Jim Harbison, a city council candidate endorsed by Realtors and the Building Industry Association, was unsuccessful at bumping now Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas, also a progressive, from her council seat, leaving many in the business community worried about an "all-green" council, as some have referred to it.

"Over the last several years, I have heard from some people that our business community are not good guys," Hoffman said. "That growth and business isn't necessarily a good thing. Well, we're going to keep going and keep doing things right. We want to grow responsibly, we want to use common sense, but we also want business to prosper here, and we have so many great opportunities to do that."

At the tail of Hoffman's speech, attendees were asked to write their fears, worries and laments on small piece of paper. At the end of the speech, the papers were metaphorically burned using a papier-mâché recreation of "El Cucuy," a fabled Mexican version of the boogeyman, and an eruption of fireworks. The display earned a standing ovation.

"Whether you like it or not, I'm a different kind of leader," Hoffman said. "I'm about fun. Those of you that have worked with me know that part of volunteering is about having fun. It's mandatory."

Also at the banquet, outgoing board members Bill Connor, Donna Stryker and David McCollum were honored for their service to the chamber.

"(McCollum) set in place a succession plan for future leaders of the chamber," Hummer said. "He wasn't looking just to (2007), but he was looking to the long-term to make sure we remained a stable chamber."

The most significant recognition came during the awards portion of the banquet, during which five persons, one business and one nonprofit were honored.

"The awards have become a very special part of this function," said chamber President and CEO Jim Berry.

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Chamber President and CEO Jim Berry addresses the nearly 400 guests who attended the chamber's Annual Banquet Friday, Jan. 22.

Volunteer of the Year
Sponsored by
Mesilla Valley Hospice

Sarah Stegall

Sarah Stegall has been very involved with the chamber for several years and is seen at nearly every chamber event. She is a passionate member of the Conquistadores and has served several positions for that group, from Ribbon Cutting chair in 2009 to serving as co-chair for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe for 2010. Through discounts and donations from her business, Surefire Promotional Products, Stegall has gone above and beyond in service to the chamber.

Nonprofit of the Year
Sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center

The Salvation Army

Led locally by Capts. Cristian and Rebecca Sibaja, commanding officers/pastors of the Las Cruces Corps, The Salvation Army is a Christian organization with the purpose of helping low-income families of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County without discrimination. In addition to their thrift store, The Salvation Army's Social Services Department provides people in need with emergency food baskets, rental assistance, utility assistance, an emergency shelter, furniture and clothing vouchers along with emergency disaster services. It has holiday programs aimed to meet the needs of children and families during the Christmas season, including the Angel Tree, Dress a Child, Back to School, Adopt a Family and Holiday Food Boxes.

Conquistadore of the Year
Sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center

Savonne Griffin

Savonne Griffin has served as a Conquistadore since 2007. She serves on a number of committees for the chamber, including serving as the 2010 chair of the Marketing & Public Relations Committee, Thanks Team WSMR Committee and Membership for the Conquistadores. She is a motivated and regular volunteer through the Events & Socials Committee and was one of the top performers in the 2009 Sky's the Limit Total Resource Campaign.

Celebrating the spirit of business

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Barbara Couture, president of New Mexico State University, Harry Teague, U.S. representative and John Hummer, past chair of the chamber, stop to chat during the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet held Friday, Jan. 22, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Sylvia Nickerson, Kathleen Cordova and Nathan Dickerson enjoy a good conversation.

Chamber board member and former Gov. Garrey Carruthers says kind words about former Las Cruces businessman H.A. "Hotch" Manning, who passed away Jan. 11.

Wine sponsor Roberto's kept the crowd happy with an offering of both white and red St. Clair wine varieties during dinner time.

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds and NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston talk shop.

Wanda Mattiace of Adventure Travel & Cruise Center, Bill Connor of El Paso Electric Co., Magellia Boston and Connie Phillips, Las Cruces School Board president.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Case No: CV-2007- 205
Judge: James Martin

PETER J. WEITH, Plaintiff in Substitution for JURGEN G. RAHM, by and through his Attorney in Fact, Gilles Delisle, Plaintiff,

vs.

CAROL FERRI; JEROLD L. KAUFMAN; STEVAN DOUGLAS LOONEY, Defendants,

AND

PETER J. WEITH, as Crossclaimant in Substitution for Mesilla Valley Bank.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the main entrance to the court house of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property to be sold is situate in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A. Property located at 1625 6th Street:

A tract of land situate within the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 12, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. Tracts 9A-116B2A2, 9A-116B2C & 9A-116A1A and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the concrete monument found for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 9A-116A bears S.71º40'30"W., 197.32 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the East face of a block wall, N.18º09'23"W., 77.86 feet to an iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.71º27'12"E., 190.09 feet to an iron rod found on the West line of Sixth Street for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West line of Sixth Street the following three courses and distances: S.17º15'00"E., 5.71 feet to an iron rod found;

Thence S.08º00'03"E., 74.00 feet to a nail found;

Thence S.05º29'30"W., 74.93 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the West line of Sixth Street and partially along a rockwall, N.83º18'30"W., 161.88 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.4693 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

B. Property located at 1140 E. Idaho:

Part of Block 7, College Subdivision, according to the Plat filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, recorded in Plat Book 4 at page 6, and filed for record on May 6, 1910, and being the westerly 75 feet of lots 36, 37 & 38, and more particularly described as follows to wit: Beginning at the iron rod marking the northwest corner of this tract, identical with the northeast corner of Lot 38, Block 7, College Subdivision, Thence N. 76 deg. 00' E. 75.00 feet along the south line of Idaho Avenue to the northeast corner of this tract marked by an iron rod; Thence S. 31 deg. 48' E. 75.00 feet to the southeast corner of this tract marked by an iron rod; Thence S. 76 deg. 00' W. 75.00 feet along the south line of lot 36 to the southwest corner of this tract marked by an iron rod; Thence N. 31 deg. 48'W. 75.00 feet along the east line of a 15 foot alley to the place of beginning containing 5,355 square feet of land, more or less.

C. Property located at 330 E. May:

A tract of land situate in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 18, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of the Block 49 of the Original Townsite of Las Cruces, filed September 15, 1853, in Plat Record 6, Page 1, Doña Ana County records and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 5/8" iron rod found on the South line of May Avenue for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northeast corner of Block 39 of the Original Townsite of Las Cruces, bears N.53º08'45"W., 377.95 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the South line of May Avenue the following two courses and distances: N.75º12'40"E., 48.13 feet to a nail set;

Thence N.75º08'35"E., 52.60 feet to a spindle found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the South line of May Avenue, S.13º49'25"E., 108.44 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.71º39'40"W., 50.72 feet to a nail set;

Thence S.69º27'05"W., 47.27 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.15º24'20"W., 116.27 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.255 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

1. This is an action by Plaintiffs upon indebtedness and foreclosure of mortgage, and the sale will be made to satisfy an Order for Summary Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered by the Court on September 7, 2007, in favor of Plaintiff Peter J. Weith, and a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered by the Court on June 3, 2008, in favor of Plaintiffs.

2. Plaintiff Peter J. Weith has a Judgment against Defendant Carol Ferri, excluding interest and costs, for $221,850.00, which continues to accrue interest at the rate of $60.78 per day from October 30, 2004, and which Judgment is secured by the properties at 1625 Sixth Street, 1140 East Idaho, and 330 East May.

3. Plaintiff Peter J. Weith also has a Judgment against Carol Ferri in the amount of $165,408.65, including costs and interest, which continues to accrue interest at the rate of $72.55 per day from August 2, 2007, and which Judgment is secured by the property at 1625 Sixth Street.

4. Plaintiff Peter J. Weith also has a Judgment against Carol Ferri in the amount of $166,391.98, including costs and interest, which continues to accrue interest at the rate of $73.54 per day from August 2, 2007, and which Judgment is secured by the property at 330 E. May Street.

5. Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiffs herein, bid and/or become the purchaser of said real estate and improvements at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

6. The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the even the Special Master deems postponement advisable, and may accept any bid in person or by writing.

7. The Special Master is empowered to sell Properties A, B or C, above, either separately or as a unit, at his discretion.

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. Plaintiffs and their attorney disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser(s) at the sale take(s) the Tracts subject to, all liens of record not foreclosed in these proceedings, the valuation of the Tracts 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 Tracts, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the Tracts, if any, it being incumbent upon bidder to determine the nature of any title being conveyed under this sale.

SPECIAL MASTER:
/s/ Kelly P. Albers
650 E. Montana, Suite D
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001
(575) 527-9064

Pub #9288
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2010

DOÑA ANA COUNTY
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-2008-02901

Western Bank n/k/a Bank of the West, Plaintiffs

v.

Frank Barrera and Melissa Barrera AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010, at 10:00am, located at the 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 following described real estate located in said County and State:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

EXHIBIT A
A tract of land situate south of Fort Selden, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 1-9A1A and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:
BEGINNING at a point in the center of a concrete lined irrigation ditch for the southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the northeast corner of Section 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N. 64°07' 19"E., a distance of 3341.59 feet;
THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of said irrigation ditch S. 65°16'30"W., 238.31 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;
THENCE leaving the irrigation ditch N.29°22'00"W., 357.13 feet to the northwest corner of this tract;
THENCE N. 60°38'00"E., 237.53 feet to the northeast corner of this tract, a point on the east line of a 5.000 acre tract previously conveyed;
THENCE S. 29°22'00"E., 376.41 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2.000 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 5 foot wide irrigation ditch easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the southerly property line, a 10 foot wide irrigation ditch parallel and immediately adjacent to the westerly property line and other easements of record together with a 20 foot wide road and utility entry easement lying north of this tract and being described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southeast corner of said road easement identical to the northeast corner of the abovedescribed 1.000 acre tract;
THENCE from the place of beginning S. 60°38'00"W., 20.00 feet to the southwest corner of this easement;
THENCE N. 29°22'00"W., 516.18 feet to a point on the south line of Doña Ana County Road D-058 for the northwest corner of this easement;
THENCE following the county road around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 120.00 feet, an arc length of 20.87 feet, through a central angle of 9°57'56" and whose long chord bears N.77°00'27"E., 20.85 feet to the northeast corner of this easement;
THENCE leaving the county road S. 29°22'00"E., 510.31 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.236 acres of land, more or less. Field notes by Botsford Land Surveying, Inc.,

The address of the real property is 517 Hayride, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said Sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 18, 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 $88,192.81, plus interest from June 30, 2008 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 to the above- described real property subject to the rights of redemption.

Dated: 2010.

Pamela A. Carmody
Special Master
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Pub #9309
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2495

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

DAWN C. MIRANDA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 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 3057 Executive Hills Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot A4, Block 11, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, REPLAT OF PART OF TRACT A, BLOCK 10, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 934 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on May 24, 1978, and recorded in Book 12, Pages 191-192, 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 January 4, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $167,501.70 and the same bears interest at 7.250% per annum from January 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,364.11. 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,
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Pub #9311
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

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

No. D-0307-CV-2008-02027

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,

v.

GEORGE CORRALES; STATE NATIONAL BANK; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE CORRALES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED LIENHOLDERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside 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 7, Rinconcito subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 9, 2003, recorded in book 20, page 306, plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico The address of the real property is 150 Rinconcito Court, Rincon, NM 87940. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 29, 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 $82,183.06 plus interest from September 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.750% 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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Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DOÑA ANA COUNTY
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-200801949

BANK OF THE WEST a/k/a COMMUNITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiffs

v.

Molina, Carlos and Cathy M. AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 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 following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 4, BLOCK A, WOODBURN SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 23, 1976 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12, AT PAGES 84-85, OF THE PLAT RECORDS. SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.
The address of the real property is 9030 Tammy Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said Sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 11, 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 $17,850.74, plus interest from May 14, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.0000% 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 to the above- described real property subject to the rights of redemption.

Dated: 2010.

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Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200900268

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

LEGAL NOTICES

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LISA M. PEREZ; MARIANNE H. RYAN; DAVID W. SHOEMAKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA M. PEREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside 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 46, block 5, Sunrise Terrace addition phase II, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filedin the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 29, 1978, in book 12 page(s) 170-172 of plat records. The address of the real property is 1798 Webster Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 27, 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 $160,298.35 plus interest from August 27, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.0% 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:, 2009.

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Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-798
Judge Gary M. Jeffreys

COMPASS BANK, formerly known as State National Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH K. NEVAREZ, MICHELE R. NEVAREZ, ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., and any and all unknown claimants, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the offices of Holt Babington Mynatt, P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, Joseph K. Nevarez and Michele R. Nevarez, in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The properties to be sold are situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as follows:

1. 2750 Monte Bello, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 10, Block A, Rancho Lomas Subdivision Phase 2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 22, 2004, in book page(s) of plat records.

2. 2490 Suncrest Arc., Las Cruces, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 6, Block 5, The Ridge at Northrise Phase III, in the City of Las Cruces, 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 on March 21, 2001, recorded in Book 19, Page(s) 612-613, plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a Corrected Order Granting Summary Judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 2, 2009 against Defendants Joseph K. Nevarez and Michele R. Nevarez, being a Complaint for debt and money due and to foreclose real estate mortgages under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate at 2750 Monte Bello, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and a subordinate lien to a mortgage held by ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. against the real estate at 2490 Suncrest Arc., Las Cruces, New Mexico, securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of $630,808.90 with interest continuing at the rate of 8% per annum from August 5, 2009, until paid, plus attorney fees and costs of $ 4,675.00. The Judgment bears interest to date of sale. Sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment plus interest and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The property at 2490 Suncrest Arc. shall be sold subject to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.'s mortgage. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

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 property will be sold separately or en masse and that the purchaser, or purchasers, at such sale shall take title to the above described real property, or properties, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew P. Holt of Holt Babington Mynatt P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

DOUG BOBERG
Special Master

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Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200901313

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,

v.

ALBERT R. POLANCO; CINDY A POLANCO; IRENE C, POLANCO; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF IRENE C. POLANCO, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside 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: A tract of land situate in the City of Los Cruces, being Lot 8, Block 58, Original Townsite of Las Cruces, (O.T.S. Block 58), Plat filed September 15, 1853. in Nat Book 6, Page 1, Doña Ma County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of North San Pedro Street for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the Southwest corner of Block 204 County Assessor's Plat No. 2 bears the following two courses and distances, N. 17º57'55"W, 75.51 feet; Thence N69º53'51"E., 700.04 feet; Thence from the point of beginning and along the West line of North San Pedro Street, S.17º57'55"E., 41.10 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence leaving the West line of North San Pedro Street, S.72º51'20"W., 117.25 feet to a cross set for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence N. 16º19'13"W., 42.00 feet to a cross set for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence N, 73º18'32"E., 116.06 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.1113 acre of land, more or less The address of the real property is 823 North San Pedro Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 14, 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 $63,399.39 plus interest from July 24, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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 DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-09-2379

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR HERNANDEZ and LIDIA HERNANDEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, has appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell the following described real property in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico:
LOT 3, BLOCK 5, RIO VISTA SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.
The street address of this property is 205 Nueces St., Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063 (hereafter "Subject Property").

The Default and Stipulated Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (hereafter "Judgment") was entered on December 31, 2009.

The sale is to begin at 10:05 a.m. on February 23, 2010, at the front door of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, free and clear of all liens of the parties hereto and all persons claiming under and through the parties or any persons claiming an interest by an instrument filed for record after the date of Plaintiff's filing of the Notice of Lis Pendens in the records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Every bid made shall be deemed an irrevocable offer until the sale has been completed, and the sale is completed when confirmed by the court. In the event the purchaser fails to pay the purchase price at sale, or make satisfactory arrangements with the Special Master for such payment, the Special Master may accept the next highest bid or proceed with the sale of the Property to the highest bidder. The Special Master may postpone or continue the sale by public declaration at the time and place originally scheduled for such sale. No other notice of the postponed or continued sale need be given.

The purchaser of the Subject Property will take it subject to any unpaid property taxes, municipal charges, assessments, or liens not identified and foreclosed in this action, including the senior mortgage. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale all of its judgment amount or any portion thereof. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to pay the expenses of the sale, including special master's fee, then for any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, then to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

As of December 31, 2009, the sum necessary to satisfy the judgment is as follows:
1. The remaining principal balance $110,890.13
2. Accrued interest $9,141.91
3. BPO/appraisal fees $384.51
4. Late charges $162.23
5. Reconveyance fee $9.00
6. Preservation charges $60.00
7. Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses $1,575.59

TOTAL $122,223.37

Interest shall continue to accrue at the rate of $29.62 per day thereafter until the judgment is satisfied. In addition, reasonable attorneys' fees and any additional costs of collection and suit (to include the cost of publication of this notice, recording fees, and special master fees) may be awarded by the Court and satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds remaining after the satisfaction of the above will be held in trust by the Special Master, paid into the Court Registry by the Special Master, or applied as determined by the Court.

/s/ John A Darden, Esq.
200 W. Las Cruces Ave. #B
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Pub #9317
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2465
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN AKA EDWARD D. CHAPMAN AND ANGELINA CHAPMAN AKA ANGELINA B. CHAPMAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on February 23, 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 Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot numbered 8 in Block numbered 2 of Desert Wind Estates, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Desert Wind Estates, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 3, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 606-607.

The address of the real estate is 5929 Leaping Lizard Loop, Las Cruces, 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 $195,553.38 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit 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 postponement 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 property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on January 11, 2010.

/s/John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
PO Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
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Submitted by:
VOGEL LAW FIRM, P.C.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-09-321

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE ALEJANDRO JUAREZ; MARIA ENFANTE JUAREZ; and MELISSA C. JUAREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, has appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell the following described real property in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico:
ATRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS PART OF LOT 22, BLOCK 9 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION 'C' PLAT FILED JULY 18, 1911 IN PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 43, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 22, BLOCK 9 OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED SUBDIVISION; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING S. 64 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 33 SECONDS W., 87.67 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N. 25 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W., 322.50 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N. 64 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 33 SECONDS E., 197.74 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST LINE OF THE DOÑA ANA BEND COLONY GRANT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG SAID GRANT LINE S. 27 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 40 SECONDS E., 77.48 FEET TO A BRASS CAP FOUND FOR AN ANGLE POINT (A.P. 58); THENCE S. 1 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E., 269.53 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.1625 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SAID TRACT SUBJECT TO A 7.5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE AND A 15 FOOT WIDE ROAD EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE.

The street address of this property is 2920 Benito Juarez Rd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 (hereafter "Subject Property").

The Amended Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (hereafter "Judgment") was entered on December 21, 2009.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 2010, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, free and clear of all liens of the parties hereto and all persons claiming under and through the parties or any persons claiming an interest by an instrument filed for record after the date of Plaintiff's filing of the Notice of Lis Pendens in the records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Every bid made shall be deemed an irrevocable offer until the sale has been completed, and the sale is completed when confirmed by the court. In the event the purchaser fails to pay the purchase price at sale, or make satisfactory arrangements with the Special Master for such payment, the Special Master may accept the next highest bid or proceed with the sale of the Property to the highest bidder. The Special Master may postpone or continue the sale by public declaration at the time and place originally scheduled for such sale. No other notice of the postponed or continued sale need be given.

The purchaser of the Subject Property will take it subject to any unpaid property taxes, municipal charges, assessments, or liens not identified and foreclosed in this action, including the senior mortgage. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale all of its judgment amount or any portion thereof. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to pay the expenses of the sale, including special master's fee, and the cost of publishing this notice, then for any costs incurred for the maintenance and protecti of the property, then to satisfy the judgment in favor of Plaintiff, and any excess proceeds will be held pending further court order or deposited in the court registry.

As of December 21, 2009, the sum necessary to satisfy the judgment is as follows:

1. The remaining principal balance $71,079.29
2. Accrued interest $7,526.59
3.BPO/appraisal fees $342.50
4. Late charges $10.00
5. Reconveyance fee $9.00
6. Property preservation fee $105.00
7. Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses $3,833.81
TOTAL $82,906.19

Interest shall continue to accrue from December 21, 2009 until the judgment is satisfied at the rate of $13.58 per day. In addition, reason-

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able attorneys' fees and any additional costs of collection and suit incurred after the judgment may be awarded by the Court and satisfied from the proceeds of the sale.

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Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

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

No: DM-2009-1777
Judge: Douglas R. Driggers

MARIANETTE FLORES, Petitioner,

VS.

ALFREDO FLORES, 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 and debts.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 20 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.

Marianette Flores, 758 Koogle Road, Anthony, New Mexico, 88021, Pro Se

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 31st day of December, 2009.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: Jodie Castillo
Deputy

Pub #9325
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 5, 2010, Emmit H. Brooks, P.O. BOX 998, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-14784 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14784 POD1 located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 2 East NMPM and drilling new well LRG-14784 POD2 to a depth of approximately 100 feet with 4 inch casing to be located on land owned by the applicant within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 30 at approximately X=1,478,794 Y=463.217 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use at the applicant's residence located in Lot 4 Block 2 of the Berrier Subdivision. LRG-14784 POD 1 and proposed well LRG-14784 POD2 are located at the physical address of 3308 East St. approximately 2,200 feet west of the intersection of South Main and West Union Ave. in Mesilla Park, NM in Doña Ana County. Old well LRG-14784 POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be tiled, in triplicate with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period, Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-1735

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF MARGARET M. MACE, Deceased; CLIFFORD L. GODLEVSKY, individually, and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Margaret M. Mace, Deceased; CLIFFORD L. GODLEVSKY, as Trustee of the Margaret M. Mace Revocable Trust UTA dtd. June 24, 1998; WILLIS WAYNE MACE; TIMOTHY R. GODLEVSKY; ARTIE W. MACE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET M. MACE, Deceased; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 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 3029 Optiz Road, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
A tract of land situate Northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as part of Lot 15, Section 16, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as U.S.R.S. Tract 25-62B2B and more particularly described as follows, to wit:
BEGINNING at an iron rod found at the West line of Doña Ana County Road A-61 also known as O Pitz Road for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; whence the East 1/4 corner of Section 16, T.26S., R.3E., bears NORTH 215.17 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning and following along the West line of the County Road A-61 SOUTH 254.91 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving the County Road WEST 256.32 feet to an iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE NORTH 254.91 feet to an iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE EAST 256.33 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.500 acre of land more or less, Subject to a 10.00 foot wide utility easement parallel and immediately North of the South boundary.

Field Notes by Moy
Surveying Co.
Job No. 86-763
(Lic. No. 5939).

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 6, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $143,378.13 and the same bears interest at 7.125% per annum from January 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,539.35. 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
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Pub #9328
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200901316

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, Plaintiff,

v.

MIKE REID; CANDACE REID; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MIKE REID; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CANDACE REID, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 17, 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 31, Block A, El Presidio-Phase 3B final plat, 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. 4267 on 11/23/2005 in Book 21 Page(s) 421-22 of Plat Records." The address of the real property is 2073 San Patricio Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 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 $361,222.85 plus interest from October 15, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.750% 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.

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Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D0307CV200801085

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-22 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-22, Plaintiff,

v.

EDUARDO NEVAREZ; MARIA L. NEVAREZ; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1, Mesilla Park Mosaic, replat no. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 28, 2004, in book 20 page(s) 648-649 of plat records. The address of the real property is 1860 Tapestry Circle, Mesilla, NM 88046. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 29, 2008, 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 $626,555.20 plus interest from August 15, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify. 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANDOVAL THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-1329-CV-200901020

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

v.

CHRIS A. ROSE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRIS A. ROSE, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 17, 2010 at 12:30 PM, outside the front entrance of the Sandoval County Judicial Complex, 1500 Idalia Rd., Bldg. A, Bernalillo, 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 Thirty Four (34), Block Five (5), High Range, Sandoval County, State of New Mexico, as shown on the Official Plat recorded April 27, 2004 in Plat Book 3, Page 2411-B, Real Property Records of Sandoval County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 3804 Rancher Loop NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144-6273. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 19, 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 $156,745.82 plus interest from August 17, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.750% 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.

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Pub #9331
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200900883

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

v.

JACOB GRAHAM; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside 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 11, Block 29, Las Colinas Planned Unit Development Phase V1-A in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated in the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as plat No. 2766 on 02/02/1996 in Book 18 Page(s) 412-13 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 5005 Rock Court, , Las Cruces, NM 88012 . Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 18, 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 $139,100.62 plus interest from August 28, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

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

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Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D0307CV200800071

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

CLARISSA M. PRECIADO; CHARLES T. GARDNER, JR.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS), Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lots 4, Block 1, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 1, 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. 3772 on June 11, 2003, in Book 20 Page(s) 351 nd 352 of Plat Records and Correction filed June 26, 2003 in Book

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435 Pages 904 through 908 of Doña Ana County Clerk Records. More correctly described as: Lot 4, Block 1, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 1, 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. 3772 on June 11, 2003, in Book 20 Page(s) 351 and 352 of Plat Records and Correction filed June 26, 2003 in Book 435 Pages 904 through 908 of Doña Ana County Clerk Records. The address of the real property is 106 Desert Lily Court, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 17, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $121,321.15 plus interest from February 21, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 8% 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.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
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(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222
07-1958 P657712 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 02/12/2010

Pub #9333
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

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

No. CV-09-3189 (Valentine)

MARIA LUISA ROSALES, Plaintiff,

vs.

CANDY HERNANDEZ, SALLY MORALES, CONSUELO ROSALES, ESTELLA ODETTE, RAMIRO ROSALES and YOLANDA LABRADO, THE HEIRS OF LUIS CARRION ROSALES, a/k/a LUIS ROSALES SR., and MERCEDES ROSALES, his wife, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN; THE HEIRS OF DOMINGO GOMEZ and EUGENIA L. GOMEZ, husband and wife, WHETHER KNOW OR UNKNOWN; THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF IN THE PREMISES, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, IF DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CIVIL ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
NOTICE is given that in the above-styled cause, Plaintiff has filed suit against you, the general object of which is to quiet title in fee simple in and to the real property described in the Complaint in said cause, which lands are more particularly described as follows:
A 0.079 acre tract of land, being a portion of Lots 24 and 25, Block 25, Palmer's Subdivision, situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

TRACT FOUR
DESCRIPTION OF A 0.079 ACRE TRACT
A 0.079 acre tract of land, being the a portion of Lots 24 and 25, Block 25, Palmer's Subdivision, situate in the City of: Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, arid being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at a found iron rod for the southeast corner of the tract herein described, IDENTICAL to the southeast corner of the aforementioned Lot 25, "marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE from the point beginning S 74 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds W, 87.16 feet along, the north line of McFie Avenue to the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE N 14 degrees 58 minutes 22 seconds W, 38.75 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE N 72 degrees 10 minutes 56 seconds E, 80.76 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE S 23 degrees 38, minutes 00 seconds E, 39.53 feet along the west line of First Street to the place and point of beginning, containing 0.079 acres of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

This legal description is based on field work done on September 18, 1997 by Gerald: K. Donohue; PLS 8172.

September 25, 1997
50-40TR4

DONOHUE LAND SURVEYS
3010 BOWMAN AVENUE
BOX 1830,
MESILLA PARK, N.M.
88047
1-575-523-1114

Unless you enter your appearance herein on or before March 2, 2010, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 366, 220 S. Water Street, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366 (575-524-0833), is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on this 13th day of January, 2010.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK
by /s/ ELSA GOMEZ
Deputy

Pub #9334
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200902061

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation Home Equity Asset Backed Certificates Series 2006-3, Plaintiff,

v.

Albert R. Polanco; Cindy Polanco, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1 and the South 10 feet of Lot 25, Block C, College Place Subdivision No. Two, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 24, 1957, in Book 1 Page 34 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 2170 Turrentine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 10, 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 $118,048.95 plus interest from November 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.7500% 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: , 2009.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
09-0598 P658220 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12/10

Pub #9335
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D0307CV200902923

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A, Plaintiff,

v.

Sonia D. Crose; Damon Dwiggins; Suzanne Tent; Rodolfo Lopez; Claudette Lopez; Occupants, whose true names are unknown, Defendants. Notice of Suit State of New Mexico to the above-named Defendant Damon Dwiggins.

Greetings: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4614 Rimrock Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot numbered 1 in Block numbered D of Parkhill Estates Unit #1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Parkhill Estates Unit #1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 18, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 623-624. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before March 19, 2010, judgement by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly
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999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222

Attorneys for Plaintiff
Witness the Honorable Jerald A Valentine, District Court Judge, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this day of , 2009.

Gregory Toomey
Clerk of the District Court

By: Deputy

09-0044FC01 P658278 1/22, 1/29, 02/05/2010

Pub #9337
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 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 (Master) Small Brewer License to High Desert Brewing Co., located at 1201 West Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, 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 19th day of January 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #9340
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2010

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Bertha J. Rivera, DECEASED.

No. 10-0007

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dated: 1/12/2010
/s/ Jesus M. Rivera, Jr.
P.O. Box 2168
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
575-523-8467

USE NOTE
1. See Sections 45-3-801 to 45-3-803 NMSA 1978 for notice to creditors.

Pub #9342
Dates 1/22, 1/29, 2010

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

NO. CV-2010-106
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF RAY MALDONADO FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ray Maldonado, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Raymond Maldonado to Reymundo Sanchez, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge, on the 1st day of March, 2010, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.
Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ray Maldonado
1900 Louise Ct.
Las Cruces, N.M. 88001
575-642-3837

Pub #9345
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D0307CV200902926

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

v.

RICHARD PAUL FLAMM; HAYLEY N. FLAMM; KATHIE JETER; CASA MEXICANA ENTERPRISES; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; GMAC; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD PAUL FLAMM; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HAYLEY N. FLAMM, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Richard Paul Flamm; The Unknown Spouse Of Richard Paul Flamm. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3394 Chimney Rock Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 13, FOOTHILLS SUBDIVISION NO.2, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 9, 1997, and recorded in Book 18 at Pages 667-668 of the Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before March 15, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STA WIARSKI
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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 day of, 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy

09-0724 FC01 P659337
01/29, 02/05, 02/12/2010

Pub #9346
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Onate HS Play Field Improvements Bid No. 09-10-15. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as concrete, asphalt, base course, material testing, fencing, construction staking, SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids February 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9347
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Revised Drainage Improvements Bid No. 09-10-10. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as pipe, concrete, asphalt, base course, material testing, fencing, construction staking, construction signing, permanent signing, SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids February 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9348
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Utilities Sewer Rehab Bid No. 09-10-164. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as concrete, asphalt, base course, material testing, fencing, construction staking, construction signing, permanent signing, SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids February 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9349
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the El Molino Phase V Reconstruction Bid No. 09-10-468. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as concrete, asphalt, base course, material testing, fencing, construction staking, construction signing, permanent signing, SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Project bids February 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9350
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D0307CV200902422

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff,

v.

LYDIA GARCIA; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LYDIA GARCIA, IF ANY, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

State Of New Mexico to the above-narned Defendants Lydia Garcia and Unknown Spouse of Lydia Garcia, if any. Greetings: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 9667 Embarcadero Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Legal Description as Exhibit A Exhibit "A" Parcel 1 A tract of land situate at Leasburg. Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 30, Township 21 South, Range 1 East of the New-mexico Principal Meridian, being and comprising U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C1, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning for a tie, at the original Southeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C, being a point on the westerly right of way line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and common easterly right of way line of Doña Ana County Road D-0567; Thence due West 31.82 feet to the Southeast and true beginning corner of the tract herein described, being a point on the westerly right of way line of a 20 foot wide road known as said Doña Ana County Road D-056; Thence N.88º11'36"W., 314.41 feet along the southerly line of said U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C1 to the Southwest corner thereof and identical Southwest corner of the tract herein described; Thence N.29º42'52"E,. 151.81 feet along the westerly boundary of said U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C1 to an angle point therein; Thence N.40º34'40"E., 39.00 feet continuing along said westerly boundary of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C1 to the intersection with said westerly right of way line of Doña Ana County road D-056, being the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; Thence S.51º03'20"E., 273.85 feet along said westerly right of way line of Doña Ana County Road D-056 to the Southeast corner and true beginning corner of the tract herein described, containing an area of 0.610 acre of land, more or less. Parcel 2 A tract of land Southeast of Radium Springs, Doña Ana County, New Mexico being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C, located in Section 30, Township 21 South, Range 1 East, N.M.P.M. and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the tract herein described, marked by an iron pipe set for the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C, whence the centerline of the A.T. & S.F. Railway at mile post 1101 bears S.81º13'45"E., a distance of 198.96 feet; thence from said point of beginning; S.51º03'20"E., 80.00 feet along the West line of said Railway to the northeasterly corner of the tract herein described; Thence S.40º34'40"W., 60.00 feet to a point; Thence S.29º42'52"W., 151.81 feet to the southeasterly corner of the tract herein described; Thence West 61.50 feet to the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C,

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and the Southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by an iron pipe; Thence N.26°30'20"E., 254.45 feet along the West line of said U.S.R.S. Tract 2-10C to the northwesterly corner and place of beginning containing 0.334 acre of land more or less. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before March 19, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
By: Sharon Hankla
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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

09-2802 FCO1 P659972 1/29, 2/5, 02/12/2010

Pub #9351
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Proposals at 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Purchasing of the following:

Proposal Invitation:
10084984-A Computerized Ticketing System Special Events -Athletics

Proposal Due Date:
February 18, 2010

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Office @ (575) 646-2916.

Pub #9352
Dates 1/29, 2010

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Proposals at 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Purchasing of the following:

Proposal Invitation:
I0084278-A Auxiliary Services Facility Programming Planning Consultant

Proposal Due Date:
February 18, 2010

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Office @ (575) 646-2916.

Pub #9353
Dates 1/29, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 30, 2009, Norma Garcia, 1411 W. Taylor Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-10336 with the State Engineer for Permit to Use Supplemental Well to supplement ground and surface waters within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using well LRG-10336, located within the NE 1/4 Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 3 West NMPM at X=1,353,532 Y=610,323 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by Robert Franzoy, for use in conjunction with well LRG-13444-POD1, located within the NE 1/4 of said Section 7 at X=1,353,492 Y=611,526 feet on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 13.24 acres of land, located in the Pt. NE 1/4 of said Section 7 of which groundwater is combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. LRG-13444-POD 1 is located approximately 1,500 feet northeast and LRG-10336 is located approximately 1,100 ft. west of the intersection of West Canal Rd. and NM Highway 187, northwest of Hatch, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160.If no valid protests objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #9354
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

No. PB-10-0016

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS J. FORESTAL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate arc required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: January 21, 2010.

Kenneth M. Forestal
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Francis J. Forestal, Deceased
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P .A.
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
(575) 526-0960 (fax)
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #9355
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Randy Lynch
3377 Elkridge
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0277 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $336.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: boxes, refrigerator, misc.

Date of Auction:
February 15, 2010

Time:
10 a.m.

Place:
Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #9356
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Erica Alkire
2330 E. Nevada Ave.
Apt 416
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0057 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $286.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: boxes, small tv

Date of Auction:
February 15, 2010

Time:
10 a.m.

Place:
Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #9357
Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2010

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Marco Morales
P.O. Box 1674
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0346 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $276.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting Held on January 25, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 10-023; Ordinance No. 2552: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From A-1 and A-2 (Flood Control and Rural Agriculture, 1981 Zoning Code) to R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density), OS-NC (Open Space-Natural Conservation), and C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for 23.45 + Acres of Property Located East of Del Rey Boulevard and South of Tucson Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to Facilitate a Single-Family Residential and Commercial Master-Planned Development Known as Desert Isles as Well as Bring the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Pillar Engineering for Jean Wright Martin Irrevocable Trust. (Case Z2788).

2. Council Bill No. 10-024; Ordinance No. 2553: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for 4.080 +/- Acres Located at 1886 W. Picacho Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to Allow the Use of a Bus Terminal on the Subject Property. The Zone Change Will Bring the Property Into Compliance With the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Fiesta Properties on Behalf of Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, Property Owner. (Z2801).

3. Council Bill No. 10-025; Ordinance No. 2554: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change >From M-1/M-2 (Industrial Standard) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 0.7494 +/- Acres Located at 250 N. Telshor Boulevard. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to Allow the Use of a Furniture Store. Submitted by Scott H. Achen, Tir Na Draiochta Properties, LLC, Property Owner. (Z2802).

4. Council Bill No. 10-026; Ordinance No. 2555: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change >From R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to O-2 (Office, Professional-Limited Retail Service) for 0.576 +/- Acres Located at 2145 El Paseo Road. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to Allow the Use of the Existing Home as a Professional Mental Health Office. Submitted by Stuart S. Kelter & Leora R. Zeitlin, Property Owners. (Z2804).

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Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 27th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on February 22, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 10-032; Ordinance No. 2561: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From H (Holding) to R-3C (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density-Conditional) for 9.00 +/- Acres Designated as Parcel No. 1 and a Request for a Zone Change From H (Holding) to C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for 8.225 +/- Acres Designated as Parcel No. 2 Each Located North of Peachtree Hills Road and West of Jornada Road. The Properties are Part of the Peachtree Hills Master Planned Area. Submitted by Summit Engineering on Behalf of Ernesto Uranga, Property Owner. (Z2807).

2. Council Bill No. 10-033; Ordinance No. 2562: An Ordinance Approving a Major Amendment to Both the Los Contentos Concept Plan and Final Site Plan and a Request for a Zone Change From C-2C (Commercial Medium-Intensity) and R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High Density & Limited Retail Office) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for 3.15 + Acres of Property. The Purpose of the Major Amendment is to Change the Land Use From Single-Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential, Limit the Maximum Number of Dwelling Units to 80, and Modify the Rear Yard Setback to 7-Feet. The Major Amendment is Limited to Phase IV of the Original Los Contentos PUD. The Subject Property is Located West of Del Rey Boulevard and North of Mar Avenue. Submitted by Lilley Engineering for Thomas Test (PUD-09-01).

3. Council Bill No. 10-034; Ordinance No. 2563: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change Request from C-2C (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) and R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High Density & Limited Retail Office) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for 10 + Acres for the Development Known as Los Contentos. The Subject Property is Located West of Del Rey Boulevard and North of Mars Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change Request is to Bring the Property Into Compliance With the PUD District as Set Forth in the 2001 Zoning Code, As Amended. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces (PUD-09-01ZC).Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk.

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City Clerk

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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COUNTY OF DONA ANA

No: 09-0161

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Dated: 29 December, 2009.

Jacqueline Bennett,
Attorney for Personal Representative
136 S. Water St.
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(575) 527-0225

Pub #9364
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on February 16, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 10-035; Ordinance No. 2564: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Sections 15-1 Through 15-19, Labor Management Relations, to Bring the Code Into Compliance With the State of New Mexico Public Employee Relations Board.

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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Informational Meeting	Opening
Curbside Collection Program Management for Recyclable Materials www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/downloads/P09-10-385/	RFP 09-10-385	MANDATORY February 4, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.	February 23, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.
Solano Drive ADA Improvements from Cactus Street to Spruce Avenue www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/downloads/B09-10-302/	Bid 09-10-302	MANDATORY February 11, 2010 @ 9:30 a.m.	February 25, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
Appraisal Services www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/ downloads/P09-10-441A/	RFP #09-10-441A	None	March 1, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.
Choreographed Fireworks Display www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/downloads/P09-10-476/	RFP 09-10-476	None	February 9, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.
South Fork LC Arroyo Improvements www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/downloads/B09-10-450/	Bid 09-10-450	MANDATORY February 10, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.	February 24, 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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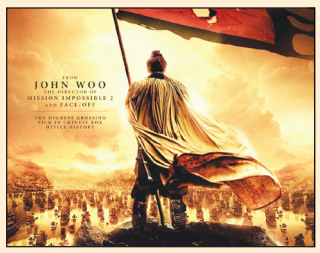

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For the

of Art

ArtForms presents 28 days of creativity

Local artists and community set to celebrate For the Love of Art month

Visual arts, performances and studio tours planned all month long

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Some have called Las Cruces "Santa Fe without the attitude." The Las Cruces area arts community has an attitude, too, that of one big happy family.

For 12 years, the local arts community has been hosting For the Love of Art Month in February throughout Mesilla Valley.

"In the very beginning, Myriam Jarvis and Kelly Hestir were instrumental in developing the ArtForms organization," said Flo Dougherty, artist and owner of Blue Gate Gallery. "Within a year or so they decided to have a citywide celebration for the love of arts in February."

ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico is a nonprofit organization that serves to promote visual and performing arts. For the Love of Arts programs invite members and even nonmembers to display their talents for the community.

Dougherty said she has been involved with ArtForms since its roots, having recently served as president for three years, and added the nice thing about the organization is that it involves all art forms.

"It's not just painters, but dance, theater, music – it's a total package of sister arts that caught on quickly," she said.

Since the first celebration in 1998, Dougherty said For the Love of Arts has involved everyone in the city, whether they belong to the organization or not. She also said it goes beyond the city to other areas in the community.

What to do?

With so many wonderful art celebrations happening throughout the valley during the 28 days of February, where does one start?

"The event guide lists all the activities, where and when they are held, plus a list of all the studios that are going to be on the studio tours and what kind of work they are going to exhibit," said Catherine Brenner, owner of Unsettled Gallery and president of ArtForms.

It also gives concise directions to art studios, she added.

Sounds like this could be a busy month for area hotels and restaurants, too. Brenner said the events are being promoted throughout the Southwest with guides distributed in the Phoenix, Tucson and Tubac, Ariz., markets plus El Paso, Ruidoso and Cloudcroft, providing snow in the mountains doesn't prohibit deliveries.

Cheryl Fallstead, writer, publicist and president of the Foundation for the Las Cruces Museums, said the main events are ArtForms member shows, studio tours and performing arts.

"I just think it's neat that there is so much going on during the month," she said. "There's the official For the Love of Art Month events, then there are individual events people do during the month that also celebrate the arts."

She added that since all art forms are celebrated, the event has expanded to include writers and musicians.

"We will also celebrate for the Love of Literature month, and New Horizons Symphony Orchestra joined ArtForms so we can bring musical art to the month's celebrations," she said.

Full palette of events

The celebration begins with the annual ArtForms Member Exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center Friday, Feb. 5, as part of the monthly Downtown Ramble. The Shannon Gallery will be filled with art of all forms – painting, watercolor, sculpture, photography, paper, jewelry, wood, glass, fiber arts and more.

Studio tours are scheduled for two Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 13 and 14, and Feb. 20 and 21. Artists at 28 locations will open their studios to show visitors where they create their work, discuss their techniques and offer art for sale. This is a unique opportunity to meet artists, learn the stories behind their work and possibly buy a memorable piece to add to a collection.

On the performance side, one major event is the American Southwest Theatre Company's Mardi Gras Gala, 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse. The event includes appetizers, desserts, dancing, games and a cash bar. At the very least, masks and Mardi Gras beads are appropriate for this festive fundraiser. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

The Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music also has planned events. The La Catrina String Quartet will perform a benefit concert at the Rio Grande Theatre to support the chamber group in its musical and educational outreach programs. Another fundraiser for Friends of Chamber Music scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20, is an annual Victorian Tea Fundraiser at the Victorian Tea Room on South Main Street. Call 523-1774 for more information or visit www.lascrucesfriendsofchambermusic.org.

The New Horizons Symphony Orchestra's has scheduled its first Pops Concert, featuring soloist Paul McLaughlin in "Bugler Holiday." The orchestra will also play popular tunes such as the "Star Wars Medley," "The Syncopated Clock" and "Night on Bald Mountain." The concert is free and open to the public at the NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall.

The art of writing will be celebrated during For the Love of Lit, at the Branigan Cultural Center, with writers and the audience surrounded by visual arts created by ArtForms artists. Poet Wayne Crawford will host the reading on Saturday, Feb. 27, featuring local poets and writers.

Get out and enjoy the arts, all month.

ArtForms list

For a complete list of celebrations, times and places check the ArtForms website,
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La Catrina String Quartet benefit for the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Downtown Mall
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13
Tickets $10, call 523-6403

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Love Letters"
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
5 and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14
Tickets call 523-1233

Victorian Tea Fundraiser for the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music
Elegant music, sumptuous food, gourmet tea and stimulating conversation
Victorian Tea Room
1605 S. Main St.
11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20
Tickets $25, call 523-7714 or visit
www.lascrucesfriendsofchambermusic.org

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Rabbit Hole"
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
Various times Feb. 26 through March 14
Tickets and information call 523-1233 or visit
www.no-strings.org

For the Love of Lit
Readings by area poets, writers hosted by poet Wayne Crawford
Branigan Cultural Center
500 N. Water Street
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Free

Visual Arts Shows

ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico Member Exhibit
Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Saturday, Feb. 27.
Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday
Branigan Cultural Center
500 N. Water St.

Linda Miller: Endangered Animal Species Oils
Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Saturday, Feb. 27.
Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday
Blue Gate Fine Art Gallery
311 N. Downtown Mall

A Vision of Possibilities Paintings & Photography
GFWC Progress Club Member Exhibit
Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Sunday, Feb. 28
Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Branigan Library
200 E. Picacho Ave.

Around the Year in Las Cruces
New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter Member Exhibit
Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Saturday, Feb. 27
Gallery hours are 10 am. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday
Branigan Cultural Center
500 N. Water St.

Under the Big Top – Two-Dimensional Art
Las Cruces Arts Association
Opening reception 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Saturday, Feb. 27
Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Terrace Gallery at The Branigan Library
200 E. Picacho Ave.

Meredith Loring: Fabric & Mixed Media
Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Wednesday, Feb. 24
Gallery is open prior to performances
thetheatregallery is located at the Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall

Featured Artist Marie Siegrist: Original Watermedia, Giclées Paula Gonzalez: Mosaic on Pots & Wine Coolers
Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, continuing through Saturday, Feb. 27
Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to noon Saturday
Main Street Gallery
311 N. Downtown Mall

10th Biennial Judged Quilt Show: Mountain Mysteries Workshops with Master Quilter Carol Doak
Las Colcheras Quilt Guild
Exhibit/Workshops 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7
Corbett Center, NMSU
University Avenue at Jordan St.
Tickets $5, call 522-4902 or visit www.lcqg.org.

The Layerists: Black & White & Red All Over
Opening reception 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, continuing through Saturday, Feb. 27
Gallery hours are 10 am. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday
Unsettled Gallery and Studio
905 N. Mesquite St.

Artists of Picacho Hills Paintings, Gourds, Basketry, Jewelry, Woodworking, Pottery
Reception and exhibit noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7
Picacho Hills Country Club
6861 Via Campestre

Red Paint Women: Margaret Berrier, Peggy Brown & Sherry Gara
Collage, Photography, Jewelry, Fiber Art
Opening reception noon to 2 p.m., Sunday Feb. 7, continuing through Friday, March 5
Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Tombaugh Gallery
2000 S. Solano Drive

My Masterpiece
30 local artists exhibiting work "copied" or "in the style of" famous artists; customers vote for favorite contest
Opening reception 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, continuing through Sunday, Feb. 28
Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday
Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery
2470A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla

Fractal Art Framed, Unframed & Cards
Mesilla Valley Fractal Artists
Opening reception 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Satruday, Feb. 13, continuing through February
Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday
Funky Karma Incense & Tea Shop
3207 S. Main St.

Judy Light Fun with Silk Painting Demonstration
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20
Main Street Gallery
311 N. Downtown Mall

Paintings, Photography & Sculpture
City of Artists Promotional Association (CAPA)
Opens Monday, Feb. 1, with Wrap Party 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26
Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Cottonwood Gallery, Southwest Environmental Center
275 N. Downtown Mall

Recurring Events

Maria Cristina Contemporary Tin Art & other Revivals
Regalos Y Art Gift Shop & Gallery
8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, through Wednesday, March 1
Ramada Palms
201 E. University Ave.

Brian Fallstead metal sculptures, including kinetic pieces
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Justus Wright Galleria
266 W. Court Avenue

Sharlene Glock Photography
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Insta Copy, 318 N. Downtown Mall
Market hours
Toucan Market, 1701 E. University Ave.
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mitchell Chiropractic Life Center
816 Spruce Avenue

John B. Northcutt Sculpture
11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Feb. 28
High Desert Brewing Co.
201 W. Hadley Ave.

Kurt Van Wagner Digital Fine Art Photography, Hawaiian Tropical Art
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday
Ono Grindz Hawaiian Cuisine
300 N. Downtown Mall

Lois Wilson, Fused Glass Art & Jewelry – Southwest Glass Creations
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday
Main Street Gallery
311 N. Downtown Mall

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY 1.29

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 922-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

8 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

SATURDAY 1.30

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh fruit and vegetables and unique fine art, along with much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Quilting Demonstrations, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. In conjunction with the quilt exhibits "Living Colour" and "A Moment in Time" on display throughout January. Free. Call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Children's Stories, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 669 S. Solano Drive. Dorothy Ormes will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Solano Coas store. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend the storytelling sessions. Free. Call 526-8377.

2 p.m. Vocal Recital, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Soprano Emma Rosenthal and pianist Barbara Toth present an art song recital. Selections include works by Debussy, Copland, Schumann and more. Free.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. $2 donation. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live Jazz, The Player's Grill. New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Featuring Jim Shearer. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Cost $10; $5 with a valid NMSU ID. Call 646-2457.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. 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.

8 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

SUNDAY 1.31

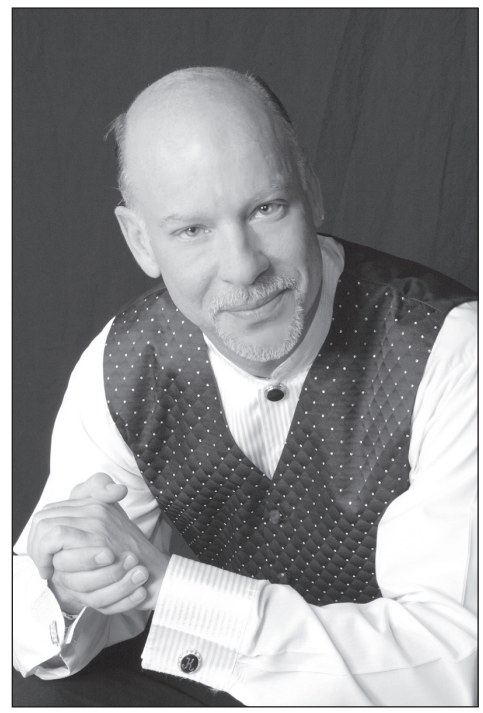
1:30 to 5 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, Tea Cup Garden Studio, 1955 Rincon de Amigos. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One-time $60 fee. Call 680-0791.

2 p.m. DanceSport Society Sunday Afternoon Dance, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. This is a fundraiser to benefit the New Mexico State University DanceSport Team. Dances will include ballroom and swing Latin styles. A free dance lesson of country-western two-step will begin at 2 p.m. Singles and couples welcome. Country club membership not required. Cost $10 for non-DanceSport Society members, $8 for members, $5 for students. Call 496-3397 or email dancesport@nmsu.edu.

2:30 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

MONDAY 2.1

6:30 p.m. Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park meeting, 5000 Calle del Norte. Jay Sharp will deliver a program titled



Maestro Lonnie Klein will talk about the next Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra program at a luncheon 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 at Ramada Palms Hotel, 201 E. University Ave.

"Indians of the Bosque." All MVBSP friends and those interested in supporting the park are invited to attend. Free. Call 523-8009.

TUESDAY 2.2

10 a.m. Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 922-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

2 p.m. Harvest Cooking Class, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Enjoy cooking a variety of recipes with chef Carol Koenig. Pre-registration is required. Cost $35. Call 522-4100.

7 to 9 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One time fee $60. Call 680-0791.

WEDNESDAY 2.3

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh fruit and vegetables and unique fine art, along with much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch 'n' Visit, Hastings, 2350 Lohman Ave. The focus of the group is sharing creative ideas and good conversation. To participate, bring a portable craft such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. Free. Call 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com, 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 2.4

9 a.m. to noon, Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One-time $60 fee. Call 680-0791.

11:30 a.m. Lonnie's Luncheon, Ramada Palms Hotel, 201 E. University Ave., Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra Maestro Lonnie Klein will discuss the group's Classic Four Series at a luncheon buffet. Cost $16. Call 646-3709.

7 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

7 to 9 p.m. The Big Band Dance Club will dance ballroom, swing, and Latin styles to the music of the High Society Orchestra at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Cost is $7 for members and $9 for guests. Singles and couples over 21 are welcome. Dress code. Country club membership not required. Call 642-2002 or 525-9227, or visit www.bigbanddanceclub.org.

FRIDAY 2.5

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 922-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Ramble Art Walk and Love of Art Month Kickoff. The First Friday Downtown Ramble art walk takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. at various locations on and around the Downtown Mall. Enjoy art exhibits, music, entertainment, shopping, refreshments and more. Call 527-5018.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Event features acoustic musicians, poets and storytellers on a lighted stage with professional sound provided. Sign up beginning at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks and coffee provided. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

SATURDAY 2.6

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh fruit and vegetables and unique fine art, along with much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10 a.m. An Old-Fashioned Valentine's Day, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children ages 7 to 12 can create vintage-inspired keepsake boxes, paper flowers, hearts and cards. Participants are encouraged to bring photographs to use in their crafts. Snacks will be provided. Pre-registration is required and the fee includes admission to the museum for one child and one adult. Cost $10 per child. Call 522-4100.

10:30 a.m. Children's Stories, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 669 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Pat Gill will be the storyteller at the Solano Coas store. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend the storytelling sessions. Free. Call 524-8471.

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Greenhouse Gardening Class, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Topics include amending soils, applying herbicides and pesticides, water conservation and fertilizing. Limited to the first 25 people who pre-register. Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. Call 522-4100.

2 p.m. "Strings and Stories," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Annual guests from the Piatigorsky Foundation – violinist Linda Rosenthal and actor Bill Blush – present a a treat for the whole family as part of the "Amazing Magical Musical Adventures" series, a collaboration of Friends of Chamber Music and the Black Box Theatre. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Cost $5. Call 523-1223 for reservations.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. $2 donation. Call 526-9509.

7:30 p.m. The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. THe LCSO presents its fourth concert this season, featuring Jon Manasse, clarinet, and the works of Torke, Liebermann, Copland and Gershwin. Tickets $35, $40 and $45. Call 646-3709.

SUNDAY 2.7

Noon, "The Collaborator of Bethlehem," a book discussion based on a mystery by Matt Beynon Rees, set in contemporary Bethlehem. Temple Beth El library, 3380 Sonoma Springs Ave. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. Free. Call 524-3380.

2 p.m. Chamber Music, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., featuring Nathaniel Berman and Alex Aguirre-Berman. Free, although love offerings for the performers will be accepted.

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass, Country, Folk Music Jam, Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St., Room 129. Held the first and third Sundays of the month. Park in the back of the building on Gregg St. Free. Call 526-5174.

2:30 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

LAST CHANCE

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Through Friday, Jan. 29, the Las Cruces Artists Association presents "A Touch of the Orient" at the Terrace Gallery, second floor of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, 211 N. Water St., features a collection of Barbara Howe's through Friday, Jan. 29. Howe is a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, and paints watercolors and acrylics of the American Southwest and world travels. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call 541-2150.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The museum welcomes its newest traveling exhibition, "A View From Space," 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29 at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor. Blvd. "A View from Space" gives museum visitors a chance to see the world from the satellite's perspective in a highly interactive, hands-on science exhibit. Visitors can track a hurricane from space, send a satellite spinning into orbit around a model Earth, study astonishing images of our planet captured by NASA's Earth Observing System, and more. Call 522-3120.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

Georjeanna Feltha's "Transitions" gathers Feltha's sculpture, collage and multi-media work incorporating handmade paper, clay and a variety of found objects. Of special note are "paper painting" collaborations with long-time paper maker and Las Crucen Martha Duran. Daniel Lauterbach is showing his large, abstract work. Lauterbach is a senior at Alma d'arte Charter High School, where his emphasis has been visual arts. The exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 30. The 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.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery continues its one-man show for Las Cruces artist Michael Poncé through Saturday, Jan. 30. 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.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, presents art by the students of Alma d'arte Charter High School, Las Cruces' only arts-based public high school. The show runs through Feb. 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

CONTINUING

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Watercolorist Marie Siegrist is exhibiting her original watercolors at the Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, through February. Siegrist's realistic style encompasses a wide variety of subjects including close nature studies. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call 647-0508.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The art of Las Cruces Public Schools middle school students is now on display in the gallery lobby of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. The middle school art show will hang throughout February. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 527-5860 or email bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

The center is showcasing five artists of various media in the gallery's 2010 Winter Exhibition 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 M. Lam Wai Man, mixed media; Alan Weinstein, painting; and Peter Zelle, glass sculpture. PCAC is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado, Mesilla. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and by appointment. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

OPENING

NMSU ART GALLERY

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery is featuring Luiz Roldan. Roldan created "Testimonios," a mixed-media installation in the gallery. The exhibition continues through Feb. 26. The gallery is in D.W. Williams Hall on University Avenue east of Solano Drive on the NMSU campus. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 646-2545.

"Vias Italiano" by Peruvian artist Luiz Fuentes now showing at M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery.

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

The Las Cruces Arts Association is participating in the Arts Ramble from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb 5. The theme is "Under the Big Top." The show runs from Sunday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 26, at the Terrace Gallery, second floor of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

GALERÍA TEPÍN

Galería Tepín will feature work by Santa Barraza, Daniel Zolinsky, Jean Buchanan and César Ívan in an exhibition called "Entre Mundos/Between Worlds," opening from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. at 2220 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. A reception follows across the street at the Cultural Center, 2231 Calle de Parian. "Entre Mundos/Between Worlds" featured artwork explores the worlds that exist inside, alongside and within our own, the realities of the everyday and the more than everyday that cohabit and give meaning to our lives. Call 523-3988, email bbf@borderbookfestival.com or visit www.borderbookfestival.org.

COMING SOON

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery celebrates For the Love of Art Month with an exhibit by Luiz Fuentes from Peru. Artist reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 during the Arts Ramble. 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.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES

Doña Ana Arts Council welcomes internationally renowned visually impaired artist George Mendoza to both the El Paso Electric and Carolene de Mesilla galleries, beginning with an artist reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 and running through February. Mendoza was a promising high school athlete when macular degeneration made him legally blind. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries are located in the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The new exhibition, "Warhol & Pop Art," opens Friday, Feb. 5 and runs through Saturday, April 3. The museum hosting Warhol Factory Weekends in February and March for children to explore Andy Warhol's art-making process. Young artists ages 9 to 12 will create silk-screen prints with ink on paper using the same methods as Andy Warhol. Printing materials, paper, and instructions are provided. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on the day of each workshop and class space is available for 10 participants. Cost $5 per class. Warhol Factory Weekends will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m on the following Saturday: Feb. 13 and 20, and 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.

THE THEATRE GALLER AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

Showing "Free Range Art" by Meredith Loring. Loring started learning to sew at the age of 6, but gave up making her own clothes when she discovered thrift stores. Today, she combines her lifelong love of fabric and needlecraft and her artistic vision with a desire to see objects and materials reborn in new forms. There will be a wine and cheese reception in conjunction with the Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5. The exhibit runs through Feb. 14. The theatregallery is open one hour before performances and by appointment at 523-1223.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The center presents two quilt exhibits: "Living Colour" and "A Moment in Time," on display throughout January. Next, as part of the "For the Love of Art Month," Branigan will host the 12th Annual ArtForms Membership Exhibit, opening with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and running through Saturday, Feb. 27. Along with the ArtForms Membership Show, Wayne Crawford will host "For the Love of Lit" at the center on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring readings by area poets and writers. 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. Free. Call 541-2154 or visit http://las-cruces.org/museums.

JOYCE MACRORIE GALLERY

Linda Gendall has joined the Joyce T. Macrorie Gallery. A show celebrating Gendall opens at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and continues through February as part of For the Love of Art Month studio tours. The gallery is located at 639 South San Pedro. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Call 571-8349.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

The Society of Layerists in Multi-Media (SLMM) will have a reception for its "Black & White & Red All Over " show as part of For the Love of Art Month on Saturday, Feb. 6, 4 to 6 p.m. SLMM, also known as Layerists, are mature, proficient artists who express a holistic worldview through diverse approaches. The show will be available throughout February. The 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

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The gallery unites three women who have pooled their talents to bring a glimpse of the Land Down Under to the Land of Enchantment. Opens from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb 7, and runs through March 5. The Tombaugh Gallery of the Las Cruces Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 2000 S. Solano. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

LAS COLCHERAS QUILT SHOW

Entries are being accepted for the 2010 Las Colcheras Quilt Guild 10th Judged Quilt Show to be held Feb. 6 and 7 at the New Mexico State University Corbett Center Student Union. Deadline is Jan. 23. Call 522-4902 or visit www.lcqg.org.

49TH ANNUAL NEW MEXICO ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

The 49th New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair will be held June 25, 26 and 27 at EXPO New Mexico in Albuquerque. The fair features more than 220 artists. Deadline is Jan. 30. To apply, visit www.zapplication.org. Call the NMACF office at 505-884-9043 or visit www.nmartsandcraftsfair.org.

MASTERWORKS OF NEW MEXICO

MasterWorks is looking for entries for its 12th annual premier show of fine art, open to all New Mexico artists in four divisions – miniatures, pastel, water media and oil/acrylic. An artist may enter one or all of the divisions. The show will take place April 10 through April 30 at Expo New Mexico Hispanic Arts Building in Albuquerque. Deadline for digital entries and larger works is Jan. 30. Deadline for shipped miniature works is March 20. Deadline for hand-delivered miniature works is March 28. Call 505-260-9977, visit www.masterworksnm.org or email bardean@aol.com.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO/ EL PASO JURIED EXHIBITION

Submissions will be accepted from artists ages 18 and over producing artwork in Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Grant, Luna, Sierra, Otero, Eddy, Lincoln, Chaves, Roosevelt and Lea and El Paso counties. All media will be considered. This will be the first of a series of regional juried exhibitions to be hosted by the Preston Contemporary Art Center. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 1, for the exhibition scheduled March 5 through 28. New Mexico State University art professor emeritus Joshua Rose will jury the exhibition. A prospectus is available at www.prestoncontemporaryart.com, at the PCAC or by request. Call 523-8713 or email bschranz@prestoncontemporaryart.com.

AMATEUR STAND-UP COMEDIANS

Auditions are being held at 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5, 6 and 7 at the Black Box Theatre Annex, 717A N. Mesquite St. Be prepared to do about 10 to 15 min of stand-up material. Preferably solo acts or no more than two people. Amateurs only. Those who make the cut must be ready to perform at the Black Box Theatre at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28. There will be no pay, but each participant will receive a DVD. For more information or reservations, call 312-8760.

MUNSON CENTER MINI ART GALLERY

Artists and crafters age 50 or older are wanted for the Munson Center Mini Art Gallery. The show will feature works by senior artists in painting, drawing, china painting, stained glass, pottery, wood carving, jewelry, quilts, embroidery, crochet and knit items and other crafts. Drop off art and craft items from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. The show is from Tuesday, Feb. 16 through Friday, Feb. 19. Call the Munson Center at 528-3000 or visit the center at 975 S. Mesquite St.

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Harvest Cooking Class ◆ Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m.
Enjoy a variety of creative recipes in our very popular monthly cooking class. Carol Koenig is the chef. Pre-registration is required. $35.

An Old-Fashioned Valentine's Day ◆ Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Celebrate times past with a series of old-fashioned Valentine's Day activities for kids. The class is for children ages 7 to 12, and the cost is $10 per child. They will create vintage-inspired keepsake boxes, paper flowers, hearts, and cards for friends and family. Participants are encouraged to bring photographs to use in their crafts. Snacks will be provided. Pre-registration is required and the fee includes admission to the Museum for one child and one adult.

Greenhouse Gardening Class
Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ◆ Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Join the Museum's Landscaping Department in our new greenhouse and learn how to prepare your garden for the spring. Topics include amending soils, applying herbicides and pesticides, water conservation, and fertilizing. Pre-registration is required and the cost is regular Museum admission ($5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens, and $2 for children 5-17). The class is limited to the first 25 people to pre-register.

Lecture/film series: New Mexico Music Legends ◆ Feb. 11, 7 p.m.
Nancy Laflin, executive director of the New Mexico Music Commission, will speak briefly about the Commission and its work, followed by a screening of the documentary "New Mexico Music Legends: Norman Petty Studios." The 2009 documentary was co-produced by the NMMC to profile the famous Clovis music studio where artists Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Leann Rimes, and the Fireballs all recorded some of their early music hits. Admission is a suggested donation of $2.

For more information, or to register for a class, please call (575) 522-4100.

Black History Month features speakers, performers, movie

'Enlightenment' is theme for this year's events

New Mexico State University's Black Programs, in collaboration with various on-campus and community organizations, is celebrating Black History Month by hosting a collection of speakers throughout the month of February.

This year's celebration is different from those in the past in that it consists mainly of guest speakers.

"The theme for this year is enlightenment," said Festus Addo-Yobo, director of Black Programs. "We have people coming in from different backgrounds to give us an insight on how we can become progressive."

Opening up Black History Month is guest speaker Pierre Orelus, a writer and native of Haiti whose research interests include colonial and neocolonial studies, critical literacy, critical pedagogy, and pedagogy for self-liberation and liberation of others. Orelus will speak at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Corbett Center Student Union Art Gallery.

Marjol Rush Collet, who is the cousin of the late Langston Hughes, a writer who is well known for shaping the contributions of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, will be the second guest speaker. Collet will appear at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at theCorbett Center Auditorium.

Omar Tyree, a New York Times best-selling author who has published 16 books and has been recognized as one of the most renowned contemporary commercial writers, will be the third guest speaker at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Corbett Center's Auditorium.

A documentary, "Prom Night in Mississippi," will be presented by producers Paul Saltzman and wife Patricia Aquino at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Corbett Center's Auditorium. The documentary features a Mississippi high school that had been integrated since 1970, but was still holding separate white and black proms. They, along with friend Morgan Freeman, were instrumental in making a change.

As in years past, Gospel Jazz Night will include J.J. Harrison and Youthful Praise and will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall.

Closing out the month-long celebration is a luncheon that will replace the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner. Regent Isaac "Ike" Pino will be the guest speaker for the luncheon taking place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse Banquet Room.

As part of the Black History Month celebration, "Prom Night in Mississippi" movie producers will present the documentary, with features a high school that had been integrated since 1970, but was still holding separate white and black proms.

"This year we made a change in that we wanted to have someone from our community speak at the luncheon," Addo-Yobo said. "Pino has been a great influence in the community and has gone on to do great things."

Co-sponsors for the events include NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education, ASNMSU, Black Student Council, the State of New Mexico's Office of African American Affairs, NMSU Bookstore and Campus Activities.

"We want to encourage the NMSU campus and Las Cruces community to be a part of these great events," Addo-Yobo said.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Black Programs at 646-4208 or visit. www.blackpro@nmsu.edu.

Poets take the stage in February

'Warholed' and the Love of Lit gather authors

"Warholed: Poetry and Pop Culture" is a poetry reading about pop artist Andy Warhol, Warhol's iconic images (Marilyn Monroe, Elvis, Mick Jagger, Karl Yung, Sigmund Freud, The Marx Brothers, Einstein, Campbell's Soup, etc.) and, more generally, popular culture. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St., on the north side of the Downtown Mall.

"You can expect a serious poet to write about Britney Spears, Campbell's Soup or Superman," said emcee and poet Wayne Crawford. "It should be diverse and a lot of fun."

Among the area poets who will participate are Peter Brooks, Kathy Cooke, Crawford, Michael Mandel, Gwendolyn-Joyce Mintz, John Pate, Camillo Roldan, Dick Thomas, Lawrence Welsh, Robbie Wendeborn, Joshua Wheeler and Ellen Roberts Young.

As part of ArtForms' For the Love of Art Month, For the Love of Lit will take place at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. Crawford will host the reading from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. In addition to those poets listed above, other participants include Sheila Black, Floyd Elliott, Billy Garrett, Bud Russo, Bob Sanchez, Ann Sellemi, Joe Somoza, Joe Speer, Tim Staley, Larry Stocker, Joanne Townsend, Dick Thomas and Diane Walker.

Both programs are free and open to the public.

THEATRE

Yolanda Martinez to play the Rio Grande Theatre

Enjoy an evening of Southwestern heritage

Yolanda Martinez will bring her latest works to the Rio Grande Theatre Saturday, Feb. 6.

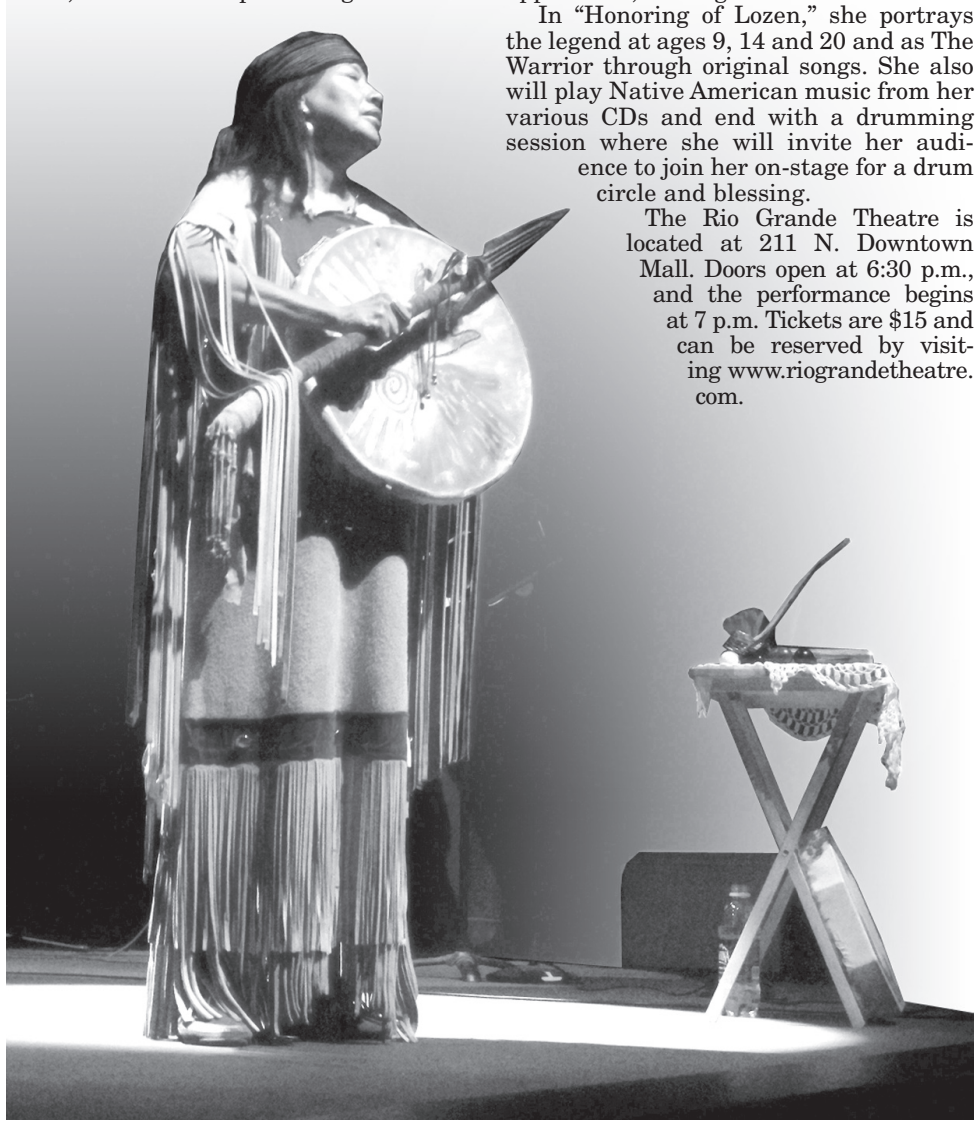
Martinez has become something of a legend in southern New Mexico, creating music that pays homage to her Native American and Hispanic ancestors, while also spreading her message across the country of interconnectivity with Mother Earth.

Her latest production is a two-part event, the first half promoting her latest CD release, "Amor Deveras," the second half a sneak preview of Martinez's in-process production "Honoring of Lozen: An Apache Warrior and All Women Warriors."

Her new CD, "Amor Deveras," is a mix of original tunes and classic favorites, such as "Besame Mucho," "Los Laureles" and "Llorona." Appearing on the CD with Martinez are her band Desert Wind and guest artist Denny Guerrero. Both will appear live, on-stage with Martinez.

In "Honoring of Lozen," she portrays the legend at ages 9, 14 and 20 and as The Warrior through original songs. She also will play Native American music from her various CDs and end with a drumming session where she will invite her audience to join her on-stage for a drum circle and blessing.

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 and can be reserved by visiting www.riograndetheatre.com.



Local entertainer and national recording artist Yolanda Martinez will perform Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall.

Diffusion Saxophone Quartet to play four shows at Boba Café

'Unlike anything you would ever expect'

Boba Café welcomes Diffusion Saxophone Quartet on Friday, Jan. 29, and Saturday, Jan. 30.

"Diffusion Saxophone Quartet is unlike anything you would ever expect," said Boba Café owner Chris Waggoner. "Experience the diverse repertoire for yourself with an evening of great music as the Diffusion Saxophone Quartet performs sultry tango tunes to slick jazz charts."

The program includes works by Piazzolla, Kanno, Curtis and more. The members include Esteban Camacho on alto and soprano saxophones, Shawn Silva on alto saxophone, Stephanie Muñoz on tenor saxophone and Jon Swann on baritone saxophone.

The group will perform four shows. Dinner seats at 6 p.m. with show time at 7 p.m. The cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m. with show time at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the 7 p.m. dinner shows are $25, which includes hors d'oeuvres for two, dinner entrée, beverage (beer and wine included) and gratuity. The 8:30 p.m. cocktail performance tickets are $10 per person. Seniors and students tickets are $8 per person. Call 647-5900 for reservations.

Actors pose in a scene from "Godspell," now showing through Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

'Godspell' extended to Feb.7

Rock musical is still drawing audiences

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Godspell" by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Teblak directed by Dale Pawley. The rock musical production has an extended run through Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

Pawley has directed musicals at Black Box Theatre – "Always Patsy Cline" and "Tell Me On A Sunday" – and Las Cruces Community Theatre, most recently "Hello Dolly" and "Crazy for You."

The production of "Godspell" highlights the acting, singing and dancing talents of Julian Alexander, Margie Brouhard, Walter Carr, Linda Cowan, Matthew Esqueda, Rebecca MacCallum, Janet Mazdra, Michele Nishiguchi, Amy Upshaw and Joshua Taulbee as "JC." Mark Hammersmith and Kim Wollard are also featured in the cast.

The SonShine Band providing the lively music is Danny Wade, drums; Clif Warren, bass; Karen Warren, keyboard; and Tom Warren, guitar. Janet Mazdra provided the choreography.

"Godspell" is one of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway musicals of all time. It is based primarily on the gospel according to Matthew and has an excellent musical score with beautiful songs including "Day by Day," "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord," "Save The People" and "All Good Gifts."

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 24 and 31 and Feb. 7. Tickets are $10 regular admission, $9 students and $7 for seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursday.

Reservations are strongly recommended and may be made by calling 523-1223 or online at www.no-strings.org.

Pick up a brush and paint

A watercolor lesson with Marie Siegrist

During her Wednesday, Jan. 20, watercolor class at Mesquite Street Studio, Marie Siegrist instructs Ann Brightbill in painting cracks on an adobe wall.

PHOTOS BY KRISTINE SANDRICK

Siegrist uses darker green watercolor paint to form the shaded side of a cypress tree.

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Perhaps you've been thinking about a new creative outlet. If you've ever wanted to be an artist, Las Cruces is a great place to learn. Hundreds of experienced and burgeoning artists live in the Mesilla Valley, attracted to this place by the natural beauty and sunny, clear skies. In fact, there is so much talent in our community, one wonders if the Rio Grande flows with creative juices.

Some of us have wanted to try something new but don't have the first clue about how to go about it. The Las Cruces Bulletin would like to help. In this column, local watercolorist Marie Siegrist talks about how to make that first mark on a clean sheet of watercolor paper.

Siegrist was nearing the end of a Wednesday morning class she teaches at the Mesquite Street Studio. Eight or nine watercolorists were seated around a large worktable, and Siegrist, who has been teaching watercolor painting since 1986, counsels beginners and experienced painters.

"When somebody wants to start painting for the very first time, I suggest they keep it very simple," she said.

Siegrist listed the first supplies to buy:

- No. 10 round brush
- No. 6 round brush
- 1/2-inch flat wash brush
- Watercolor paint – warm- and cool-colored paint in each of the primary colors, i.e., red, green and blue, plus one tube of burnt sienna, for a total of seven tubes
- Something to hold water, a spray bottle and a white plastic plate for a palette
- Good watercolor paper, such as Archer, Windsor Newton or Fabriano Artistical

"The reason for the good paper is that you get very discouraged if you start to paint on paper that is inadequate," she said. "And eventually you'll want to get a palette with wells and a cover to keep paints from drying out."

Students gather around her table as she shows them how to paint a cypress tree. She takes a round brush dabbed in hooker's green paint. A Siegrist painting featuring a house and cypress trees sits in the background.

"You have to first establish the light side indicating where the sun is coming from," she said, making quick, vertical strokes shaping the left side of an elegant cypress tree.

The paint on the left side is lighter than the right, due to the "sun" coming from the left.

"You can putter and work it as long as you like. Just try not to have all one value," she said.

Values are the dark and light colors. The magic combination directs the viewer's eye to a focal point, "where the lightest lights and darkest darks come together," she said, adding that some people use a piece of red acetate paper to note the values changes, that is, to see the lights and darks in their work.

> "Some of us have wanted to try something new but don't have the first clue about how to go about it."

She said it's very important to keep a sketchbook.

"I'll make a line drawing with annotations to help me remember what I was impressed with," she said.

Her sketchbook is a record of scenes that have captured her attention over the years. Some sketches are years old, but Siegrist said she wants to paint them some day.

And for the rookie artist who is afraid to make that first mark and possibly ruin a perfectly good sheet of paper, Siegrist offers this advice.

"I tell them to make a few marks on the watercolor paper," she said, possibly indicating where the mountains should start or the house appears on the hillside.

Of course, we all have to start somewhere. Siegrist was a beginner growing up in Wisconsin.

Expressing her desire to paint, her parents gave her a bucket of water and a brush and pointed her to the brown door on their house in Milwaukee.

Those paintless brushstrokes led to art classes, eventually studying wi number of nationally known painters.

"I always enjoyed drawing and got my first real set of paints when I was in my 20s," she said.

You can find beginners watercolor kits for under $20. If it's something you've always wanted to try, go for it. Just tell your internal art critic to take a hike and go with the flow.

Using a flat brush, Siegrist adds lines to shape her cypress tree. She also painted the piece shown in the background with cypress trees behind an adobe wall.

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

The Shed: Local flavor, old school style

Red chile sauce has been used in recipes for generations

By Jeff Barnet
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Gabriel Mendoza, owner of The Shed, comes from a family that for generations has had a passion for both cooking and building in the Mesilla Valley. Mendoza has combined both at The Shed at 810 S. Valley Drive, where he renovated the building, designed the interior and has developed a menu of creative, flavorful dishes.

His grandfather on his mother's side instilled in him the importance of flavor, he said.

"He used to take me to a little Mexican restaurant in Las Cruces and we'd have Mexican cocoa," Mendoza explained. "He'd analyze every flavor, every nuance."

Mendoza is a hands-on owner who likes to work in the kitchen, where he can taste the chile, he said.

"We do red chile from the pod, old school. We take a dry chile pod, then it is sun-dried, rehydrated, then we remove the stems, blend it, strain it, then season it," he said, adding that this red chile recipe has been handed down for generations.

Green chile, freshly roasted, and red chile are found in The Shed's most popular items, such as the breakfast enchiladas, burritos, eggsadillas and eggs benedict, which features a red or green chile hollandaise sauce. Breakfast is served all day with items beginning at $6.99. And, yes, you can have green eggs and ham – served with a creamy basil-pesto sauce. The Shed also has three different kinds of pancakes with six choices of added ingredients, including chocolate chips and pecans, starting at $3.

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Lunch also is served all day, along with soups and salads, and every sandwich is made with one of The Shed's homemade breads.

Mendoza said the fish tacos, made with sautéed talapia and blue corn tortillas, are very popular. Another favorite is the calabasita enchiladas made with three kinds of squash and diced green chile, he said. In addition, the restaurant offers a range of pasta dishes including basil pesto fettucini. Lunch items generally begin at $7.99. And Wednesday through Saturday only, The Shed makes nine kinds of wood-fired pizzas with fresh ingredients, beginning at $11.99.

The menu includes a wide range of both meat and vegetarian dishes, Mendoza said, including both a daily meat soup and a vegetarian soup.

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The Shed offers many tasty dishes, but where else in town can one have green eggs and ham?

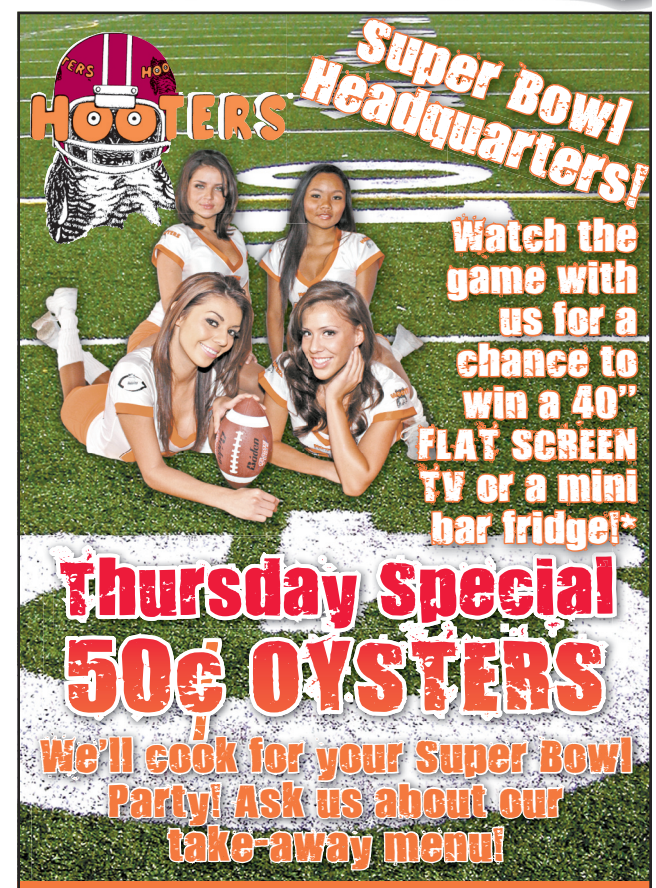
"Our soups are excellent," Mendoza said. "Our posole is also very popular."

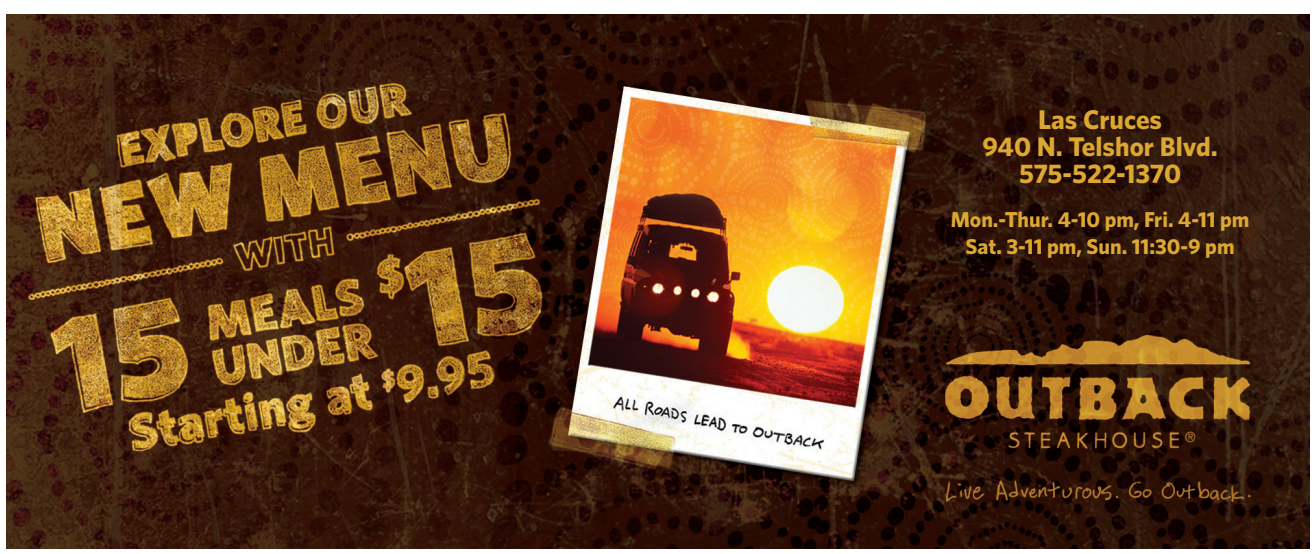
Mendoza explained that the eight kinds of breads he offers – including green chile-cheddar, rye and Parisian – are all made with organic grains and sweetened with local honey. The salads are made with either Romaine lettuce or spinach.

"We serve good food with quality ingredients," he said. "And to that we add good service. If you do that, people will come back."

The Shed has a pleasing décor, designed by Mendoza, with corrugated tin both inside and out. The interior, with 16 tables, is brightly decorated with Southwest colors. In warm weather, Mendoza opens the 17-table outdoor patio shaded by traditional wooden latias.

Mendoza said he encourages Las Crucens to support local restaurants. "It's an eight-minute journey from Roadrunner to Valley, but I think it's worth the trip," he said.





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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

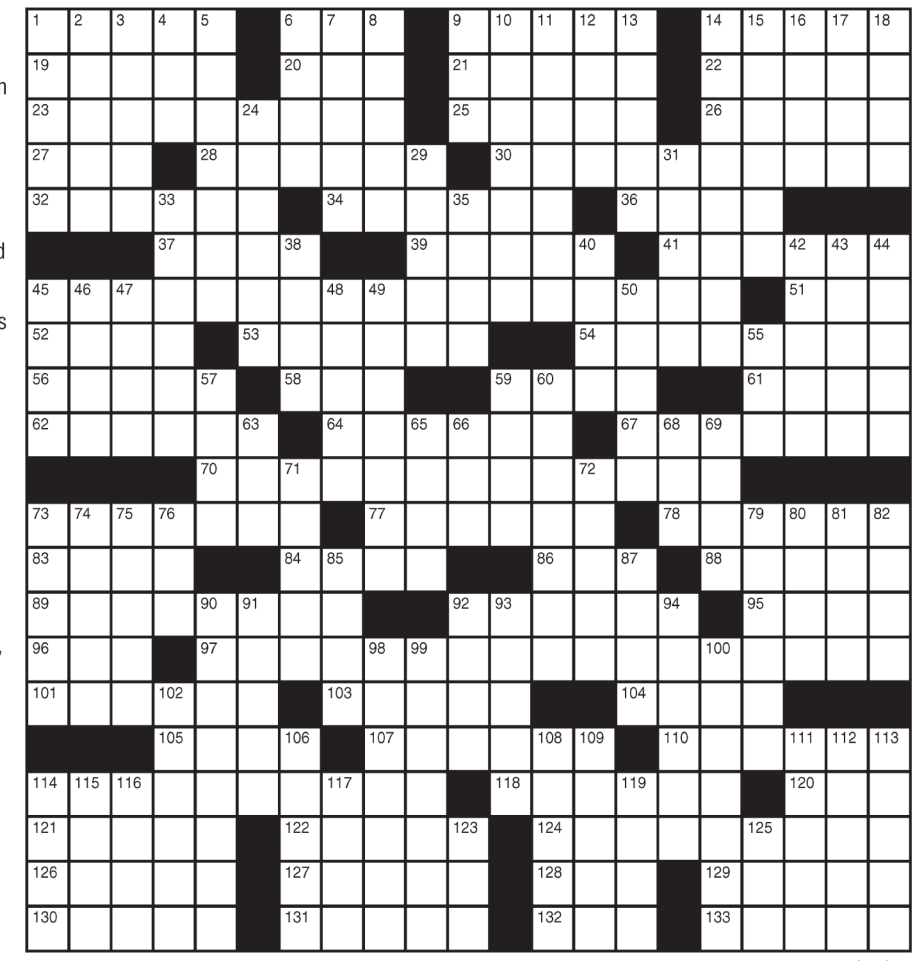
ACROSS
1 Loud fans
9 Damon or Dillon
13 Makes a mess of
14 Vega's constellation
15 Precede in time
16 Bogart/Bacall classic
21 Golf gadget
22 Paint layer
26 Prepared to be knighted
27 Make a blunder
28 Become weary
29 Boredom
30 Quizmaster Trebek
31 Marks exams again
34 Campsite sight
35 Popular ISP
36 Epic sci-fi tales
43 Frigid
44 Daughter of King Minos
45 Jiffy
46 Fellow
49 Dead bodies
50 Dream up
54 In days past
55 Baseball stat.
56 Professional copyist
58 Pi follower
59 Slim swimmer
60 People of the press?
61 Venetian or Florentine
65 Parched
66 Work wk. starter
67 Half a football team
68 Cult's ending
69 Starlets' demos
73 Opp. of NNW
74 Cash advance
75 Traveling vendors
80 Possesses
81 On guard
82 Menial laborer
83 Sink in the middle
86 U.S. family of artists
87 Crime novelist Buchanan
88 Deadlock
89 Proclaimed shrilly
93 Fidgety
98 "Damn Yankees" vamp
99 South African golfer
100 Joyride
101 "Rebel Without a Cause" co-star

DOWN
1 Roofer's stone
2 Razor sharpener
3 Exterior
4 Exploit
5 Koppel or Mack
6 NASA's ISS partner
7 Boring routine
8 Be a viewer
9 Jan. honoree
10 Shipmate's assent
11 Make an effort
12 Loquacious one
17 Diva Moffo
18 Tear apart
19 Fastening substance
20 Cornelia __ Skinner
23 Well worker
24 Sports site
25 Written passages
31 Dried grapes
32 Mammalian epoch
33 Ester with fatty acids
36 Blessed
37 Deep investigator
38 In a breezy way
39 Beret or beanie
40 Ames and Asner
41 First grade
42 Gloomy philosophy
46 Cheech and John
47 Horrorstruck
48 Ownerless
50 Male triathletes
51 Max. opposite
52 Mich. in Chicago
53 Eur. country
57 La __, WI
62 Hamilton bill
63 Ship's tail
64 Marvin or Remick
69 Slalom incline
70 Intimidated
71 Spoke and spoke
72 Traps
75 Gullible dupes
76 Eldest Baldwin
77 Regan's father
78 Perry's creator
79 Commits theft
83 "Skittle Players" painter
84 Grocery store lane
85 Canvas coating
90 Swabbie's tool
91 Yale grad
92 Newsman Rather
94 Notable time
95 NBC classic
96 McGraw or Curry
97 Hawaiian garland

FROST WARNING

ACROSS
1 Behaved unnaturally
6 Old, silver five-franc piece
9 Certain officer in the U.S. Army
14 Location of Libreville
19 Folding green
20 Anthropology subject
21 Pope's fanon
22 University of Maine town
23 Start of Robert Frost quote
25 Shelters for missiles
26 The Home Depot competitor
27 Honolulu garland
28 More unworldly
30 Part 2 of quote
32 Verdi opera based on a Victor Hugo play
34 Ribbed cloth
36 Pouchlike structures
37 Playground players
39 T.B. Lightning player, e.g.
41 Ice falls
45 Part 3 of quote
51 Poetic pasture
52 Part to play
53 Lustrous cotton cloth
54 Lack of existence
56 1936 Olympics superstar Jesse
58 Rudyard Kipling novel
59 Down for the night
61 Pastel shade
62 Third-generation Japanese-American
64 Arizona observatory
67 Contents of wills
70 Part 4 of quote
73 Direct route
77 High regard
78 Band leader?
83 Opposing position
84 Off. underling
86 P.D. alert
88 Dry, white wine
89 Practice
92 Illuminated by an old flame
95 Encourage a yegg
96 Wrath
97 Part 5 of quote
101 Marine formations
103 Agitate a liquid
104 Writer Harte
105 Neeson of "Schindler's List"
107 Speak mechanically
110 Passover
114 Part 6 of quote
118 Violent sand-laden Saharan wind
120 Morgue letters
121 WWII vessel
122 Din
124 End of quote
126 Crab-walk
127 Breakfast fast food
128 "__ Not Unusual"
129 Banal
130 Race of Norse gods
131 Dance moves
132 Allow to
133 Stop for a camel

DOWN
1 Stroll
2 More diffident
3 Competitive way to play
4 "Do Ya" rock grp.
5 Be afraid to
6 Kuwaiti ruler
7 Shut up!
8 "The Odd Couple" neatnik
9 __ Alamos, NM
10 Wallet type
11 Pygmalion's statue
12 "The Time Machine" race
13 Brooding places
14 Putter or driver
15 Provoke
16 Soup serving
17 Scott Turow title
18 Meddlesome
24 Jarrett and Carradine
29 Wash off
31 Is wearing
33 2004 Olympics site
35 Biggers' detective
38 Drench
40 Sandberg of baseball
42 Author of "Silas Marner"
43 Uptight
44 Wise ones
45 Aphrodite's boy
46 Hawkeye State
47 Narrow valley
48 Functional
49 Takes away
50 Tyrolean tune
55 Bullpen stat
57 Tractor-trailer
59 Der __ (Adenauer)
60 Southern U.S. hardwood
63 Actor McKellen
65 Actress Mae
66 Tolkien creature
68 Camera letters
69 Wyomia of track
71 Leavening agent
72 Sufficient
73 Of at. no. 56
74 Calendario starter
75 Former anesthetic
76 Commit perjury
79 Blows one's own horn
80 __ au rhum
81 Fifty-fifty
82 Part of AARP
85 Match parts
87 Type of lettuce
90 Sparkling
91 Cut again
92 Medieval tale
93 Partner of Porthos
94 Lethargy
98 Greenish mineral
99 Prepares for a test
100 Gives the appearance of
102 Soluble mineral salt
106 Fixes
108 Nothing, to Nero
109 Ham it up
111 __ Ababa, Eth.
112 Raccoon's cousin
113 Grant's successor
114 Paul Newman film
115 Stage award
116 Anglers' gear
117 Criminal's haul
119 Boot out
123 UFO crew
125 Coach Parseghian



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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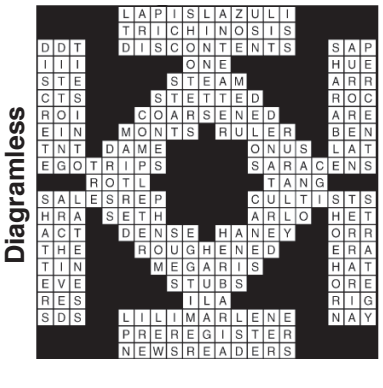
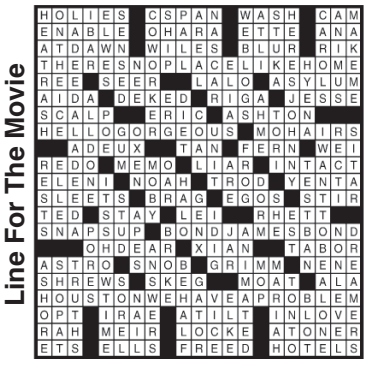


Line For The Movie



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
A man doggedly dug his heels in when his kids kept hounding him to get a new puppy.

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

00 ON AIR
00 COMCAST CABLE

FRIDAY EVENING — JANUARY 29, 2010

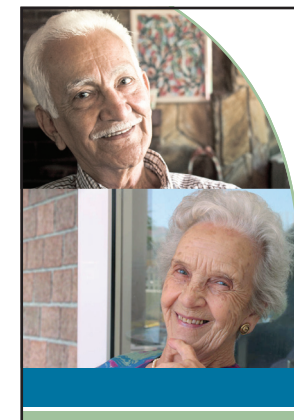
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Wash.	McL'ghlin	NOW,	Wash	Bill Moyers Journal		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Psych" (N)		NUMB3RS CC		News	Letterman		Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Supernanny (N)		Shark Tank (N)		20/20 CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		News	Two Men	Dollhouse CC		Kitchen Nightmares		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law & Order CC		Dateline NBC CC		The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		Smallville "Disciple"		Smallville "Legion"		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★ "RoboCop 2" (1990) Peter Weller.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) CC								SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Baseball	NFL Live	Track and Field Millrose Games. CC				Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				X Center (Live)		Winter X Games	
USA	31	NCIS	NCIS "Faking It"		★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon.					Burn Notice CC		Tom Brokaw		Caprica "Pilot"	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		★★ "Final Destination 3" (2006) CC				★★★ "Scream 2"	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. CC				(:40) ★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997)					Seabis
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"				Presents	Presents	John Oliver		Presents	Presents	"Sarah Silvermn"	
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Best	Best	Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Best	Best
HGTV	41	House	House	HGTV Dream Home		House	Buck	House	House	Unsella	First	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 CC		Gangland CC		American Pickers		Lock N' Load		(:01) Gangland		(:01) Gangland	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Miss America		What Not to Wear		Miss America		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers (N)		Dirty Jobs CC		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
ANPL	50	More Headline		I'm Alive CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted (N)		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted CC		I'm Alive CC	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Penguins	iCarly (N)	Big Time	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:30) "Pitch Black"		★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. CC						News		★★ "The Amityville Horror" (1979) James Brolin.			
SYFY	59	Caprica "Pilot" Lifelike avatar. CC				Caprica "Rebirth"		(:03) Warehouse 13		(:03) Caprica		(:05) Warehouse 13		Stargate Atlantis	
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)		Fast Mny	Options	Cruise-Money		Back to the Future		Mad Money		Cruise-Money		American Greed	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Lockup		Lockup	

SATURDAY MORNING — JANUARY 30, 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	2 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Cultivating	Hometime
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Busytown	Noonbory-7	Busytown	Sabrina	Busytown	Noonbory-7
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	House	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Actor James Roday; singer Darius Rucker.				Turbo	Shelldon	Penguins	Babar (El)	Willa's	Jane
CW	14	(2:30) Storm Track Weather 24/7				Winx Club	Winx Club	Dinosaur	Dinosaur	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Sonic X
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	People	Jillian 2wk	Rosetta	Heat Surge	Lifestyle	Pocket	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Humana	Law & Order: Intent	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		College GameDay (Live)		College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	Fishing	Beat	Tennis Australian Open, Women's Final. CC				English Premier League Soccer				College Basketball	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	White Collar CC		Psych CC		Burn Notice CC		"Chaos" (2005) CC	
TNT	32	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Leverage CC		The Closer CC		★★★ "Scream 2"	
TBS	33	Married...	Steve H.	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	(:25) ★★ "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star"				(:25) ★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997)		
COM	35	magicJack	Insanity	Presents	Presents	Presents	★★ "Loose Cannons" (1990) Gene Hackman.				★★ "Stuck on You" (2003) CC		
LIFE	39	ByeBye	ByeBye	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HAAN's	Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" (1998)			
FOOD	40	Simply	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Tyler's Ult.	Mexican	30-Minutes	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ingred. Fix
HGTV	41	House	Sweat	Amazing	Amazing	Holmes on Homes		Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Steven Seagal CC		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House CC		Flip This House CC	
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC		After Armageddon Survived disasters of the past.				Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect	
TLC	45	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Discovery Channel CME		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Howe & Howe Tech		Engineering Thrills	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Puppy Dogs 2008 (In Stereo) CC				SuperFetch	SuperFetch	It's Me or the Dog		Dogs 101 CC		Cats 101 CC	
FAM	51	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	★★ "The Little Rascals" (1994)		
DISN	52	Zenon: Z3	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Chugging	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Grown Up	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	Neutron	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Backlash" (1956) Richard Widmark. CC				★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood.			
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Meteor" (1979) Sean Connery.				★★ "Asteroid" (1997, Action) Michael Biehn.			
CNN	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HAAN's	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Death-Hollywd	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — JANUARY 30, 2010

		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	Wdwright	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr		Gourmet	Mexico	Taste This	Julia	New York	Lawrence Welk	
CBS	3 3	College Basketball Duke at Georgetown. CC				PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Suite Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Shark Tank CC		Paid Prog.	At-Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Kfox	"Pokémon the Movie 2000: The Power of One"				★★ "Quest for Camelot" (1998) Andrea Corr			
NBC	9 9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Adv. Sports		Skiing			Bull Riding PBR Tour. (Taped) CC			Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Turtles	Chaotic	Into Wild	Wild Amer.	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont
WGN	15	Law & Order: Intent		Law & Order: Intent		Law & Order: Intent		Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Bones (In Stereo) CC	
ESPN	26	College Basketball		College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Vanderbilt at Kentucky. (Live)				College GameDay (Live)	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball		College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) CC				College Basketball	
USA	31	(10:00) "Chaos" (2005)		(:04) ★★ "Crank" (2006) Jason Statham. CC				★★ "War" (2007) Jet Li, Jason Statham. CC				"The Bourne Identity"	
TNT	32	(10:00) "Scream 2" CC		★ "The Haunting" (1999) Liam Neeson. CC				★★ "Final Destination 3" (2006, Horror) CC				"Sleepy Hollow" (1999)	
TBS	33	Vegas Vac	(:25) ★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) CC (DVS)				Jim	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The Office
COM	35	(9:30) "Stuck on You"		Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" CC				"Blue Collar"	
LIFE	39	★★ "The Banger Sisters" (2002) Goldie Hawn.				★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993)				"Spring Breakdown" (2009) Parker Posey. CC			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Worst Cooks		Chopped "Winging It"		Dinner: Impossible		Iron Chef America		Challenge	
HGTV	41	Curb/Block	Outdoor	Outside	Design	Design	Dime	Colour	Colour	Divine Design CC		Color	To Sell
A&E	43	Flip This House CC		Flip House	★★ "Eraser" (1996, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. CC					★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks.			
HIST	44	Nostradamus Effect		Apocalypse Island CC				Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Death Masks CC			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Sinking Carrier		Motor City Motors		Motor City Motors		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops Phoenix		Animal Cops Phoenix		Animals	Animals	Weird	Weird	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	The Haunted CC	
FAM	51	Lttle Rascl	★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar. CC					★★ "Kicking & Screaming" (2005) Will Ferrell.				★★ "Major Payne"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★ "Life-Size" (2000) Jere Burns.			Phineas	Wizards	Wizards-Place		Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	The Fairly OddParents		Penguins	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	(9:00) "Unforgiven"		★★★ "True Lies" (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis. CC						★★★ "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford. CC			
SYFY	59	(9:00) ★★ "Asteroid" (1997) Michael Biehn.				★★ "10.5: Apocalypse" (2006) Kim Delaney. A scientist assesses the threat of seismic activity. CC							
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Strangers		Murder by the Sea		Honeymoon From Hell		Killing-Keithwood Court		The Comic Book Murder			



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SATURDAY EVENING — JANUARY 30, 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	2 22	News	America	Chroni	World	Monarch of the Glen		Wait God	Red	Austin City Limits		Legends & Lyrics		New	Life
CBS	3 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	"The Magic of Ordinary Days" (2005) CC				48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition CC				Castle "Ghosts"		News (N)	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired
FOX	8 14	Legend Seeker		House CC		Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Wanda Sykes		Sit Down	Office
NBC	9 9	Foods	NBC	News (N)	George	Truth in Motion		Law & Order CC		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live (N)		
CW	14	★★ "For Keeps" (1988) Molly Ringwald.				★★ "Peter Benchley's Creature" (1998)				The Hills	The Hills	Payne	Chris	Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Bones CC		★★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere. (In Stereo)					Fun Vi	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★★ "The Insider" (1999) Al Pacino.			
ESPN	26	College Basketball				Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. CC				SportsCenter CC		Final	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball		College Basketball				Tennis Australian Open, Women's Final.				X Center (Live)		Winter X Games	
USA	31	(4:00) "The Bourne Identity"		★★★ "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon.						Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice CC		White Collar CC	
TNT	32	"Sleepy Hollow"		★★ "Disturbia" (2007) Shia LaBeouf.				"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"				★★★ "Sleepy Hollow" (1999) CC			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "The Replacements" (2000)				(:12) ★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) CC				"Bad News Bears"	
COM	35	"Blue Collar"		Jeff Foxworthy		Bill Engvall		Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity		George Lopez: America's Mex.				Comedy-Roast	
LIFE	39	★★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.				"Lying to Be Perfect" (2010, Drama) CC				Project Runway		"Lying to Be Perfect" (2010, Drama) CC			
FOOD	40	B. Flay	Flay	Unwrap	Unwrap	Tailgate-Fieri		Ace of Cakes		Iron Chef America		Tailgate-Fieri		Ace of Cakes	
HGTV	41	For Rent	House	D. Design	Sarah	Outdoor	Block	House	House	House	House	Outdoor	Block	House	House
A&E	43	"The Green Mile"		★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000) Nicolas Cage.					Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	(:01) ★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000)			
HIST	44	Food Tech CC		Life After People		Life After People		Life After People		Life After People		Life After People		Life After People	
TLC	45	Miss America		Miss America 2010 (In Stereo Live) CC				Four Weddings (N)		What Not to Wear		Miss America 2010 (In Stereo) CC			
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	Dogs 101 CC		It's Me or the Dog		Underdog		Pit Boss (N)		Underdog		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51	★★ "Major Payne"		★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.				★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) CC				★★ "Down Periscope" (1996) CC			
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "Meet the Robinsons"		(:45) ★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) (In Stereo)					
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	Troop	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57	"The Fugitive" CC		★★★ "Space Cowboys" (2000) Clint Eastwood. CC						★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001) Owen Wilson.					Behind
SYFY	59	"Lost City Raiders" (2008) James Brolin.				"Meteor Storm" (2010) Michael Trucco.				"NYC: Tornado Terror" (2008) CC				"Meteor Storm"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	MacHEADS		American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part	American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part
MSNBC	64	A Shot in the Dark		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman	

SUNDAY MORNING — JANUARY 31, 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	2 22	(Off Air)				Dinosaur	Mr Rogers	Sid	Santa Fe	Wash.	Legislature	Religion	McLaughlin
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Copeland	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	House	Paid Prog.	Motorcycle Racing	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		This Week CC		Fitness	NBA
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Visions
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today Winter books. (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Travel NM	Meet the Press (N)		Mtthws	Hockey
CW	14	(2:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	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				Winter X-Games CC	
ESPN2	27	Saltwater	Fishing	Fishing	Coastal	Pirates	Span. Fly	Tennis Australian Open, Men's Final. From Melbourne, Australia. (Taped)					
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	In Touch		White Collar CC		Burn Notice CC		★★★ "Breakdown" (1997) Kurt Russell. CC			
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Terminal"		Law & Order "Thrill"		Law & Order "Denial"		"The Amityville Horror"	
TBS	33	Steve H.	★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.			★★★ "Jerry Maguire" (1996) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. CC							Varsity
COM	35	Get Ripped	Baby Read	★★ "Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie"				Jeff Foxworthy		Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up
LIFE	39	Ever Increasing Faith		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	★★ "Then She Found Me" (2007) Helen Hunt.			
FOOD	40	Emeril	Rescue	Chef	Ingred. Fix	Cooking	Giada	Contessa	Boy Grill	Guy's, Bite	Minute	Money	Dinners
HGTV	41	Yard	Get Out	Curb	Dig In (N)	Yard	Holmes on Homes		Unsellable	Designed	Get It Sold	My House	House
A&E	43	Biography "Eminem"		Biography "Will Smith"		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		★★ "Eraser" (1996)	
HIST	44	Victorians	Victorians	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	BodyMkvr	Insanity	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Deadly Bugs CC		Killer Jellyfish CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Nature's Most Amazing	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Bark Mad	Animals	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom CC		Wild Kingdom CC	
FAM	51	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	8 Rules	8 Rules	700 Club-Programming	
DISN	52	Kim Sitch	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Chugging	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Grown Up	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	"The Curse of the Fly"		★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. CC						★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) CC			
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Caprica "Rebirth"		Rose Red (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 3) CC				Rose Red CC	
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		King: Sources		State of the Union		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Murder Obs.	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JANUARY 31, 2010

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	News	NOW, PBS	Bill Moyers Journal		Wider	Second	Spirit-Wine	Bird	Travel	Tracks	Antiques Roadshow (N)	
CBS	3 3	College Basketball Florida at Tennessee. CC				PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round. (Live) CC							Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at San Antonio Spurs. CC					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics. CC					Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Donate	★★ "Quest for Camelot" (1998) Andrea Corr				"Pokémon the Movie 2000: The Power of One"				Skating	
NBC	9 9	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Penguins				International Auto Show		Figure Skating Skate For the Heart. (Taped)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Scrubs	Punk'd	Chris	Payne	American Chopper		Latino TV	LatiNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut
WGN	15	★★★ "The Insider" (1999) Al Pacino, Russell Crowe. (In Stereo) CC						★★★ "Cradle Will Rock" (1999) Hank Azaria.				Boston Legal CC	
ESPN	26	(10:00) Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) CC									Sunday NFL Countdown CC		
ESPN2	27	PBA Bowling Dick Weber Open.			Super Bowl	Women's College Basketball Purdue at Iowa.				Women's College Basketball Baylor at Texas.			
USA	31	★★ "War" (2007) Jet Li, Jason Statham. CC				★★ "The Jackal" (1997) Bruce Willis, Richard Gere. CC					★★ "National Treasure" (2004)		
TNT	32	"The Amityville Horror"		★★ "Scary Movie 4" (2006) CC		(:45) "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"					(:45) ★★ "Disturbia" (2007) CC		
TBS	33	(10:30) ★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999)				★★ "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. CC				★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith.			
COM	35	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up
LIFE	39	"Twelve Mile Road" (2003) Tom Selleck. CC				★★ "The Book of Ruth" (2004) Christine Lahti.				★★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah. CC			
FOOD	40	Home	Big Daddy	Challenge		Diners	Diners	Best Thing	Best Thing	Ace, Cakes	Cakes	Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41	First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	Potential	Estate	Property	House	House	Get It Sold	Unsellable	To Sell	To Sell
A&E	43	(10:00) ★★ "Eraser" (1996) CC			Inter.	Intervention "Marie"		Intervention "Brooke"		Intervention "Jill" CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
TLC	45	Miss America 2010 (In Stereo) CC				Four Weddings CC		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
DISC	47	Nature's Most Amazing		Nature's Most Amazing		Nature's Most Amazing		Planet Earth Extremes Organisms that thrive.				Planet Earth Extremes	
ANPL	50	Maneaters "Sharks"		Maneaters "Lions"		Wild Recon CC		Wild Recon "Rampage"		Wild Recon CC		Pit Boss (In Stereo)	
FAM	51	(10:00) 700 Club Special Programming CC											
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "Meet the Robinsons"			Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Drake/Josh	Drake/Josh	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Ned's	Ned's	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	"The Matrix Reloaded"		★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves. CC						★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves. CC			
SYFY	59	(10:00) Rose Red CC		Rose Red (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3) CC				★★ "Stephen King's Desperation" (2006, Horror) Tom Skerritt. CC					
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Amanpour.		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hair	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Juicing	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Crimes Caught on Tape		Meet the Press CC		Vegas Undercover		Witch Hunt				Lockup: Holman	

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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	2 22	Globe Trekker		Nova CC (DVS)		Nature (N)		Masterpiece Classic		Sound Tracks		Inside "Air Show"		Rudy	(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes (N)		The 52nd Annual Grammy Awards Excellence in the recording industry.							News	CSI: NY "Help"	
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Extreme Makeover		Desperate House.		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	'Til Death	'Til Death	Simpsons	Cleve	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Office	Deadliest Catch	
NBC	9 9	NBC	News	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) CC				Saturday Night Live-Sports				News (N)	George	Paid	CSI Mi
CW	14	★ "Autumn in New York" (2000)				★★ "For Keeps" (1988) Molly Ringwald.				Housewives		Access Hollywood		Stargate Atlantis	
WGN	15	Cosby	Cosby	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM
ESPN	26	NFL	(:20) NFL Football AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. (Live)							(:20) SportsCenter (Live) CC		SportsCenter CC			SportsCtr
ESPN2	27	Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) CC						X Center (Live)		Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe		Fast	X Games
USA	31	(3:30) "National Treasure" CC				★★★ "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon.				House "Joy" CC		★★ "National Treasure" (2004) CC			
TNT	32	(3:45) "Disturbia"		★★★ "1408" (2007) John Cusack. CC				★★★ "1408" (2007) John Cusack. CC				★★ "Scary Movie 4" (2006)			Gothika
TBS	33	"Independence"		★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) CC				(:12) ★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith.						"Jerry Maguire"	
COM	35	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Larry/Cable		Larry/Cable		Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Stand-Up	Tosh.0
LIFE	39	"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"				"Lying to Be Perfect" (2010, Drama) CC				"Lying to Be Perfect" (2010, Drama) CC				Mother	Mother
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks		B. Flay	B. Flay	Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41	Income	House	Outdoor	Block	House	House	Holmes on Homes		For Rent	Income	House	House	Holmes on Homes	
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Madhouse CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men (N) CC		Madhouse (N) CC		American Pickers		(:01) Ax Men CC		(:01) Ax Men CC	
TLC	45	17 Kids-Count		19 Kids-Count		Cake Boss (N)		Little	Little	19 Kids-Count		Cake Boss CC		Little	Little
DISC	47	Planet Earth		Planet Earth Extremes "Predator to Prey"				Planet Earth		Planet Earth Extremes "Predator to Prey"				Brace for Impact	
ANPL	50	Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted	
FAM	51	700 Club		700 Club Special Programming CC								J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place		Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Sonny	Jonas	★★★ "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006)			
NICK	54	iCarly	Jackson	Sponge	Penguins	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57	(3:00) "The Matrix"		★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. CC						★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves. CC					
SYFY	59	★★ "Stephen King's The Tommyknockers" (1993) Jimmy Smits, Marg Helgenberger.								"100 Feet" (2008) Famke Janssen. CC				Caprica "Rebirth"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Biography on CNBC		Biography on CNBC		Put It		"Welcome to Macintosh"		American Greed		As Seen on TV	
MSNBC	64	Lockup: Holman		Gladiator Days		Sex Bunker		Children for Sale		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator		Predator Raw	

MONDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 1, 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	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Antiques Roadshow		For Love-Liberty: Story-America				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami (N)		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love (N)				Castle CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	House (N) CC		24 (N) CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) CC		Heroes "The Wall"		The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		One Tree Hill (N)		Life Unexpected (N)		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	South Pk	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Sports.	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	NFL Live	Women's College Basketball				NFL's Greatest Game CC			Hey Rookie		SportsNation CC		NFL	Fast
USA	31	NCIS "Singled Out"		NCIS CC		WWE Monday Night RAW CC				(:05) Psych CC		(:05) White Collar		(:05) Burn Notice	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Certain Age		The Closer CC		Law & Order		Certain Age	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	Futurama	Futurama	Goode	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★★ "Keeping the Faith" (2000) Ben Stiller. CC					Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Worst Cooks		Worst Cooks		Worst Cooks		Worst Cooks		Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks		Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	First	House	For Rent	Estate	First	House	First	House	For Rent
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Intervention "Linda"		Intervention (N)		Hoarders "Tra; Jill"		Paranor	Para	(:01) Intervention		(:01) Intervention	
HIST	44	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	
TLC	45	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Ultimate Cake Off	
DISC	47	MythBusters Ninjas.		MythBusters CC		Howe & Howe Tech		Motor City Motors		MythBusters CC		Howe & Howe Tech		Motor City Motors	
ANPL	50	Born Different		Animal Cops Miami		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Animal Cops Miami	
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Greek (N) CC		The 700 Club CC		Make It or Break It		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	★★★ "Spy Kids" (2001) CC		Phineas		Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	Sponge	Fanboy	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(4:00) "Wrong Turn"		★★ "Dante's Peak" (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan.				★★ "Volcano" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones.						★★ "Wrong Turn"	
SYFY	59	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster	Darkness	Darkness	Caprica "Rebirth"	
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)		Biography on CNBC		Originals: Bud		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		Originals: Bud		Biography on CNBC	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 2, 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	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News 22	Nova (N) (In Stereo)		Frontline "Digital Nation" (N)			Independent Lens		Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Masquerade"		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife (N)		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Lost "Final Chapter"		Lost "LA X (Parts 1 and 2)" CC				News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	American Idol (N)		Kitchen Nightmares		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo) CC				The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		90210 CC		Melrose Place		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★ "Sleepover" (2004) Alexa Vega. CC				WGN News Election Special CC				S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Sports.	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball Miami at Wake Forest.				NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live) CC				High School Basketball			Fast	SportsNation CC	
USA	31	Law SVU	★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) CC					White Collar (N)		Psych CC		Burn Notice CC		White Collar CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Southland CC		CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC		Southland CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	S. Park	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		"Caught in the Act" (2004) Lauren Holly.				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Ace of Cakes		Unwrap	Best	Chopped		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best	Chopped	
HGTV	41	House	House	First Pla.	First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	First	House	Buck	House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids		Paranor	Paranor	Paranor	Paranor	(:01) Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids	
HIST	44	How the Earth		How the Earth		How the Earth		Life After People (N)		Life After People		Earth-Made		How the Earth	
TLC	45	Little	Little	19 Kids-Count		19 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	19 Kids-Count		19 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		Howe & Howe Tech		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Howe & Howe Tech	
ANPL	50	Raw Nature CC		Wild Recon CC		Wild Recon (N)		Maneaters (N)		Wild Recon CC		Wild Recon CC		Maneaters	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos CC				The 700 Club CC		Secret-Teen		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Beethoven's 2nd" (1993)			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	OddPar	Fanboy	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Dante's Peak"		★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life"				(:45) ★★ "Escape From L.A." (1996)					(:45) ★ "End of Days" (1999)		
SYFY	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Caprica "Rebirth"		ECW (Live)		"Bats: Human Harvest" (2007) CC				Highlander CC	
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)		Coca-Cola Stry		Marijuana Inc.		Porn: Business		Mad Money		Marijuana Inc.		Porn: Business	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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STEP TWO – Read the letter thoroughly.

STEP THREE – Determine what they are looking for. MAIL from the IRS is a notification that they need verification of documents or substantiation of an amount claimed on the tax return. It could be a simple matter: forgotten signature, missing attachment etc. you may be able to quickly and easily resolve the issue, IF NOT proceed to step four…

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PBS 2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News 22	Secrets-Shangri		The National Parks: America's Best Idea (In Stereo)					Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley
CBS 3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Commercials		Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY (N) cc		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Family	Middle	Family	Cougar	(:01) Ugly Betty (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil cc		News	Two Men	Human Target		American Idol (N)		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Mercy (N) cc		Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW 14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		Life Unexpected		Gossip Girl cc		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN 15	Home Videos		★★★ "48 HRS." (1982) Nick Nolte. cc				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	South Pk	Star Trek: Next Gen.	
ESPN 26	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Boston Celtics. (Live)				NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets.						SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2 27	College Basketball DePaul at Marquette.				College Basketball Kansas at Colorado.				College Basketball Idaho at Utah State.				Final	Fast
USA 31	NCIS "Witch Hunt"		NCIS cc		NCIS "In the Zone"		Psych (N) cc		Burn Notice cc		White Collar cc		Psych cc	
TNT 32	Bones cc		Bones cc		Bones cc		Leverage (N) cc		CSI: NY cc		CSI: NY "Recycling"		Leverage cc	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight (N)		Cheech-Chong		Name	Name
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★ "Footloose" (1984) Kevin Bacon.				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium cc		Medium
FOOD 40	Challenge		Tailgate-Fieri		B. Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Worst Cooks		B. Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV 41	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Holmes on Homes		First Pla.	House	Income	House	Holmes
A&E 43	Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty
HIST 44	MonsterQuest cc		MonsterQuest cc		MonsterQuest (N)		Madhouse cc		Madhouse cc		(:01) MonsterQuest		(:01) MonsterQuest	
TLC 45	Mystery Diagnosis		Twins-Knew		Pregnant	Pregnant	Toddlers & Tiaras		Twins-Knew		Pregnant	Pregnant	Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC 47	Man vs. Wild cc		Man vs. Wild cc		Man vs. Wild (N)		Solv.History		Man vs. Wild cc		Man vs. Wild cc		Solv.History	
ANPL 50	Predator Bay cc		Wild Recon cc		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Wild Recon cc		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
FAM 51	70s Show	70s Show	★★★ "The Perfect Storm" (2000) George Clooney. Premiere.						The 700 Club cc		Greek cc		Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"The Color of Friendship" cc		Phineas		Phineas	Montana
NICK 54	Barnyard	Fanboy	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	"Lara Croft-Life"		★★★ "Enter the Dragon" (1973) Bruce Lee.					★★★ "Fight Club" (1999) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. cc						The Fan
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Scariest Places		Highlander cc	
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)		Marijuana Inc.		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed		American Greed	
MSNBC 64	Hardball cc		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball cc		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 4, 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 2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News 22	News	Wildlife	Globe Trekker		Roadtrip	Make	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS 3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Surviving Survivor		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist (N)		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Deep End (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Private Practice (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil cc		News	Two Men	Bones (N) cc		Fringe (N) cc		News	Simpsons	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	Parks	Office	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW 14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		The Vampire Diaries		Supernatural (N)		The Hills	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	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				SportsCenter cc		NFL Live	Sports.	SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2 27	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Portland at Gonzaga.				Final	Bowl
USA 31	NCIS "Suspicion"		House "Forever"		House cc		Burn Notice (N)		White Collar cc		Psych cc		Burn Notice cc	
TNT 32	Bones cc		NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Cleveland Cavaliers.						NBA Basketball: Spurs at Trail Blazers				Inside the NBA	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★ "Just Friends" (2005) Amy Smart				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Daniel Tosh		S. Park	South Pk	Martin	Sarah	Daily	Colbert	Martin	Sarah	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		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV 41	House	House	First Pla.	First	House	House	House	Income	Property	First	House	House	House	Income
A&E 43	The First 48 cc		The First 48 cc		The First 48 (N)		Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Food Tech (N)		Pawn	Pawn	Food Tech cc		Modern Marvels		(:01) Food Tech	
TLC 45	BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters (N)		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper	
DISC 47	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Impaled! cc		Pig Bomb cc		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Impaled! cc		Pig Bomb cc	
ANPL 50	The Natural World		Wild Russia Siberia.		Wild Russia "Arctic"		Wild Russia "Urals"		Wild Russia Siberia.		Wild Russia "Arctic"		The Natural World	
FAM 51	70s Show	★★★ "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy.					Home Videos		The 700 Club cc		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"Jump In!" (2007) Corbin Bleu.			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK 54	OddPar	Fanboy	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	"Enter the Dragon"		★★★★ "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.					(:45) ★★ "The Crew" (2000) cc				(:45) ★★ "K-9" (1989) cc		
SYFY 59	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Caprica "Rebirth"		Stargate SG-1		Highlander cc	
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)		Biography on CNBC		Big Mac: Inside		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		Big Mac: Inside		Biography on CNBC	
MSNBC 64	Hardball cc		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball cc		Countdown	

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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.

BEGINNER

	3		5	2	6	4		
		2				8	3	
5	9		1					6
3	4		6			1		
	8		7		9		2	
		6			1		5	3
4					5		9	8
	2	7				5		
		1	4	9	7		6	

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

		3		4				9
			6			3		
		7	1					
6	2		5			8		
8		9				4		7
		5			8		2	6
					4	7		
		8			2			
3				7		1		

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

			5		7	8		3
		2		4			7	
				2				6
					3	4		
7		9				6		5
		6	9					
1				7				
	2			5		1		
8		4	1		6			

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

3	6	5	2	1	8	9	7	4
4	9	7	5	3	6	8	2	1
1	8	2	7	4	9	5	6	3
7	5	9	1	2	3	4	8	6
2	3	1	6	8	4	7	5	9
8	4	6	9	5	7	1	3	2
5	2	4	8	6	1	3	9	7
6	7	3	4	9	5	2	1	8
9	1	8	3	7	2	6	4	5

CHALLENGER

7	3	5	4	1	2	9	8	6
2	8	9	7	3	6	1	4	5
1	4	6	5	9	8	7	2	3
9	1	2	8	7	3	6	5	4
4	7	8	1	6	5	3	9	2
6	5	3	9	2	4	8	7	1
5	9	1	3	4	7	2	6	8
3	6	4	2	8	9	5	1	7
8	2	7	6	5	1	4	3	9

EXPERT

4	2	6	3	8	7	5	1	9
5	3	8	1	6	9	2	4	7
9	1	7	4	5	2	3	6	8
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6	8	9	7	1	5	4	2	3
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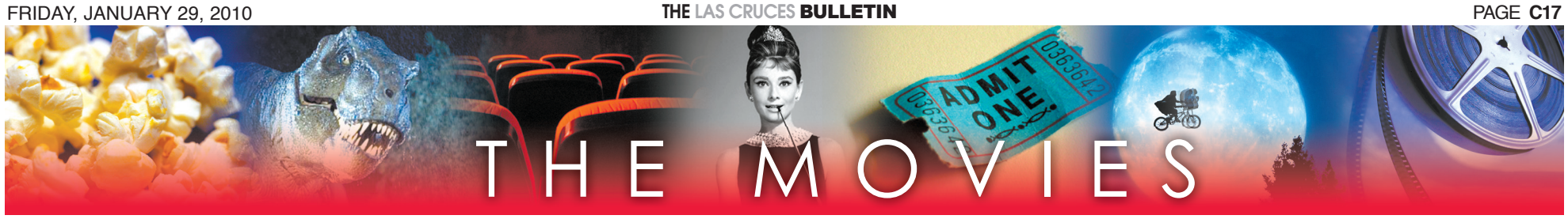
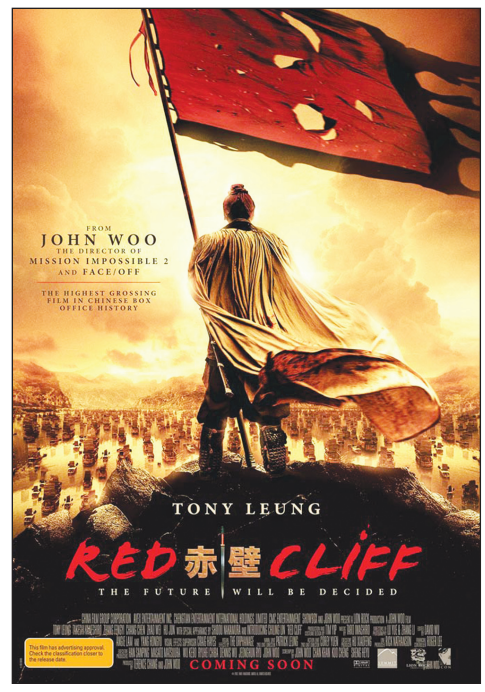


Arrows fly in movie of epic proportions

'Red Cliff,' 'MI2' director Woo brilliantly depicts historic battle

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



Wow! I don't think I'll ever see as many arrows in flight at one time ever again, as I did during several scenes of the comparatively exciting and sprawling John Woo-directed film, "Red Cliff."

This is a tale that takes place at the end of the Han Dynasty, which began in China in 206 B.C., after the defeat of the Qin, who are said to have had tyrannical rule over the people. "Red Cliff" is a blend of fact and fiction, which does falter a bit by not offering any historical overtones of how this war came to be.

"Red Cliff" is the story of two factions, a David and Goliath situation, so to speak, that occurs when Cao Cao, a military leader for the emperor, convinces him that a good course of action for the failing dynasty would be to take on a pair of rebellious warlords, Afghanistan and Iraq, (oh, wait, file that under current events) Liu Bei and Sun Quan.

The warlords, who aren't exactly friendly, learn of the plan separately and are convinced by Liu Bei's brilliant and young strategist, Zhuge Liang, to join forces for the impending invasion. Add into this mix a fierce female warrior, along with a few stereotypes, and you have all of the trimmings for an epic movie.

> "... an all-action-all-the-time piece, the strategy used by the two opposing sides is brilliantly depicted ..."

In fact, the film is based on an epic and respected historical novel, "Romance of the Three Kingdoms." The original version of the film, which will probably never be released stateside, is more than 4 hours in length and the most expensive movie ever made in China, not to mention that it is the most commercially successful as well.

Director Woo, whose U.S.-made-films include such action-laced potboilers as "Hard Target" and "Mission Impossible II," apparently has given up on the fiasco that is Hollywood and returned to China to continue his career.

And he does well in this movie. Although the story is a bit slim, and it is of course an all-action-all-the-time piece, the strategy used by the two opposing sides is brilliantly depicted. Computer-generated-imagery, also called CGI, is used extensively, but with better effects than other films of this ilk. Particularly interesting is the use of weather and a plan hatched by Zhuge Liang when the arrow supply for his leaders is nearly depleted. The battles see-saw back and forth, and Woo's appetite for combat encompasses the 30-minute battle scene that concludes the film and the war.

Woo manages his characters well, and at times it does become a bit overwhelming in its scope and magnitude, but all in all, "Red Cliff" should keep you near the edge of your seat and perhaps make you curious enough to want to see the long version should it become available later. Make sure you buy a large popcorn for this one.

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. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com has no point.

FILM REVIEW

"Red Cliff" plays at the Fountain Theatre from Jan. 29 through Feb. 4. Running time is 2 hours and 20 minutes, but it goes by sooo fast. In Mandarin, with subtitles, and released in 2008.

GRADE B+

'Lust in the Dust' sizzles under New Mexico skies

Remember Tab Hunter? Catch him in this western spoof

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Jan. 29, is "Lust in the Dust" (1985, 84 minutes, made in New Mexico).

After forming a match made in trash-movie heaven in John Waters' "Polyester," Tab Hunter and Divine reunited for this deliciously silly Western comedy, which borrows its title from the nickname for "Duel in the Sun," the turgid Western that inspired director Paul Bartel's affectionate spoofery.

With Hunter wearing two hats as hero and co-producer, the movie indulges its own outrageous excess while staying true to the dustiest traditions of the Western genre. It's just good enough to watch without shame, and rude enough to hide from more likely to be offended members of the family.

Nothing's sacred in Chile Verde, N.M., the wild western town where lone gunman Abel Wood (Hunter) arrives after rescuing corpulent saloon singer Rosie Velez (Divine) from being defiled by Hard Case Williams (Geoffrey Lewis) and his gang of misfit gunslingers. Saloon owner Marguerita Ventura (Lainie Kazan) gets hot 'n' heavy for Abel, and passions flare up in a race for hidden treasure, the map to which is tattooed in two sections on Rosie's and Marguerita's ample posteriors.

To reveal more would spoil the wretched hilarity. One needn't love Westerns to enjoy this tawdry and bawdy comedy, but it helps if you know the legacy of screen villains such as Henry Silva, who is riotous here while barely shifting his vile expression. No doubt, this is the wackiest Western that ever cooked under the "blistering, burning, blazing, scorching, roasting, toasting, baking, boiling, broiling, steaming, searing, sizzling, grilling, smoldering, very hot" New Mexico sun.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m. and admission is $4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for $1. The theatre is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, please call 524-8287, and leave a message.

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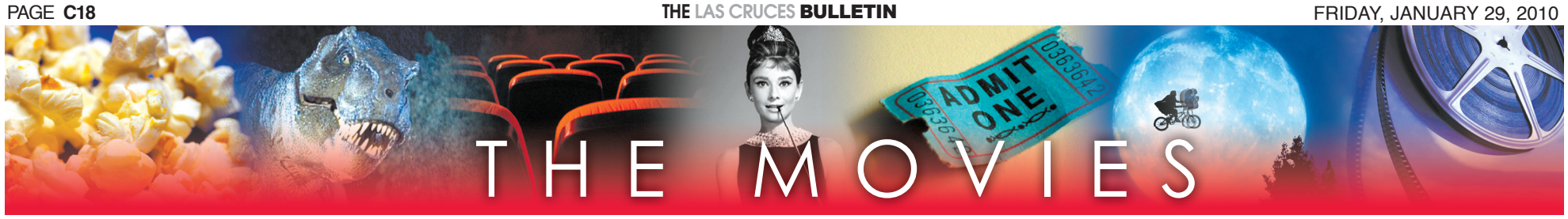

Former wrestler still looks good in tights

'The Tooth Fairy' is a sweet, silly movie with a thoughtful message

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Four solid movie options this weekend and I chose something fun, "The Tooth Fairy." It's not in 3-D and there are no aliens battling earthlings to rule the universe, but I figured there would be no lines at the Allen Theatres on Saturday afternoon.

Wrong. There was a healthy line at Cineport10 and after snaking through the lobby to the ticket window I saw the sign, "The Tooth Fairy 4:35 show is SOLD OUT."

Huh. Really.*

The 2:10 p.m. show Sunday afternoon was packed with an all-ages audience. Dwayne Johnson, aka "The Rock," was the draw in the title role, along with Ashley Judd as Carly – his love interest – Julie Andrews as Lily, a sort of tooth fairy CEO, and Billy Crystal as the inventor of important tooth fairy paraphernalia. We're talking about your shrinking paste, a cat-away horn, barking mints and, of course, fairy dust that makes the sprinkled forget what they saw.

Johnson plays Derek Thompson, a hockey player who's created more of a following by knocking out opponent's incisors than knocking in goals, earning the big, tough jock the oxymoronic moniker.

Not a "believer" in much of anything, Thompson is stuck in the minors, dating Carly and on the verge of telling her 6-year-old daughter Tess there is no such thing as a tooth fairy when a summons pops out from under Tess's pillow to appear in tooth fairy land.

The 6-foot-4-inch hockey tough sprouts wings and a tutu – the latter because of a mix up in the male fairy outfits – and he's sentenced to two weeks of tooth fairy duty.

"The Tooth Fairy" takes us through silly fun twists and turns as a jock learns how to fly, sneak into kids' rooms to retrieve teeth and leave a buck without waking the children, parents or the cat. Thompson meets Crystal who equips him with a goody pouch filled with the aforementioned fairy products and Tracy, played by the tall, string bean Stephen Merchant.

Of course, what would a tooth fairy movie be without its lessons? While learning the ins and outs of tip-toeing into houses, the kindly but skeptical Thompson learns to believe in himself. More importantly, he learns not to squash – but rather to support – children's dreams.

OK, sure, Johnson can't act. But he seems to have fun with this role and takes the audience along with him. Besides, the audience gets to see "The Rock's" legs and with calves like that, who needs to act?

The story is delightful, fanciful and silly. And it has a lesson: that no matter how one feels about their circumstances, there's no point dumping that on a child.

As for the all-ages audience, there were a couple of dozen seats saved for kids who had a birthday party in the theater lobby, and three seniors sitting next to me. The lady next to me said she came to see the movie because, "I just think he's cute."

Just what the dentist ordered on a chilly Sunday afternoon.

**I went early Sunday to buy my ticket in advance. You can do that, you know, buy tickets when the box office opens for any movie that day.*

Hard-playing hockey player, Derek Thompson – played by Dwayne Johnson – enjoys his time in the penalty box.

THE TOOTH FAIRY
Rated: PG
Running time: 104 minutes
Director: Michel Lembeck
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd

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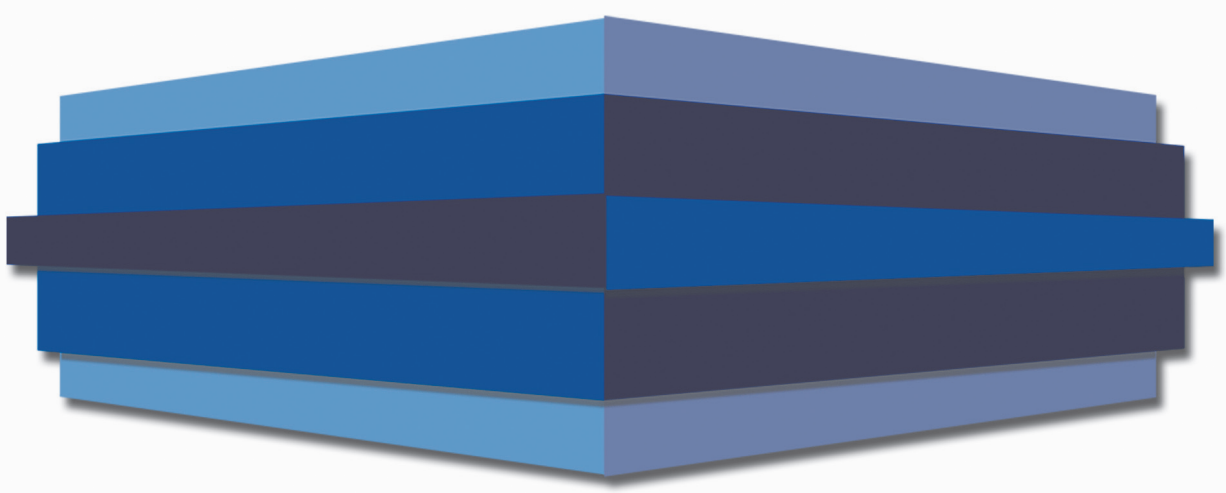

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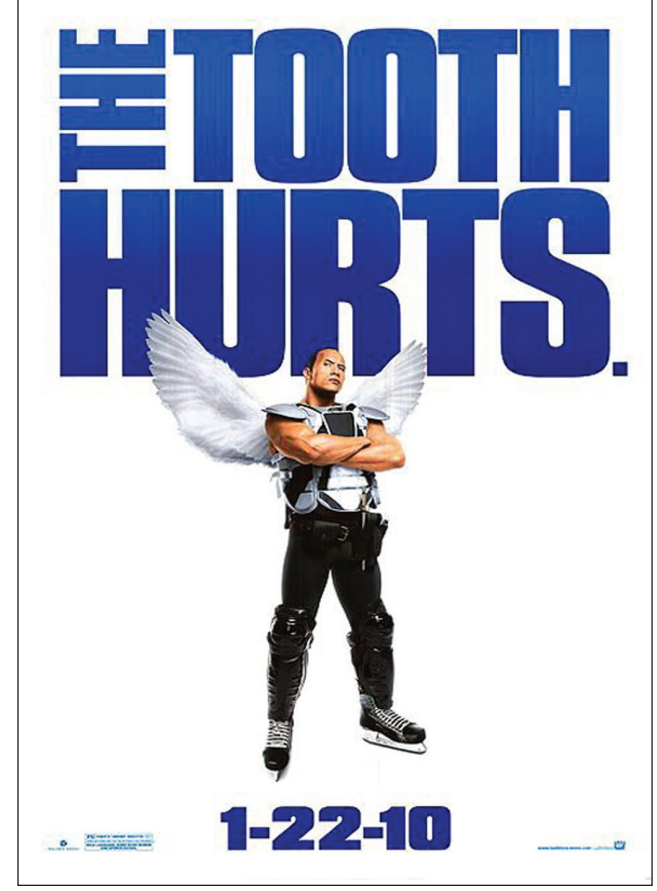


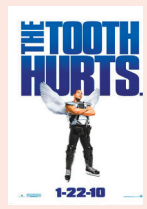
The latest Dwayne Johnson movie is playing at the Allen Theatres Cineport10.

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Tooth Fairy

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: The brawny ex-wrestler is forced to be a tooth fairy. Kids and parents alike will surely giggle at the thought of The Rock in a tutu.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd
Director: Michael Lembeck

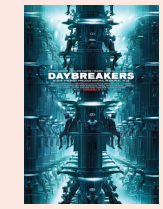


Book of Eli

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

Daybreakers

Rated: R
Plot Overview: It's 2017 and the undead far outnumber the living. A virus has spread across the Earth, turning its inhabitants into vampires.
Starring: Ethan Hawke, Willem Dafoe
Director: Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig



Spy Next Door

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A man is forced to defend some neighborhood children who have been put in his care against spies looking for a stolen secret code.
Starring: Jackie Chan, George Lopez
Director: Brian Levant

Extraordinary Measures

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Finally tasting corporate success, John Crowley walks away from it all when his two youngest children are diagnosed with a fatal disease.
Starring: Harrison Ford, Brendan Fraser
Director: Tom Vaughan

Up in the Air

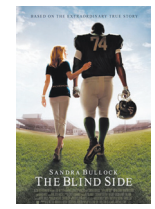
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Clooney is a businessman on the verge of reaching 5 million frequent flyer miles when his company cuts back on travel. But his goal isn't the only thing just out of reach.
Starring: George Clooney, Vera Farmiga
Director: Jason Reitman

Lovely Bones

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Oscar winner Peter Jackson directs this adaptation of Alice Sebold's beloved novel. After she is killed, young Susie Salmon looks down from heaven on her parents and her murderer.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz
Director: Peter Jackson

The Blind Side

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A poor, oversized and under-educated teenager is recruited by a major college football program where he is groomed into an athletically and academically successful NFL prospect.
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
Director: John Lee Hancock



Sherlock Holmes

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Revealing fighting skills as lethal as his legendary intellect, Holmes will battle as never before to bring down a new nemesis and unravel a deadly plot that could destroy the country.
Starring: Robert Downey, Jude Law
Director: Guy Ritchie

It's Complicated

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A comedy about love, divorce and everything in between. When Jane and Jake find themselves out of town for their son's college graduation, things start to get complicated.
Starring: Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin
Director: Nancy Meyers

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

Legion

Rated: R
Plot Overview: In the supernatural action thriller Legion, an out-of-the-way diner becomes the unlikely battleground for the survival of the human race.
Starring: Paul Bettany, Dennis Quaid
Director: Scott Stewart

When in Rome

Opening Jan. 29

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young woman with multiple men after her heart takes a trip to Italy to escape and makes the decision to take coins from a fountain of love, making things tougher.
Starring: Kristen Bell, Josh Duhamel
Director: Mark Steven Johnson

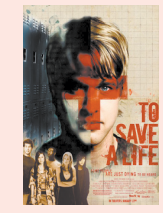
Edge of Darkness

Opening Jan. 29

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Thomas Craven spent years as a detective in Boston. When his daughter is killed near his home, he realizes that her death is only one piece of the puzzle.
Starring: Mel Gibson, Ray Winstone
Director: Martin Campbell

To Save a Life

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Jake has it all: friends, fame, a basketball scholarship and the hottest girl in school. Enter Roger who has nothing – no friends, no hope.
Starring: Randy Wayne, Deja Kreutzberg
Director: Bryan Baugh



New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Feb. 2 •

Zombieland
Rating: R
Genre: Comedy, Horror
Starring: Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg
Director: Ruben Fleischer

Love Happens
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Romance
Starring: Jennifer Aniston
Director: Bandon Camp

Amelia
Rating: PG
Genre: Drama
Starring: Hilary Swank, Richard Gere
Director: Mira Nair

TOP GROSSING

• Jan. 22-24 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1.	**Avatar** (6) $34,900,000
2.	**Legion** (1) $17,500,000
3.	**The Book of Eli** (2) $15,700,000
4.	**The Tooth Fairy** (1) $14,000,000
5.	**Lovely Bones** (2) $9,880,000
6.	**Sherlock Holmes** (5) $6,600,000
7.	**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (5) $6,400,000
8.	**Extraordinary Measures** (1) $6,000,000
9.	**It's Complicated** (5) $5,800,000
10.	**The Spy Next Door** (2) $4,600,000

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Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30
Jan. 29 – Feb. 4 *Red Cliff*
(2009, 148 minutes, English subtitles) Directed by John Woo.
Feb. 5 – Feb. 11 *An Education*
(2009, 95 minutes)
Feb. 12 – Feb. 18 *The Drummer*
(2008, 119 minutes, Mandarin/Cantonese w/English subtitles)
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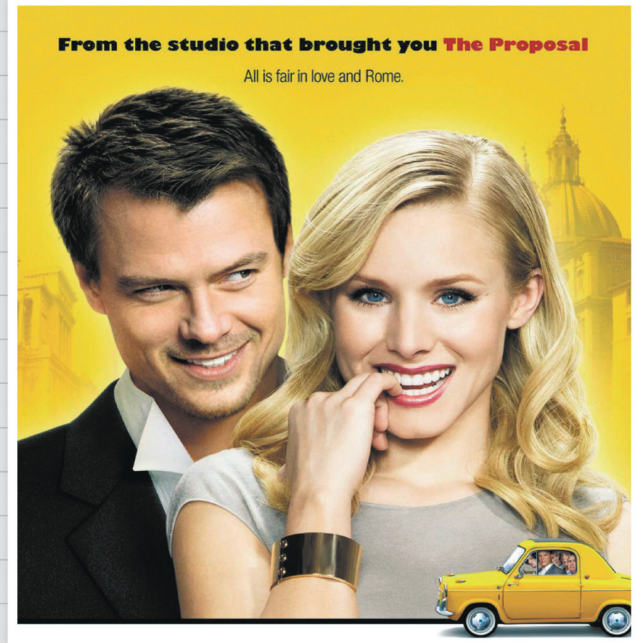

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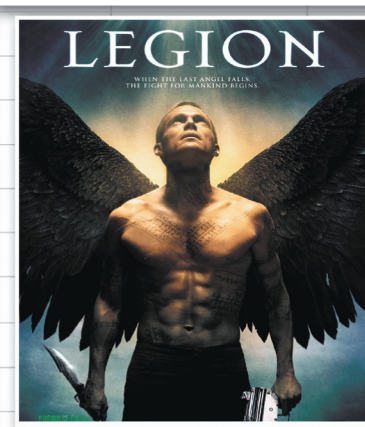

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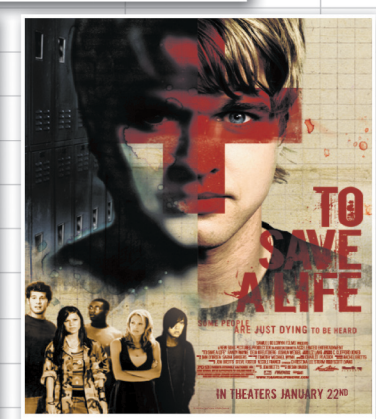

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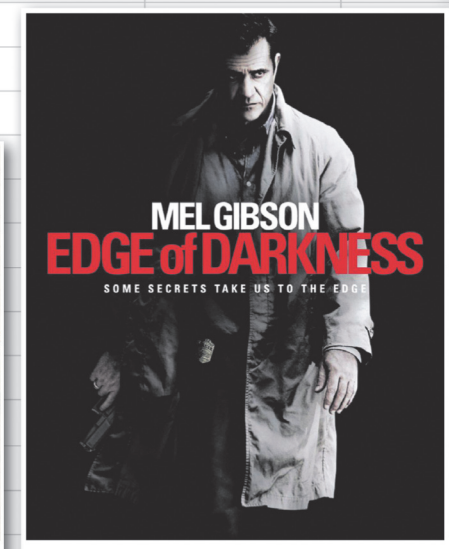

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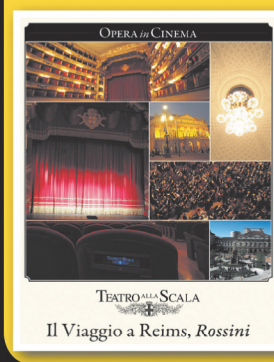

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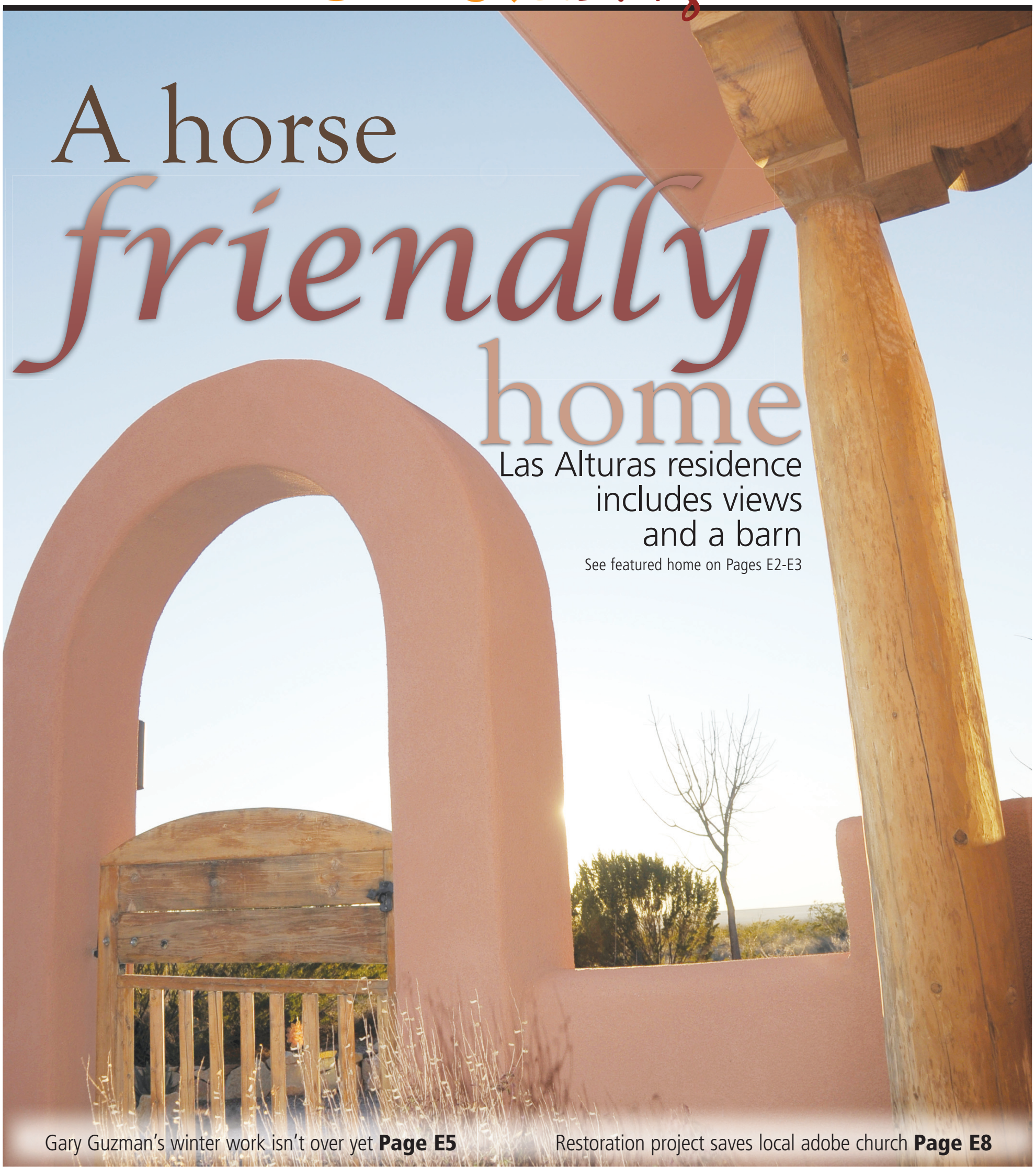

Gary Guzman's winter work isn't over yet **Page E5**

Restoration project saves local adobe church **Page E8**

The home at 5540 George Catlin Road sits on 5 acres in the Las Alturas area.

This small seating area gives guests a place to enjoy a book.

The wrap-around patio features views of the Organ Mountains and neighboring pecan orchards.

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The great room was designed to reflect the home's Southwest architectural style.

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A quiet country retreat

Southwest home offers comfort and elegance

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After living all over the world, Don and Torchy Brown said they knew exactly what they wanted from their Las Cruces home, at 5540 George Catlin Road.

After living in India, Phoenix and a few places in between, the couple said they wanted a quiet retreat that featured plenty of room to display their works of art, including tapestries they acquired from their travels to the Island of Rhodes and Turkey.

"We wanted to have plenty of wall space and we wanted our home to feel open," Torchy Brown said.

After viewing a home constructed by Twighlight Homes, Torchy Brown said they hired the company to build a home in 2004 with a similar floor plan but tweaked to fit their lifestyle.

"We enlarged the dining room, added the little seating area, made the master bathroom bigger," she said

"It's an elegant home and it's comfortable," Don Brown said. "It has a great layout."

Don Brown said they chose their lot, which sits atop a 5 acres hill in the Las Alturas area, because of its views and peace and quiet.

"It's country living, but it's very close to everything," Torchy Brown said. "That was the appeal of this lot."

"It seems like it is a ways out, but it is really easy to get to town," said Realtor Susan Kane with Steinborn Real Estate, who is representing the listing.

Country life was a top priority for the horse enthusiasts, who included a 30-by-40-foot, two-stall barrel and corral on their property built by GL Green.

"We owned two quarter horses, Fancy and Sol," Don Brown said. "On this lot, we had room for both a house and a barn with a corral. You can ride without having to go through fences. It's very open out here."

"The terrain is great for riding horses throughout the property," said Kane, adding that the barn can be converted into an office, workshop or another room to fit the new owners.

Guests to the 2,440-square-foot main house are greeted by a courtyard, which features several native plants and flowers and leads to the custom-made door from Albuquerque.

"The courtyard is my wife's," Don Brown said. "It looks great in the spring and fall. It's a nice place to have coffee in the morning."

"It has great color," said Torchy Brown, adding that she enjoys watching birds, rabbits, coyotes and other wildlife from the courtyard.

Designed with a split floor plan, the great room is the heart of the house. The great room was designed to accentuate the home's Southwest design. Pine beams and corbels divide the space from the entrance. Vigas and a tongue-and-groove pattern decorate the ceiling while a kiva fireplace warms the room.

"It's a very livable house. It's very open and it has a nice flow," Torchy Brown said. "We didn't want a house with a bunch of rooms. We wanted to have space."

Near the great room is the kitchen and dining area. Tile countertops and hickory cabinets envelop the kitchen, which includes a bar area, stainless steel appliances, a ceramic sink and an island with seating. A round wall of windows holds the dining room, enclosing guests in the scenic landscape.

Just beyond the eating area is the master suite. A door leads to the wrap-around patio, while the large bedroom's round walls transition seamlessly to the bathroom, which includes a Jacuzzi bathtub, walk-in shower with a bench and walk-in closet.

The other end of the home was designed to be a private guest area. A small seating area next to a large window is perfect for enjoying a hot drink, reading a book or simply taking in the view of the mountains.

"We just thought this was a nice area and a good way to use the space," Torchy Brown said. "It really is nice for company and gives them space outside of their rooms."

A round wall leads to the guest bathroom and two bedrooms. While the Browns are currently using one of the rooms as an office, both rooms can be transformed to fit the new owner's needs, Kane said.

Several doors lead to the wrap-around patio, which features not only a view of the Organs, but also of a new pecan orchard next door.

The Browns said they wanted a low-maintenance that reflected with the surrounding desert.

"We tried to keep our yard as natural as possible," Torchy Brown said.

Along with rock, the backyard features a variety of cacti, including Argentina cactus, which Don Brown said sprouts giant white blossoms. The backyard also features Mexican alders, while the front yard contains honey mesquite.

"We added a lot of cactuses and succulents to our landscape," Don Brown said.

While the Browns said they have lived in a similar Southwest-influenced home in Arizona, they have never had such a comfortable and spacious abode as this.

"Everyone who has been here says, 'You truly have a beautiful home,'" Don Brown said. "It's a beautiful, livable home."

Skylights are located throughout the home, including in the master bathroom.

Details

Featured home
5540 George Catlin Road

Square footage
2,440

Acres
5

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Two and a half

Fireplaces
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Price
$480,000

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Windows surrounding the dining room bring the outdoors inside.

The kitchen features tile countertops and hickory cabinets, as well as an island.

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Say goodbye to food waste

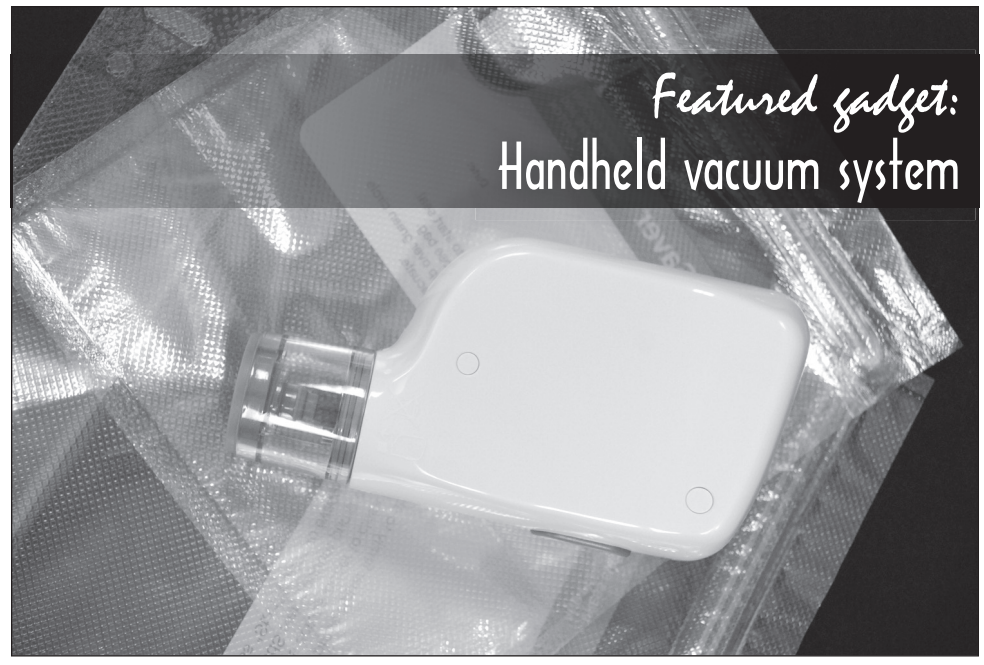
Handheld vacuum system prolongs the life of food

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

During a time of cutbacks and reduced spending, households are being more cautious with their hard-earned money, even in the grocery store.

According to a study by the University of Arizona, Americans waste $100 billion in food annually. Many factors contribute to this large amount of waste, the largest reason being food spoilage.

Perishable food items can deteriorate before the consumer has a chance to devour them. One way to extend the life of your food, which will save you money and reduce waste, is to use a handheld vacuum system when storing your food.



What is it?

The handheld vacuum system is a packaging process that removes air from specially designed storage containers and bags to extend the shelf life of foods. The system, which includes a compact vacuum appliance, works on food items that are stored in the refrigerator, freezer and pantry.

By removing air from the containers, which come in a variety of shapes and sizes, the natural oxidation process of food is reduced. Oxidation affects the nutritional value, flavor and overall quality of these items.

Removing the air can also discourage the growth of mold, yeast and bacteria.

While vacuum packaging doesn't completely stop foods from deteriorating, it does slow the process down, allowing these items to be enjoyed longer.

How does it work?

The handheld vacuum system is simple to use. After charging the vacuum appliance, place the food item – from fresh fruits to soups and breads – into either the specially designed bag or container, sealing the storage unit. Place the vacuum appliance over the valve and press the start button.

After the air has been removed, which takes about 10 seconds, store the item as usual.

Where can it be found?

The handheld vacuum system can be purchased at most kitchen-appliance stores, including Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

How much does it cost?

The price of the handheld food storage system depends on the brand. Most vacuum appliances are sold separately and cost between $20 and $40. Bags and containers also vary in price depending on quantity, and can be as little as $8 for 12 bags or as much as $35 for three containers.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup butter, softened
2 large eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped, if desired

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix sugar, brown sugar, butter, vanilla and eggs in a large bowl by hand. Stir in flour, baking soda, and salt. The dough will be very stiff.

Stir in chocolate chips by hand. Pecans, walnuts or other nuts, can be added at this time if desired. Keep stirring and folding the chocolate chips and nuts into the dough until they are evenly dispersed.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown. Let them cool completely before removing from the cookie sheet. (Recipe adapted from www.popularcookierecipes.com.)

Helpful hints:

Package fresh, perishable foods soon after they are purchased.

To keep hard cheese fresh, vacuum package it after each use. Soft cheeses, however, should never be vacuumed packaged.

While the vacuum system bags are great for meats, fruits and vegetables, liquids and powders should be stored in the containers. Soft or airy baked goods, such as muffins, should also be packaged in a container so they can retain their shape.

Package cookie dough and freeze to enjoy later.

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Swap seeds at new MVM event

Seed Share promotes gardening, biodiversity

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

To promote local biodiversity and get Las Crucens excited about gardening, Mountain View Market and Local Solutions will host a Seed Share from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, in the Community Room.

During the Seed Share, members of the community will be able to drop off their leftover seeds and browse other seeds, taking what they please to plant at home.

"It's an opportunity to get people excited about gardening in the spring," Mountain View Market volunteer Jon Simmons said about the event.

Simmons said there are several benefits to planting a home garden.

"Growing your own food is satisfying on so many levels," he said. "You can grow varieties not found in the grocery store."

Along with producing tasty treats, Simmons said home gardens relieve part of the food-system strain and use less resources than commercially grown produce.

While the free event is designed to get the public excited about gardening, it also will help the spread of biodiversity.

"By exchanging seeds, we are producing more successful crops because the plants are better adapted to our climate," Simmons said.

In addition to the seed swap, Simmons said there also will be live music and an optional potluck to which guests can bring a dish. There also will be informational booths about local gardening and expert growers will be available to answer questions.

Simmons, who also is a volunteer with Local Solutions, said there will be information about local volunteering opportunities, including Urban Orchards, which plants and maintains fruit trees around Las Cruces. Community members can also adopt a melon to assist in a local melon-breeding project.

Because of community excitement surrounding the Seed Share, a common event held around the country, Simmons said they hope to make it a yearly occurrence.

"Now is the time to look for spring crops and begin planting your seeds indoors so they're ready to be transplanted," he said. "I hope to see a lot of people get excited about gardening for the first time."

All leftover seeds will be banked and donated to community garden projects throughout the city.

For more information about the Seed Share or volunteering opportunities, contact Simmons at 640-4288 or jonsimmons@hotmail.com, or visit www.localsolutionslc.org.

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More winter stuff

There is still time to prepare your home's plants for spring

GARY GUZMAN
The Gardening Guru

Water dormant lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers less during winter than you would in the summer time.

Your winter work isn't over yet. Here is a list of things to do and not to do.

Do not prune wisteria, lilac, flowering quince, forsythia or any other early spring flowering plants or trees. If you do, you may lose most or all of the spring show these plants have to offer. The best time to prune these beauties is after they have flowered.

You definitely do not want to cut off the flower buds that are developing during this time of year. If you have had trouble getting these shrubs to flower, you may want to apply super phosphate or triple super phosphate as soon as possible. This nutrient will help plants produce blossoms, whether it is a flowering or fruiting tree or plant.

Do not water your lawn and garden the same way you have been watering during the summer months. I still hear of people who have not changed their timers from last year. As a rule, you can water dormant Bermuda grass, trees and shrubs twice per month during the winter months. Yes, you should still water dormant plants, trees and grass if we have had no recent rain fall or snow.

Do not fertilize warm season lawns, such as Bermuda, at this time, even if the days seem very warm. Your lawn will not green up during these cold months. If you have had trouble with winter weeds, in the past you can use a pre-emergent at this time that does not contain fertilizer. The optimum time to fertilize warm season lawns is late March.

> "You definitely do not want to cut off the flower buds that are developing during this time of year."

If you have a cool-season lawn, such as fescue or rye, you can fertilize now to get it back to that "spring green" color. You can use 16-8-8, or any other lawn fertilizer. If you have had early weeds spring up last year in late winter, now would be great time to use a pre-emergent herbicide on your cool season lawn. Pre-emergent herbicides are available with or without fertilizer, in liquid and granular form.

You can prune your roses any time between now and Valentine's Day. Be sure to remove any dead or diseased plant tissue. Try to "open up" the center of the rose bush. This will help increase air circulation and allow sunlight to enter the center of the plant, which will help with flower health. The Rose Society recommends using Elmer's Glue instead of pruning sealer for the newly cut limbs. Remove any leaves that have fallen or that are still on the limbs, especially if they had powdery mildew or insects. You can apply dormant oil after they have been pruned and cleaned. There are systemic insecticides and or fungicides available to help prevent the infestation of insects or diseases, which can be used now.

You can also prune just about any other shade tree or shrub that is not mentioned above. This includes ash, oak, mimosa, golden rain tree, crape myrtle, mesquite and so on and so on. As a rule, you want to have these plants pruned before they leaf out this spring. You can fertilize them when you see new growth emerging. Please follow the recommended amounts listed on the label when applying fertilizer or any other chemical.

Please don't forget to recycle whenever possible, and if you have any topics you would like to see in more detail, contact the Las Cruces Bulletin at homes@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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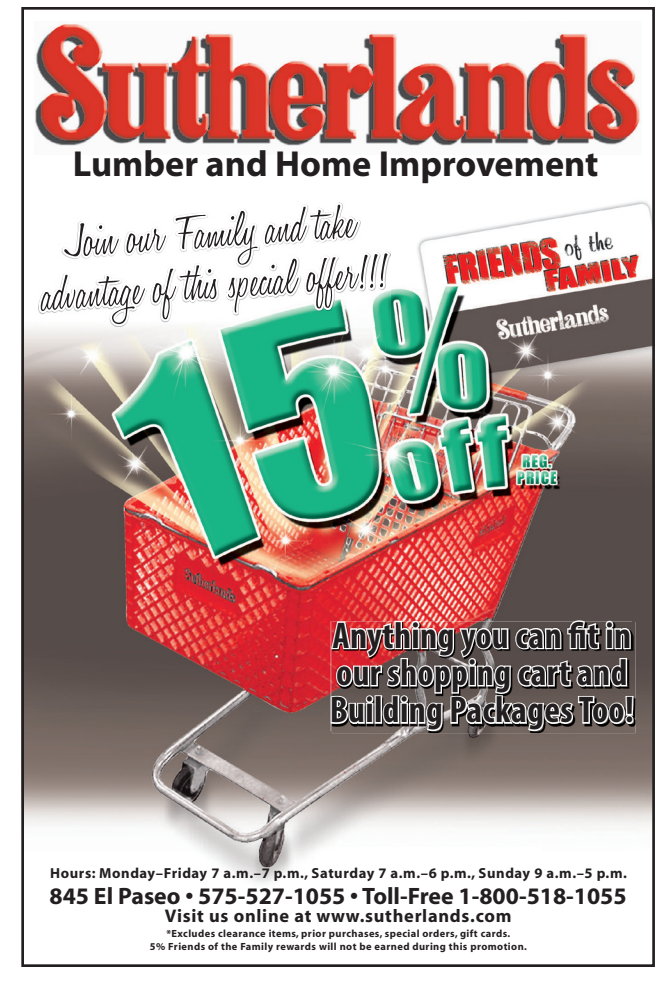

Not just any old fence or gate

Torres Welding creates ornate and functional home pieces

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1983, Sam and Cindy Torres began a welding company in a 30-by-30-foot shop. Now, 27 years later, Torres Welding Inc. has grown into a 10-employee business located in an 8,500-square-foot facility at 3885 Tierra Road.

When he was in the National Guard, Las Cruces native Sam Torres attended welding school after basic training. He then used that training in the automotive industry before pursuing a career in welding.

"I worked at different firms and learned on the job how to manufacture," he said, adding that most of his experience was in general welding, which includes heavy steel structures.

After Sam Torres spent several years working for other companies as a foreman and supervisor, Cindy Torres, who worked as a bookkeeper, said her husband of 33 years came home one day and declared that he was going to start his own welding business.

"We had $500 in our checking account," she said with a laugh. "But it was time to start our own business."

Welding a reputation

When Torres Welding Inc. first began, Sam Torres said he was a one-man team, receiving help only from his wife. He said he didn't own the right equipment to conduct large jobs like he had in the past. Instead, the company began fabricating decorative doors, spiral staircases, fencing, railing and gates, and it soon found its niche in the ornate welding market.

"There was a need in Las Cruces for ornate welding," he said. "No one else was doing it, so we took it over."

As time passed, the company's popularity grew and the couple began hiring additional staff and taking on larger projects. Now, along with ornamental iron, Torres Welding Inc. also conducts general welding and custom fabrications.

"Being able to diversify has kept us alive," Cindy Torres said. "We do a variety of welding."

Sam Torres' work can be seen throughout the area, including Ruidoso, Deming and Hatch, N.M., as well as El Paso. In town, the company has fabricated ornamental iron for George Rawson, owner of Pueblo Builders and developer of Sonoma Ranch, as well as several gated communities in Picacho Hills. Currently, they are creating ornamental iron fencing for the new Premier Distributing Budweiser plant and a metal building addition for Wendell Hull and Associates.

Working mostly with repeat customers and referrals, the Torreses said customer satisfaction is their top priority.

"We take pride in what we do," Sam Torres said. "We strive to do good, quality work. We want to make the customer happy. If they call with a problem, we go out and fix it right away. We take care of our customers."

Sam Torres said each customer has different wants and needs, and with the motto "If you can imagine it, we can create it," Torres Welding Inc. works to fulfill those expectations. After talking with the customer and making a sketch of the piece, the Torres Welding crew then cuts, welds, paints, assembles and installs the piece.

Most jobs, he said, take about a week to fabricate, paint and install. This process is now easier, thanks to the shop's hardworking staff.

"We strive for teamwork," Cindy Torres said. "If we don't work together, a project isn't going to be a success. One guy can't do an entire project. Everyone pulls together to get the job done."

Cindy Torres said most of the employees have been with the company for several years.

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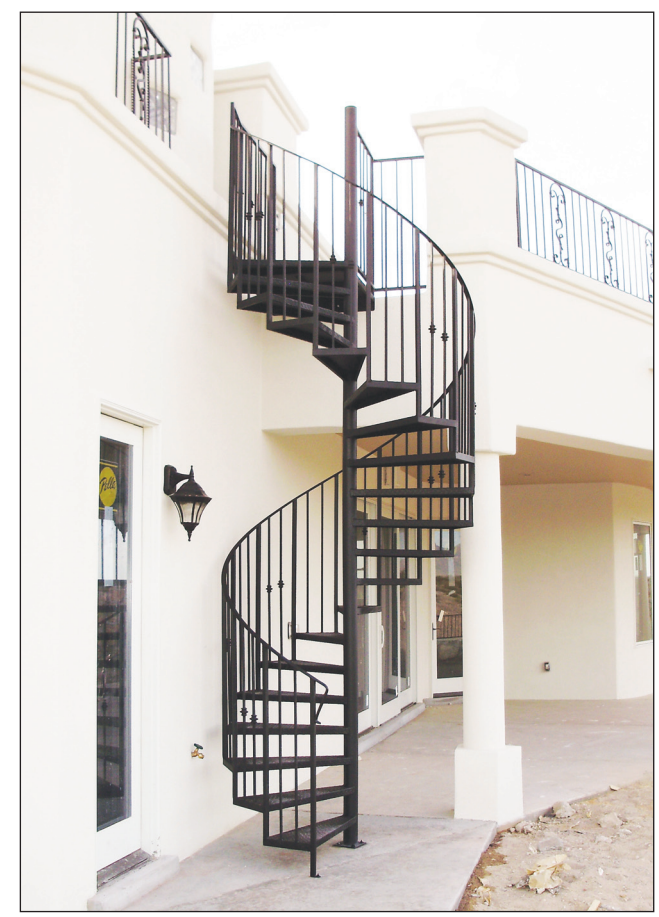
Sam and Cindy Torres began their welding company 26 years ago.

Torres Welding Inc. specializes in manufacturing ornamental iron, including gates and fencing, as well as general welding and custom fabrications.



Torres Welding Inc. made this custom spiral staircase.

Featured manufacturer: Cindy and Sam Torres

Details

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Address
3885 Tierra Road

Website
www.torreswelding.com

Organizations
- Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce

Awards
- Home and Garden Show Public's Choice Award, 2004 and 2005
- Home and Garden Show Judge's Award for Best Business Representative, 2004 and 2007

Family
Sons Steven and Anthony

Torres, Richard Potter, Jesus Valles, Rosalio Rosales, Arthur Torres, Dan Wartman and Chance Thedford

Torres Welding Inc. also creates decorative doors.

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"Our shop foreman, Chance Thedford, has been with us for 10 years and he always gives 110 percent," she said.

"We're picky on who our employees are and the quality of work they do," Sam Torres said.

With a reputation of hard work and a quality product, the Torreses said they were given the opportunity 10 years ago to construct a 20-by-8-by-30-foot memorial for St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, across the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown area.

Torres Welding Inc. was approached by Randy Farmer, a long-term customer, about the project.

"An artist drew the sketch and we did the fabrication from there," said Sam Torres, who was baptized in the church.

The quality of their work has also won the company several awards from the Home and Garden Show, held annually by the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico, including Public's Choice in 2004 and 2005, and the Judge's Award for Best Business Representative in 2004 and 2007.

Life outside the shop

For the Las Cruces couple, their company has allowed them to make a better life for their family, including their sons Steven and Anthony.

While Sam Torres said the only art training he had was in middle and high school art classes, he has always loved working with his hands. Along with welding, Torres said he expresses himself artistically through building hot rods and drag racing cars.

"I consider it an art form," he said, adding that one of his cars has been featured on "Pass Time," a drag racing show on the Speed Channel Cable Network.

Along with building a successful welding business and raising two sons, the Torreses said they are proud of Picacho West Mini and RV Storage, a commercial storage facility the couple built seven years ago.

Welding, however, is still their pride and joy.

"(The most rewarding aspect of our job) is seeing the quality of the finished product," Cindy Torres said.

"For me, it's hearing the customers say they really appreciate our work," Sam Torres said.

Growing over the past 27 years, the Torreses said they are grateful for all of the opportunities they have been allotted.

"(The biggest challenge) is not knowing where the next job is coming from," Cindy Torres said. "You never know if it is going to be feast or famine. The business has taken care of us all of these years."

The Torreses said they plan to continue growing the business and their standards of professionalism and customer satisfaction.

"We're going to continue to serve the people of Las Cruces with quality work," Sam Torres said.

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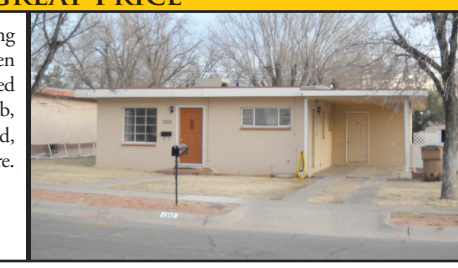

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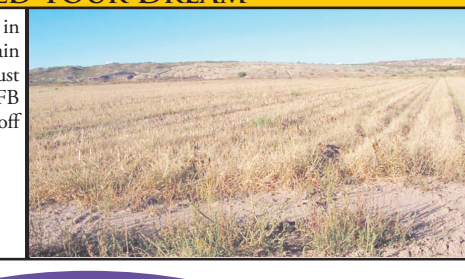

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Saving Las Cruces history

DACC students work to restore Phillips Chapel

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This article is the first in a series following the restoration of Phillips Chapel CME Church, constructed in 1911 on North Tornillo Street.

Las Cruces is full of rich history, from the Mesquite Historic District to the old Santa Fe Depot, now the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. This history, however, is quickly deteriorating as century-old buildings fall into disrepair.

One such structure is the Phillips Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, 638 N. Tornillo St. Still an active church, the adobe building has begun to fall apart at the seams.

To save the historic building, a local team has joined together with the help of community members and experts to restore and preserve the structure. The Phillips Restoration Committee consists of Beth O'Leary, anthropology professor at New Mexico State University; Ron Taylor, lead instructor in the Building and Construction Technology Program at Doña Ana Community College; Dominick Fiumara, painting instructor in the building program; and Clarence Fielder, NMSU history professor and church steward.

A quick history

Phillips Chapel CME Church, constructed in 1911, was founded by Daniel and Ollie Hilber and was the only African American church in Las Cruces for several years.

"My granddad bought this lot for $45," said Fielder, grandson of the church's founders, during a church celebration in October 2009.

Playing an important role in Las Cruces' history, Fielder said in the mid-1920s, after the city chose to segregate its schools, the church was transformed into Lincoln High School to accommodate African American students until Booker T. Washington Elementary was built in 1934.

With the help of NMSU anthropology graduate student Terry Moody, Phillips Chapel CME Church was placed on the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties and the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

Although the history of the church has been recognized locally and nationally, the small adobe structure has slowly deteriorated over the years. Grass has even sprouted in the walls' cracks and crevices.

Often, Ron Taylor said, people don't know how to properly repair adobe, which leads to further damage. That is why the committee worked to bring adobe expert Pat Taylor on board.

Together, Ron Taylor and Pat Taylor are teaching a history conservation and restoration course through DACC.

Doña Ana Community College students are working to restore and preserve Phillips Chapel CME Church, on North Tornillo Street.

Learning to restore, preserve

The course, which began Jan. 15, is teaching students the proper way to restore adobe and preserve historic buildings.

"If we screw up, it will no longer be 'historic,'" Pat Taylor told his class Friday, Jan. 22.

Pat Taylor, who has worked with adobe for 30 years and is with the Cornerstone Community Partnership in Santa Fe, said many adobe structures fall apart because they are covered with cement, which traps moisture.

"Adobe is like a sponge and the water has to go someplace," he said.

He said he will show students the correct way to treat adobe so moisture is released and also will give them a better understanding of the material's naturally occurring wet/dry cycle. He added that the restoration project will be based on the preservation efforts of the San Miguel Chapel in Santa Fe.

The first task the class faces is conducting a conditions assessment and preservation plan. This includes evaluating damage as well as researching the building's historic context, which will require hours of looking through archived photographs and documents to note changes in the structure.

"If we don't do this homework, we're working blind," he said. "We must know what early conditions of the building were so we can understand our approach."

Fiumara, who is taking the course and will lend his painting expertise, said they recently tested the moisture content of the church's structure to see if any damage has occurred to the lower brick.

"It starts from the foundation up," Ron Taylor said.

"The basic problem these structures have is the moisture is rising and isn't able to escape readily through the cement plaster," Pat Taylor said, adding that most place cement on water-damaged areas, causing the moisture to move throughout the building until the walls collapse under the weight. "It's literally drowning the walls."

With a class of 18 students ranging in age from late-teens to early-70s, Ron Taylor and Fiumara said each have their own reasons for taking the course.

For David Chavez, president of Las Esperanzas, a society devoted to the preservation of the Mesquite Historic District, his desire stems from wanting to learn more about his beloved neighborhood.

"It's fantastic. I'm having a blast," Chavez said. "It's way overdue. It's an opportunity for us to see what we can do in the Mesquite Historic District and throughout the Southwest."

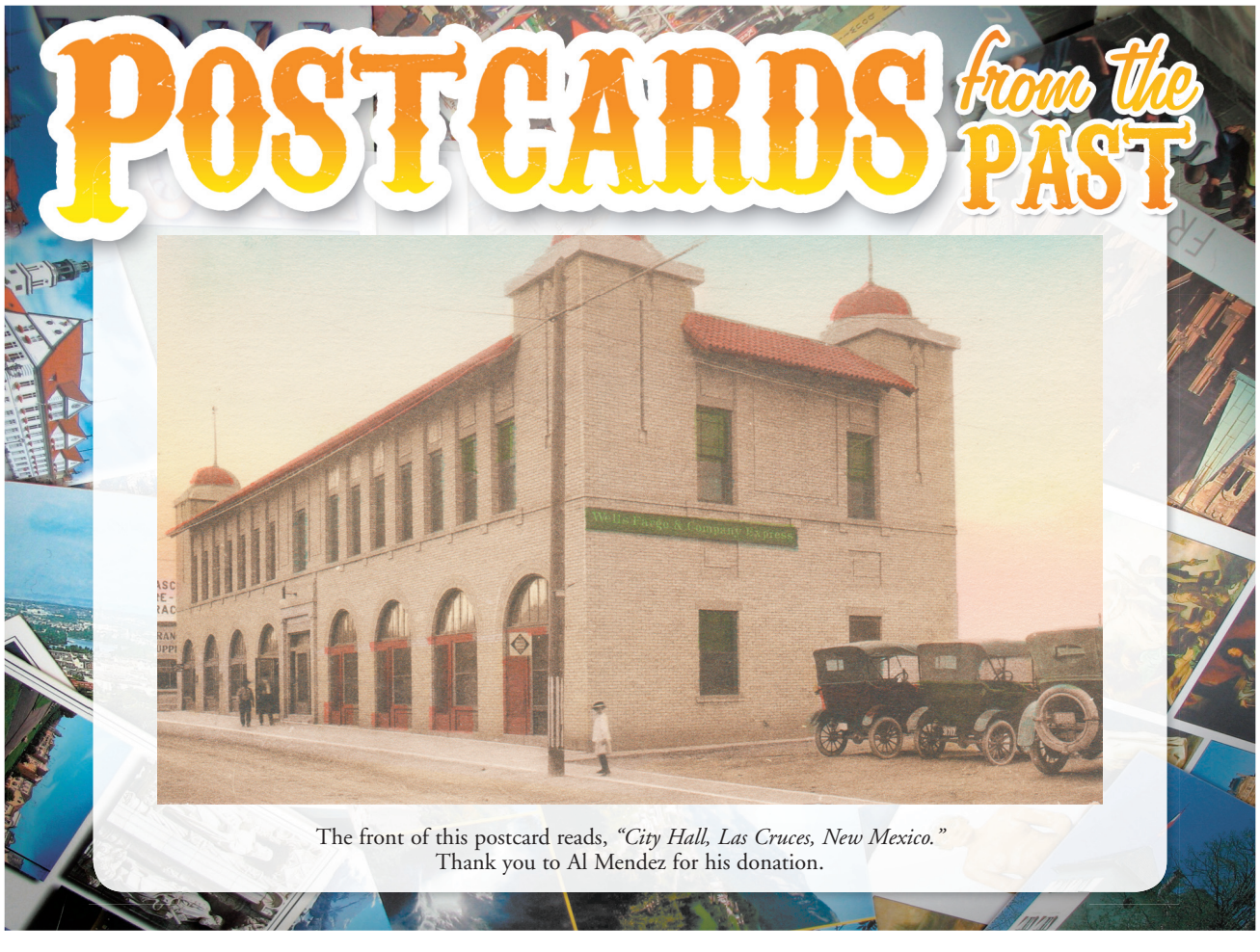
Chavez added that the class is very lucky to have Pat Taylor as an instructor, who is very well versed in this "lost art."

"We're going to walk out with a lot of knowledge and will have a better appreciation for these structures," he said.

Ron Taylor said the community has been generous by donating funds, services and materials, including ACME and Rio Grande Rock.

Since the project is self-funded, Ron Taylor said they are still in need of help. Donations can be mailed to Phillips Chapel CME Church, C/O Clarence Fielder, 640 N. Almendra St., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

For more information, contact Fielder at 524-7210 or maryehol@nmsu.edu, O'Leary at 646-2560 or boleary@nmsu.edu or Ron Taylor at 644-7404 or rtaylor@dacc.nmsu.edu.



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Selling your home?

Easy improvements can attract buyers

Real estate pros often coach their clients on the value of making "curb appeal" improvements to help sell their homes. Outside painting and minor repairs signal that the house has been well maintained.

That's a great marketing tactic, but an even better advantage is offering multiple bathrooms. So, if you're planning to put your house on the market and want to make it stand out, consider going a step further and adding a new bathroom.

A spare bath is a great investment. Second only to kitchen remodels for recouping resale value, bathroom additions boast a 63.5 percent rate of return, according to Remodeling Magazine's 2008-09 "Cost vs. Value" report. And when an up-flushing, macerating toilet – or "up toilet" – is used for the project, its comparatively low-installed cost makes a bathroom addition very affordable.

An up toilet can be installed virtually anywhere in the home. That's because this type of plumbing system operates above the floor, using small-diameter piping to pump waste and water up, not down, and into sewer or septic lines. As a consequence, there is no need for the mess and heavy expense of digging through flooring, especially the concrete variety in the basement.

"An up toilet is a super alternative, and it can go where traditional plumbing cannot," said Mike Coletto, an independent plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical contractor in Illinois with extensive experience installing and servicing up toilets manufactured by SFA Saniflo.

Macerating technology is ideal for adding a bath in tight spots, Coletto said, such as under a stairway or inside a closet. The simple installation process drives the cost savings.

"With no digging," Coletto said, "I can install a Saniflo system in about half a day."

Best of all, this type of home renovation reaps instant rewards, improving the quality of life now and paying dividends later.

So, if you are thinking of selling your home, now is the time to plan your new bath installation. Last year's federal, first-time homebuyer tax credit fueled an impressive increase in the home-resale market. The incentive helped drive year-over-year gains for nine straight months in 2009, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Adding an up toilet can increase the value of your home and its appeal when it is on the market.

Thanks to an extension and expansion of the program for those signing before April 30, many expect a similar increase in existing home sales during early 2010.

In addition to readying your home with a bathroom addition, here is a checklist of other ways you can easily increase the curb appeal of your home:

- Remove broken toys and tools that may have collected in the yard.
- Pick up debris and store trash cans out of view.
- Install new bulbs in porch and security lighting.
- Check bricks and pavers for cracks. Replace them and reset any that are loose.
- Patch worn or cracked asphalt or cement in the driveway.
- Edge grass and remove weeds that may have grown over walkways.
- Repaint the front door and freshen up chipped and peeling paint trim.
- Clean and polish the brass on doorknobs and lock housings, or replace them if severely tarnished.
- Replace any broken glass panes.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- If you have a post mailbox, make sure it is upright and sturdy.

Enjoy National Soup Month

Simple homemade soups great year round

Many people turn to a comforting bowl of soup to take the bite out of chilly winter days. January is National Soup Month, and what better time to discover just how simple it can be to make sensational homemade soups?

Whether serving soup as part of an entertaining menu or an easy weeknight meal, making soup from scratch does not have to require hours in the kitchen.

Shortcuts, including starting with ingredients such as 100 percent natural chicken broth, make it easy to create the perfect foundation for every soup recipe.

Here are some quick tips to help you enjoy soup this month and throughout the year:

Cook up a family favorite during the weekend and save leftovers for school and work lunches or for suppers throughout the week.

Turn your party into a soup sampler. Ask each guest to bring their favorite soup and serve in cups, ramekins or even shot glasses to encourage people to try all the different varieties.

Fire up the slow cooker. In the morning, place ingredients into your slow cooker. Let the soup simmer throughout the day and you'll come home to an inviting aroma and a dinner that's ready to enjoy. Add a crusty bread or salad to round out the meal.

Twice-Baked Potato Soup is a soup that can be prepared in under an hour. It is to please friends and family. For more flavorful soup recipes, visit www.swansonbroth.com and www.campbellskitchen.com.

Twice-Baked Potato Soup

6 large potatoes
2 tablespoons butter
1 small sweet onion, finely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
5 cups chicken broth
1/4 cup light cream
1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
Toppers

Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Prick the potatoes with a fork. Bake for 30 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Remove the potatoes to a bowl and cover the bowl. Let the potatoes stand for 10 minutes. Remove the skin from the potatoes and mash the pulp.

Heat the butter in a 3-quart saucepan. Add the onion and cook until it's tender. Stir in the broth and 5 cups potato pulp.

Place 1/3 of the broth mixture into a blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour the mixture into a medium bowl. Repeat the blending process twice more with the remaining broth mixture. Return all of the puréed mixture to the saucepan. Stir in the cream and chives and cook for 5 minutes or until the mixture is hot. Season as desired.

Spoon 1/4 cup remaining potato pulp into each of 8 serving bowls. Divide the broth mixture among the bowls. Serve with one or more assorted toppers, such as cooked crumbled bacon, shredded Cheddar cheese and/or sour cream.

To save time, microwave the potatoes on high for 10 to 12 minutes or until they're fork-tender.

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Take chalk out of the classroom

Clean, repel ants with this artistic material

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since the 1800s, blackboards and sidewalks around the world have been decorated with chalk.

Traditionally, blackboard chalk was created from natural chalk, which is composed mostly of calcium carbonate with small amounts of silt and clay, and came in either white or yellow. Nowadays, the sticks are made from gypsum, which contains calcium sulfate, and come in a rainbow of colors.

Sidewalk chalk – the same as blackboard chalk, only bigger – has been used by unconventional artists for years to create breathtaking and eye-catching drawings in unlikely places.

Even if you aren't an artist or teacher, chalk is a handy item to keep around the home. Use this schoolhouse staple in a variety of unexpected ways.

1. Stop ants: Use chalk to create a barrier around your home that will keep out invading ants. Draw chalk lines around windows and doors on the outside of your home, and around water pipes inside your home. The calcium carbonate, a nontoxic substance, will repel the tiny insects. Ground chalk can also be sprinkled around garden plants to keep ants and slugs at bay.

2. Clean clothing: Grease stains and collar rings can ruin any piece of clothing. Save these garments with the help of chalk. Heavily mark that ring around the collar with white chalk. The chalk will absorb the sebum oil holding the dirt to the shirt. For grease stains, rub the chalk on the spot and let it absorb into the fabric before brushing it off. Repeat this until the stain is gone, then wash the item as usual.

3. Deter tarnishing: As time goes on and silverware becomes exposed to air and food particles, the utensils will begin to tarnish. One way to slow down this inevitable occurrence is to store the silverware with a piece of white chalk. The chalk will absorb moisture and airborne particles. This trick also works with costume jewelry and tools by placing a piece of chalk inside their containers.

4. Restore white suede: Unsightly marks on white suede, such as scuffs and spots, can be covered with the help of chalk. Rub the area with a piece of white chalk and watch the smudge disappear.

5. Prevent closet mildew: To prevent moisture from collecting in your closets that can lead to mildew, tie several pieces of chalk to pieces of string and attach them to a closet rod. The chalk will absorb surrounding moisture and leave your closet dry as a whistle. Be sure to replace the chalk every few months for the best results.

6. Keep a screwdriver in its place: A nuisance to any handyman is a slipping screwdriver head. Help the screwdriver stay in place by rubbing the end with chalk. The chalk will allow the head to grip the screw, making turning much easier.

7. Polish marble and metals: Make your marble countertops and metal sinks sparkle by cleaning them with chalk. Use a mortar and pestle to grind several sticks of chalk into a powder. Dip a soft cloth in the powder and wipe the marble or metal surface. Rinse with clean water and dry thoroughly.

8. Recycle it: Do you have tiny stubs of chalk cluttering a drawer? Rather than throwing them away, use them to create one big, rainbow stick. Shave down the chalk pieces into a powder, or crush them using a mortar and pestle. Add less than a cup of water to the powder and mix. Pour the mixture into a mold or shape it with your hands. After it dries, the chalk can be used to create art on your sidewalk or driveway.

9. Create your own wrapping paper: Make a special statement by fabricating your own marbleized wrapping paper. Add some water to a shallow basin that is large enough to fit a standard piece of paper. Use a butter knife to cut the chalk into flakes and add them to the basin. Quickly dip a piece of paper into the basin and let it dry. You can use a blow dryer to speed up the process. After the sheet has dried, spray a layer of hair spray to set the chalk.

Plaster of Paris Chalk

Plaster of Paris
Tempera paint (liquid or powder)

Find a large container to mix the plaster in and a few smaller ones to mold the chalk in. Paper cups and egg cartons work well for molding the chalk.

Wear plastic gloves to protect your hands and do not breathe in the plaster dust. Mix a small amount of plaster of Paris with water in a sturdy container (a disposable plastic container is the easiest). The plaster should be stiff, but creamy. Use a stirrer to mix, never your hands.

Add a small amount of tempera paint to the plaster. Stir well for a solid color or only slightly for a marbled look. For an even more marbled look, add two or more colors of paint to different sides of the container and stir only partly.

Pour the plaster into containers. When the plaster of Paris hardens (in about 20 to 30 minutes), take the chalk out of the containers. It won't be completely dry for about a day, but you can use the chalk as soon as it comes out. (Recipe adapted from www.enchantedlearning.com.)

Eggshell Chalk

8 eggshells
1 teaspoon hot water
1 teaspoon flour

Wash the eggshells and let dry completely. Grind up the eggshells using a mortar and pestle until it is a fine powder. Pick out any bits of shell that are not ground. Combine the water and flour in a bowl until they form a smooth paste. Stir in the powdered eggshells and mix well. Add a drop of food color for colored chalk, if desired. Form mixture into a ball or log. Place on waxed paper and let dry for three days. When chalk is dry, it may be used to draw on sidewalks or other concrete surfaces. (Recipe adapted from www.cdkitchen.com.)

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	1	4	6
Homes Sold Existing	4	13	13
Pending Home Sales (All)	175	161	150

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$375,000	$292,000	$220,000
Median Price Existing	$241,250	$200,000	$141,000

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	127	132	174

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,213	1,205	1,477
Real Estate Agents	448	446	622

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 1/18/10 - 1/24/10
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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SUNNY CONLEY
Chile Knights

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Are you ready for some football?

Get dips, chilies ready for Super Bowl Sunday

Bring on Super Bowl Sunday with a potpourri of daunting dips, crispy chips, chunky chili and sizzling stew. Tackle these tasties with friends and family – nosh-up on nachos ladled with cheese bursting with flavorful beer hops and serrano bits or take the chill out of winter with a super bowl of spicy burger stew. ¡Muy bueno! Go Saints! Go Colts! Go Chileheads!

Kick Off Dip with Jalapeño Heat

4 jalapeño peppers, diced
1 pound processed cheese
1 cup cooked chili (canned is OK)
2 small tomatoes, diced
1 cup cooked chicken breast, diced or shredded
1 cup sour cream

Melt the processed cheese in a heavy pot. Stir in the jalapeño peppers, chili and tomatoes and blend. Heat on low until consistent. Serve warm. Use as a dip for tortilla chips or warm pita bread quarters. Makes 6 servings.

Nachos con Queso y Cerveza

4 ounces tortilla chips
Nonstick cooking spray
3/4 cup red onion, chopped
2 jalapeño or serrano peppers, seeded and chopped*
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 chicken breast (about 8 ounces), boneless, skinless, cooked and chopped
1/3 cup Pilsner lager
1 (14-1/2 ounces) can Mexican-style diced tomatoes, drained
1 cup (4 ounces) reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
2 tablespoons black olives, chopped

*Jalapeño peppers can sting and irritate the skin; wear rubber gloves when handling peppers and do not touch eyes. Wash hands after handling.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place chips in 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Spray large nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Heat over medium heat until hot. Add onion, peppers, garlic, chili powder and cumin. Cook 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in chicken, Pilsner and tomatoes. Simmer until liquid is absorbed. Spoon tomato-chicken mixture over chips; top with cheese and olives. Bake 5 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Super Bowl XLIV Ground Beef Stew

1 pound lean ground meat
2 medium onions, peeled and quartered
2 medium cloves garlic, crushed (optional)
1/2 cup hot water
2 tablespoons fresh basil, minced or 1 teaspoon dried
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
8 medium new potatoes with skins
2 large carrots, peeled and sliced
1 (1-pound) can tomatoes, drained and broken up
1/4 cup medium-hot green chile, stemmed, seeded and chopped

In Dutch oven, brown beef, breaking up pieces with spoon. Add onions, garlic, water, basil, salt, pepper and potatoes. Cover and simmer 15 minutes or until potatoes are almost tender. Add peppers and tomatoes; simmer 10 minutes, until tomatoes become tender. Serve in bowls with crusty, toasty garlic bread. Makes 4 servings.

Colts' Chorizo Three Bean Chili

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 1/4 pound chorizo
1 large onion, chopped into 1/2 inch pieces
1 large red bell pepper, chopped into 1/2 inch pieces
1 large green bell pepper, chopped into 1/2 inch pieces
2 jalapeño chile, seeded and chopped
3 teaspoons chili powder, divided
2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 (28-ounce) plus 1 (15-ounce) can crushed tomatoes in juice
1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15-ounce) can cannelloni (white kidney beans), drained and rinsed
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar or red wine vinegar
Sour cream
Fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat olive oil in a large heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add chorizo and brown on all sides. Transfer chorizo to plate. Add chopped onion to pan and sauté until translucent. Add chopped bell peppers and chiles and sauté 2 minutes. Add chili powder and cumin and stir. Add crushed tomatoes and beans. Simmer 15 minutes. Cut sausage into 1/2-inch pieces. Add to chili and simmer about 10 minutes. Mix in vinegar. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve chili with sour cream and cilantro. Makes 4 servings.

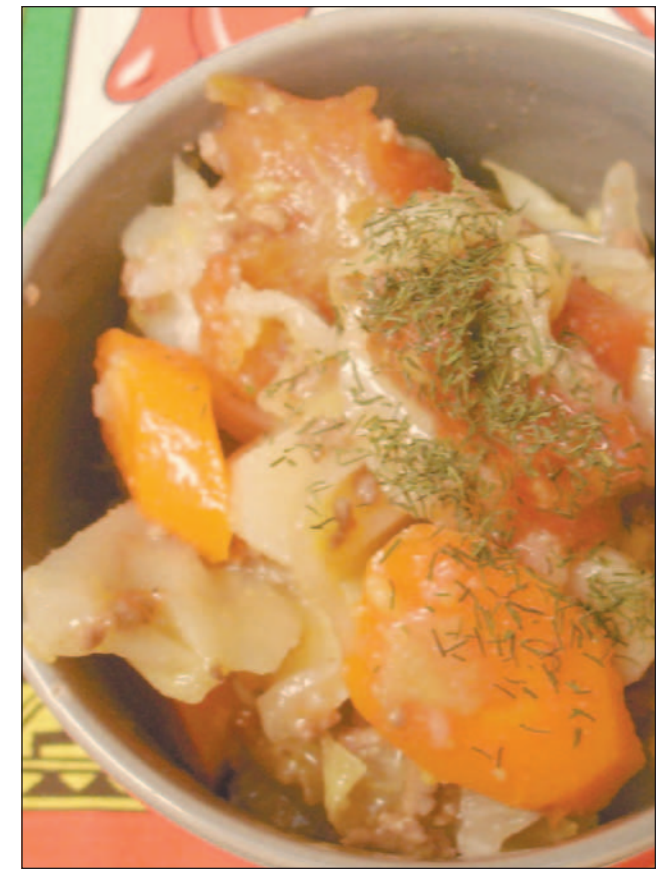
Saints' Chili Serrano Sizzle

Rather than ground beef, this bowl of chili is prepared with turkey. Go easy on the extra-lean variety. A bit of fat content adds more flavors. Remember, it's not necessarily what you eat, it's how much you eat.

1 pound ground turkey, chopped
1 cup onions, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup carrots, shredded
1 or 2 serrano pepper, seeded and minced
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 (28-ounce) cans crushed tomatoes
2 (16-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed

In a large nonstick skillet over medium heat, cook the turkey, onion, celery, carrot, chile pepper and garlic, breaking up chunks of meat with a spoon until meat is cooked.

Drain off any liquid. Transfer mixture to a large pot. Add chili powder, cumin and salt; cook and stir over medium heat for 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes and black beans. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until flavors have blended.



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Super Bowl XLIV Ground Beef Stew is an ideal halftime treat.

Smoky Barbecued Beef Sandwiches

2 large onions, cut into thin slices
1 beef brisket (about 3 pounds), trimmed
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup beer (not dark)
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup ketchup
1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 whole canned chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped
1 teaspoon adobo sauce, from can
6 Kaiser or hoagie rolls, split and toasted

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Separate onion into rings. Place brisket, fat side up, over onions; sprinkle with salt. Combine remaining ingredients except rolls in small bowl; pour over brisket. Cover with heavy-duty foil and roast 3 to 3 1/2 hours, until brisket is fork-tender.

Transfer brisket to cutting board, leaving sauce in pan; tent brisket with clean foil. Let stand 10 minutes.

Skim fat from pan juices with spoon; discard. Transfer juices to large saucepan. Cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring frequently. Trim fat from brisket and carve brisket across grain into thin slices. Return slices to sauce. Cook until heated through, coating with sauce. Serve brisket and sauce on rolls. Makes 6 servings.

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Who will be the horsefly of the Super Bowl?

Although persistent, this insect is important to flowers

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

The Super Bowl match-up between the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints poses an important question: Will the Colts feel the Saints' sting like a horsefly they can't shake? Or will they easily swipe them away and claim the championship?

I'm sorry fans. I have no crystal ball and can't help you with that question. I can, however, tell you everything you ever wanted to know about the horsefly.

No groans of disappointment, please. These insects can quickly draw all your attention if they bite you – whether you're a horse or a human.

These babies hurt, and they're among the loudest and noisiest of flies, so you can see and hear them heading your way as well. Unlike some bugs that have more of a stinger, horseflies have mandibles that rip or cut the flesh – sometimes actually taking out a chunk of skin. Once they do the damage, they lick up their victims' blood. It won't make you feel any better to know that the females need a blood meal to reproduce.

Here's some more bad news: Horseflies are present around the world. And their virtue – I know, it's hard to believe – is that they're an important pollinator of flowers.

This will ring truer to you: Horseflies are also known as gadflies, a term the dictionary defines as somebody regarded as persistently annoying or irritating. We'll find out a week from Sunday which team – the Colts or the Saints – better earns the distinction.

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While an important pollinator of flowers, the horsefly is a pest to both horses and humans.

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