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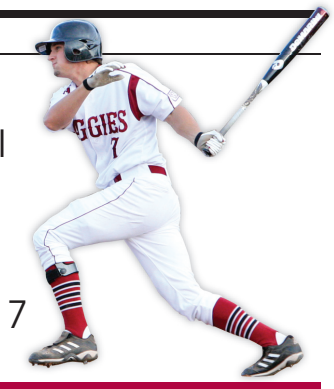

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Inmate crews worry locals

Supervision, location concerns reviewed

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces residents packing City Council Chambers told officials they didn't mind inmate crews working along major roadways, but are concerned about their presence in neighborhoods and near schools.

The issue leading to the public hearing Tuesday, Feb. 9, began when an inmate crew last July worked on removing some wood barriers along the disputed section of Fairbanks Drive. When the same five-man crew returned the second day, residents observed one inmate going out of sight of the supervising guard for a couple of minutes.

Penny Bagwell, the resident who watched and photographed the incident, said witnessing the behavior raised questions about what would happen if the inmate escaped. She questioned the level of supervision – one guard for five inmates, as well as a risk of the inmates gaining contraband – weapons, drugs or cell phones – by being allowed to work the same location two days in a row.

Navor Chavez said he didn't mind the work crews along the highways or major roads, but didn't like them in neighborhoods.

Dana Jorgensen said she was shocked to see inmate crews near her children's school.

Bagwell said the work crew agreement was designed to have the crews work only on main roadways and not residential streets. City officials responded that was part of the City Council's action in October 1997, but

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STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Desert Hills Elementary fourth-graders Kendra Espiritu, 10, and Taryn Bitton, 10, hold up a living valentine. The valentines, made out of recycled paper and seeds, can be buried and will produce marigold and cosmos flowers. Students who worked on the valentines are part of the "Green Team" and are let out of school a half hour early each day to work on environmental projects.

EPE seeks relief from PRC order

Local counties could lose millions in fees

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Local governments and lawmakers are supporting El Paso Electric Company's efforts to kill a state Public Regulation Commission (PRC) order that would force the utility to refund millions of dollars to customers.

That's because the PRC is questioning the legality of agreements that El Paso Electric has with Doña Ana and Otero counties to charge franchise fees, which it also does for similar right-of-way agreements with municipalities such as Las Cruces, Mesilla, Hatch and Sunland Park.

During a conference call Wednesday, Feb. 10, with representatives from the county, Mesilla and Sunland Park, El Paso Electric's Vice President for New Mexico Affairs Clay Doyle briefed them on an emergency bill in the Legislature (HB 269) that would call for all existing agreements to be legally binding.

Doyle said the bill, sponsored by state Rep. Joni Gutierrez, D-Mesilla, was passed by the House Building and Industry Committee. A companion bill in the Senate is being carried by Sen. Steve Fischmann, D-Doña Ana and Sierra counties.

If passed and signed by the governor, the legislation seeks to support El Paso Electric's legal challenge to the PRC's Jan. 26 order to refund franchise fees charged to its customers in Doña Ana and Otero counties since June 1, 2004, plus interest.

El Paso Electric estimates that its refund obligation would be about $5.7 million, plus accrued interest of nearly $1 million through Dec. 31, 2009.

Richard Fleager, El Paso Electric senior vice president of customer care

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Officials: Traffic cameras reducing problems

City under contract to install more, include mobile unit

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Cameras issuing citations for traffic violations at four major intersections in Las Cruces have seen a decline in violations over time, showing that the system is influencing driver behavior, officials told the City Council at a work session Monday, Feb. 8.

In the first month that citations were issued last May, 837 red light citations and 174 speeding tickets were issued through the camera system, excluding the Telshor Boulevard-Lohman Avenue intersection that came on line later. By January, the numbers had dropped to 343 red light violations and 73 speeding tickets.

Also, citywide – excluding figures from Telshor Boulevard-Lohman Avenue intersection – citations for speeding and red light violations steadily declined, except for a slight spike last October.

Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas said the figures back up what she's experienced by getting less complaints about people running red lights and speeding.

"I think it is making a dramatic difference citywide, not just at these intersections," Thomas said.

Besides the Telshor Boulevard-Lohman Avenue intersection, traffic cameras have been installed at three intersections – Lohman Avenue at Walnut Street, Main Street at Solano Drive and Valley Drive at Avenida de Mesilla.

Some residents have complained they didn't know the traffic cameras could cite speeding violations as well. City safety officials counter that speeding through intersections is just as hazardous as running red lights.

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wasn't part of the actual agreement.

Mike Johnson, city public works director, said the city uses four prison work crews – two for street work and two for parks. The city covers the guard pay, and inmates earn $1 an hour. Johnson said the work done by the crews saves his department an estimated $500,000.

"If these inmates did not do these jobs, they would not get done," Johnson said.

Mike Heredia, warden of the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility, said inmates on the crews are only those who don't have a history of escape. He emphasized that an inmate with any history of a sex crime is not allowed on the crews.

These crews are so well-screened, he said, they are allowed to clean the offices and yards of the local State Police station, Heredia said.

"I've heard a lot of concerns, and they are legitimate concerns," he said. "This is also our city."

Heredia said the inmates on the work crews are strip-searched upon their return to the prison at the end of the day.

Johnson proposed a number of new rules for the crews, including making sure they aren't sent to the same location two days in a row.

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and external affairs, said the franchise fees are essentially passed on to local governments in return for right-of-ways and other infrastructure support.

The loss of those funds to the local governments would be difficult. Jess Williams, Doña Ana County director of public information and special projects, said the hit to the county's budget would be $1.2 million annually.

"If we lost that, it would immediately impact services throughout the county," Williams said, "and we would have to revisit the entire budget process."

Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena said the hit to his town's budget would be $30,000. He said that money is already included in the town's budget, which is having to make cuts to stay in balance because of the economy and reduced tourism.

Sunland Park City Manager Jaime Aguilera said his budget would lose about $130,000 a year if it loses the franchise agreement payments.

Though the PRC order only mentioned the franchise fees paid for Doña Ana and Otero Counties, Doyle said the order made references to "home rule" governments, which put the other franchise agreements at risk, as well.

The Doña Ana County Commission passed a resolution Tuesday, Feb. 9, supporting the legislation.

If El Paso Electric is forced to eliminate the fees, customers would see their electric bill drop by between $2 and $3.

Red lights

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Speeding through the intersections are detected by a ground sensor system that determines the speed by how quickly the vehicle goes from one side of the intersection to the other, said RedFlex Traffic Systems representative Bob Warner.

Cameras are activated if a vehicle is going through the intersection at 10 mph over the speed limit.

Though the cameras generated $353,000 the first few months, money from the cameras is decreasing as less citations are issued. The city gets its share of the money after RedFlex costs are covered, and it has to split the proceeds with state government. Since the cameras began issuing citations last May, the city's share has been more than $234,000.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the intent of the city is not to make money, but to change driving behaviors in the city. He said the citation numbers show that it has worked.

Warner said his company's contract with the city calls for two more cameras to be installed, along with a mobile unit that will detect speeding by radar.

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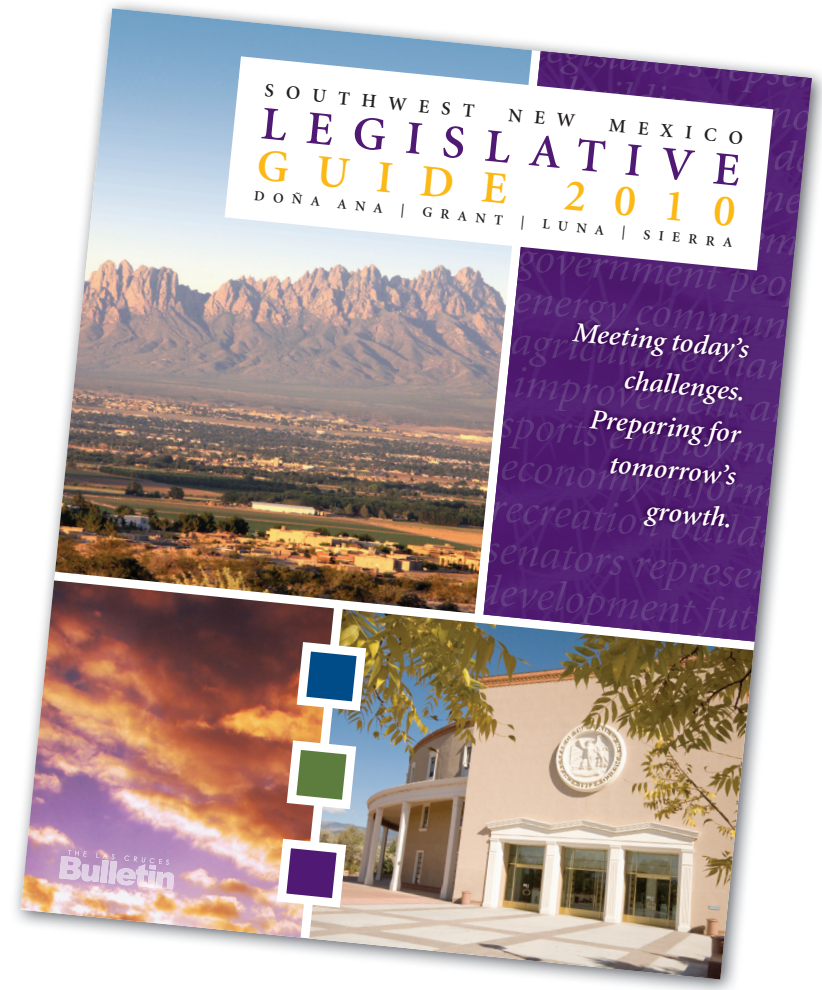

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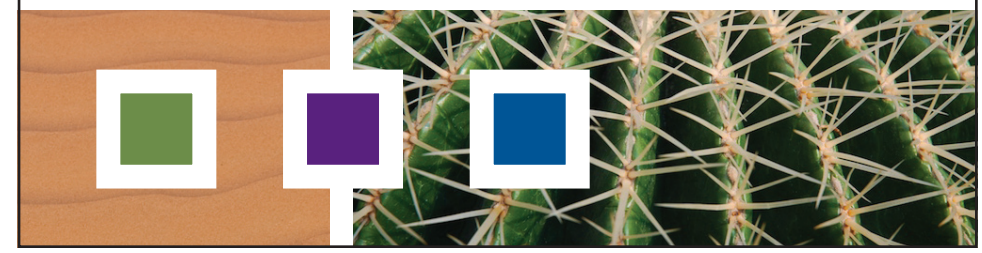

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From the Publisher

Imagine: Legal notices on TV and the radio?

New Mexico Broadcasters Association wants to change longstanding public notice laws

By **David McCollum**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

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One of the more interesting developments in the Roundhouse this year, at least for us newspaper folks, is a memorial put forward by Sen. David Ulibarri, D-Cibola, Socorro, Valencia, in support of a study of "the feasibility and desirability of permitting the dissemination of legal notices to the public through radio and television broadcasts."

When I first heard about this initiative, my first impression was, surely this is a joke. How could anyone expect that a person would take time to listen to a lengthy legal ad on the radio? Talk about a reason to switch stations very quickly. And for those people who make their living following legal notices, I cannot imagine anyone spending all day scanning the radio dial to try to locate and listen to a particular legal notice.

However, as I was waiting for the punch line of this "joke," a co-worker handed me a copy of a white paper prepared by the New Mexico Broadcasters Association, titled "Legal Notices: providing for alternative publication of legal notices." Included in this document was a copy of the proposed Senate memorial. I quickly realized this was no joke. The broadcast industry is serious about challenging the public notice system that has been in place and has worked quite well in America since 1789 when the First Session of the First Congress required the Secretary of State to publish "all bills, orders, resolutions and congressional votes" in newspapers.

The broadcasters' memorial is rife with misconceptions and inaccuracies. Here are some of their key points:

1. In New Mexico, there are "approximately 50 newspapers and more than 200 radio and television stations."

2. "The reach of traditional print media sources has diminished in the past decade."

3. "The dissemination of legal notices in sparsely populated areas and rural communities may be hampered by the diminished circulation and frequency of traditional print media sources."

4. "... radio and television broadcasting have steadily increased their reach advantage into communities across New Mexico."

My point-by-point rebuttal is as follows:

1. The fact that there are fewer newspapers in New Mexico compared to broadcast outlets has no relevance to effectiveness. If number of outlets were the key, then the thousands of outdoor billboards in New Mexico would certainly be the most dominant medium.

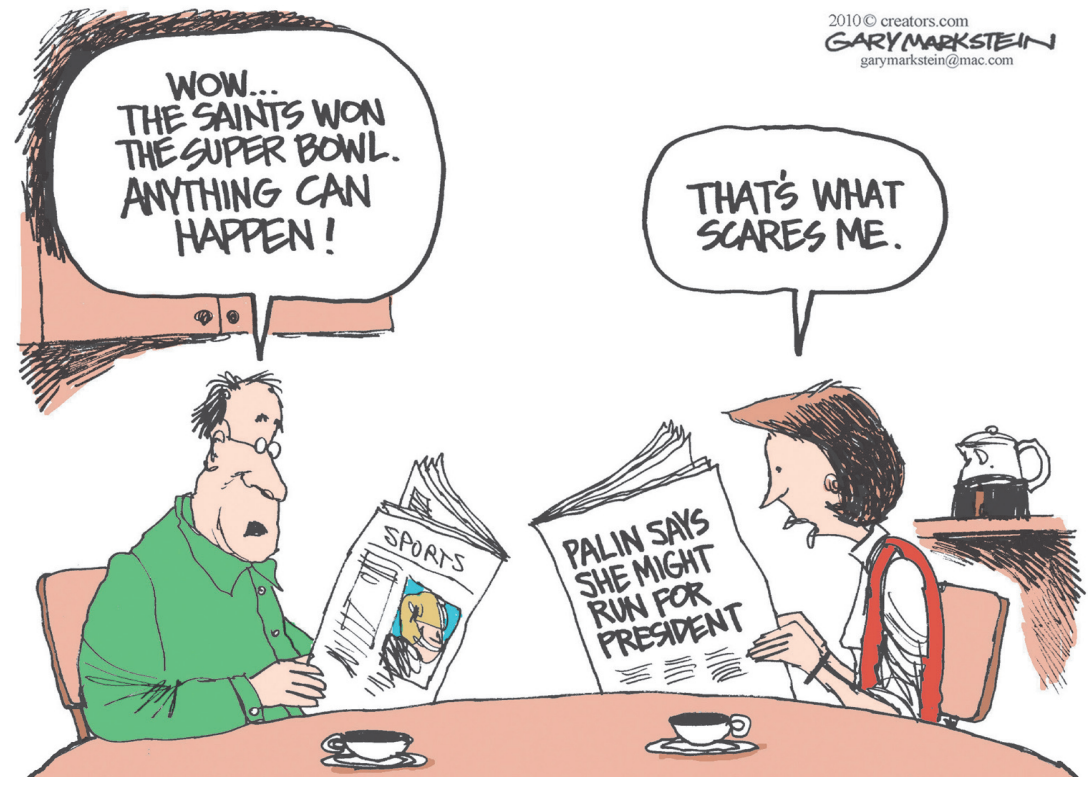
2. According to New Mexico Press Association Executive Director Dana Bowley, the top 50 newspapers in New Mexico (excluding the Albuquerque Journal and now-defunct Albuquerque Tribune) have defied national newspaper trends and have actually increased circulation since 1999.

3. Bowley points out that there is no evidence that the availability of legal notices has been hampered anywhere in New Mexico. Additionally, the NMPA already places most published legal ads on a single website, available to all interested New Mexcans, at www.publicnoticeads.com/NM.

4. "Reach advantage" is an undefined term. Also, most studies I have reviewed show that local radio and television "reach" is increasingly more fragmented, and local radio continues to lose audience to satellite radio.

Perhaps the most important fact to consider is that if radio and television are permitted to begin to "publish" legal notices, no longer will citizens know where to go to find the information that has been consistently available in America for more than the past two centuries. Substituting the printed word that can be read, re-read, copied and saved for later review with a fleeting oral message heard by a tiny fraction of our population would most certainly disregard the intent of the concept of public notice.

Hopefully, our New Mexico legislators will be wise enough to set this memorial aside and spend their time dealing with the challenges of balancing our state's budget.



Letters to the Editor

Reforms supported

Where do we go from here? The past two plus years have been a time of great hardship, fear and travail touching each of us, ordinary Americans. Way too many have seen their jobs disappear, the financial markets near collapse, lifetime saving evaporate, yelling and shouting between the political parties and general discord in most conversations about what to do and where to go from here.

I listened carefully to the president speak to Congress and the nation, and I support his plans to create incentives for small businesses to add needed jobs and increase wages. I support investments to renew and build our crumbling infrastructure and in looking to the future needs and security of our country through green jobs growth and clean energy.

I support reforms that carefully regulate the financial industry so as to protect my investments, 50 years of my savings, from the brazenly imprudent and greedy practices over the last few years that put my future and that of others in jeopardy. And lastly, I support reforms to the health care system that, if the status quo prevails, will drown our families and this country in intolerable debt while still leaving millions of our citizens without coverage and leading to unnecessary suffering and deaths.

This is not the time to be timid. Bold action is required to get us back on track. Congress passed the "pay as you go" rule, so let's go.

JEANETTE WALKER

Coercion is not free speech

The Supreme Court ruling removing restrictions on corporate and union political advertising under the guise of free speech flies in the face of every democratic principle I hold dear.

The Court says money you invest in corporate securities or union dues can now be used to support any political cause that the management of that organization chooses – no matter how strongly you disagree. Since your savings are probably largely invested in pension and diversified funds, you don't even have control over which corporations divert your money to their political message. This amounts to coercing you into supporting political views you do not hold.

Corporations that do not have the right to vote and may be majority controlled by foreign investors will now have increased power to dominate public political debate at the expense of the individual citizens our government was formed to protect.

Each of us deserves maximum control of how our money will be spent for political causes. That is the essence of free speech and democracy. To achieve this, we must re-establish clear distinctions between political and commercial organizations. Political action committees that take contributions from individuals are the appropriate voluntary vehicle for combining money for political ends. Backdoor coercion through public corporations, unions and other business associations has no place in our democracy.

STEVE FISCHMANN
state senator District 37

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Senate slices the pork

Will chops fly in House of Representatives?

To the surprise of many, state senators voted overwhelmingly last Saturday to ax $130 million of pork projects that were approved in previous years but weren't going anywhere.

It is a sign of how seriously senators are taking the budget balancing process. This column has opined on several occasions that lawmakers must share the budget-deficit pain with taxpayers, public employees, schools and state agencies.

We suggested cutting legislative per diem and travel, but cutting their pork will be much more painful because lawmakers believe that pork is what gets them re-elected.

Pork money is for community projects, but lawmakers think of it as theirs because they can take credit for bringing it home. And if the money is for a building, they might even get their name on it.

People who are closely tied to those local projects won't be happy with their senators who didn't go to the mat to save the projects. But senators don't have to run this year. It may be more difficult, however, for House members to vote for the cuts.

We may see a much closer vote on the pork withdrawal in the House because representatives all have to defend their seats this year.

But what do New Mexicans really want? Do they want those local projects more than they want a balanced state budget?

Since the law requires a balanced budget, that means either more taxes or fewer government services.

Last year, a coalition of education groups commissioned a survey that found New Mexicans would prefer a tax increase to cuts in public schools. If that is what House members are hearing from their constituents now, they may pass the pork cuts easily also.

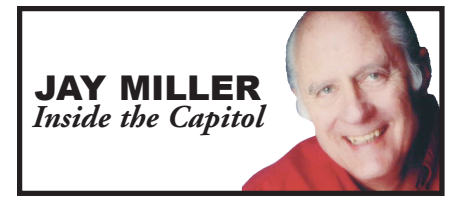
> "Our current system of allocating capital outlay funds argues for setting legislative term limits."

The elimination of pork projects constitutes less than 10 percent of the $1.4 billion of the stalled projects around the state. The projects included in this cut are those that never have gotten to the point of letting any kind of contract on them.

Amazingly, there are some 1,500 such projects. What happens is that the amount of pork money allocated to each legislator often isn't enough to fund the total project. So the money sits there waiting for more to be added the following year. Often it takes several years to fully fund a project.

What a way to run a railroad. The states that have their act together have created agencies to analyze capital outlay needs statewide, prioritize them and then fund them beginning at the top of the list.

Such a logical procedure is not likely to ever happen in New Mexico.



Alan Hall, an Albuquerque attorney, has suggested an alternate procedure in which lawmakers could bank their pork money. Lawmakers could then borrow and lend from their accounts in a more orderly fashion.

Our current system of allocating capital outlay funds argues for setting legislative term limits. If pork money is so important to re-election, we should limit the number of times legislators can be re-elected. In that way, legislators could focus more on what is good for the state rather than on taking home as much pork as possible.

In recent good economic times, more than $1 billion of pork per year has been split up among each of the 112 legislators and the governor. That is money we certainly could use now to balance the state budget deficit of at least $600 million.

The vote in the Senate was 36-4 to take back $130 million of the $150 million originally in the take-back bill. The other $20 million was for projects that communities were able to produce sufficient documentation to indicate a contract already has been executed.

Four senators voiced objections to the cuts, contending that rural and Navajo areas of the state received more than their share of cuts.

The current scarcity of building funds also presents an opportunity for the state to examine its tendency to overbuild.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On the economy

The condition of our economy is in a very fragile state – let's do something about it.

I am a Democrat as we are all Republicans, independents and Democrats. We are also all patriots. We love this country.

We have to tackle the most pressing issues – health care and jobs – now.

Unfortunately, the big bailout didn't help much. At least it was a well-intended undertaking. However, these individuals, who cried the most and also benefited the most, didn't thank the taxpayer with any support.

Now let's try to channel some money to small banks, with the hope to lend money to those who need it, namely businesses and individuals with promising outlook and creativity to create jobs and eventually paying back the start-up help by paying more taxes in the future.

Let us fix health care. A person who spends all his or her disposable money on health care has no money to create jobs by buying other goods or services.

Make everybody pay into a giant pot and finance health care out of that pool of money – young and old. It does not have to be only the government presiding over the pot.

And if there are people, especially when they are young, that think, "Why should I pay for others," make them sign a release that if they need help later they will not obtain help, period, similar to Medicare Part D or pay a substantial higher premium. Or they can continue paying out of their own pocket.

I hear the outcries from the so-called conservatives. No takeover by the government, we will pay higher taxes and the list goes on and on. And these people are the first ones going to the county hospitals for free. I know people who did this.

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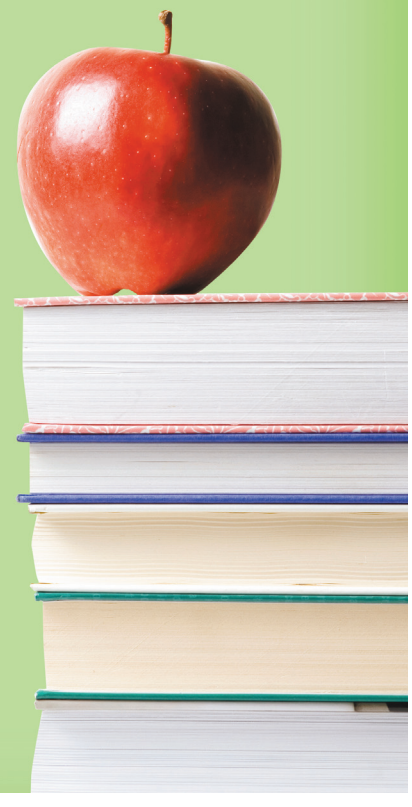

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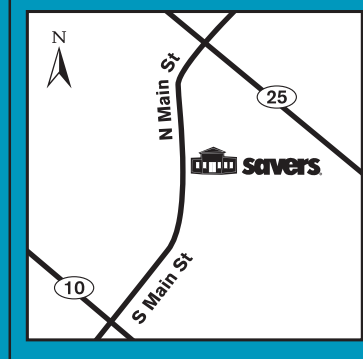

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One of the qualities that characterizes dedicated ranchers and farmers is a joyous commitment to hard work. It's sort of an odd combination of curiosity, independence and bravado. They actually crave the struggle like long-distance runners crave the race. They love their job.

Ranching is not a sport. It pits men against all that nature can throw at them year after year.

It takes a hard-headed person to keep pushing back. That's how frontiers were conquered and the West was won.

Today's ranchers possess the same qualities exemplified by the 18th- and 19th-century pioneers. The origin of the word pioneer comes from the native Indian language pi, as in "pie in the sky," and near, meaning "it's just over the next hill, mother!"

They battle the same obstacles encountered by the early settlers – drought, blizzard, disease, despair and predators both wild and packing guns or toting regulations. It is simply nature trying to take back its own balance.

When we received our Christmas newsletter from long time friends in Wyoming, calmly listing all the highs and lows of the past year, I was inspired.

Their mettle is strong as individuals, but as a pair they seem invincible. Their union began when he put an ad in the livestock paper for a ranch hand who could cook and keep house. She was, in essence, a mail order bride. One who grew up in suburban California.

> "Ranching ... pits men against all that nature can throw at them ..."

With a tip of my hat to Wyoming, it can still be as formidable to settlers today, as it was 150 years ago. It's one of those places where you always keep coveralls, a bedroll, moon boots and a shovel in the trunk of your car. Where you never take four-wheel drive for granted, keep a generator handy during a snow storm, check the antifreeze in your tractor in September and snow plow the road to the pasture. Not to mention the spring breeze that can turn a hard hat inside out!

But she came, this California maiden, they wed and went to raising corrientes, mules and blue heelers – animals they could relate to.

Everything they have gotten out of that tough country they have worked for. He's a heavy equipment operator, welder, farmer, mule skinner and carries the burden of his daily labor like Atlas.

She has that same toughness, nerves of steel, generous heart and can make lemonade out of lemons or jerky out of old reins.

I hear about NASA postulating what will be needed to establish a base on the Moon or Mars. They debate the technology required, the clothing, diet, sanity and the structured, monitored work and rest schedule. Then consider intensely the qualifications necessary for the astronauts selected to make the arduous journey.

My first thought was, call Louie and Ann. Give him a backhoe and fencing pliers, her a saddle mule and sourdough starter and come back in five years.

You'd have a place good enough to build Wyoming a new community college.

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One kind of equal protection

Repel attackers at school or at home

By Michael Swickard
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When a truth is out of favor, it is still a truth. One such truth is that protecting your family is only possible with a force at least equal to an attacker's force. Years ago, in the middle of the night, my house was quiet, as was the neighborhood.

Something woke me. My wife was asleep, but I could see the eyes of our dog Shadow who slept in the corner. She sensed something was amiss.

I stepped into the hallway. Our 7-year-old daughter was asleep in her bedroom. In that hallway, I was brought face to face with the practical issues of my need to protect these loved ones.

As a martial arts instructor, I understood that battling an armed intruder in the hallway would end quickly and badly for me despite my training and experience. I was not armed nor did I have a pistol in the house. The realization of my vulnerability was one of my worst moments ever.

Shadow growled as we walked down the hallway. Through a window I saw the outside gate open. I dialed 911 and told the dispatcher I had an intruder. The police are on the way, I was told.

Should I retreat back down the hallway or take on the intruder? In an instant I realized it was my job to sell my life to protect my loved ones so I turned on the lights and signaled Shadow to bark, which she did with gusto. The kitchen window was partially pried open, but the person had fled the noise and lights.

Twenty minutes later, an officer arrived. A report was taken. Sleep would not come that night because I knew an armed intruder would have easily killed me and my loved ones and gotten away.

My role as the primary defender of my loved ones was defective and of no benefit if the intruder had been anything but a petty thief. I woke up in a cold sweat a number of times after that. Then I added another layer of defense, which I have had ever since. This additional layer does not guarantee my safety but provides enough force in an emergency.

I thought of that night long ago recently. I was at a school in New Mexico when the school went into lock down. In the computer lab we turned off the lights, closed the door and stood in the corner in the dark, hoping an armed intruder would not come in and kill all of us.

It turned out to be a test, so after a while, the all-clear announcement came and we went back to what we were doing.

That night, I woke in the wee hours remembering the incident years earlier and how helpless I felt to protect my loved ones.

The truth is, to repel an armed attacker school personnel must be armed because the police will never arrive in time. Even though having a firearm in a school is out of favor, it is still the truth about how to protect schools.

It made news in Albuquerque when the school district would not allow armed police officers on any school campus. That is the fervor of the anti-firearm lobby. Cooler heads finally prevailed, and the ban on armed police officers was canceled. But protecting schools with firearms is still out of favor regardless of the truth of it as the only real defense.

Attackers know school personnel are not armed, which emboldens them. I am not saying that everyone at schools should be armed; rather, potential attackers must know that some people who are not easy to spot at every school are armed and will shoot back. It is important that a potential attacker not know who has this ability to shoot back.

Perhaps it might be a janitor and a couple of teachers who conceal carry. Many school personnel have had military training. Further, there should be school programs where defenders are trained.

Can we admit the truth even if it is out of favor?

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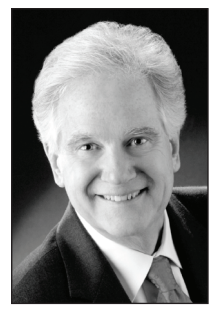
Election 2010

Damron among state candidate filers

Area GOP hopefuls include Martinez, Schoonover, Duran

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin


DAMRON

Dr. J.R. Damron, who is seeking the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor, was among those filing petitions for candidacy Tuesday, Feb. 9, with the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office.

"The process of governing starts with the support of the people, and I have been gratified at the overwhelming response to my candidacy as I travel the state," Damron said. "People all over New Mexico are energized and ready to take on the challenge of righting the ship of state. Frustration with 'absentee government' is turning into an organized resolve to bring sanity back to our executive branch."

Citing his recent trip to eastern and southern New Mexico, Damron said he is confident that independents, moderates and disgruntled Democrats will turn out this November in response to the lack of transparency in Gov. Bill Richardson's administration.

During that trip, Damron told the Las Cruces Bulletin that New Mexicans are upset about corruption and the lack of ethics in state government.

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, who is running for governor, has not been responsive to these concerns, he said. Besides filling in for the governor when he is out of state and presiding over the Senate, the lieutenant governor's job also is to be an ombudsman for citizens, he said. If elected, Damron promised he would take this role seriously and bring more transparency to state government.

Other area GOP candidates who filed for state office include Doña Ana County District Attorney Susanna Martinez for governor, state Sen. Dianna Duran of Tularosa for secretary of state and former Doña Ana County Treasurer Jim Schoonover for state treasurer.

Though Damron didn't state a preference for which Republican he would like to share the ticket with, he did say Martinez is a strong candidate who has a proven record in being tough on government corruption. He said he is optimistic about Republican opportunities for regaining state office in the upcoming election.

Damron said mismanagement and a lack of leadership has caused the state budget crisis. He said he brings three qualities that voters should look for in candidates: character, commitment and credibility.

For more information on the candidate's positions on key issues, visit www.damronforltgovernor.com.

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LAS CRUCES STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Mayor Ken Miyagishima: 'The state of the city is strong'

When I last spoke to you about the state of our city, the economic crisis that has gripped our nation was still building, and it was unclear what effect it would have on Las Cruces. In the midst of that great uncertainty, I pledged that we would monitor the situation carefully and that we would work diligently to maintain both our solvency and high level of service.

I am pleased to report to you today, one year later, that we have fulfilled that promise.

Despite the greatest economic recession to grip our country in almost 80 years, the city's budgetary reserves are over twice the level the state requires and our level of service in all areas remains high.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the fiscal discipline of this and previous councils and to our staff – especially Financial Services Director Mark Sutter and Budget Director Dick Gephardt – for their skill in helping us negotiate these difficult times.

While it is unclear what will happen in the economy as a whole, we have been able to cope well up to this point. According to a report released in December 2009 by the Brookings Mountain West initiative, Las Cruces has been the best-performing small city over the last year in the entire inter-mountain region.

Clearly, we have been fortunate in the makeup of our local economy, with a large number of employees in the government, education and agricultural work sectors, as well as the large number of retirees who have chosen our city as their home. This has provided great stability for the local economy and tax base and has protected us to a degree from the boom and bust cycle that has caused so much havoc in other Southwestern cities.

Economic downturns like the one we have been experiencing cause much hardship, but they also provide opportunities to think more carefully about the decisions that we make and bring to light important factors that may have been obscured in more fast-paced times.

One thing is clear: We want to preserve and expand the parts of our economy that are most sustainable over the long term and that give us the stability to weather good times and bad. This means vigorous support of our governmental, educational and agricultural sectors and further development in these areas whenever possible.

Welcome partners

I'm pleased to report that we are in negotiations with the Department of Homeland Security to bring a $20 million campus facility to the West Mesa Industrial Park, which would include at least 130 well-paying jobs, in addition to employment generated by construction of the facility itself. A second Homeland Security project being considered would bring an additional 175 jobs to the city with a payroll of more than $12 million. We are grateful to MVEDA, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, for their pursuit of these important projects.

While the governmental sector has been – and will continue to be – important to us, clearly we need to nurture broader economic opportunities for the people of our city and region.

We continue to believe that the new energy economy will provide opportunities for local residents, especially with the technical expertise and training capabilities of New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, and the abundant sun, wind, biodiesel and geothermal capabilities that surround our city.

We applaud Sapphire Energy in their decision to relocate to Las Cruces to bring state-of-the-art technology in extracting fuel from algae. These industries will not only help cut our nation's dependence on foreign oil, they will become important parts of our own solid portfolio of strong local businesses, with jobs that can't easily be outsourced or sent overseas.

We will continue to work vigorously to attract new business and jobs to our region. Clearly, our hope is that these will be quality firms eager to partner with us in building a good community, with opportunities for well-paying careers for local residents.

In the pursuit of these quality businesses, we have to understand what will make that job easier – a stable economic climate, a well-trained work force, necessary infrastructure, and a quality of life that will be attractive to the managers, executives and workers who will make Las Cruces their home. All of this will contribute to the stable and sustainable economic base that has proven so important to us in the past two years.

I want to mention one other important area of endeavor for MVEDA and other economic development initiatives, and that is re-investment in our existing local economy, as we grow opportunities for the hundreds of local businesses already committed to our community. We need a renewed effort to develop economic and small business opportunities in our Downtown, and I'm hopeful that our business community will partner with the city in developing a vibrant commercial zone in the Downtown area. Working together, we can rebuild a city center that is once again vital to our business and community life.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima delivers the 2010 State of the City Address Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Las Cruces City Council Chambers.

Along these lines, I would like to mention two different projects that have emerged in recent weeks and the model they provide for the kind of partnerships that will make our city stronger.

One is the El Paseo Corridor initiative, which has grown out of a federal grant secured by the hard work of Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas and Sustainability Officer Tom Schuster. One of only four planning projects chosen in a nationwide competition, this initiative will involve a wide variety of federal agencies helping us to envision El Paseo Road as a beautiful and vibrant corridor connecting New Mexico State University and the new Convention Center with our Downtown.

One purpose of the grant is the development of a model for citizen and neighborhood involvement in planning the project, a model that will serve as a public participation template not just for our own community, but for communities across the nation. This revitalization, at the very heart of our traditional community center, represents a real commitment to the Las Cruces city core and our excitement about its future.

Another recent project, this one in a brand new part of the city, involves the paving of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard North to the new elementary and middle schools on the East Mesa.

This project provided a real dilemma for the city, in that it was not part of our capital improvement plan and represented an allocation of scare city resources to this project.

At the same time, the school district has two schools under construction and scheduled to open this fall, with limited access for parents, students and

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teachers trying to reach them.

Obviously, one way to avoid these problems is for the school district to participate more actively in our city and county planning efforts, so that school siting becomes part of our overall shared vision for where new roads and growth should occur.

We urge our friends in the Las Cruces Public Schools to join us in this larger planning effort, supplementing efforts already under way to increase our joint utilization of public facilities. But right now, in 2010, the problem of getting Sonoma Ranch Boulevard North extended to the new schools is a pressing concern.

In this case, the developer who has land adjacent to the new school sites, and whose properties and eventual residents will benefit from the new road and infrastructure, stepped forward with a plan to raise money through privately secured bonds issued on behalf of a special assessment district, whereby the project can be financed by proceeds from future property taxes on the developer's own land. The city, by creation of this district, would be able to facilitate the building of this road, but without apparent risk and without utilizing its own bonding capacity.

The schools would have their road and the city would be able to maintain its capital outlay plan in accordance with fiscal responsibility and its overall vision for future Las Cruces growth.

This is the plan under consideration, which still requires a full understanding on the part of the city in terms of contingent liabilities and any other unwanted consequences from this kind of district.

At the same time, these two projects, one in an older part of town and one in a newer part, represent not just our commitment to all of Las Cruces, old and new, but also indicate our interest in finding creative ways of addressing the challenges that face us – from raising the funds necessary for essential projects to planning boldly for the re-envisioning of our city core. We want to partner with our development and investment communities, with our local businesses, and with governmental and nonprofit agencies to make Las Cruces the best place possible to live.

These are good models for cooperation in any case, and in times of economic necessity are absolutely essential to moving forward toward the kind of future we want to have.

Strategic planning

Another major step forward for our city is underway right now, and involves a process by which we as a City Council lay out exactly what we hope to accomplish over the next two years.

With myself, a relatively new mayor, and so many new councilors, it became clear that we, as the citizens' elected representatives, needed to take responsibility for prioritizing the projects and initiatives that will make up our city agenda over the next two years.

Working closely with city staff, we have made good progress, and I'm happy to report that the process has been positive, with broad agreement among both council and staff over key areas of engagement for the city.

We intend to share this strategic leadership plan in detail once we have finalized our prioritization, and when staff has its budgetary analysis and work plans in place. In the meantime, I would like to mention a few of the new proposals under consideration at this time.

Some of the initiatives are new capital projects, such as the construction of a much-needed emergency-response facility (MVRDA), and the completion of site selection and design for new police and fire substations in the East Mesa. Given the economic situation and its effect on all levels of government, we will be as creative and responsible as possible in finding ways to get these important projects done. One such suggestion includes allowing the private sector to partner with the city to build many needed facilities without tax increases nor any bonding commitments.

Other goals reflect our interest in long-term planning, from passage of the Vision 2040 regional and comprehensive plan to a complete, updated inventory of city infrastructure needs, so that we know where we are and what needs to be done. There are a wide range of possible enhancements to our city code to support quality development, with incentives to benefit residents and builders alike.

An underlying theme in all these efforts is our desire to provide as much choice as possible for the people of our city and for those who provide for our needs.

One project we are certain to continue is the work of our new sustainability officer, whose attention to energy efficiency is expected to save the city tens of thousands of dollars a year.

Incidentally, I'm pleased to note that we now have, as of a few weeks ago – thanks to Patrick Peck and the South Central Solid Waste Facility – single-stream recycling, which allows residents to take a wide variety of unseparated materials, including plastics, to collection sites all over Las Cruces. This arrangement with an El Paso-based recycling firm represents the kind of public-private partnership that will be so important to the future of our city.

Thanks as well to our city and county staffs and to the many, many local residents who have continued to work hard to make local recycling a reality.

One other issue that has emerged from this goal-setting process is the need for a thorough and objective study of the present organizational structure of city staff.

This was suggested by the consultant and represents an understanding that our city has undergone extremely rapid growth in recent years and that perhaps our current organizational structure isn't as effective and efficient as it could be. We hope to address this issue in coming months as well.

One aspect of re-organization that we should support is the designation of a community relations position, who will be responsible for responding to citizen complaints and concerns and for developing an integrated response to recurrent problems.

So, I stand before you for the third time as your mayor, at the beginning of another year, to report that the state of the city is strong.

Looking ahead

Up to this point, we have weathered a difficult economic period admirably, and we will use the lessons learned from this downturn as we move into the future. I hope everyone can feel the excitement that attends our work in the city, and the individual strengths that our councillors, both new and continuing, bring to the council.

We all know the leadership and vision Mayor Pro Tem Thomas provides for our community and the high standards for achievement she's set for us all. We count on Councillor Dolores Connor's experience and concern for our city and appreciate the broad areas of agreement that we share. Councillor Nathan Small has provided important leadership in energy issues, among them the creation of the sustainability officer. Councillor Miguel Silva has been a strong advocate for our Downtown area and oversight of our city's police department.

Our newest councillors, Councillor Olga Pedroza and Councillor Gil Sorg, have already distinguished themselves by their fairness in deliberation and careful attention to their duties. Councillor Pedroza has taken leadership in community gardening projects in cooperation with the public schools, and Councillor Sorg in addressing the complex infrastructure needs that challenge so much of his district. Both have been strong advocates – as have all of our councillors – for the people who live in their districts.

These have been challenging, exciting times, and we are fortunate to be here today, working together to make Las Cruces a dynamic city.

Our thoughts and prayers are, as always, with our sons and daughters who are far away in service to our country. As well as the courageous men and women of the Las Cruces police and fire departments as they keep our city safe every day.

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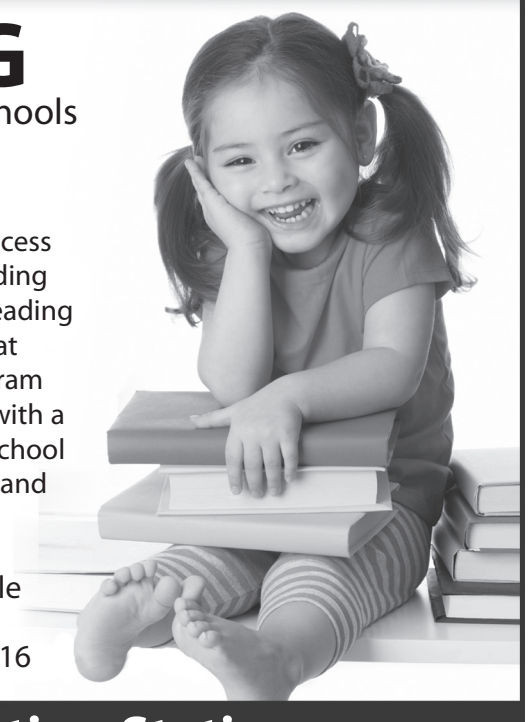

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Legislature 2010 Week 3

Roundhouse Round Up

Garcia seeks change to oil and gas funds

Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, is sponsoring Senate Bill 208 – Oil & Gas Tax Changes for Emergency Fund. The measure was heard Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee.

SB208 proposes temporary changes to how oil and gas taxes are assessed in order to increase distributions to the Public School Fund, thereby preventing salary cuts for New Mexico's teachers. The bill does not change the total amount of taxes paid by the oil and gas industry.

The measure temporarily decreases, by 1 percent, tax rates under the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Act. In the recent past, it has been common practice to use Oil and Gas Severance Tax revenues for "pork" projects, according to Garcia. The bill temporarily increases, also by 1 percent, tax rates under the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax Act, which will then be distributed to the Public School Fund and used to maintain teachers' salaries. The bill contains a sunset clause to ensure that this temporary measure will terminate in 2013.

"I want to do everything possible to avoid cutting our teachers' salaries or raising taxes on our citizens," Garcia said. "This bill provides an alternative. Unfortunately, in this budget crisis we have to make a public policy decision. What do we value more, construction projects or educators and by extension their households and communities? It comes down to this – buildings or people?"

Bill would raise pension contribution

A measure by Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle, R-Portales, would increase the amount public employees pay into their pensions by 2.64 percent. Senate Bill 246 would also have the state decrease its contributions by the same amount, saving the state $72 million.

The shift would be only for the 2011 fiscal year and would apply to the Educational Retirement Board and various plans in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Under the measure, employees who earn $55,000 a year would pay $1,000 more into their PERA plan for the 2011 fiscal year.

House webcasts now online

It took a while, but the House finally caught up with the Senate in terms of putting its proceedings online for the world to see. As of Tuesday, Feb. 9, computer users can visit www.nmlegis.gov and look for the webcasting link to catch meetings of the full House – and Senate, as well as certain committee hearings.

From press releases and reports by the New Mexican

Senate overrides SIC veto

Legislation seeks investment transparency

By Steve Terrell
The New Mexican

The state Senate has voted overwhelmingly to override a veto by Gov. Bill Richardson of a bill passed last year.

The Senate voted 34-4 Tuesday, Feb. 9, to override Richardson's veto of Senate Bill 460 from last year's session. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Steve Neville, R-Farmington, would change the membership makeup of the scandal-plagued State Investment Council (SIC), giving the Legislature more influence and the governor less.

"The message is that we want some transparency (on the SIC)," Neville told reporters after the vote.

He said the state needs to instill more confidence in the SIC, which manages more than $12 billion of state money and has been at the center of a federal investigation in recent months.

Support for the override spanned the political spectrum. Voting in favor of the override were all Senate Republicans as well as a wide majority of Senate Democrats, including some of the most liberal and the most conservative.

But this override, as well as Monday's override of Richardson's veto of SB 531, a bill requiring agencies to provide a legislative committee with confidential material related to governmental programs, is expected to have a much harder time in the House. That chamber is controlled by Richardson's most faithful ally, House Speaker Ben Lujan, D-Nambé. In the past, House Democrats have been reluctant to buck the powerful speaker.

Lujan said he didn't know whether the House would vote on the override.

"We'll send it to committees, and we'll talk about it in (Democratic) caucus," he said.

Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, who voted for both veto overrides this week, said he thinks the Senate actions might put pressure on House members.

Richardson spokesman Gilbert Gallegos issued a statement after the vote: "The governor has worked in good faith with the Senate. If some senators want to play political games, that's their prerogative. Hopefully, the House will see through the political gamesmanship and continue to focus, like the governor, on a solution to the budget deficit and a sensible restructuring of the State Investment Council."

Although he vetoed SB 460 by not signing it, Richardson has since agreed to consider signing such a bill and sent a message to allow it to be considered during a 30-day "budget session."

Neville and Sens. Tim Keller and Cisco McSorley, both Democrats from Albuquerque, introduced similar bills this session, all of which have been combined onto a committee substitute, SB 18. The Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday gave a do-pass recommendation to SB 18, which next goes to the Senate floor.

But Neville said there's no guarantee that the new bill will make it through the House. Plus, he said, it's not certain that Richardson would sign the new bill.

Neville and Keller agree that the new bill is stronger than SB 460. Keller said overriding the veto of last year's bill was the Senate's "back-up plan" to help assure some reform of the SIC passed this year.

Earlier this year, a team of Chicago consultants hired by the state to look at the state's handling of investments, recommended that the SIC needs to decrease the influence of the Governor's Office.

Federal investigators are looking at the role of third-party marketers in public investments. Santa Fe broker Marc Correra shared in nearly $22 million in fees for helping companies win investments with the SIC and a state educational pension fund, according to state records.

Both the measure Richardson vetoed and the new bill give the governor fewer appointments to the SIC and give more appointments to the Legislature.

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Crime Stoppers: Bowling alley murders

Detectives are continuing to investigate the February 1990 shootings at a Las Cruces bowling alley that claimed four lives and left three others injured.

Shortly after 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1990, police were dispatched to what was then known as Las Cruces Bowl, 1201 E. Amador Ave., when 12-year-old Melissia Repass called 911 to report that she and six other people had just been shot execution-style.

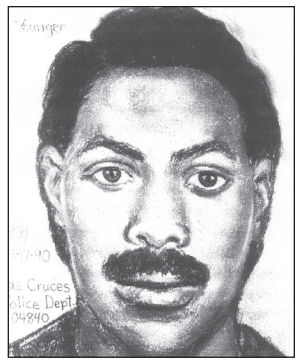
Inside the bowling alley, officers found three victims already dead: 26-year-old Steven Teran, his 6-year-old daughter Paula Holguin and 13-year-old Amy Houser. Police found Teran's 2-year-old daughter, Valerie Teran, clinging to life. Valerie was rushed to a local hospital but died a short time after arrival.

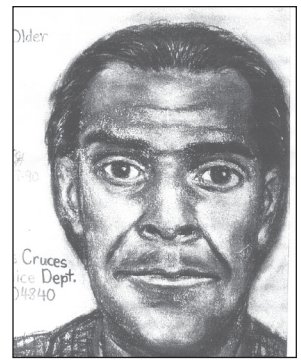
Wounded during the shooting were Repass, her mother Stephanie Senac, 34, and 33-year-old Ida Holguin (no relation to Paula). They were transported to area hospitals and survived the shooting.

Teran was employed at the bowling alley and, at around 8 a.m. that day, arrived for work along with his two young daughters who were scheduled to stay at the day care facility located inside the bowling alley. The teenage girls, Repass and Houser, were scheduled to supervise children in the day care that day while Senac worked at the bowling alley, which was owned by her father. Ida Holguin was employed there as a cook.

Detectives believe that when Teran walked into the building, he was immediately confronted by one of the suspects who took him and his daughters to the bowling alley's office where the other four victims were being held.

After the bowling alley's safe was opened and an estimated $5,000 in cash was removed, the two suspects shot all seven victims and intentionally set fire to the office in what was believed to be an attempt to destroy evidence. After the suspects fled, Repass was able to call 911.





Within about a minute, Las Cruces police officers arrived and found all seven victims in the bowling alley's office.

"We still think there is someone who has some additional clue, some bit of information that could help us solve this case," said Las Cruces Police Detective Mark Myers, the lead investigator on the case. "Someone out there knows of a family member or a friend or an acquaintance or someone who may have started acting differently after this crime was committed. Maybe they know of someone who left town or suddenly had an unexplained amount of money, in the days or weeks following this crime.

"Whatever that clue is, no matter how insignificant that bit of information may appear to be, we would like to hear about it," Myers said. "That one bit of information may be what leads us to find the men who committed this senseless crime."

Repass initially described the two suspects as possibly being black, though further interviews lead investigators to believe they are Hispanic with dark complexions. Both suspects were said to speak clear English.

In 1990, the older suspect was said to be in his late 30s or early 40s, 5 feet 5 inches tall with a medium build and weighing between 160 and 180 pounds. The younger suspect was believed to be in his late 20s, between 5 feet 6 and 5 feet 8 inches tall with a medium build and weighing around 190 pounds.

Today, the older suspect would be in his late 50s or early 60s. The younger suspect would be in his late 40s or in his early 50s.

The Las Cruces Police Department urges anyone with information that may help solve this crime to call detectives at 528-4222. Anyone who wants to provide information, but wishes to remain anonymous, can call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or from outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

A documentary about the crime, called "Nightmare in Las Cruces," is currently showing at the Cineport 10 in the Mesilla Valley Mall.

Old-fashioned valentines

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Rebekah Hildebrant, 9, makes a card for her parents during a creative "Old-Fashioned Valentine's Day" card workshop for children Saturday, Feb. 6, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

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Coming Up

Volunteers sought

Dripping Springs Recreation Area is seeking volunteers to help in the visitors center on Saturday and Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Cheryl Howard at 525-4487 or cheryl_howard@blm.gov.

The Dream Center, 1400 N. 6th St., a privately funded youth center, is seeking volunteers to help clean up and repair the facility from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 13 and 20. Every kind of help is needed. For more information, contact Jackie Villegas at 386-0424 or jackievillegas63@yahoo.com.

Spay and neuter clinic

Applications for low-cost spay and neuter services sponsored by the Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP) and Doña Ana County are being taken from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the SNAP office located inside the Better Life Pet Food Store, 365 Avenida de Mesilla, and from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Peddler's Pavilion, 2400 W. Picacho Ave. Applicants must bring proof of income or disability and a photo ID.

The clinic will take place on Saturday, March 6, and Sunday, March 7, at the Palms Center, across from the from the Peddler's Pavilion on Picacho Avenue. Clinic fees are $25 for cats and $35 for dogs, with discounts available for multiple pets. Fees are accepted in cash only. For more information, call 524-9265.

HSSNM adoption event

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico will have two-day adoption event, "Second Chance at Love," featuring kittens and small dogs currently in foster care, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and Saturday, Feb. 13, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave.

Kiwanis breakfast

Mesilla Valley Kiwanis, Las Cruces Kiwanis and Sun Country de Las Cruces Kiwanis clubs will be joined by Kiwanis clubs from Deming, Silver City and Truth or Consequences in sponsoring the Love of Community Pancake Breakfast for the homeless and those in need from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., in the cafeteria.

Museum workshops

The New Mexico State University Museum located in Kent Hall, at University Avenue and Solano Drive, will host Saturday Family Workshops from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The project for both workshops will be Dia de San Valentin Papel Picado. All ages are welcome. Workshops are free to the public and materials are provided. Reservations are not required except for large groups.

For more information, call 646-5161 or visit www.nmsu.edu/museum.

Boy Scout food drive

Boy Scouts of America is collecting food for area food banks on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Lowe's Fiesta Foods, 2180 N. Main St., as part of their annual Scouting for Food event.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, scouts placed grocery bags on door knobs of homes in selected Las Cruces neighborhoods in the hopes that residents will fill the bags with non-perishable foods items for local food banks. Scouts will be picking up those grocery bags on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The scouts will take the foods to the collection point at Lowe's Fiesta Foods.

"Anyone can walk up and drop off food at this location," said Bill Gass, scoutmaster of Troop 64.

For more information, call Gass at 373-9383 or 312-5411, or Sparkie Plaatje at 639-3181.

Karaoke for Haiti

The Whole Enchilada Fiesta committee invites all residents to Karaoke for the Kause from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. The event is part of the Las Cruces' Help for Haiti campaign.

Donations will be accepted, and 100 percent of those donations will be given to the Red Cross for its efforts in assisting Haiti. There will be fun and entertainment including the karaoke stage, a local magician, balloon animals and a car show.

For more information, call Debbie Calderon at 650-4032.

SAR Presidents Day

A regular luncheon meeting of the Gadsden Chapter of the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will celebrate Presidents Day at noon Saturday Feb. 20. The program will include Lowell Catlett, dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Science at New Mexico State University, who will speak on the nation's founding fathers with a concentration on Thomas Jefferson. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. The cost is $15 per person paid at the door and includes entrée, beverage, dessert and tip. Members and guests are encouraged to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact 521-3143 or biles@1956.usna.com by Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Space classes at DACC

The New Mexico Museum of Space History and New Mexico Space Academy present Saturday family classes from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday through May 1, at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa campus, Room 113, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. All ages are welcome.

- The series begins with "Journey through the Solar System – The Planets," on Saturday, Feb. 13. Participants will learn exciting new facts about the heavenly bodies in our Solar System and journey from the rocky craters of Mercury to the Gas Giants that lie at the edge of interstellar space.
- Feb. 20 – "Asteroids" These minor bodies may not be that large but they can have a great affect on our planet. From the extinction of the dinosaurs to the sky show of a comet's tails learn about these objects in the Night Sky
- Feb. 27 "Moons" Our moon has been a noted companion to this planet for billions of years. Learn more about it as well as amazing facts about the 200 other moons in the solar system.

Classes will also include a variety of astronomy-related hands-on activities.

Cost is $20 per session for an adult and one child. Additional family members are $15 per session. Space is limited and admission is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register, call DACC Community Education at 527-7527.

Shrove Tuesday supper

The Men's Group of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 Alameda Blvd., will host its annual pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat pancakes with applesauce and syrup, sausage, milk, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is $3 for children in first through eighth grades, and $5 for older children and adults. Pre-schoolers may eat free. The supper is the primary fundraiser for this group, and it supports many activities and projects.

Tickets are available from any member of the group and will also be available at the door.

German club meets

Friends of the German Language (Freunde der Deutschen Sprache) will meet at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Breland Hall, Room 170B, on the New Mexico State University main campus.

The club will view three short documentaries from Deutsche Welle-TV: "Grenzen der Zeit," "Bilderbuch Deutschland: Nymphenburg" and "Winter im Oberallgaeu."

For more information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

Roy Bean portrayed

Randy Milligan will take on the persona of the infamous Judge Roy Bean at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at a free Doña Ana Historical Society event at the Las Cruces Good Samaritan Society Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Milligan's personification of Bean will provide a glimpse of what it was like to live in a "Hell Town" and how Bean dealt with the lawlessness along the expanding railroads in the 19th century. Local references are likely in Milligan's performance, as Bean lived for a time in Mesilla.

At World Wetlands Day

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Peggy McCormick from the Albuquerque-based company Hawks Aloft holds a prairie falcon as she speaks to a full room of visitors during World Wetlands Day at the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park Saturday, Feb. 6. A black raven perches in the foreground.

Lisa Roth, a first-time visitor to the park, explored the visitor center and the hiking trails.

Carolina Aneses, 2, picks out colorful beads to make an insect or reptile during an activity for children at the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park.

McCormick displays the prairie falcon as she describes the importance of birds of prey to the environment.

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More than 70 runners showed up this year for the 2010 Super Bowl Sunday Run at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. Race participants Aeneas Reynolds, 13, and his older brother Payton Reynolds, 15, get ahead of the pack as they run the 5k.

Super Bowl Sunday

Indoor, outdoor activities abound

New Orleans Saints fans "J Mar" and "B Bro," who were visiting Las Cruces from San Diego, partake of the festivities at The Game Sports Bar & Grill, 2605 S. Espina St., on Sunday, Feb. 7.

New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts fans watch one of the TVs at The Game Sports Bar & Grill during the 2010 Superbowl.

Colts fans Mike Stumbol and Sarah Mayes cheer on their team.

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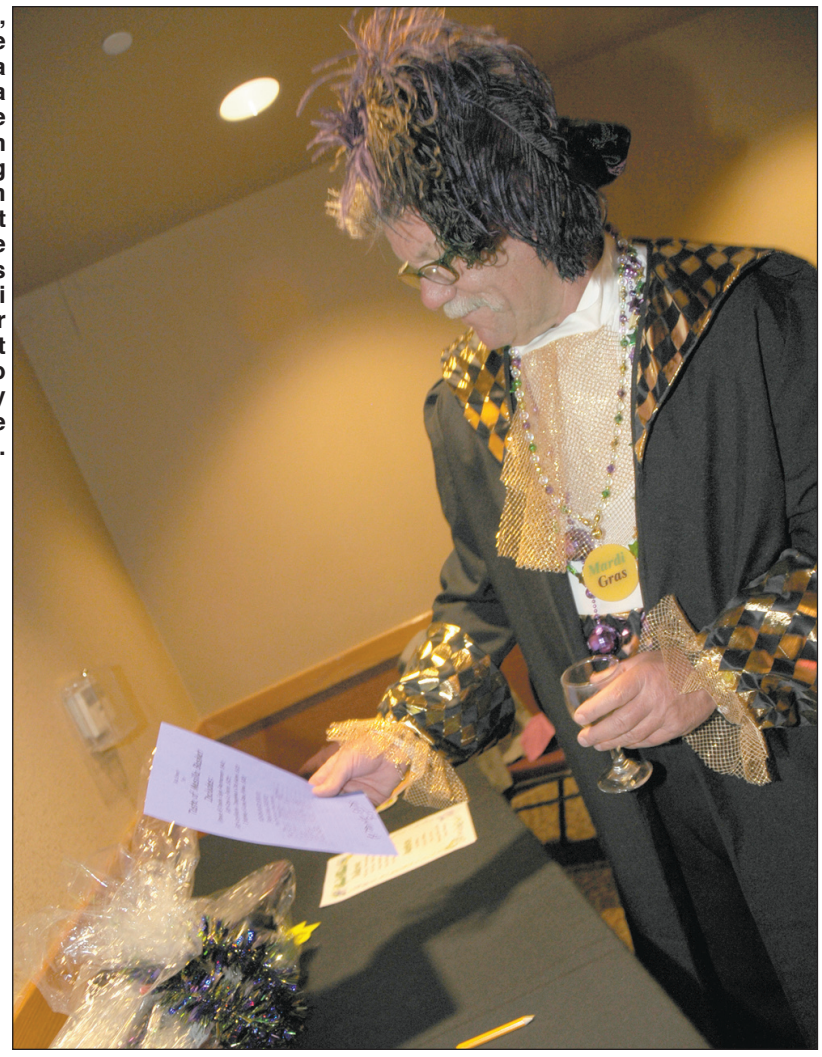
At the ASTC Mardi Gras



Rich Sorg, dressed as "The King," looks at a Taste of Mesilla Basket on the silent auction table during the American Southwest Theatre Company's annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser Friday, Feb. 5, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse.

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Caryl Kotulak and David Lemen show off their elaborate gowns and masks.

Kathi-Jane Alvarado was excited for the evening's festivities.

Roberta Henry and Marcia Sunberg show off their dance moves.

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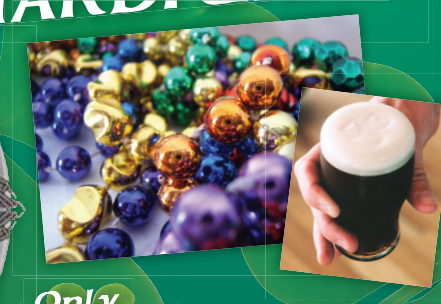
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NMSU forms provost search committee

Applications now being accepted for permanent provost

New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture has assembled a search committee for the university's next executive vice president and provost.

The 16-member committee, chaired by Ramon Dominguez, associate professor of educational management and development at NMSU, plans to begin reviewing applications in March. The first round of interviews will take place in April, with finalists for the position invited to campus during the last week of April.

Advertising, recruiting and accepting nominations and applications has begun and continues through early March. The search committee will work in partnership with the executive search and consulting firm of Greenwood/Asher & Associates.

"The success in meeting our charge is dependent upon the support and feedback from the NMSU community and constituents," Dominguez said. "A diverse pool of highly qualified individuals is essential to the selection process, and we will work to keep everyone informed on the process as we move forward."

Jay B. Jordan, associate vice president for Research, Graduate Studies and International Programs, is the interim provost and executive vice president, replacing Waded Cruzado, who is now president of Montana State University

"We've been tasked with the major responsibility and opportunity of recommending to President Couture candidates for the second-highest ranking administrative position at NMSU," Dominguez said. "We are looking forward to the entire NMSU community's involvement through applications, nominations, comments and participation during candidate visits."

Committee members are:

- Tilahun Adera, dean of the College of Health and Social Services
- Mark Andersen, professor of fishery and wildlife sciences and vice chair of the Faculty Senate
- Roseanne Bensley, associate director of Career Services and chair of the Employee Council
- Cynda Clary, interim department head of agriculture and Extension education
- Melody Duran, student in the College of Engineering
- Margie Huerta, president of the NMSU Doña Ana Community College
- Ricardo Jacquez, interim associate provost of academic affairs
- Michael Johnson, professor of chemistry and biochemistry
- Justin McHorse, director of American Indian programs
- Bernadette Montoya, assistant vice president of enrollment management
- Michele Nishiguchi, professor of biology
- Nancy Oretskin, professor of finance
- Steve Stochaj, professor in the Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Winning is par for the course

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

I found Scott Lieberwirth on the golf course Monday, coaching the Aggie men's team.

Allegedly.

"I've just about got them screwed up," he said. "Give me a little more time, and I'll have them completely ruined."

He was joking, of course.

Under Lieberwirth's command, New Mexico State won the Sun Belt Conference championship in 2004, the Western Athletic Conference in 2006, '08 and '09 and Scott was voted Coach of the Year each time.

He likes his team this spring. It's young but talented.

"And our roster is thin," he said. "We only have nine guys on the team."

In last Saturday's Collegiate Cup, played on the Sierra Del Rio course in Truth or Consequences, N.M., four Aggie freshmen shot good scores.

Will Holdridge, one of them, tied senior Ryan Word for the championship, both firing 3-under-par 141.

Justin Shin tied for third at 2-under-par 142, and Derek Baade and Justin Knauber had 8-over-par 152s.

Sophomore Gaston De La Torre had a bad first round, shooting 2-over-par 74, but came back to fire a 2-under on the back nine to tie for eighth at 144.

Ross Prachar tied for 15th with a 4-over 148.

Tim Madigan, NMSU's No. 1 player, sat out with a bad back. He will return when New Mexico State opens the regular season March 5-6, at the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas.

Lieberwirth predicts a good spring for his team.

"The older guys like Madigan don't listen to me," Scott said. "They tune me out so I know they'll play well.

"The younger guys listen to everything I say. That worries me."

Lieberwirth will build his squad on Madigan, Shin, Word and De La Torre.

"It's important that we get a good start this season," Lieberwirth said. "Get some momentum.

"I'll say one thing about this team. It's the hardest working bunch of guys I've coached here. They're out there every day practicing."

On paper, he said, Nevada and Fresno State are the teams to beat in the WAC this season.

"They have more guys returning," he said. "Veteran squads, but that's only on paper. I kind of think as the spring goes along, we'll be in there somewhere."

The Aggies usually are.

Wherever he's needed

Aggies' Mike Sodders is versatile infielder

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When the Aggies open the 2010 baseball season Saturday, Feb. 20, against Washington in the Tucson, Ariz., Tournament, Mike Sodders will probably play second base.

Or third. Or first.

"Wherever we need him," said coach Rocky Ward.

"He's got a 90-mph arm and he can field.

"He is a plus-plus hitter, too."

Last year, Sodders, a transfer from Northeastern, Okla., A&M, hit .422, including 13 home runs, 68 RBI and had a slugging average of .754.

His statistics did not go unnoticed. Sodders was picked on the pre-season Louisville Slugger all-America team by Collegiate Baseball. He made Ping Baseball's second All-America team.

There's more to come, probably.

One wonders what he might have done playing on two good legs last season. Shortly before New Mexico State opened its WAC schedule, Sodders injured his left knee.

"I had a torn TCL," he said. "I wore a brace on it – very uncomfortable. It's completely healed now. I'm 100 percent well."

The lanky, 6-foot-2 senior bats with power, according to Ward.

"He hits majestic, high fly balls," the Aggie coach said. "Sometimes you think they're going to be caught, but they sail out of the park instead.

"I think his knee inhibited his power. It cut down on his swing. It'll be interesting to see what he does this season with two good legs."

Sodders feasts on fastballs.

"They're my favorite pitch to hit," he said. "Hard and fast. Right down the middle.

"I have a harder time hitting those soft, junk pitches. Off-speed stuff. They give me fits."

Sodders, a polite, "yes, sir," and "no, sir" guy, is well liked by his teammates.

"He's the nicest kid you'll ever meet," Ward said. "He probably would rather I didn't mention it, but we call him Mikey. He's almost too nice."

Sodders grew up in a baseball family. "I guess you'd have to say I have baseball blood," he said.

His dad, Mike Sodders Sr., was an all-American at Arizona State University in the early 1980s. He's enshrined in the school's Hall of Fame and played for three major league teams before an injury forced him out of the game.

Of course the older Sodders helped coach his son.

"He worked with me a lot," Sodders said.

"He was hard on me, but for a good reason. He used to tell me, 'son, remember to go all out and give 100 percent. Then when your career is over, you won't tell yourself you could have worked harder.'"

The Aggies finished 44-17 last year and reached the finals of the Western Athletic Conference championship where they lost to Fresno State. It was the best record in school history.

Sodders believes this year's team might be better.

In pre-season polls, Fresno State was picked to win the WAC with New Mexico State finishing a close second.

"We have good pitching," Sodders said. "A good bullpen.

"Some real good hitters.

"I'm excited."

NMSU will play the Alumni at Presley Askew Field at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, before traveling to the Tucson, Ariz., Tournament where they'll open against Washington Feb. 19, play Gonzaga and Missouri Feb. 20 and Washington again on Feb. 21.

Mike Sodders will be counted on to carry a big bat for the Aggies this season.

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Mando Marshall is among the young players whose improved play has helped the Las Cruces Bulldawgs.

Young Bulldawgs on late surge

LCHS to face powerful Trojans Friday

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Don't look now, but here come the Las Cruces High School Bulldawgs.

The LCHS boys basketball team, which might have the youngest starting lineup in the state, carries a three-game winning streak into its game at district-leading Mayfield at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

In a district race that usually is very competitive, the young Bulldawgs have made it even more interesting with their late surge. Coach William Benjamin's team, now 9-15 overall and 3-3 in District 3-5A, has a starting lineup that consists of three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior. The sophomore, Mando Marshall, and one of the freshmen, Trevor Noel, each scored 19 points Tuesday night in Las Cruces' 58-48 win over Oñate. Benjamin also credited the play of freshman point guard Joseph Garza with his defense on Oñate guard Tim Jacobs.

"Our bigs played big," Benjamin said of Marshall and Noel, each of whom are close to 6-5. "And we did a good job on Tim Jacobs, who is one of the top three guards in New Mexico."

Las Cruces started the season with a senior-dominated starting lineup that lacked varsity experience. As the season has progressed, the freshmen began to get more playing time. Benjamin said the transition has worked because of the unselfishness of the older players, and stressed that the seniors still have valuable roles.

"We're playing our best players," he said. "They just happen to be young. It's really a credit to our seniors that they have accepted their roles."

While the future is bright at Las Cruces High, the future is now at Mayfield. The Trojans are 5-0 in district and 18-4 overall heading into Friday night's clash with the Bulldawgs. Mayfield notched a huge win Tuesday night, rallying to beat Gadsden in a road game, 60-49.

"It was a great win for us," said Mayfield coach Tommy Morrow. "We were down 21-8 in a packed house that was very rowdy, and we had to fight back. Our guys

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High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	at Mayfield	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 16	Gadsden	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	Mayfield	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 16	at Gadsden	7 p.m.
Girls Softball	Tuesday, Feb. 16	at Franklin	4 p.m.
Tennis	Friday, Feb. 12-Saturday, Feb. 13	at Americas Tennis Tournament	8 a.m.
Track & Field	Saturday, Feb. 13	Canutillo Track Invitational	9 a.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19-Sat. Feb. 20	El Dorado Invitational	3:30 p.m. F, 9 a.m. S
Wrestling	Saturday, Feb. 13	at Dist. 3-5A Wrestling Tourn., Hobbs	TBA
	Friday, Feb. 19-Saturday, Feb. 20	at State Wrestling Tourn. Albuquerque	TBA

Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 16	at Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19	Oñate	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	at Las Cruces	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 16	Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19	at Oñate	7 p.m.
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Oñate High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19	at Mayfield	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	at Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19	Mayfield	7 p.m.
Tennis	Friday, Feb. 12-Saturday, Feb. 13	at Americas Tennis Tournament	8 a.m.
Track & Field	Saturday, Feb. 13	Canutillo Track Invitational	9 a.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19-Sat. Feb. 20	Bel Air Track Invitational	3:30 p.m. F, 9 a.m. S
Wrestling	Saturday, Feb. 13	at Dist. 3-5A Wrestling Tourn., Hobbs	TBA
	Friday, Feb. 19-Saturday, Feb. 20	at State Wrestling Tourn. Albuquerque	TBA

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Boys Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	at Tularosa	6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 16	at Cloudcroft	7 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19	Capitan	8 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Feb. 12	Tularosa	6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, Feb. 16	at Cloudcroft	5:30 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 19	Capitan	6:30 p.m.
Tennis (Boys and Girls)	Tuesday, Feb. 16	at Gadsden (scrimmage)	3 p.m.

Bulldawgs

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did a tremendous job."

The Trojans are led by senior posts Jeremiah Willis (6-5) and Josh Trujillo (6-8). The duo had 18 and 15 points, respectively, Tuesday night at Gadsden.

Benjamin calls Mayfield one of the top five teams in the state.

"They have the two big kids and a point guard that doesn't turn the ball over," Benjamin said. "We played great the last time we played them. As long as we compete, anything can happen."

"They played us tough last time," Morrow said of the Bulldawgs. "They were ahead most of the first half. They're a very talented team."

With the loss to LCHS on Tuesday, Oñate fell to 11-12 overall and 2-4 in the district race. With three straight losses, first-year head coach Saul Perez said his Knights are facing more of a mental battle right now.

"Our biggest challenge is to keep being positive and keep believing," he said. "We had two close losses last week to Gadsden and Mayfield. We played well, but came up short. That was hard to swallow."

The teams in the district are fairly even, and that gives hope to Perez and the other coaches who are trailing Mayfield heading into the final weeks of the season.

"On any given night, any of these teams can beat the other one," said Perez. "There's not one super team. Mayfield is very good, but they're not dominant."

The Trojans are finding ways to win the close games and that has set them apart.

"Some might think it's easy, but it's never easy in this district," said Morrow, after the exhausting come-from-behind win over Gadsden. "Every game is a new puzzle you have to figure out."

RICHARD DAVIS I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mando Marshall shows off his dunking skills at a Las Cruces Bulldawg practice session Wednesday, Feb. 10.

WAC honors Jahmar Young

Junior selected as Player of the Week

Junior guard Jahmar Young has been named the Verizon Wireless WAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 1-7. The honor marks the third career WAC Player of the Week award for Young.

Young led New Mexico State to a 94-82 win over San Jose State Feb. 6. He scored a team-high 25 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field, including a 4-of-6 mark from 3-point range. Young also connected on 5-of-5 shots from the free throw line. Additionally, he dished out five assists, pulled down three rebounds and recorded a blocked shot.

"I'm very happy for Jahmar," head coach Marvin Menzies said. "He has been a steady force for us all season long, and it's nice when a player gets acknowledged for his accomplishments."

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Venezuela's woes bolster Aggie tennis

Coach and players look for better life

By Aleksa Costa
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Coach Carlos Vargas, Ginet Pinero, Orlando Superlano and Luis Fernando Ramirez are hoping to make a difference in the New Mexico State University tennis program.

New Mexico State University

It's not a surprise that the Aggies' tennis team is built with a wide array of international players. This spring season, the team has three new Latin components, all from the same background, here for the same purpose: a better future and a chance to grow.

Ginet Pinero, Luis Fernando Ramirez and Orlando Superlano, all from Caracas, Venezuela, have come to Las Cruces on full tennis scholarships. They have taken this opportunity to leave Venezuela as the country experiences a long period of instability and uncertainty.

"Venezuela is a disaster right now," Ramirez said. "The government is destroying our country, it's not a safe place to be."

Political reform in Venezuela began in 1998, when President Hugo Chavez, a left-wing populist, led Venezuela into what he calls "21st century socialism." He consolidated state control over the economy and nationalized telephone and electricity companies. The media has also experienced strict censorship and, overall, the oil-driven economy has suffered tremendously with increasing violent crime in cities, inflation and economic unrest.

Carlos Vargas, the men's tennis coach, also from Venezuela, said very few people there have benefited from the political changes in the country.

"Sometimes, electricity goes off for days, food can be scarce, public transportation goes on strike and everyone suffers," he said.

Violent crime has also intensified over the past decade and kidnapping rates in Venezuela have soared past those of Colombia and Mexico.

Las Cruces is now the new home for the Venezuelan family of tennis talents. All three have known each other for many years and appreciate the importance of having close friends in town.

"It's really cool to have people from your own country here," Pinero said. "I feel really good here because I feel the team is my family."

None of them can foresee if there is a possibility they will ever return to their country.

"I don't know if I want to go back when I graduate," Superlano, said. "It all depends on the situation and if things are still ugly, I would rather stay here."

Vargas, who, until very recently, had not returned to Venezuela for 14 years, said he does not think he will ever go back even though his family is still there.

"It just wouldn't make any sense," he said.

But here things are different and tennis season is on. All of them are ready to achieve great results on the court. Vargas, who personally recruited Superlano and Ramirez, said this spring the men's team's atmosphere is filled with excitement and intensity he has never seen before.

"There is a sense of pride and more team bonding. Maybe it has to do with the new blood on the team," Vargas said.

The new blood might even help bring a never before conquered Western Athletic Conference title this April at Fresno State. Last year, the men's team lost in the semi-finals to Boise State.

"We are better this year," Vargas said. "I see us doing good things this season."

Aggies top Eagles 6-1

Team travels to matches in Ariz.

After being washed out Saturday, Feb. 6, the New Mexico State men's tennis match against Southern Miss the next day ended in a 6-1 triumph for the Aggies.

In doubles play, New Mexico State battled in all three spots. The Aggies dropped the first match, 8-3, but seniors Eduardo Salas and Gustave Diep came back at No. 2 with an 8-5 victory. The Aggies clinched the doubles point in the third position as Arthur Surreaux and Matej Stakne picked up a 8-6 victory over Southern Miss.

With the doubles point secure, the Aggies continued to dominate in the singles match ups. Leading off, Surreaux topped Patricio Alvarado, 6-3, 6-4 and New Mexico State continued to prevail in the next five positions.

NMSU faced two tie-breaking sets against the Golden Eagles. Stakne took his match to a tie breaker at position four before beating Jan Burmeister 6-1, 3-6 (10-1). At No. 6, Ramirez took his match to a tie breaker as well before falling 6-4, 6-7 (10-6).

The Aggies head to Tucson, Ariz., to face Arizona and Cal Poly, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13.

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Ags keep pace in WAC

Aggie point guard Hernst Laroche reacts after nailing the winning bucket against Louisiana Tech Monday, Feb. 8, at the Pan American Center. The Aggies beat La Tech 70-68.

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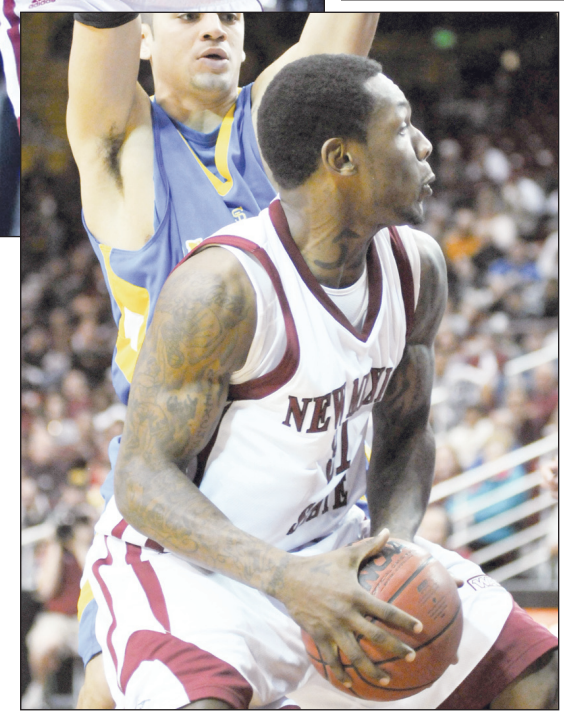
Gordo Castillo has heated up from the 3-point arc and has been a key reserve for the Aggies this year.

Jonathan Gibson drives against Louisiana Tech.



Wendell McKines looks for a teammate during the Aggies 94-82 win over San Jose State, Saturday, Feb. 6.

Troy Gillenwater returned to the bench for the Aggies and had a major impact, averaging 19 points and 9.5 rebounds.

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Aggies sign eight players in soccer

Coach Needham pleased, excited about new group

New Mexico State soccer head coach Michael Needham has signed eight athletes to National Letters of Intent.

Midfielder/forward Dani DeLaVina, midfielder Daisy Hernandez, defender Mary Kate Koziol, forward/midfielder Kristen Powers, midfielder/defender Olivia Sierra, midfielder Megan Thompson, defender Amber Vega and goalkeeper Erin Wosick join the Aggies in fall 2010.

"This class is a lot of different things and very balanced," Needham said. "They will provide the competition in our training environment to keep our program moving in the right direction. Each player has individual qualities that will allow us to do many different things tactically and make us a very unpredictable team to play.

"We began the process of defining who Aggie women's soccer is in our first year, and we look forward to the leadership of our current group to bring these student-athletes into the fold right away."

DeLaVina arrives in Las Cruces from Gilbert, Ariz., and Mesquite High School. She was a three-time member of the Olympic Development Program State Team. DeLaVina has started every varsity match since her freshman season, and she earned first team All-Fiesta Region honors as a junior and sophomore.

"Dani is a pure soccer player, she finds space and exploits it very well," Needham said. "She is also a potent goal scorer and will add punch to the Aggie attack."

Hernandez, a native of Bakersfield, Calif., led Liberty High School to an impressive 35-8-4 record as a junior and sophomore. She scored 33 goals and recorded 47 assists for the Patriots in that time. In addition, Hernandez plays for the Crescenta Valley Soccer Club 92.

"Daisy is a creative central midfielder, her technical ability and field vision will allow her to make an immediate impact on our young program," he said.

Koziol joins the Aggies from Wilmington, Del., and Padua Academy. She also played club soccer for FC Delco and guided the squad to the U.S. Club National Championship, Red Bull National League Championship and Region I finals in 2009. At Padua, Koziol helped hold opponents to six goals in 2009 en route to a state championship following a 17-1 record.

Powers is joining the Crimson and White from Temecula, Calif., and Chaparral High School. She was a team captain as a senior and directed the Pumas to the California Interscholastic Federation Playoffs in 2008-09 and 2006-07. As a junior, she earned first team All-Southwestern League honors after leading Chaparral in goals and assists.

A La Crescenta, Calif. native, Sierra becomes an Aggie after graduating from Crescenta Valley High School. She was named to the second team All-Pacific League after she guided the Falcons to the conference championship and CIF quarterfinals as a junior. In her sophomore campaign, CVHS finished third in the Pacific League and qualified for the CIF playoffs. Sierra was named rookie of the year as a freshman following a conference title and appearance in the CIF playoffs. She has scored 12 goals in her career, and she plays with fellow signee Hernandez on the CVSC 92.

Thompson, an Albuquerque native, travels to Las Cruces from La Cueva High School. In her career with the Bears, she has scored 29 goals and catapulted the team to an outstanding 72-4 record in four seasons. Thompson led La Cueva to the state championship match as a senior following a semifinals appearance in her junior campaign.

"Megan is a very versatile player," Needham said. "She will have the opportunity to play in many different spots. She is an athletic, strong athlete that competes every time she steps on the field."

Vega joins the Aggies from El Paso's Eastwood High School. She was a three-time first team all-district selection as a freshman, sophomore and junior at Eastwood HS. Vega was also named a player to watch as a sophomore. In 2008, she played for the Chihuahua State Team that finished fourth in the Mexican National Tournament, and she was invited to participate in National Training Camp for Mexican U20 team.

Wosick is another Albuquerque resident. She graduates from Albuquerque Academy after leading the Chargers to a pair of state championships in 2008 and 2009. As a senior, she was the Class 4A District 5 Player of the Year and she earned first team all-district and all-state honors. In 2009, she posted a 0.6920 goals against average mark in 1734 minutes while she only allowed 15 goals.

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Aggies take trip to Georgia in spring equestrian opener

Bulldog team rated No. 1 in country

The New Mexico State equestrian team will open its spring season Saturday, Feb. 13, in Bishop, Ga., as they take on the No. 1 ranked Georgia Bulldogs at noon at the Georgia Equestrian Complex. The Aggies are 4-2 on the year, while the Bulldogs are 6-1 on the season.

Coach Andrea Hanson said that the Aggies have a tough schedule during the month of February starting with the Bulldogs.

"We are really excited about competing this weekend and excited about this semester in general," Hanson said. "We have a really tough line up coming up in the month of February. We start with No. 1 ranked Georgia, followed by No. 2 ranked Auburn, Fresno State at home and then No. 3 ranked Texas A&M.

"I know our student-athletes are excited for the challenge. I feel very confident in the way we have been riding."

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> ANDREA HANSON, NMSU equestrian coach

The Aggies faced Georgia last season in Fresno, Calif. New Mexico State fell to the Bulldogs in a close contest, 9-7. The Western team tied the Bulldogs, but lost the tiebreaker as the Hunter Seat team fell 6-2 to Georgia.

"I think our team is very competitive and we have the potential to take these three ranked teams in both the Western and the Hunter Seat disciplines," Hanson said. "Our student-athletes know the history of these teams and their rankings, but they also know that they can compete with these teams."

On the Hunter Seat side, the Aggies will travel Marisa Bernal, Amy Lang, Laura Bostwick, Brianna Raab, Chelsae Keyes, Jennifer Friend, Samantha Stephens and Krystal Doganay.

Representing the Western team will be Rachael Krause, Codi Binkerd, Breanne Bertrand, Kyra Cruse, Rebecca McReynolds, Pam Evans and Megan Gould. Friend will also compete for the Western team as well as the Hunter Seat team.

The last time the Aggie equestrian team was in action was in November 2009. The Aggies defeated Baylor, 10-5, for their fourth straight team victory.

New Mexico State then wrapped up its fall season against South Carolina. The Lady Gamecocks edged out the Aggies, 8-7.

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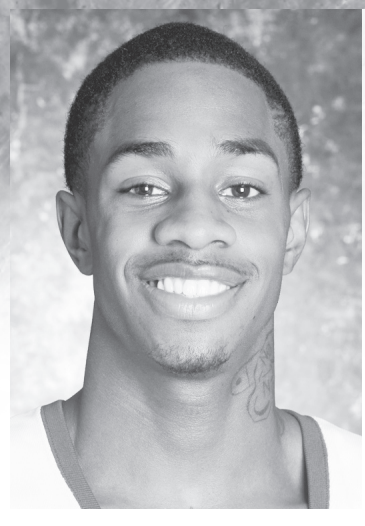

Jahmar Young

Junior, Men's Basketball

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MOLLY JONES
Coady Photography

Prairie Charm, Stealth Cat look strong in Saturday's $50,000 El Diario Stakes

Future wagering on this year's Kentucky Derby begins on Friday, Feb. 12, at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino. Both win and exacta future wagering on the Kentucky Derby will be available through Sunday. Past performances will be on hand.

2009 Harry Henson Handicap winner Prairie Charm headlines the featured $50,000 El Diario Stakes, the 10th on Saturday. The grey-roan mare by 1997 Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm looms large in the 6/1-2 furlong race for fillies and mares. Prairie Charm sports an exceptional record of seven wins in 13 career starts. The multiple-stakes winner has earned nearly $250,000 and is razor sharp. She is fresh off a handy wire-to-wire allowance win at 1 mile on Dec. 22, 2009. Five-time Sunland Park riding champion Ken Tohill returns for the mount.

Bold Ego Handicap winner Stealth Cat also looks especially strong with the hot riding Luis Contreras in the saddle. Stealth Cat is owned by Kirk Robison of El Paso. The highly accomplished mare was the Texas-bred Horse of the Year in 2008.

Sunday's feature is the $50,000 Curribot Stakes at 1/1-16 miles. Post time is 12:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a special live racing program on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Post time is 12:25 p.m. Live racing will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday the week of Feb. 16 through Feb. 21 only.

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Famous Japanese Pro shares wisdom

Addressing golf's most pressing problems

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

During the last week of January, I made my annual pilgrimage to Orlando, Fla., where I attended the PGA Merchandise Show for the 12th consecutive year.

While there, I did manage to catch up with our esteemed Famous Japanese Pro, who was here looking over the David Ledbetter Golf Academy, at Orlando's Champions Gate Golf Club, where so many Asian girls are being taught the LPGA game.

He agreed to sit down with me for an hour in the media room of the Orange County Convention Center.

Golf Doc: In the middle of the night on Nov. 27, 2009, our world of golf icons was changed forever. Tiger Woods, arguably the greatest golfer of all time, crashed his SUV into a tree and a hydrant outside his Windermere mansion.

Within hours allegations surfaced about multiple affairs with women in various parts of the country. Countless tabloid articles and pictures dragged Woods from his perch as the world's most famous sports figure. He became the butt of tasteless jokes heard and watched by millions on late-night TV shows.

The count of women Tiger has reportedly had relationships with is now in the dozens. He is believed to be sequestered in a remote and secluded sex-addiction treatment center. Not long after the news broke, he announced his "indefinite" hiatus from the PGA Tour, prompting genuine angst among tour officials and players.

Sir, you have been an observer of golf behavior for a long time; what do you make of all this?

FJP: *So sad.*

Golf Doc: Speculations are running rampant as to when Tiger Woods will return to the professional golf tour. Three of the majors this year, Augusta, Pebble and St. Andrews, it seems, were tailor made for Tiger to launch an all-out offensive on Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors.

There has even been talk of revamping Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, where Jack learned the game, to host a major tournament where Tiger could conceivably win his 19th major. Now no one knows when Tiger will return to golf seriously, and most of all, if he will return with the kind of game that we've all been used to seeing and admiring.

Do you think Tiger will return to form?

FJP: *Wounded, caged Tiger most dangerous.*

Golf Doc: If anyone's been reading anything about golf they know that the rules regarding grooves on irons – basically 7 iron and higher – have been changed to eliminate "square" grooves. Unlike "V" shaped grooves, the square grooves tend to grab the ball and create incredible spin, especially with wedges, even out of the rough. The late Karsten Solheim, founder of Ping golf, introduced square grooves on his Ping irons back in 1982, whereupon the USGA and the tour banned them. Solheim sued golf and won, in 1990.

But, with the now-commonplace "bomb-and-gouge" game so prevalent on the men's tours, certain golf "experts" – read golf zealots – pontificated that the grooves were damaging the game.

I don't know about you, but I can't back up a ball from 80 yards out of heavy rough with a sand wedge. Golf analyst Peter Kostis commented recently that, even though the plan was to level the distance discrepancy on tour by provoking players to use softer, spinnier balls that they could keep in the fairways, the new groove rule would have just the opposite effect.

Any thoughts on the great groove debate?

FJP: *It's the ball, stupid.*

Golf Doc: Oh. Well, one player clearly thinks the grooves mean everything. Phil Mickelson went back to some ancient Ping-Eye 2 wedges, that were "grandfathered" in under the new groove rules, because they were manufactured prior to the date the new rules stipulated.

Duh. Why didn't the USGA and the tour ban all clubs with non-conforming grooves, regardless of dates and names?

The tour already has rules about lots of things that fly in the face of the more liberal USGA policies, like the tour requirement of playing the exact same type of ball for the entire round and only coins to mark the ball on the green. So, what kept them from anticipating, and ruling on, the obvious issue with the grooves?

Who knows.

Still, there's Mickelson, out there playing with non-conforming, but technically legal, clubs and incurring the ire of not only his playing peers, but the golfing public. When I see Phil using the illegal grooves on a technically legal clubhead I think of what the New York Attorney General recently said about the Bank of America top executives and how their behavior was "motivated by self-interest, greed, hubris and a palpable sense that the normal rules of fair play don't apply to them."

Your thoughts?

FJP: *Mr. Nice Guy image damaged.*

Golf Doc: Tour veteran Scott McCarron recently came out publicly and criticized Mickelson for bending the rules, even using the word "cheating." Most folks I talk to view Mickelson as suspect. It's one thing to stretch the rules of IRS tax deductions, but another thing completely to bend the rules of golf, especially when serving as a role model atop the highest levels of the game.

FJP: *You mean McCarron of ridiculously long putter?*

Golf Doc: During our interview, you hinted that you're working on a book – a long-awaited book, I might add. Word is it's about mental focus, or putting or even some aspect of martial arts applied to golf. You're heritage is closely connected to the Samurai.

What's the book about – can you give my readers anything to wet their appetites?

FJP: *Avoiding trouble.*

Golf Doc: I see. As you know, the LPGA has been plagued by a downturn in its fortunes even before the economy went into the can. Tournament sponsorships have dried up, American TV viewers aren't flocking in droves to watch Koreans dominate and there has been considerable dissension among players. Recently, the LPGA chose a new commissioner, Michael Whan, a veteran of private business and consumer products.

How do you think the LPGA will fare in the near future?

FJP: *Better than WNBA.*

Golf Doc: It has been reported that the Golf Channel has let go "Golf Central" anchor Inga Hammond, "Big Break" host Vince Cellini and longtime reporter Adam Barr. One would speculate more shakeups in golf on-camera announcing are imminent for other networks that cover golf.

FJP: *Golf tough game.*

Golf Doc: Now to your country. Automaker Toyota announced a recall of some 8 million cars and trucks because of faulty, sticky gas pedals and brake problems. And there is controversy since Toyota is telling lawmakers one thing and telling the public another thing. Having just traveled here from your native Japan, I would hope you could shed some light on the Toyota troubles.

FJP: *So sad.*

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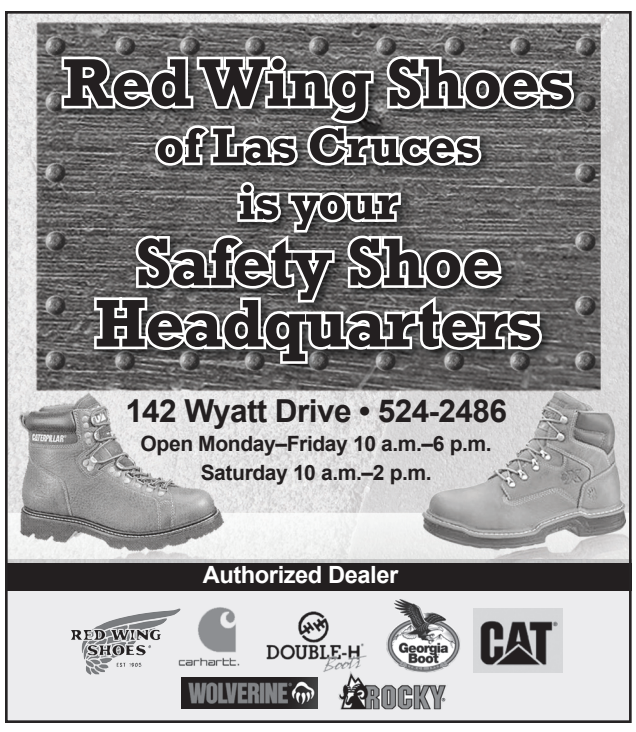

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Sterling Lucero

Sterling Lucero is a 16-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. He weighs in at 125 pounds on the Trojan's wrestling team. Lucero ranked 5th in State in 2008, 3rd in State in 2009 and so far this season is 36-3. He demonstrates leadership qualities and wants to be a multiple state champion and a wrestling coach after he graduates. One of his interests outside of sports is tutoring children at East Picacho Elementary School.

AGGIE INSIDER

Walker's recruiting is a road map to success

Class in upper tier of WAC

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

The smoke has cleared around the corral after the National Letter of Intent hootenanny, now it's time to take a look at the next step that football coach DeWayne Walker is taking in building a solid program.

At the fans party in the Fulton Center, Walker outlined his blueprint as it relates to his ideal squad makeup. He showed fans a chart with the number of players needed at each position. This is a professional approach to building a team. Walker and his staff have NFL experience and are on the same page in terms of talent acquisition. His having a quota for the quarterbacks, ends and linebackers is a surefire way to build the one thing that has been absent for a long time from the football locker room – depth.

Walker also is leaning heavily on freshmen to become the building blocks for a brighter tomorrow. The coach said he wants the middle of his defense to be tough. If opponents have trouble going right at you, it takes a lot of plays out of the playbook. Walker signed Tommy Stuart and Bryan Mahoney to fill in the defensive line. NM State went through defensive tackles rapidly at the end of the year so Stuart and Mahoney will be welcome faces.

Middle linebacker Frank Padilla will have to fill in the hole left by Ross Connor's departure. Padilla started at Fresno State, and Walker liked the idea of picking up a regular who could come in with experience with the WAC. The final piece of the puzzle in strengthening up the middle is safety Shamar Gaines, a New Jersey native also coming in from College of the Sequoias.

Several BCS schools were watching all of these players, but fate seemed to be with the Aggies. Some of the big schools had coaching changes, were poor hosts or just weren't the right fit in some cases.

The sales job that the NM State coaches did brought in the fourth-best recruiting class in the WAC. The proof has to be shown on the field, but the pedigrees of these recruits indicate that they will be the best ever for NM State. Whether this class is the one that puts the Aggies in a bowl game with a winning record or it comes with the next class, it is clear from the manner that talent is evaluated and recruited, it is a question of when not if.

The entire coaching staff has a vote on the recruits after a roundtable discussion on viewing the highlights and the onsite evaluation. It makes old Pete real happy inside to know that the football program is in the hands of men who know the road map to success.

Pete

Ag all-decade team

Some great players have suited up for the Aggies in the past 10 years

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

The first decade of the century is history so let's pick the all-decade team for NM State men's basketball. The 10 years saw the transition from the Sun Belt to the WAC and a trio of coaches pilot the Aggies' fortunes.

Two players from the first couple of years are natural choices. Eric Channing, the leading scorer in Aggie history, and James Moore. Channing was plucked from Wheaton, Ill., by head coach Lou Henson in 1999. The 3-point line was a favorite locale for Channing, who wound up with the best 3-point percentage for a career and the most 3-pointers made. He also hit buzzer shots in key Sun Belt games at Denver and in the Pan Am.

On talent alone, Moore could be on the school's all-time team. "J-Mo" was a marvelous athlete who could glide to the hoop for a thrilling slam dunk and hit the 15-footer on a regular basis. He also broke Slab Jones' record for shots blocked during a career with the fourth-best career field-goal percentage and ranking fifth for career scoring. After that, the choices are a little tougher.

At point guard you have Elijah Ingram, Fred Peete and Mike Mitchell. Mitchell is not as heralded as the first two, but played hard and had excellent seasons on teams that were the weakest of the decade. Ingram had flourishes but couldn't stay healthy for long stretches of time. Peete had a bad back, but it didn't keep him from playing every night. He was a combo guard that had his most productive year at NM State at the point as a senior, so my choice, Peete.

The center position had Chris Jackson as the best pivot from the early part of the decade, Hatila Passos from the latter. Both came in from junior colleges. Jackson was a raw talent that could dominate on the boards, and Passos holds the seasonal record for field goal percentage. Passos had the two best years making 64 percent of his shots his senior year. Passos made more of his ability and working a little harder to improve his skills during his two years, so he goes on my all-decade team.

At power forward, the choices would be Justin Hawkins or Tyrone Nelson. Nelson was one of the greatest basketball talents to wear Crimson and White, but his legacy is damaged. Hawkins was a first team all-conference choice and MVP of the conference tournament in 2007.

I also think a case could be made that this year's team is the best team of the decade. The starting lineup scoring power from Jonathan Gibson, Jahmar Young, tough rebounders in Hamidu Rahman and Wendell McKines, a dead-eye passer in Hernst Laroche and bench help from Gordo Castillo and Troy Gillenwater. It's all food for thought as we head to the next decade.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

LaSasha Aldredge
Freshman
Track and Field

Freshman LaSasha Aldredge had a solid performance at the New Mexico Classic Feb. 6 in Albuquerque. On the short track, she clocked a time of 56.77 in the 400 meters, which earned her a third-place finish at the meet. Aldredge now owns a top spot in the Aggie record book.

Danisha Corbett
Junior
Women's Basketball

Junior guard Danisha Corbett secured the Aggies' 85-76 win over Boise State Saturday, Feb. 6, with 3-point baskets on consecutive possessions at the 7:38 mark of the second half to give NM State the lead for good. She came off the bench to score 18 points, including a team-high four buckets from long range. In the win at San Jose State Feb. 3, Corbett drained four 3-point baskets leading to 13 points.

Ryan Word
Senior
Men's Golf

Senior golfer Ryan Word carded a two-round score of 3-under-par 141 to win the New Mexico Collegiate Cup Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Sierra Del Rio Golf Course in Truth or Consequences, N.M. He fired a first-round score of even-par 72 followed by a final round of 3-under-par 69.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

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Men's Tennis
Arizona
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Softball
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Las Cruces
4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13
Track and Field
Southwest Classic Invitational
Flagstaff, Ariz.
All day

Men's Tennis
Cal Poly
Tucson, Ariz.
11 a.m.

Equestrian
Georgia
Athens, Ga.
TBA

Softball
Penn State
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Baseball
Alumni Game
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Fresno State
Fresno, Calif.
3 p.m.

Softball
Texas-San Antonio
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15
Men's Basketball
Hawai'i
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Softball
UTEP
Las Cruces
5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Women's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Trivia Question

Q: When was the last time the Aggie men's basketball team had three WAC Player of the Week honorees in one season?

A: This is the first time the Aggies have accomplished the feat since joining the WAC. This is also the first time it has happened since 1994 when the Aggies belonged in the Big West.

LOOKING BACK

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1935

• The United States House of Representatives approved $60,000 in funding for a proposed Rio Grande canalization survey from Caballo Dam south to just above El Paso, it was reported by N.B. Phillips, secretary-manager of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

• A new survey showed that Doña Ana County farmers had ginned 46,813 bales of cotton in January, compared with 38,354 bales the previous January.

50 years ago 1960

• Winds gusting up to 60 mph caused a wall to collapse adjacent to a storage area at White's Inc. at Main Street and Hadley Avenue, which also blew out display windows at Dunlaps and Las Cruces Furniture, knocked down billboards and brought down a few power lines. Store owners opened doors to prevent more damage. The owners believed that winds created an outside vacuum, and the higher pressure inside the buildings could have burst more windows.

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs basketball team had a good run, wiping out Cobre 68-48 and beating Silver City 51-41 for their 10th and 11th straight victories, earning them a 17-2 season record.

• The Daughters of the American Revolution selected Anne Droegemueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Droegemueller, for its Good Citizen Award.

• The Aggies basketball team scored a convincing win over the UTEP Miners, 80-52.

25 years ago 1985

• The Las Cruces school board agreed to a pilot project to add soccer as a high school varsity sport that could compete in district and state playoffs.

• Avenging an earlier 56-54 basketball loss to Mayfield, Las Cruces rallied to outlast the Trojans 72-71.

• Gasoline prices were $1.09 regular and $1.13 unleaded.

10 years ago 2000

• Rebecca Creamer told growers at the New Mexico Chile Conference that researchers were trying to develop chile varieties with resistance to the curly top virus, which had wiped out many fields the previous season. Creamer is a professor with New Mexico State University's Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science Department. Studies indicated that the virus was spread by beet leaf hoppers that had moved from the desert into the chile fields. Researchers also were trying to learn what weeds were host plants to the leaf hopper.

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An early photograph of the First National Bank Tower, one of the first multi-level buildings in the Downtown area.

• Aggie guard Brad Bestor sank five out of five three-pointer shots as NMSU defeated Idaho 74-62.

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ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

The Men's Group of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 Alameda Blvd., will hold its annual pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16. This is the primary fundraiser for the group. The meal will include pancakes with applesauce and syrup, sausage, milk, orange juice, coffee and tea. Tickets, which are available from any member or at the door, are $3 for children grades one through eight and $5 for grades nine to adult.

ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will hold Ash Wednesday services at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN WORSHIP

Trinity Lutheran Chuch, 2900 Elks Drive, will hold two Ash Wednesday communion services at 12:05 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. A pot luck soup supper will take place at 6 p.m. The church will also hold midweek Lenten services at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 24 and March 2, 10 and 17. A soup supper will proceed the services at 6 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Basilica of San Albino on the Mesilla Plaza will hold Bible study on the Gospel of John beginning Ash Wednesday at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. The study will begin after the 5 p.m. Mass Wednesday, Feb.

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One extraordinary man is a lesson to others

God chooses to use individuals in unique ways

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

Last time you talked about why some kids with every advantage and opportunity seem to turn out bad, while others raised in terrible homes become pillars in the community. You cited the life of David Hernandez as an example of the latter. What happened to him?

Given this beginning, how can we explain the man that David Hernandez became? He graduated near the top of his class in high school and was granted a scholarship to college. Again, he earned high marks and four years later entered Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Once more, he scored in the top 10 percent of his class and continued in a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. Eventually, he served as a professor of OB-GYN at both Loma Linda University and the University of Southern California medical schools. Then, at the peak of his career, his life began to unravel.

I'll never forget the day he called me on the telephone. He had just been released from the hospital following a battery of laboratory tests. The diagnosis? Sclerosing cholangitis, a liver disorder that was invariably fatal at that time. We lost this fine husband, father and friend six years later at the age of 43. I loved him like a brother, and I still miss him today.

Again, I ask, how could such discipline and genius come from these infertile circumstances? Who would have thought that this deprived Mexican boy sitting out there in the dirt would someday become one of the most loved and respected surgeons of his era? Where did the motivation originate? From what bubbling spring did his ambition and thirst for knowledge flow? He had no books, took no educational trips, knew no scholars. Yet he reached for the sky. Why did it happen to Hernandez and not the youngster with every advantage and opportunity?

Why have so many children of prominent and loving parents grown up in ideal circumstances only to reject it all for the streets of Atlanta, San Francisco or New York?

Good answers are simply not available. It apparently comes down to this: God chooses to use individuals in unique ways. Beyond that mysterious relationship, we must simply conclude that some kids seem born to make it and others are determined to fail. Someone reminded me recently that the same boiling water that softens the carrot also hardens the egg. Likewise, some individuals react positively to certain circumstances and others negatively. We don't know why.

Two things are clear to me from this understanding. First, parents have been far too quick to take the credit or blame for the way their children turn out. Those with bright young superstars stick out their chests and say, "Look what we accomplished." Those with twisted and irresponsible kids wonder, "Where did we go wrong?" Well, neither is entirely accurate. No one would deny that parents play an important role in the development and training of their children. But they are only part of the formula from which a young adult is assembled.

Second, behavioral scientists have been far too simplistic in their explanation of human behavior. We are more than the aggregate of our experiences. We are more than the quality of our nutrition. We are more than our genetic heritage. We are more than our biochemistry. And certainly, we are more than our parents' influence. God has created us as unique individuals, capable of independent and rational thought that is not attributable to any source. That is what makes the task of parenting so challenging and rewarding. Just when you think you have your kids figured out, you had better brace yourself. Something new is coming your way.

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.

Free Valentine's Day weddings

Unity Church offers a spiritual ceremony to community members

By **Beth Sitzler**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, one local church is preparing to celebrate the love holiday by holding free weddings for community members.

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold the free Valentine's Day weddings starting at noon Sunday, Feb. 14.

"We just think it's a nice community service to do," said Rev. Terry Lund, who officiates the ceremonies along with her husband Jerry. "It's our way of giving back to the community."

Terry Lund said they got the idea for the free weddings from a fellow classmate.

"I thought it was a good idea," she said.

Beginning in 2007, the church has married an average of six couples each year. The Lunds said they have performed some memorable weddings. Last year, they united a Marine in full dress uniform with his sweetheart.

"It was a beautiful wedding," Terry Lund said.

Terry Lund said there are several reasons for a couple to participate in the free weddings, including a spur of the moment decision and wanting to avoid the stress of planning a large wedding.

"Some don't have a regular church they go to, but the don't want to go to the Justice of the Peace," Jerry Lund said. "They want a spiritual ceremony without restrictions."

"I try to keep it as non-denominational as possible," Terry Lund said. "I try to make it spiritual, not religious."

Terry Lund said she enjoys performing weddings and everything that comes with it.

"One year, we had one group that was late and one group that was early and I didn't know who I was marrying," she laughed. "But I got them married and I said the right names."

The Lunds said the free weddings also are a way for them to introduce the church to community members. One couple they married has joined the congregation and recently had a baby.

Terry Lund said the church will provide the flowers, however, a couple should bring their own music, if desired. Also, if they have children they would like to be involved in the ceremony, they should notify her. The couple can also bring guests, but it's not required.

Reservations are limited due to starting after the regular service and must be made by Saturday, Feb. 13. Couples must provide the license, which is available at the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office.

For more information or to reserve a time, call 523-5592.

CHURCH NEWS

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24 and March 3, 17 and 24. To register, call 526-9349 or visit www.sanalbino.org.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Find Divine Spirit in Everyday Life." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

LENTEN MISSION

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in collaboration with the Basilica of San Albino and Holy Cross Catholic Church, is sponsoring a four-day Lenten Mission at the cathedral, located on the corner of Espina Street and California Avenue. The events will begin from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, and will continue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, March 3. The event's theme will be "The Gospel Stories of Lent" and will be led by soprano singer ValLimar Jansen. For more information, call 524-8563.

NEW OFFERINGS AT SONOMA SPRINGS

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

NEW BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a new course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Munson Senior Center is closed due to a problem with the heating system, but is tentatively scheduled to re-open around Tuesday, Feb. 16. Locations are subject to change. For information on temporary locations or senior activities, call 528-3000.

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 offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

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

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.

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 skill 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 TRAVEL CLUB
The Voyagers Senior Travel Club, located in Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Reservationa are currently being taken for a six-day, five-night trip to Big Bend, Fredericksburg, Marfa and San Antonio, Texas. The cost is $795 per person double occupancy or $1,795 single occupancy.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 312-6152.

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.

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

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 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.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS
Area drivers age 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program. Upcoming four-hour courses are scheduled as follows:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, in the Hallmark Building at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway
- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle
- Noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St.
- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail

The cost is $12 per person for AARP members and $14 per person for non-members. Fees must be paid at the door and participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive a discount. For more information, visit www.aarp.com.

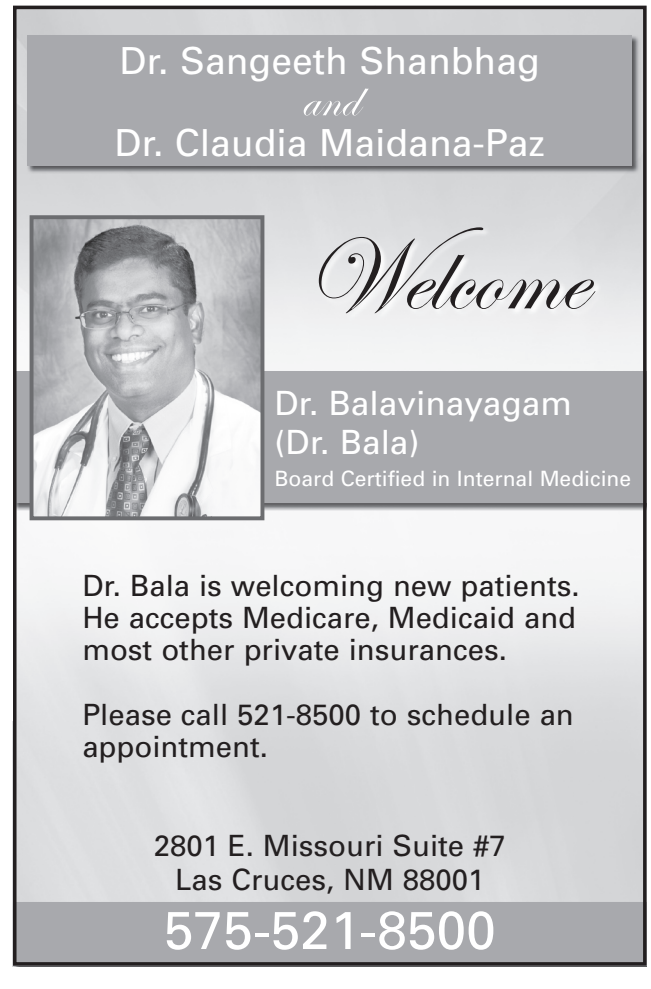
RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS
Join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help with activities, such as:

- Assistant pianist for a group that performs weekly at nursing homes
- Tutor children from kindergarten through 12th grade to help students excel in their studies
- Clerical help doing office tasks at many types of programs
- Be an advocate for those who need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to community programs
- Teach others a trade
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

All volunteer activities have flexible times. For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000 or TTY 528-3217.

SWINGING DANCERS
The Swinging Dancers of Munson will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. If possible, the event will take place at Munson Senior Center, 975. S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 523-1871.

BOXED LUNCHES
The Ability Center, 715 E. Idaho Ave., is seeking low-income seniors citizens interested in receiving monthly food boxes. For more information, call 526-5016 or stop by the center.



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Successful parenting

The key is laying a basic foundation

By Cynthia Bostick
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Are you ready to be a parent?

If you are, you should be able to answer "yes" to the following questions. Are you in a stable, healthy, long-term relationship? Are you financially and emotionally stable? Have you and your partner agreed on having children and discussed parenting? Are you prepared to make a child a priority in your life? Are you prepared for a rollercoaster life that includes lack of sleep, unpredictable detours, listening with rapture to stories of how a butterfly flits from flower to flower or singing with enthusiasm the 100th round of "Apples and Oranges"?

This is only the first few years. Future years will bring new challenges and new learning. But the road will be easier if you use basic foundational skills for success.

When parents see me about their child, the discussion usually is focused on the child's behaviors and misdeeds. After the parents vent, I tell them they must first look at their own behavior, attitude, role-modeling, manner of talking and ability to listen and compromise before blaming their child. Children often reflect what they see, hear and learn from their parents. So if you don't like what your child is doing, inventory your own behavior.

Child discipline is important and must begin early. Many parents are unwilling to discipline. Even though disciplining requires commitment, consistency, patience and willingness to see your children's weaknesses, it's one of the most loving gifts you will give your child because it develops self-esteem, self-control, respect and responsibility.

What is discipline? Discipline involves loving your child and teaching him or her to cope with life in a realistic and successful manner. It begins with bonding from the time you know you are pregnant. Talk to your child, prepare a routine and let your child know how much he or she is loved and wanted. Without proper bonding, you cannot discipline.

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NM secretary of health to provide statewide update

Health care a hot topic at luncheon

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is looking to provide its membership with a valuable update on health care during its first Medical Update Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave.

VIGIL

"Health care is such a pressing issue in the state and nation right now," said chamber spokesman Joel Courtney.

The luncheon will feature a panel of speakers headed by New Mexico Secretary of Health Dr. Alfredo Vigil. Other speakers include Mesilla Valley Hospice Executive Director Donna Brown, Memorial Medical CEO Paul Herzog and MountainView Regional Medical Center CEO Denten Park.

Administrators will update the audience on how the changes in national health care reform and the state budget are going to affect them, as well as other pressing issues that are affecting their respective facilities and why health care is important to the local economy.

"I don't think a lot of people understand how important an economic driver health care is to Las Cruces," Courtney said.

Vigil, appointed to his position by Gov. Bill Richardson in 2007, will address key health issues affecting New Mexico as well as some of the looming issues of health care reform and its impact on the state. As the largest state agency, the New Mexico Department of Health works with New Mexicans to prevent disease, prepare for health emergencies, promote sound health policy, protect vulnerable New Mexicans and provide support and advocacy to those with disabilities.

Vigil has 30 years of clinical and management experience, specializing in family medicine, geriatrics, emergency medicine and reproductive health issues. He has worked in private practice, community health centers, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations. Prior to his appointment, he was CEO of El Centro Family Health, a nonprofit primary care organization in Española, N.M.

The chamber's Medical Update Luncheon is part of a new series of update luncheons to be hosted by the chamber this year.

"We hope to touch on important topics and how they affect us on many different levels, not just as individuals

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Looking good

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Cancer patient Frances Qualtrough, right, enjoys the instruction given by cosmetologist volunteer Mirta Regan, left, as she applies her make-up. This was the first time that the local American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center has held a Look Good ... Feel Better event in Las Cruces. The event aims to boost the self-esteem of women cancer patients by providing free cosmetics and consultations by local cosmetologists. CRC Chair Marie Roberts said the CRC will offer Look Good ... Feel Better on a monthly basis. See more photos on Page A30.

Get ready for the 2010 Senior Games

Doña Ana County resident Philipp Djang has broken world records in swimming for his age group. Djang is just one of several hundred county residents who will compete during the Doña Ana County Games beginning March 13.

Registration begins with a party on Saturday, Feb. 27

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Registration for the Doña Ana County Senior Games begins with a kick-off registration party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla.

This is a qualifying year, meaning athletes who place first, second or third in their respective competitions are eligible to compete in the National Games in 2011. In order to compete in the state games, participants must qualify in the county games, so this year's county games are in a closed state format. Events are only open to residents of the county and residents of other New Mexico counties that don't offer a specific competition.

This also is a good year for residents who have not yet gotten involved in the Senior Games to participate, said Doña Ana County Senior Olympics Board President Jack Welch.

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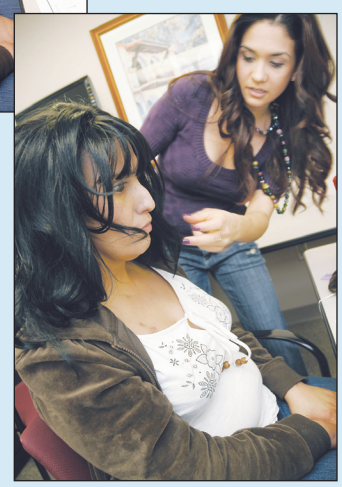

Cosmetologist Dawn Dunbar, right, from Wildfire Hair Company brushes a wig for cancer patient Letty Montano, left. Local cosmetologists volunteered their time Friday, Feb. 5, for the Look Good ... Feel Better program.

Dunbar, right, places a wig on Montano.

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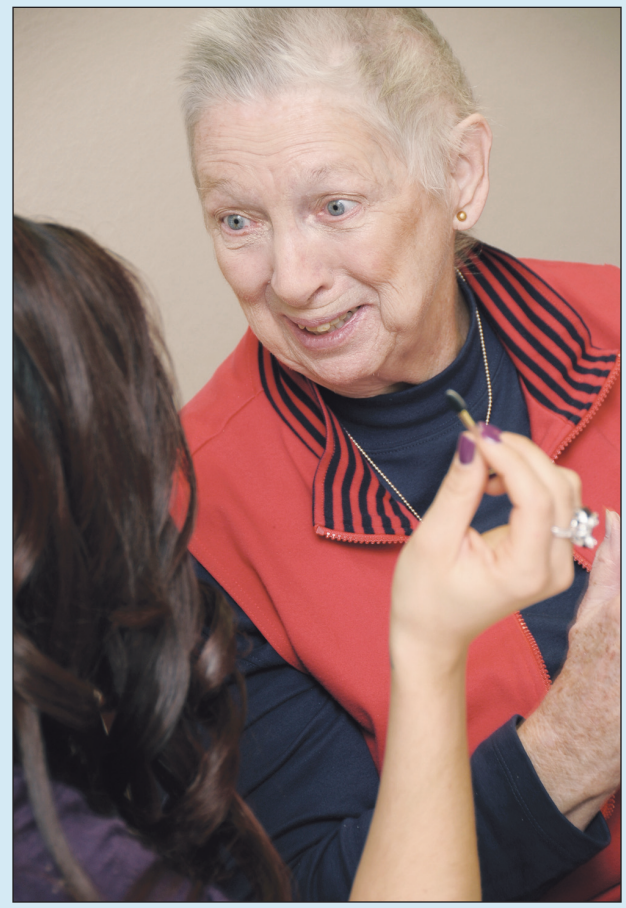

Dunbar, left, applies makeup to cancer patient Jeanette Hottman.

Reducing the risks of lung cancer

Early prevention could lead to lifesaving results

By Dr. Darvy Fuller
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

With little more than a 15 percent five-year survival rate, lung cancer is easily New Mexico's most deadly cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, this year alone, an estimated 970 New Mexicans will be diagnosed with lung cancer and 710 people will die from the disease.

At Southern New Mexico Cancer Center, we treat patients with many different cancer types, including those with the nation's deadliest, lung cancer. In many cases I see, it's clear that reducing the risk early on can lead to lifesaving results.

Risk-reducing steps

The most important thing you can do to prevent lung cancer is stop smoking, or distance yourself from those who do. Smoking-related deaths represent 87 percent of lung cancer mortalities, and half of lifetime smokers will die from some tobacco-related disease.

Your lung cancer risk increases with each cigarette you smoke and each year you continue to smoke. Cessation programs, family support and personal motivation form the backbone of resources available to those who wish to quit. For example, the American Cancer Society offers detailed information and tips on quitting. Smokers who take advantage of all of these can begin the process of living a healthier and longer life, while greatly decreasing their risk for lung cancer. If, despite your best efforts to quit, you continue to smoke, you should consult your physician about prescription drugs which may be useful in these circumstances.

Exposure to second-hand smoke remains another preventable key risk factor. The air you breathe is paramount to respiratory health, and avoiding carcinogens such as cigarette smoke, asbestos and air pollution can decrease lung cancer risk.

In addition to firsthand and secondhand tobacco exposure, a family history of lung cancer is associated with an increased risk, even for nonsmokers. People who are more genetically prone to the disease should be extra cautious and reduce exposure to carcinogens as much as possible.

Early detection

Spotting warning signs early on can make a difference in the treatment options available. Some common symptoms include constant chest pain, coughing up blood or a cough that won't go away, shortness of breath, severe shoulder pain, frequent lung infections and unexplained weight loss. These symptoms do vary from patient to patient, but if any of these occur, you should contact your physician immediately. Annual computerized tomography, or CT scans, for high risk patients increase detection of cancer at a curable stage. Unfortunately, findings may be non-specific and lead to unnecessary procedures. The true value of routine CT surveillance has yet to be proven.

Reducing your risk remains the best strategy to avoid developing lung cancer. Since lung cancer is the most fatal cancer in New Mexico, why not make the crucial decision to begin the process toward better respiratory health?

Dr. Darvy Fuller is a medical oncologist at Southern New Mexico Cancer Center.

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or as business owners, but our overall community and beyond," said chamber President and CEO Jim Berry in a press release.

In addition to health care, the series will focus on topics such as education, Spaceport America, city, county and state government and the military.

"We plan to add more as we can, but we decided to start with these six because we thought these were the most important," Courtney said.

The Medical Update Luncheon is sponsored by Comcast and Memorial Medical Center. Tickets are $20 for chamber members and $40 for non-members. To reserve a seat, call the chamber office at 524-1968, email relo@lascruces.org or visit www.lascruces.org.

Parenting

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Discipline is not criticizing, embarrassing, disgracing, slapping, smacking, slamming, whipping or hitting. Discipline shows respect for the child.

Lay out expected behaviors that are appropriate for an age, help your child learn appropriate behaviors through role-modeling and teaching, and let him or her know what the consequences are for poor behavior.

Expected behavior must not go beyond what the child is capable of achieving nor should you place a child in a situation that is inappropriate for his/her level of maturity or abilities. Do not expect a 2-year-old to sit through a movie without making noise, crying, wiggling or moving around, or wanting to go to the bathroom. Instead, select age-appropriate activities and patiently teach your child appropriate behaviors.

One of the challenges parents discuss is the inability to get their child to listen to them. To get your child to listen to you, respect you and behave properly, actively listen to your child without interrupting and behave respectfully – not just with your child, but in dealings with others. Remember that your child is always watching and learning. Admit when you are wrong, apologize and correct your behavior, take a sincere interest in your child's interests and be involved in your child's life.

Once you establish rules and consequences, be consistent. If your expectations change weekly, or worse, daily, this unpredictability will be displayed in your child's behavior because that is what he or she is learning. Decide what is or is not negotiable because this will help you avoid challenging behaviors, but pick your battles carefully.

Parenting is a daily and life-long commitment, but the good news is that the results of good parenting are priceless. You will help shape the future and leave your indelible mark on a life, a heart, and within society.

Dr. Cynthia Bostick is an assistant professor of nursing in the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services.

Games

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"I make an appeal to any athlete 50 or over thinking about participating to make the courageous step and do it," he said. "Calling the office is a great start for any newcomer who wants to get going."

Welch got going 18 years ago when he first competed in the Senior Games, and he has been on the board of directors for 15 years.

"It gives me a more comprehensive involvement in sports to be involved in all aspects of the Senior Games," he said.

This year's games begin March 13 and run through April 25 and offer more than 26 activities in which to participate – ranging from track and field to talent and dance.

But the social aspect of the games also is a big draw, Welch said.

"It's not just a networking opportunity. The seniors bring families with them," he said. "When they register, they're signing up family and friends as well."

For more information on the games, call the DACSO office at 541-5171 or stop by the office at 304 W. Bell Ave.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

health events and support groups

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.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES EACH WEEK

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement, a moving discipline comprised of 19 movements and one pose. T'ai Chi Chih may be done by almost anyone, in any physical condition and also sitting down. No special clothing or equipment is required. Each Tuesday, accredited instructor Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado holds free classes for beginners from 9 to 10 a.m. and for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 p.m. in the 4th floor Women's Resource Room a MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. For more information, call Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado at 526-3016.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, a support group for people in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

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

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

INDIVIDUAL LIVING SUPPORT GROUP

The Independent Living Group meeting for people with all kinds of disabilities meets from 1 to 3 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Ability Center for Independent Living, 715 E. Idaho Ave., Suite 3E. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 526-5016.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

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

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.

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.

FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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

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

VETERANS VISION SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Veterans' Vision Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Vet Center, 230 S. Water St. The group is open to any veteran with functional eye problems and their guests. The meeting is free. For more information, call Terry at 382-5070.

MV HOSPICE SEEKS VOLUNTEEERS, HAS ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Mesilla Valley Hospice, Doña Ana County's community hospice care provider, will host orientations for new volunteers at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Mesilla Valley Hospice, located at 299 E. Montana Ave. For volunteers who wish to work closely with patients and their families, an additional patient and family support training session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Volunteers who wish to serve in this capacity are especially needed at this time.

For more information, contact Leticia Serecerez-Murphy at 525-5706 or lserecerez@mvhospice.org.

PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP

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

ALS SUPPORT GROUP

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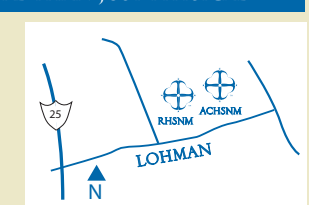

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GABRIEL VASQUEZ
Business Editor

It's been an epic breakdown. A public relations nightmare. And since Toyota first announced its massive recall, the world's largest automaker is still struggling to come up for air.

Toyota has recalled more than 8 million of its cars worldwide in recent months after complaints about uncontrolled acceleration in several of its vehicles. A problem Toyota originally blamed on gas pedals that "stuck" and flimsy floor mats that engaged the gas pedal. The automaker refused to lend credibility to reports that the problem could be in its vehicles' electronic throttle control.

Days later, a brake software problem on its Prius hybrid emerged. Toyota's leadership finally broke down and made a public statement. But it only got worse.

Hundreds of angry Toyota dealers across the country reported hearing about the company's massive recall plan on the six o'clock news. They were not notified first.

On Monday, Feb. 8, Toyota announced it was recalling 437,000 more vehicles, including 130,000 Prius models and 14,500 Lexus models in the U.S.

When it seemed like it couldn't get any worse, U.S. Transportation Department Secretary Ray LaHood urged Toyota owners to "stop driving" their cars until the mechanical problems could be corrected. Later, LaHood retracted his remarks, saying they were taken out of context. But the damage was done.

The reversal of Toyota's fortunes has significantly damaged its reputation. Once the sparkling-clean image of affordability, quality and efficiency in the automotive industry, Toyota's reputation is now tainted.

But what interests me more than Toyota's suspected cost-cutting over the years, in which Toyota supposedly reduced the cost of its vehicles by reducing the quality of its products, is the inability of its PR department to put out the fire.

Reports Tuesday, Feb. 9, indicate that in an effort to "punish" ABC News for "too much coverage" of Toyota's safety problems, Toyota dealers in five Southeastern states have

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Banks: We're still lending

Business owners look for cash to survive, grow

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

More than two dozen Las Crucens interested in starting or expanding businesses received reassurance from local and regional bank representatives: "We are still lending," bank reps said Thursday, Feb. 4, at a lenders' forum held in Las Cruces.

After the market meltdown in the mortgage industry more than a year ago, banks began to heavily scrutinize all lending activity. The decisions made by top bank executives that helped plunge Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into the subprime markets without proper supervision created a culture of risky investments that just now is starting to stabilize as other businesses recover from the economic downturn, said Jesse Roderick, a small business loan specialist from Bank of America.

"There's a lot of talk out there in the economy about what Bank of America is doing," he said. "And I understand those concerns. But the fact is that banks don't make money unless they're putting loans out. The issue now is finding businesses that can fit in the (risk) box that we're looking for. It's a lot tougher to find them now than it was two years ago."

Roderick said he has talked to many business owners in the past year who didn't "buckle down" during the recession and have lost or are in danger of losing their investments.

"These are really tough decisions for any small business, but they had to be made," he said. "Banks that see this will feel more confident in lending them money and knowing they will come out of this on the right end."

In short, Roderick said risk is being heavily examined. Not just at Bank of America, but at all lending institutions, he said, creating the public concern that "banks aren't lending anymore."

Rosie Landin, lending specialist at FirstLight Federal Credit Union, agreed.

"The biggest thing that has changed over the past two years is the way we look at risk," she said. "At the end of the day, we just want you to be around to pay the loan back."

Landin said FLFCU lenders are now looking for higher credit scores, more cash flow and are more closely evaluating a borrower's collateral.

"In a nutshell, there were too many bad loans

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PTAP comes to Las Cruces

Advisor helps biz owners snag federal and state contracts

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Meet the middleman. William Hett-Dobricky, a procurement advisor and government-contracting specialist, has recently relocated to Las Cruces and is offering small businesses a chance to connect with the region's government agencies.

Hett-Dobricky, who moved to Las Cruces from Chicago in November 2009, is the new advisor who heads the local Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP), located inside the Small Business Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. He's already working with local business owners and hopes to increase his exposure within the business community in the coming year.

"It's a brand new position for a brand

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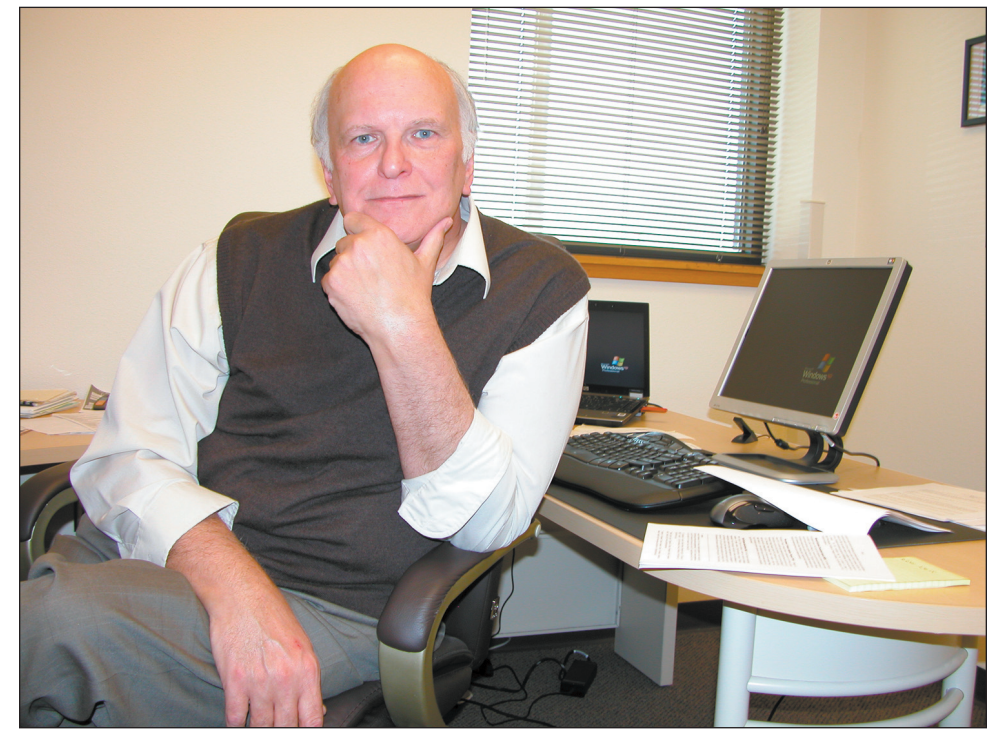

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Businesses served: Expansion and early stage
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Contact: www.nmccap.org

Enchantment Land Certified Development Co.

ELCDC is a private nonprofit that works with the U.S. Small Business Administration and local banks to provide SBA-504 loans.
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The Loan Fund

A nonprofit organization that provides loans, training and business development services to entrepreneurs, business owners and other nonprofits in New Mexico and in tribal areas.
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Funding range: Investor dependent
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WESST Corp.

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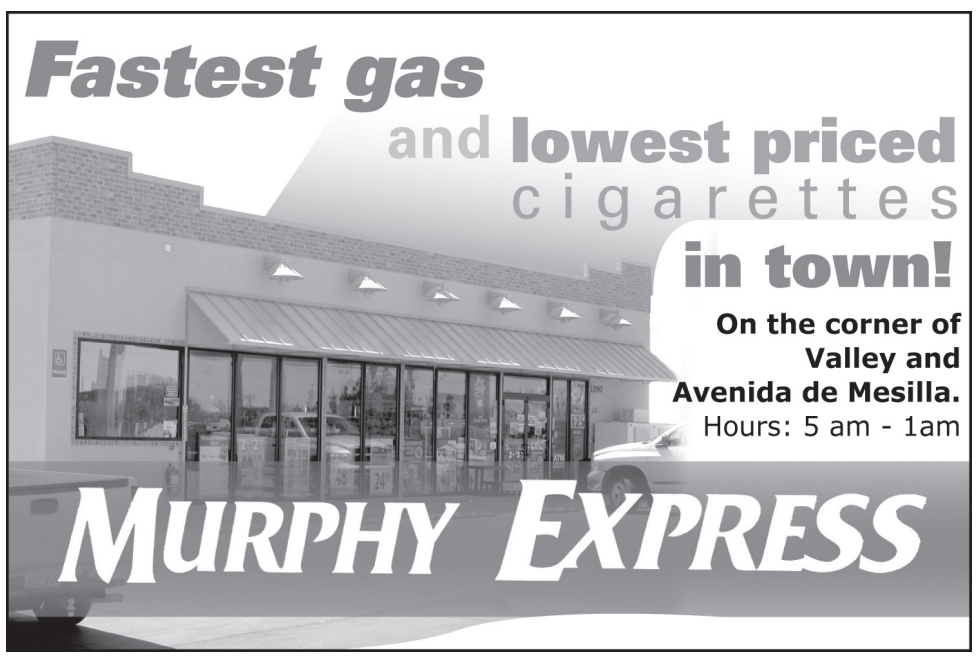

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More than two dozen Las Crucens attended a lenders' forum hosted by WESST Corp. and other business development organizations Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Doña Ana County Workforce Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave.

Banks

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made to too many people," she said. "The borrowers suffered and so have the lenders. No one wants to be the bad lender now."

Chuck Widger, vice president for First New Mexico Bank, said those looking for funding a new or existing business should be prepared, because banks now ask for more detailed documentation, including a "strong" business plan, market research, financial projections (including fictional "stress tests"), marketing plans, proof of liquidity, proof of management continuity, personal financial statements, the past three years' tax returns and a documented list of acceptable collateral.

"Whether you have an ongoing or new business, you have to make the assumption that the loan officer knows what he's doing," he said. "We're looking for proof that shows how you arrived at the dollars that you're asking for and that requires more paperwork."

Borrowers should ask themselves questions such as, "If sales drop 25 percent and my labor costs increase, where does that leave me?" "How will we reach and retain potential customers?" "Is the trend in my industry going up or down, and why?" and "What is going to be my equity investment going into this?" before applying for a loan, he said.

Once a loan is made, it's vital to maintain the lender-borrower relationship, said Kendall Wallin, business banking manager at Wells Fargo.

"We're in it for helping you succeed financially and not just doing a loan," he said. "Credit worthiness is the biggest thing we look at, but in the end, we want to become your financial partner – to help you with deposits, processing and payroll. You have to keep in contact."

Wallin said although Wells Fargo finances loans for equipment, commercial property and working capital, because of the housing downturn, "we're not entertaining residential development loans. Anywhere."

Ed Cadena, deputy director for the U.S. Small Business Administration, reminded audience members not to be unnerved when entering the world of entrepreneurship, or in seeking loans for their existing business.

"Here in Las Cruces, we have a lot of great resource partners to help you," he said. "Take advantage of them. You're not by yourself."

Those resources include SCORE, the Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center, WESST Corp. and the Arrowhead Center, Cadena said.

Until the end of February, the SBA is guaranteeing small business loans up to 90 percent with no added fees, he said.

"We are sharing the risk with the bankers," he said. "Small business owners tend to feel like they're by themselves, but they make up 70 percent of the economy."

Through the SBA's various lending programs, borrowers increase their chances of snagging a loan with the help of federal backing.

"SBA doesn't lend anybody a nickel," he said. "Our distribution network, our banks and some of our partners make the loans. We just guarantee they will be paid back."

SBA looks at the same criteria as banks, Cadena added.

"How much money do you need? What are you using it for? And how are you going to pay it back?" he asked.

In attendance at Thursday's forum was Hiram Davis, owner of Kaya's Cottons and Things for the Desert, a retailer of casual menswear in Mesilla. He said he attended the forum to explore "all of the possible funding opportunities" for his business.

"Inventories have to be replenished," he said. "And after December, sales in apparel are very slow."

Davis said he's had to take a close look at his operational expenses as a result of the recession.

"We're looking very carefully at our bottom line and our inventory," he said. "So we're right on target with that. We're also looking at our advertising dollars and seeing if we're really getting a response from customers. We're weighing our options very carefully."

Lynn Cashton and Paula Leighton attended the forum to seek funding opportunities to start a nonprofit.

"We want to start a summer science program for young women," Cashton said. "We want to support our community and let our young women succeed. Our kids have to have the support, and so do we."

Don Panagrossi, loan officer for Enchantment Land Certified Development Co., said the "myth" that banks weren't lending should be dispelled.

"Banks are lending. Money is getting out," he said. "But the unfortunate news is that businesses graded 'F' and 'D' are not going to get money. Not even in their wildest lending circumstances."

New initiative focuses on economic development

Group targets job creation, retention and growth for 138,000 unemployed

Courtesy of Creating Opportunities for New Mexicans

An alliance of industry leaders announced during a news conference at the New Mexico State Capitol Rotunda this week the launch of a statewide initiative to enhance New Mexico's business climate to create private sector opportunities for the state's current workforce and future generations.

"The economic downturn has negatively impacted the business sector," said Gene Baca, senior vice president of Bueno Foods. "New Mexico residents are out of work. The only thing that will pull us through is a strong private sector. Right now, the private sector needs help and not hindrances from various policies and regulations. We need to keep economic development incentives and supports for small business."

In November 2009, New Mexico's unemployment ranking was at a 21-year high, making it the 22nd highest in the country of states reporting declining year-over-year employment. According to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, only four of the state's 13 industries posted any job growth since last year, while nine others reported employment declines. The largest gains continue to come from educational and health services, which were up 4,300 jobs on the year. Government also posted a year-over-year gain, adding 2,200 jobs.

"Our state has developed some very strong economic incentives to attract businesses like Hewlett Packard and Fidelity," said Chris Dunkeson of the Arizona/New Mexico Cable Association. "While we need to protect those tax incentives, we also need to be cognizant of our momentum and not do anything to inadvertently impact the incentives that brings business to our state. Currently, our neighbors to the west in Arizona are exploring a new business incentive packages for job creation, some of which propose lowering its corporate tax rate."

While the public sector has seen job growth over the past year, the private sector has felt the economy's sting. Industry by industry has seen significant reductions in force: More than 2,000 jobs in mining; 4,000 manufacturing jobs; 2,900 jobs in transportation, warehousing and utilities industry; 6,700 jobs in the business sector, all during the last 12 months. Driving the point home, the Department of Workforce Solutions also reports that since July 2009, more than 138,000 New Mexicans have applied for unemployment compensation assistance.

"As we deal with a struggling economy nationally and within New Mexico, we need to make sure that short-term legislative fixes don't deter long-term business development opportunities," said Tony Trujillo, New Mexico Mining Association board member. "As we discuss the need to balance the state budget, it is crucial that opinions are balanced with facts and realities."

New Mexico also needs to create stronger links between the private sector employers and education based on mutual accountability. New Mexico averages more than 1,177 students leaving the state before attending college and about 22 percent of New Mexico high school graduates who go to college attend college out of state. There is an urgent need for creation of more private sector opportunities for children and future generations to have a reason to want to live and raise their families to prosper here in New Mexico.

"There is a clear need for continued cooperation between public and private agencies," said Lea Harrison, director of marketing and communications for the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership. "New Mexico companies such as Emcore Corp., Unirac Corp., SCHOTT Solar, PreCheck and Ultramain Systems, have played a great deal in the success of the work we do at the New Mexico Partnership."

New Mexico's policies need to be competitive with other states to attract and grow business here. Creating Opportunities for New Mexicans will focus on accomplishing these tasks together and no longer creating a division between the private and public sector. Strong businesses create jobs, opportunities and financial security for current and future generations of New Mexicans. The initiative is designed to provide accurate information and focus on the need to be realistic about the tax burden impact on business, industry and individuals.

Creating Opportunities for New Mexicans is an initiative designed to create a broader based statewide constituency for pro-economic development and pro-business issues. Creating opportunities for New Mexicans is a voice for thoughtful long-term public policy discussion that includes the need for a healthy private sector climate. For more information, visit www.creatingopportunitiesnm.com

PTAP

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new program in New Mexico," said Hett-Dobricky, who added that there would eventually be seven PTAP offices in New Mexico. "This is an excellent service for the community and the businesses here. Given the proximity of the military bases here, and certainly with the money government is spending now, this provides an excellent opportunity for small businesses."

Hett-Dobricky has more than 25 years of government contracting experience, both as a buyer of goods and services and as a company representative seeking government contracts. He worked at a procurement center in Chicago for six years before coming to Las Cruces.

He said although regional military bases may be the biggest purchasers of goods and services, contracting opportunities also exist at the city, county and state level.

"Many small businesses are overwhelmed by what they perceive to be doing business with the government," he said. "But there are certain steps you have to take, and once those are accomplished, it's much like the commercial sector."

For now, Hett-Dobricky is visiting with business owners in closed meetings, free of charge, but will develop a schedule of public seminars in the spring, he said

"My efforts will be geared toward outreach, going out and marketing this program," he said.

As the only PTAP advisor in Las Cruces, Hett-Dobricky said he wants to reach out to all businesses, no matter their industry or trade, to consider contracting with the government if their goods or services are in demand.

"The government buys everything that you and I buy, and in some cases a lot more," he said. "A lot of government money is spent on supporting the needs of a military base. That includes food, retail and entertainment – your basic commercial products and services."

Hett-Dobricky will guide business owners, step-by-step, to become eligible to apply for a government contract, which from inquiry to contract finalization can take about a year, he said. The process can be complicated because it involves a substantial amount of research, including combing through supply schedules, requests for services and other hoops to jump through before finding the right opportunity.

"When the government procures something, they do it to a very high standard," he said. "So you have to be prepared."

For more information, contact Hett-Dobricky at 528-7431 or email william.hettdobricky@sfcc.edu.

Toyota

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pulled their advertising from local stations. What's the message here? Where's the corporate unity? Do we like the media or do we hate it? Do we cooperate or should we fight? Do we accept or deny? Getting all the dealers on the same page is almost imposible.

It seems Toyota is still fumbling to answer many of those questions. Either way, it now faces a massive marketing challenge, perhaps one of the greatest in history.

After a week of satellite appearances on national networks by top executives, Toyota has begun a TV ad campaign aimed at restoring consumer confidence in its vehicles. In one of the commercials, Toyota metaphorically says, "I'm sorry, it won't happen again," with a 1960s era-photograph of what is now Toyota of Hollywood. "Remember the good old days?" the TV commercial seems to beg.

It's also been reported that the company is undertaking a massive Internet marketing blitz, including buying banner ads on some of the most heavily trafficked websites and even allowing top executives to participate in interviews with bloggers and non-traditional news outlets such as digg.com.

But still, when you type in "Toyota" in Google search, the second suggestion you'll get is "Toyota Recall." I'm guessing it will stay that way for some time to come. And that was probably not the case when Toyota outsold all major manufacturers during last year's Cash for Clunkers program.

Good luck Toyota. This is one for the textbooks.

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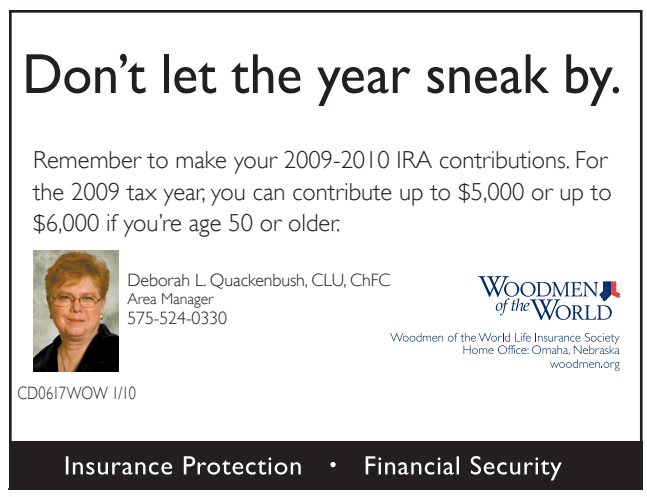

Credit bureaus offer free annual reports

Report accuracy is paramount to achieving financial goals

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Prior to beginning their home search, prospective buyers Mark and Julie Lambert had been exposed to scores of TV, print, radio and Internet ads stressing the importance of their credit scores.

The interest rate on the mortgage they take out and the amount of their annual homeowner's insurance premium would be based largely on their credit scores and the accuracy of the data posted to their credit file. So, before they began their home search in earnest, they decided to take a gander at their credit reports to make sure that all of the information contained within was correct.

The Lamberts' first order of business was to figure out who compiles and stores their credit information. A quick search of the Web showed that three national consumer credit reporting companies – Equifax (www.equifax.com), Experian (www.experian.com) and Trans Union (www.transunion.com) – each maintained separate files on them. Most creditors (i.e., banks, retailers, etc.) report consumer credit information to all three repositories, but some report to just one or two of the services.

What type of information will Mark and Julie find in their credit files? According to the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov), the files will reveal where they live, how they pay their bills and whether they've been sued, arrested or have filed for bankruptcy.

The files will also contain a record of everyone who accessed their records in the recent past and received copies of their reports. The beauty of accessing credit files is that consumers can identify and correct any inaccuracies that may be contained in their files.

How much will Mark and Julie have to pay to access their files and obtain their reports? If they play their cards right, zero. The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires that each of the three reporting companies provide consumers with a free copy of their credit report, at their request, once every 12 months. The only official site designated for this purpose by the government is www.annualcreditreport.com. Some folks like to order all three reports at the same time, while others prefer to order one report about every four months.

Specialty consumer reporting agencies

Casinos	Central Credit Services	702-855-3000 or 702-262-5000
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	Check Center/CrossCheck	800-843-0760
	ChexSystems	800-428-9623
	International Check Services	800-526-5380
	SCAN	800-262-7771
	TeleCheck	800-710-9898
Employment	ChoiceTrust Employment Reports	866-312-8075
Insurance	CLUE Auto History	866-312-8076
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	ISO's A-Plus Auto & Property	800-709-8842
Medical information	Medical Information Bureau (MIB)	617-426-3660
Rental information	Accufax	800-256-8898
	American Tenant Screen	800-888-1287
	ChoicePoint Tenant History Reports	877-448-5732
	National Tenant Network	800-228-1387
	Tenant Data Services	800-228-1837
	Tenant Screening Services	800-388-2335
	UD Registry	818-785-3905
Mortgage financing	Innovis	800-540-2505

The Lamberts would also be entitled to a free credit report if a company took adverse action against them, such as denying their application for credit, insurance or employment, and they ask for their report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action.

Are there other sources for "free" credit reports? Here's where things get interesting.

One of the most heavily advertised freebie websites, www.freecreditreport.com, is actually owned by Experian – one of the companies that must provide a free report under FCRA rules. Don't be fooled by the word "free." You cannot obtain a free report from Free Credit Report without signing up for a $14.95 per month credit-monitoring service. The FTC has found the advertising to be deceiving and has twice sanctioned the company for its deceptive practices. Consumers are up in arms over the "free" claim as well, lodging more than 11,000 complaints with the Better Business Bureau. In addition, an irate consumer recently filed a class-action suit against the company, alleging that consumers were duped out of millions of dollars as a result of having to pay for their "free" credit reports.

Credit reporting agencies are not the only repositories that compile and store information about you. Specialty consumer reporting agencies also collect personal data and sell it to businesses operating in specific industries, such as insurance, medical, rental and others.

Not sure what's in your medical or employment files? Order a copy of your report from the specialty provider that compiles the information. Just as with your credit file, incorrect personal information in a file can make it more difficult or expensive for you to obtain auto or homeowner's insurance and medical insurance. Erroneous entries can also cause employers and landlords to make hiring and renting decisions based on information that may not be correct.

There's one important fact to remember: Companies that compile personal information are not infallible and sometimes make mistakes that can negatively affect consumers. It's up to you to make sure that the information sold by the various reporting companies is as accurate as humanly possible.

See you at closing!

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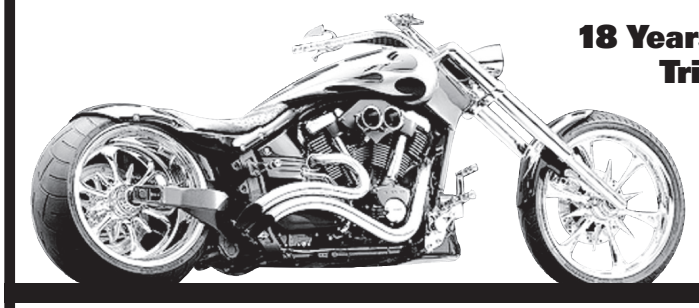

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Whistleblower Protection Act easily passes house

Bill heads to Senate for consideration

A bill sponsored by Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, that would protect public employees from retaliatory discharges, passed the House of Representatives Wednesday, Feb. 10, with a vote of 67-1.

House Bill 165cs-Whistleblower Protection Act would allow government employees to sue their employer if they are retaliated against for reporting government corruption, testifying before a public body or refusing to participate in unlawful activity.

"The overwhelming support for the Whistleblower Protection Act reflects our commitment to protect public employees who come forward and disclose unlawful conduct in state government, or who refuse to join that unlawful activity," Cervantes said. "These reforms prohibit retaliation against those who report government corruption, and protect those who see government service as a public trust."

Under the legislation, a public employer is prohibited from taking retaliatory action against a public employee who:

- Discloses or threatens to disclose activity, policy or practice of the public employer that is unlawful or improper, or that the public employee believes, in good faith, is unlawful or improper
- Provides information or testifies as part of an investigation, hearing or inquiry into an unlawful or improper act
- Objects or refuses to participate in an activity, policy or practice that is an unlawful or improper act

The bill provides that a public employer is liable to the public employee for:

- Actual damages
- Reinstatement with same seniority
- Two times the amount of back pay, with interest
- Special damages
- Litigation costs and attorney fees

The bill allows a defendant to use the counterclaims of libel, slander or other claims as a defense against a person filing a false claim under the act.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Founding members of the Young Philanthropists Mollie McGraw, Leonard Jimenez, Charlotte Tallman, Ken Binkley and Luan Wagner Burn

Foundation brings Young Philanthropists to town

CFSNM-backed organization to begin work this year

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is kicking off a new initiative that will foster philanthropy among young people by building assets along with compassion, knowledge and friendship.

Four of the Young Philanthropists' newest members met with CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn Thursday, Feb. 4, at St. Clair's Bistro to discuss the new initiative, including Ken Binkley of Wilson Binkley Advertising and Marketing, Mollie McGraw of The Pickett Law Firm, Leonard Jimenez of Studio 037 Salon and Charlotte Tallman of Elle Write Communications.

"As a business owner and community member, I am always trying to find ways to contribute to the community," Jimenez said. "This is an ideal opportunity to network, reach out and make an impact through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico."

The Young Philanthropists group is designed to foster philanthropy by bringing together young people in the community to learn about philanthropy and to make annual grants to local nonprofits.

"In addition to philanthropy, participants will be able to build new friendships through three social events a year and work together for the common good of southern New Mexico," Burn said.

Young Philanthropists steering committee members will serve a one-year term and meet monthly to plan the future of the Young Philanthropists, including three social events meant to bring in new membership, create networking opportunities and increase the knowledge of philanthropy among young people. The steering committee will also identify and recruit 10 people to join the Young Philanthropists, create the identity of the Young Philanthropists, plan and implement the first two to three social events, name the permanent endowment fund and help set up the first Grant Committee.

Young Philanthropists members must be young (defined by the group as 21 to 40-ish, but the definition of young may vary according to one's own definition and how young one might feel), make a contribution of $125 per year, of which 75 percent of the donation will go into a permanent endowment fund and 25 percent will go into a grant-making fund to award to a deserving charity or cause each year and make a minimum contribution of time on committees and social events.

At the next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, the Young Philanthropists will create the final steering committee, focus on recruitment, select a logo (of which Wilson Binkley Advertising and Marketing is designing for the group) and plan for the three social events.

For more information, contact Luan Wagner Burn at luan@cfsnm.org or call the CFSNM at 521-4794.

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 Community Foundation 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 Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.

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Building Las Cruces
Miguel's Restaurant

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The building under construction at 1140 E. Amador Ave., across from 10-Pin Alley, will be Miguel's, a Mexican fast food restaurant owned by Wendy Harnwell of Roger Holdings Inc. The restaurant will serve a variety of Mexican food, but will specialize in homemade burritos. The eatery will feature drive-thru service, a dining area and will serve beer and wine, said Harnwell, who added she is eyeing an April opening. The builder is Genesis Builders Inc. of Las Cruces.

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Hatch trustees save the pig

Sparky's pink statue will greet tourists

Bulletin Staff Report

The Village of Hatch Trustees unanimously voted to "Save the Pig" Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Hatch Village Clerk's Office, 133 Franklin St.

Requests from concerned citizens of Hatch were aired after a statue of a giant pink pig was erected, aimed at directing tourists and customers to Sparky's Burgers, BBQ & Espresso, a popular eatery in the town.

Citizens and business owners said the pig and other similar statues that Sparky's uses to advertise did not "fit in" with the image Hatch was trying to convey. Tuesday, however, trustees Kathie Franzoy, Robert Torres and Lloyd Burns voted in favor of keeping the pig, granting the business owners a variance.

More than 50 community members attended the meeting wearing pink "Save the Pig" T-shirts in support of Sparky's and the fiberglass statue.

Trustee Andy Nuñez attended the meeting via phone, but did not vote.

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Balancing the budget is tough on elected officials

Perhaps economic principles can help

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

The New Mexico Senate and House seem locked in a struggle for the state budget.

The house-approved budget makes up a $300 million shortfall by raising taxes, including adding one-half percent to the gross receipts tax and an income tax surcharge on high-wage earners. Meanwhile, Senate lawmakers vow to cut more and tax less from the budget, with Deming's own John Arthur "Dr. No" Smith leading the charge.

The executive branch also seems to be uncertain on how to proceed. Lt. Gov. Diane Denish opposes gross receipts tax increases while Gov. Bill Richardson is not very fond of higher-income taxes, which, after all, reverse the cuts he engineered during his first term.

And remember all this bickering is among the Democrats.

So given the controversy, perhaps economics can give some insights into which taxes to increase. In fact, coming up with optimal taxes is a favorite activity for economists, starting with Adam Smith, who argued in the "Wealth of Nations" that people should pay in proportion to their income – that is, he seems to support a flat tax. Even today, if you run into an economist at a party and want to get him talking, just ask how to best overhaul the state tax system. You won't be able to get him to stop talking. (I might mention that if you are talking to economists at parties, besides taxes, you need also to think hard about your social calendar.)

> "Poorly designed taxes can damage economic activity and destroy jobs."

Taxes are a powerful thing. Poorly designed taxes can damage economic activity and destroy jobs. So, one principle is to design taxes to do the least harm to the private sector, yet still raise adequate capital. This means taxing as broad a base as possible to charge as low a rate as possible. Here, New Mexico does pretty well as our gross receipts tax, unlike a typical sales tax, is imposed on not just goods, but services as well.

Avoiding damage to the private sector also means taxing items relatively insensitive to taxation. This is one reason why taxes on items like cigarettes are popular; you can tax the be-jeevers out of them without discouraging use too much.

But what about income taxes? Some argue that heavy taxes on the rich will discourage the rich from residing in New Mexico, ironically lowering tax revenue. This is the argument against imposing higher-income taxes on high-income taxpayers.

While good in theory, there is little evidence that the rich relocate to avoid income taxes. Think about it. Would a wealthy couple move to another state because of a 1- or 2-percent surcharge on their income of more than $250,000? Probably not, as the issue in deciding on where to live is not the income tax rate, but rather the total tax burden relative to benefits of the state. After all, taxes do finance things that people want.

This brings up another point. As important as the tax you are charged is what you get for that tax. If you are taxed to pay for waste, that is bad. If you are taxed to pay for a needed government service, that is good. Unfortunately, deciding what is a needed service here is hard.

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Briefs

Movie Gallery to close

The Movie Gallery, 5702 Bataan Memorial East, will be one of more than 700 movie rental stores to close nationwide, according to moviegallery.com. The site reports that Movie Gallery Inc. has filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection. Last year, three Blockbusters in Las Cruces closed amid a large increase in Redbox movie rental kiosks in Las Cruces. No date yet has been announced for the store's closing and liquidation sale.

CVB launches new site

The Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau has launched a new website aimed at attracting tourists, http://mustseelc.org. The website was designed by Rick Johnson & Co., the advertising agency contracted by the CVB. The website features, audio, video and a live newsfeed. For more information, visit http://mustseelc.org.

Gas prices drop slightly

According to AAA, drivers in New Mexico are paying less at the pump this week. The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is $2.66 in New Mexico, a drop of 4 cents. Nationally, prices fell 3 cents, averaging $2.66. Motorists in Albuquerque and Las Cruces are paying the lowest price at $2.57 per gallon, while Santa Fe is the most expensive among metropolitan areas at $2.65.

NMSU to hold judging clinic for FFA and 4-H members

New Mexico State University will hold a judging clinic for FFA and 4-H judging teams from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. At the clinic, students will learn about horses, livestock, wool and meat judging from university faculty and staff. The horse-judging portion will be held at the Doña Ana County Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., while the rest of the activities will take place in Gerald Thomas, Knox and Neil halls on campus. John Wenzel, NMSU Extension veterinarian, also will give a presentation on livestock biosecurity practices. The clinic will not only be a learning experience for the students, but for county Extension agents and agricultural teachers as well. About 160 students ages 9 to 19 from New Mexico and Arizona are expected to attend. The FFA and 4-H members also will have the opportunity to see the NMSU campus and meet with faculty and staff during the event. The event is sponsored, in part, by the Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center.

Herd health focus of Beef Cattle Symposium

The 27th annual San Juan Basin Extension Beef Cattle Symposium will be Tuesday, March 2, at the La Plate County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Durango, Colo. The event is co-sponsored by New Mexico State University's San Juan County Cooperative Extension Service office and Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service offices in La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma and Dolores counties.

Presentation topics include marketing price risks; beef cattle nutrition and applied reproduction; herd health issues affecting cattle in New Mexico; diseases affecting cattle in Colorado; troublesome toxic plants such as locoweed and larkspur in the Four Corners area; and new developments in both native and introduced rangeland grasses. For more information, contact the Archuleta County Extension office at 970-264-5931.

Bill aims to put unemployed veterans back to work

Congressman Harry Teague's office on Feb. 5 unveiled new legislation aimed at improving employment opportunities for veterans. The Energy Jobs for Veterans Act seeks to establish programs to provide on-the-job training, apprenticeship, real experience, and long-term employment in the energy fields to veterans. Funded by competitive grants, the program would provide an energy employer up to 50 percent, or up to $20,000, of a veteran's salary for a year of apprenticeship and on-the-job training.

The program would be available to employers across multiple energy fields, including energy efficient building, construction and retrofits, renewable electric power, biofuel production, energy efficiency assessment, oil and gas, and nuclear power. The latest survey of veterans unemployment by the Department of Labor shows the number of unemployed Iraq and Afghanistan veterans is now almost the same as the number of service members currently deployed in support of those two wars, according to Teague's office.

On the Agenda

Social media for nonprofits

Comcast Cable Corp. will hold a free social media seminar for nonprofit organizations in Las Cruces and the surrounding area from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Comcast Cable office, 110 Idaho Ave., Suite A. The seminar will help teach local nonprofit organizations how to effectively leverage social media resources to extend their reach with key audiences and further their missions. Other topics that will be covered include using social media to improve the success of events, creating brand perception, increasing donations and recruiting volunteers. Participation is limited. Interested organizations should contact Amanda Foor at 505-898-8689 or afoor@garritypr.com to RSVP.

Date: Friday, Feb. 12
Time: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Location: Comcast Cable
110 Idaho Ave., Suite A
Contact: 505-898-8689

Social Security seminar

Toby Rue, financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Las Cruces, presents "Understanding Social Security Benefits," a workshop to be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Morgan Stanley Conference Office, 2050 N. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B. Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, will be the featured speaker. For more information, call Rue at 522-8500.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 16
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Morgan Stanley
Conference Office
3050 N. Roadrunner
Parkway, Suite B
Contact: 522-8500

Fundraising workshop

A SCORE business workshop, in partnership with the United Way of Southwest New Mexico, will examine the difference between short-term, quick fix and long-term fund development from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the United Way office, 106 S. Water St. Certain choices your organization makes will either wear out your volunteers on people-intensive activity or gradually build your resources to build endowments and survival. Which activities raise the most income? This interactive workshop is for staff and volunteers who are raising money. Joan Kuyper will present the workshop. To attend, RSVP with United Way by calling 524-7561.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 18
Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Location: United Way of
Southwest New Mexico
106 S. Water St.
Contact: 524-7561

Using social networking to market your business

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host its next workshop, "Marketing Through Social Networking Websites," from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Troy Tudor of Digital Solutions will give the presentation. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 17
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: New Mexico Farm &
Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Contact: 524-1968

Engineering forum

The College of Engineering at New Mexico State University will host an Engineering Technology Forum and Exchange from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Physical Science Laboratory Auditorium on the NMSU campus. The purpose of the forum is to foster relationships and information sharing among engineering-based businesses and research faculty. There is no charge to participate or exhibit in this event. Registration is required for exhibitors. For more information or to register to exhibit, contact Linda Fresques at 646-2913, or lfresque@nmsu.edu.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 18
Time: 1:30 to 5 p.m.
Location: New Mexico State University
Physical Science Laboratory
Contact: 646-2913

Business After Hours

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly networking event, Business After Hours, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Snacks and drinks will be served. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 18
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: NMSU Golf Course
Clubhouse
3000 Herb Wimberly Drive
Contact: 524-1968

IAAP meeting

The Mesilla Valley Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will host its next meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Doña Ana Community College Academic Resource Building, Room 100Q. A presentation titled "Review, Revise and Revitalize Your Career" will be given by DACC professor Bobbi Raub.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 18
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: DACC Academic Resource
Building, Room 100Q
Contact: 541-2517 or 646-4185

Starting and running a home-based business

The next SCORE seminar, to take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, will cover the topic, "Is a home-based business right for you?" The basics of starting a home business will be covered. Getting help from professional organizations will be addressed along with the tax variables and equipment needed. A lecture will be presented by Bob Worthington, a retired New Mexico State University instructor who specializes in management and advertising. In addition, he has run a number of home-based businesses.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 18
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: MountainView Regional
Medical Center,
Community Room
4355 E. Lohman Ave.
Contact: 523-5627

Jobs Resources Fair

U.S. Rep. Harry Teague will host a Jobs Resources Fair to connect potential employers in the area with New Mexicans seeking employment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The event is free for both employers and members of the community. For more information, call Vivek Gopalan at 202-225-4780 or email vivek.gopalan@mail.house.gov.

Date: Monday, Feb. 22
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: New Mexico Farm &
Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Contact: 202-225-4780 or
vivek.gopalan@mail.house.gov

Strategic networking

One-on-One Strategic Networking will host its next networking event from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave.

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 24
Time: 1 to 4 p.m.
Location: Las Cruces Event Center
522 E. Idaho Ave.
Contact: 621-2272

In Good Company: Veterans Office Solutions Inc.

Company hopes to bank on Foamiture, veterans

VOS hopes to sell 'wow' office and home products

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"This is going to be big. Real big," said Veterans Office Solutions (VOS) President and Owner Tim Chelpaty.

Chelpaty, a Las Cruces lawyer and entrepreneur, will waste no time pitching his company's products and mission statement. He believes firmly in the future success of his local furniture business.

"Once we get our position solidified in this area, we will become the hub for remanufactured furniture in the U.S.," he said. "And we will do it while training and employing our U.S. veterans."

Chelpaty, who formerly owned Southwest Santa Fe Furniture, has been brainstorming the idea behind VOS for more than five years, he said. Now, he's got a permanent location, mini showroom and the backing of industry partners and government agencies that will turn the concept into reality, he said.

"(Unemployed veterans) are a problem that we recognized from the start," he said. "And others have too. We have received support from a lot of groups, and now we have the corporate support to keep this going. We're forming an extensive network to put our veterans to work everywhere."

In short, Chelpaty's company offers remanufactured furniture and sells a line of new Foamiture, a type of furniture made of 100-percent recyclable, mold and mildew-resistant and hypoallergenic foam.

"The Foamiture is our 'wow' factor," said Chelpaty while picking up a Foamiture love seat on display at his company showroom. "See how easy it is to pick up? This is unbelievable. You can make anything out of this stuff, and it will last and never collect mold. It's great for people who suffer from allergies, too."

> "See how easy it is to pick this up? This is unbelievable. You can make anything ..."
>
> TIM CHELPATY, owner, VOS Inc.

VOS Sales Manager Chuck Poe, a veteran and retired law enforcement officer, said the company's Foamiture products are one-third lighter than traditional "light" furniture, can be shipped in "modem-sized" boxes for little cost and offer innovative space solutions for those living in cramped quarters, such as students and soldiers.

"It really cuts down the weight and space to ship it in, you can't hurt anyone with it and it's easy to assemble," Poe said. "This could be a real boon to our military."

Through its exclusive partnerships with the Indiana Chair Frame Co., Leggett & Platt, Office Solutions and Veada Industries Inc. – all furniture makers – the company offers a variety of office and home furniture, remanufactured and new, Chelpaty said.

VOS' claim is that it can save customers between 25 and 45 percent on the purchase of remanufactured furniture. In addition, a savings of up to 50 percent can be realized using the company's remanufactured panels. The company's products have a lifetime guarantee, and Chelpaty said VOS' ability to recycle 95 percent of worn-out furniture "makes us one of the greenest companies around."

"We can make this stuff look and feel like brand new Herman Miller furniture for half the price," he said. "And you can't tell the difference. On the outside, it's identical. But it's also just as good in quality. When we get these things, we sandblast it down to the bare metal, put new end caps on it and give it a new fabric."

The company offers ceiling panels, divider panels, conference tables and seating, desks, dormitory furniture, medical mattresses and furniture, file cabinets and executive and task chairs. The company can also remanufacture or design special items at a customer's request.

Chelpaty added that, so far, the company only has a few clients, but is positioning itself for grand success. He anticipates being the remanufactured furniture hub for the entire U.S.-Mexico border and creating a large remanufacturing facility in Las Cruces to distribute the products, he said.

"A big plus is that our ability to get things done will be very rapid," he said.

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Veterans Office Solutions President Tim Chelpaty, Vice President Ana Laura Chelpaty, Sales Manager Chuck Poe and Executive Secretary Marcie Poe sit in the VOS showroom at the company's location, 121 Wyatt Drive, Suite 2.

"And for deliveries to other parts of the country, we will have other remanufacturing bases to cut down on shipping time and costs."

Just as important as selling low is paying high, Chelpaty said. He plans on employing only veterans to make up his company's workforce, and he wants to pay them more than just a "liveable wage."

"We saw that veterans had a real problem," he said. "They train low, get paid low and that's if there are any jobs available.

"So a veterans group asked us to come up with a potential solution. We did. We will have the ability to train high, pay high, and the jobs that we will offer can transfer just about anywhere."

Veterans will be trained in the remanufacturing process of furniture, including factory supervision and management, woodworking, welding, upholstering, purchasing, shipping, receiving and billing, Chelpaty said. Through its partnership with Indiana Chair Frame, veterans who contact VOS will be sent to the company's regional training points. From there, they will receive a certificate of training and be considered for employment in one of Indiana Chair's 200 facilities nationwide.

"They have pledged that once we certify our vets are trained, they will offer them an interview and a job anywhere in their extensive corporate network," Chelpaty said.

In addition, Office Solutions, one of the largest independent distributors and dealers of office products, and Leggett & Platt, a Fortune 500 company, also have agreed to give preference to hiring trained veterans, Chelpaty said.

"With our veterans out there, we will have the ability to regionally manufacture anywhere in the United States," said Chelpaty, adding that he will hire veterans at the Las Cruces VOS manufacturing facility once it's operational.

Through the company's uncompromising commitment to veterans and to its customers, Chelpaty hopes to put Las Cruces on the map as the regional hub for remanufactured furniture in the Southwest, and he hopes the community will be supportive.

"Theory is a nice thing, but you have to go beyond theory and make it a fact," Chelpaty said. "To do that, we're going to need the support from the local community. I think the business climate here is good, but only time will tell.

Name: Veterans Office Solutions Inc.
Address: 121 Wyatt Drive, Suite 2
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: 523-8500

Q&A: Talking business with owner Tim Chelpaty

Why did you decide to become an entrepreneur?
It was all about job creation. The biggest problem on the border is lack of training and low wages, which prevents many companies from coming here. My idea is to create jobs and to create wealth.

What do you look for in an employee?
The have to be a veteran. But also, loyalty and good work ethic.

What are your most popular products?
The Foamiture. It's what we call the "wow factor."

What is your business philosophy?
Hire veterans, train high and pay high, and in the process, provide a good product and service to our customers.

What's one thing about your business you wish people knew?
That we offer the total package. We do everything, and we have more capability than any manufacturer in the U.S. When you compare all the objective data, no one compares to us.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
It has been very receptive.

What business would you like to see in Las Cruces?
Another mall. We need more retail here and more things for people to do.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report February 5, 2010

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20100572	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Westmoreland ENT LLC	New/Res	4736 Zeno Place	$249,690.00	$2,195.30
20100554	Gary L. Lane Inc.	Julian M. and Viola S. Chacon trustees	Comm/Alt	516 E. Las Cruces Ave.	$13,950.00	$109.93
20100491	GS Roofing	Shelly R. and D. Carl Sullivan	Reroof	1700 Palo Verde Ave.	$6,123.00	$63.83
20100519	Approved Roofing	Apolonio G. and Nancy G. Moreno	Reroof	756 Williams St.	$3,000.00	$45.44
20100527	Desert View Homes	Desert View Homes LLC	New/Res	4061 Monte Sombra Ave.	$195,570.00	$1,801.90
20100524	Ken Berry Construction Inc.	Logos Development Inc.	New/Res	1906 Piqueto	$0.00	$3,350.36
20100528	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	New/Res	4057 Monte Sombra Ave.	$216,972.00	$1,838.44
20100517	Triple S Construction	Thomas W. and Inez M. Neilsen trustees	Comm/Add	300 N. Seventeenth St.	$147,000.00	$590.55
20100531	Steven and Veronica Guerra	Logos Development Inc.	New/Res	7361 Vista De Sombre Drive	$194,504.00	$3,700.08
20100500	Roadrunner Construction Co.	Greg S. and Pollyjean Peabody	Reroof	1945 Settlers Bend	$7,434.00	$71.56
20100512	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	New/Res	0	$169,740.00	$1,757.80
20100510	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	New/Res	4746 Prentice	$158,260.00	$3,683.20
20100515	Thurston Equity Corporation	Ken Thurston Homes LLC	New/Res	7552 Sierra De Oro Place	$178,678.00	$1,773.06
20100489	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Westmoreland ENT LLC	New/Res	4735 Zeno Place	$177,530.00	$2,072.10
20100488	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Westmoreland ENT LLC	New/Res	4732 Zeno Place	$264,286.00	$2,220.22
20100543	N/A	N/A	New/Res	4339 Calle Amarilla Arc	N/A	N/A
20100594	JR Hernandez Custom Homes	Westmoreland ENT LLC	New/Res	4745 Whitney Place	$178,924.00	$2,074.48
20100541	N/A	N/A	Res/Alt	1214 Chaparro St.	N/A	N/A
20100603	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	New/Res	7563 Vista De Oeste Place	$169,740	$1,758
20100565	Susan M. Schwebke	Erma L. Schwebke	Res/Alt	1520 Dorothy Circle	$4,000	$51
20100600	Shelby W. and Grace J. Lewis	Shelby W. and Grace J. Lewis	Res/Add	5420 Avenida Del Sol	$3,300	$47
20100595	Rigoberto Ceballos El "Grande" Construction	Coronado Finance Inc.	Reroof	2532 Sonrise Loop	$3,300	$47
20100545	Gardea Roofing	Magdalena E. Cota	Reroof	118 S. Mesquite St.	$3,950	$51
20100613	C & R Ventures LLC	John R Curry Construction Co.	New/Res	3625 Midnight Ridge Drive	$227,468	$4,006
20100609	DJ Walker Construction LLC	Van C. and Susan D. Wamel trustees	Reroof	1050 Crossley Lane	$4,495	$54
20100585	TAJ Construction Inc.	Alameda Land & Development Corp.	New/Comm	4420 E. Lohman Ave.	$550,000	$12,970
20100624	GS Roofing	Ellen R. McConnell	Reroof	3015 Broadmoor Drive	$8,466	$78
20100637	Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp.	Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp.	New/Res	4394 Paseo Del Oro Circle	$127,592	$2,237
20100647	DJ Walker Construction LLC	Emmit H. Brooks	Reroof	3308 East St.	$4,485	$54
20100642	Thurston Equity Corp.	Cruces Investment Properties LLC	New/Res	4963 Wendall Road	$131,856	$3,292
20100636	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	New/Res	4752 Prentice Place	$158,260	$3,638
20100651	Ridgetop Construction	Gregory P. and Tambi V. Estrada	Reroof	1936 Princess Jeanne Drive	$3,400	$48
20100618	Approved Roofing	George W. and Helen M. Detwiller	Reroof	3551 Venus St.	$4,950	$57
20100616	Dimsha Construction	Maria L. Stops	Res/Add	600 W. Las Cruces Ave.	$40,000	$239
20100652	Ridgetop Construction	Megan J. Drucker	Reroof	715 Lariat Drive	$8,970	$81
20100638	Cliff W. and Hannah R. Robinson	Cliff W. and Hannah R. Robinson	Res/Alt	1972 Mulberry Ave.	$350	$30
20100635	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	New/Res	4739 Radiant Court	$166,378	$3,652
20100625	GS Roofing	Jesus Sr. and Bertha Villanueva	Reroof	1113 N. Campo St.	$2,363	$42
20100701	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5117 Kensington Way	$149,978	$3,323
20100700	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5125 Kensington Way	$149,978	$3,323
20100667	John M. and Amy B. Pleasant	John M. and Amy B. Pleasant	Res/Add	4992 Gem Court	$25,000	$175
20100686	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5126 Kensington Way	$159,832	$3,330
20100681	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5121 Kensington Way	$149,978	$3,323
20100698	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	BPS LLC	New/Res	4688 Mesita St.	$149,978	$3,624
20100695	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5123 Kensington Way	$121,852	$3,275
20100697	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5118 Kensington Way	$121,852	$3,275
20100666	Sweetwater Homes	Ornithes Inc.	New/Res	7548 Sierra De Oro Place	$161,130	$1,743
20100719	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	New/Res	3605 Sierra De Oro Place	$156,620	$1,735
20100720	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	New/Res	7571 Vista De Oeste Place	$186,960	$1,787
20100721	Joe Lackey	Western Fabrication LLC	Comm/Add	2499 Lakeside Drive	$20,000	$146
20100691	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	New/Res	5124 Kensington Way	$112,586	$3,259
20100678	M M Daves Construction Co.	June M. Beck	Res/Add	2845 Meriwether St.	$4,200	$53
20100665	Sweetwater Homes	Ornithes Inc.	New/Res	7544 Sierra De Oro Place	$159,736	$1,741
20100656	Top Notch Exteriors	Reymundo and Celia Saucedo	Reroof	5002 Shadow Mountain Road	$6,915	$69
20100628	JC Roofing Inc.	Gilbert Pena	Reroof	1355 Sexton St.	$5,584	$61
20100731	Ramcon Inc.	Paul Michael Weir	Reroof	1808 High St.	$20,000	$146

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Doña Ana County Building Permit Report February 5, 2010

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
35339	Self	Danny and Maria Padilla	Res/Add	249 W. Lisa Lane	N/A	$330
35341	Mark Durio Homes	Mark Durio	New/Res	131 Apache Silver Road	Franklin View Phase I	$603
35344	American Builders	Miguel Martinez	New/Res	6011 Calle Pico Gemelo	Villages at Ranchers Club	$979

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A risky business meeting

JIM HILLEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Linda Gonzalez, president of the Southern New Mexico Workers' Compensation Association, speaks to members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Zia Section, during its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Game Sports Bar & Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. The group meets at that location at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Zia Section Chairman Manny Campos said the group is open to anybody interested in safety or workers' compensation issues. Currently, the group has members from White Sands Missile Range, White Sands Test Facility, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces Public Schools and the City of Las Cruces as well as representatives from vendors and contractors, Campos said. For more information, contact Campos at 640-5166.

USDA deputy secretary will speak at farming conference

Focus of presentation is organic farming

United States Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan will be the keynote speaker at the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference, Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North Hotel, 5151 San Francisco Road NE.

Merrigan, who helped author the Organic Food Protection Act of 1990, which established standards and regulations for organic farming, is an advocate for the sustainable food movement. Merrigan also supports returning to traditional farming methods.

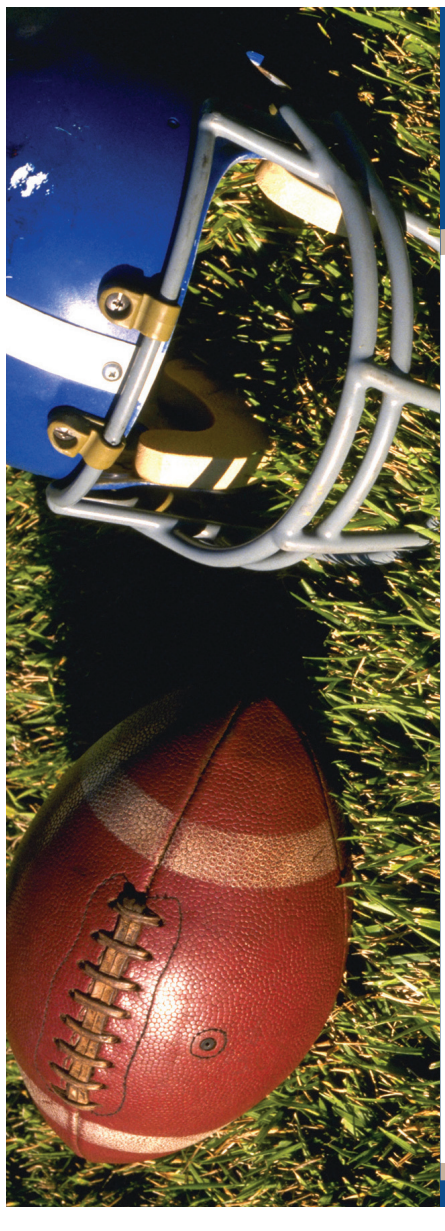
She and others in the organic farming movement have said they want to reduce the harmful effects of the industrial food system on the environment. That means redesigning the industrial food system to limit harmful pollutants released from large farming operations and restricting the use of fossil fuels burned when transporting food across the country or around the world. In May 2009, she helped start a program that now offers conventional farmers grant money to switch to organic farming methods.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan will be the keynote speaker at the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference.

As the Southwest's premier conference for organic and sustainable agriculture, the two-day New Mexico Organic Farming Conference provides more than 30 production and marketing workshops, a locally grown organic food luncheon on Saturday, and a large exhibitor hall for producers to learn about organic farming.

The event is organized by the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, the New Mexico Organic Commodity Commission and Farm to Table.

The registration fee is $100, or $65 for one day. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. each day. For more information, call Le Adams at 505-473-1004, ext. 10, or Joanie Quinn at 505-841-9067.



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At Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe

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Gov. Bill Richardson addresses more than 200 guests from Las Cruces at his mansion Sunday, Jan. 31, as part of Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe.

Las Cruces City Councillor Nathan Small and Las Cruces Convention Center Manager David Hicks

Jim Hayhoe, Davin Lopez, Aaron Prescott and Maunu and Eva Von Lueders of Spaceport Sweden enjoy hors d'oeuvres at the Governor's Mansion.

Assistant Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza and his wife Maryester at the Governor's Mansion reception.

Suzanne Quillen, Paul Herzog, Mary Beth Reinhart and Claudia Terrazas

Ben Woods, Todd and Roseanne Bensley and Ricardo Rel

Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta and New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture

LEGAL NOTICES

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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

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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

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.
(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,
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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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

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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 #9333
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-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
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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. 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
By: Sharon Hankla
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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

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Dates 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 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, and the Southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by an iron pipe; Thence N.26º30'20"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,
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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

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 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No. PB-09
Judge

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LELAND H. GILE, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dr. H. Curtis Monger has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Leland H. Gile, Jr., deceased. 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 Personal Representative at Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Dept. 3Q, P.O. Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005.

DATED: November 25, 2009

Dr. H. Curtis Monger
Personal Representative of the Estate of Leland H. Gile, Jr. Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Dept. 3Q, P.O. Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003

THE WOOD LAW FIRM P.C.
Bv /s/ D. Lyle Wood
P.O. Drawer 16288
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 524-4000

Pub #9366
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Lowell Aeschliman
2520 Tiffany Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #E-43 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $595.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: furniture, boxes and misc.

Date of public disposal:
February 13, 2010

Time:
10:00 am

Place:
AAA Affordable Self Storage,
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #9367
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Rachel Herrera
3005 Tortugas Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #F 55 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $270.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: furniture, washer, grill, boxes and misc.

Date of public disposal:
February 13, 2010

Time:
10:00 am

Place:
AAA Affordable Self Storage,
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #9368
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Verenia Guardado
1115 Longoria
Anthony, NM 88021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #D 21 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $595.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: washer, dryer, mattress, boxes and misc.

Date of public disposal:
February 13, 2010

Time:
10:00 am

Place:
AAA Affordable Self Storage,
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #9369
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Gabrila Minjarez
P.O. Box 863
Las Cruces, NM 88047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #F 7 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $740.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: car, toys, furniture, boxes and misc.

Date of public disposal:
February 13, 2010

Time:
10:00 am

Place:
AAA Affordable Self Storage,
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #9370
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Debbie Chafin
390 Manso Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that your 2 vehicles stored at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $745.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

Date of public disposal:
February 13, 2010

Time:
10:00 am

Place:
AAA Affordable Self Storage,
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #9371
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Cyndee Bourguet
P.O. Box 1066
Elephant Butte, NM 87935

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #A 34 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $520.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: furniture, boxes misc.

Date of public disposal:
February 13, 2010

Time:
10:00 am

Place:
AAA Affordable Self Storage,
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #9372
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2897

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,

vs.

LUZ SALMON; OMAR RUIZ; CANDIDA RUIZ; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE of NEW MEXICO; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 3, 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 131 Festival Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
UNIT SP 131, SUNRISE MESA HOME COMMUNITY, a Condominium, in the city of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being situated on TRACT 7, SUNRISE MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE IIA, filed on October 3, 2001, in Book 19 Pages 733 and 734 of Plat Records, being more fully described in DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM recorded December 13, 2001, in Book 306 Pages 345 through 405 of Official Records. Together with the undivided interest in the common area and facilities appurtenant to said unit.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 21, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $76,031.13 and the same bears interest at 7.000% per annum from January 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $904.03. 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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Defendant Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico shall have a nine-month right of redemption.

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

Pub #9373
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

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

No. CV-2009-2706
Judge: Arrieta

BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A., a Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD R. SALAZAR, JOHN DOE and JANE DOES 1-16, Tenants on the Property to be Foreclosed, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a real estate mortgage issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on or about the 15th day of January, 2010 in the above-entitled cause, in which judgment the Plaintiff, Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., was awarded a judgment against the Defendant, Edward R. Salazar, in the amount of $254,394.52, as of January 5, 2010, along with accrued interest to January 5, 2010 in the amount of $14,068.10, and interest accruing after January 5, 2010 at the rate of 18% per annum, for a per diem interest of $125.45 per day, together with all costs of this action in the amount of $371.13 and attorneys fees in the amount of $3,060.99, as set forth in said judgment, and by which decree I am, among other things, commanded to sell all the land and improvements thereon described in the real estate mortgage, which real estate is more particularly described in the judgment in said cause and as hereinafter described.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the Plaintiff upon a promissory note from the Defendant Edward R. Salazar, and for foreclosure of the mortgage given to secure said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said judgment and decree of foreclosure, sell, in bulk, as one unit, the following-described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 5B of Country Club Manor No. 3, Replat No. 4, Country Club Manor #3, Replat #4, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on June 1, 1994, in Plat Book 18, Folio 87, and having a common street address of 1150 Heather Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to satisfy the Plaintiff's judgment and first mortgage in the amount of $268,462.62, together with interest thereon from January 5, 2010 to date of sale in the amount of $7,777.90, attorneys fees and costs of $3,432.12, and all costs of said sale.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that the Plaintiff Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A. shall be entitled to bid all or any part of its judgment. Said sale shall also be without warranty as to title, possession or quiet possession.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2010.

/s/ JOSEPH HOLMES,
Special Master

Pub #9374
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D0307CV200902901

BANK OF AMERICA, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT D. ROUNTREE; LORENA T. RUIZ ROUNTREE; BANK OF AMERICA, NA, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Robert D. Rountree 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 4469 Hillsboro Loop , Las Cruces, NM 88012 , Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 19 in Block F of Sandhill Center Heights Phase 5, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof flied for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 2, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 392-393, Plat Records Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before March 26, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
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LeNatria Holly
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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 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By:, Deputy

09-2008 FC01 P661099 2/5, 2/12, 02/19/2010

Pub #9375
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2010

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

Cause No.: CV-2009-3144
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

JAMES L. AND JOHNA MOORE, Plaintiffs,

v.

LAWRENCE AND KATHRYN MOORE Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING
To: KATHRYN MOORE

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs, James L. Moore and Johna Moore, have filed a Complaint in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The object of the action is for the collection of monies owed for breach of contract.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before the 29th day of March 2010, Judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Plaintiffs' attorney is HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT, P.C. (Damian L. Martinez), P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Damian L. Martinez at (575) 524-8812. If you file an Answer or any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Plaintiffs' attorney at the foregoing address.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 29th day of January, 2010.

District Court Clerk
By: /s/ Elsa Gomez Deputy

Pub #9376
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held during the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in the Commission Chambers on the 1st floor of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces NM, on Liquor License Application number A-616022, requesting approval of the issuance of a Beer and Wine Restaurant License to PJH Properties, LLC, d/b/a Brigid's Cross, 1338 Picacho Hills Drive, Las Cruces NM 88007, which has received Preliminary Approval by the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department.

Pub #9377
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2576

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
vs.

MICHAEL TREMONT; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 3, 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 6119 Blue Mountain Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 18 in Block D of Vista De La Montana, Phase III, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 21, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 381-382, 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 21, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $171,119.85 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from December 31, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,030.58. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Pub #9378
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2651

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

LUIS A. ROMERO; BERTHA ROMERO, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; NEYMA ROMERO-VALLES, and if married, JOHN DOE B (true name unknown), her spouse; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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LOT NUMBERED 12 OF RILLITO ACRES SUBDIVISION PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RILLITO ACRES SUBDIVISION PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 3, 2001 IN PLAT BOOK 19 AT PAGES 729-731,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto, title to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 21, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $113,164.56 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from December 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,571.90. 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 #9379
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 19

PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON APRIL 13, 2010, IN THE CITY OF ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO, TO ELECT MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, §3-2-8, if a majority of the votes are cast in favor of incorporating an unincorporated area of a county into a municipality, the Board of County Commissioners is required to call a municipal election within 15 days of certifying such election results; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners certified the results of the election held on January 5, 2010, approving the incorporation of a portion of that unincorporated area of Doña Ana County known as Anthony, New Mexico, as the City of Anthony, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, §3-2-8, the election of municipal officers of the City of Anthony shall be called and conducted in the manner provided in the Municipal Election Code for regular municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, §3-2-8, the Board of County Commissioners shall perform the duties imposed by the Municipal Election Code upon the governing body of the muncipality, and the county clerk shall perform the duties imposed by the Municipal election code upon the municipal clerk,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, that on April 13, 2010, there shall be held in the newly incorporated City of Anthony a municipal election for the purpose of electing municipal officers, consisting of a Mayor, Municipal Judge, and four City Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager and Bureau of Elections staff of the County Clerk's Office are hereby directed to take all steps necessary to conduct the election called for herein.

A person is a qualified elector of the City of Anthony, New Mexico if, on the day of the municipal election, he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the City. In order to vote, qualified electors of the City must have previously registered with the Doña Ana County Clerk or any other voter registration agent in accordance with the law. Any qualified elector of the City who is not registered and who wishes to vote at the special election should register at the Doña Ana County Clerk's office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2010 that being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the municipal election or register at a designated agency as provided in NMSA 1978, § 1-4-1 et. seq.

The polls for the special election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Voting on the day of election shall be by a voting system defined in NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). At least one voting system shall be used at the polling place in each voting location.

Pursuant to the Absent Voter Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 through 1-6-18 (except §§ 1-6-4.2), and the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 through 1-6-25 and by § 1-6-5, qualified electors may also vote absentee at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk during regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. on March 24, 2010, until 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2010. Absentee voting shall be by paper ballot pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-7 and 1-6-9.

The consolidated voting precincts for the special election are as follows:

POLLING PLACES
Anthony Water & Sanitation District
1155 Fourth Street
Anthony, NM
Anthony Elementary School
600 Church Street
Anthony, NM

ELECTION PRECINCTS
That portion of Precinct 12 lying within the incorporated area of the City of Anthony
Precinct 80 and that portion of Precinct 11 lying within the incorporated area of the City of Anthony

Pursuant to the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA, § 1-6-19 et. seq., there is hereby created an absent voter precinct for the City located in the office of the Clerk of Doña Ana County, members of which shall be appointed by the County Clerk of Doña Ana County.

As required by law, the date and time of closing registration shall be at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2010, that being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the day of the municipal election.

PASSED AND APPROVED January 26, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Oscar Vásquez Butler
Chair, District 1
For/Against

Dolores Saldaña-Caviness
Vice Chair, District 2
For/Against

Karen G. Perez
District 3
For/Against

Scott Krahling
District 4
For/Against

Leticia Benavidez
District 5
For/Against

Attest:
Lynn J. Ellins
County Clerk

DIRECCIÓN DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA

RESOLUCIÓN No. 2010 -

PROCLAMACIÓN PIDIENDO UNA ELECCIÓN EL 13 DE ABRIL DEL 2010, EN LA CIUDAD DE ANTHONY NUEVO MÉXICO, PARA ELEGIR A FUNCIONARIOS MUNICIPALES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, de acuerdo con la ley NMSA 1978, §3-2-8, si la mayoría de los votos emitidos a favor de la incorporación de un área no incorporada del condado en un municipio, la Junta de Comisionados del Condado está obligado a convocar elecciones municipales dentro de 15 días de la certificación de los resultados de dicha elección, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el 12 de enero del 2010, la junta de comisionados del Condado certifico los resultados de la elección que se llevo acabo el 5 de enero del 2010, aprobado de la incorporación de parte de una parte de esa zona no incorporada del Condado de Doña Ana conocido como Anthony, Nuevo México, en la Ciudad de Anthony Nuevo México, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, de acuerdo con la ley NMSA 1978, §3-2-8, de la elección de oficiales municipales de la Ciudad de Anthony será llamado y llevo a cabo en la forma prevista en el código electoral municipal para las elecciones municipales regulares, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, de acuerdo con la ley NMSA 1978, §3-2-8, la junta de comisionados del Condado ejercerá las funciones impuestas por el código de las elecciones municipales en el Consejo de Administración de la municipalidad, y el secretario del condado se encargara de las obligaciones impuestas por el Código Electoral Municipal sobre el secretario municipal,

AHORA, POR CONSIGUIENTE, QUEDA

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

RESUELTO que por decisión de la Dirección de Comisionados del Condado de Doña Ana, Nuevo México, que el 13 de abril del 2010, deberá de llevarse a cabo en la cuidad recién incorporada de Anthony una elección municipal con el propósito de elegir a los funcionarios municipales, constituidos de un alcalde, juez municipal de la cuidad y cuatro consejeros

ADEMÁS QUEDA RESUELTO que el Manejador del Condado y el personal del Buró de Elecciones de la Oficina de el Escribano del Condado, por medio del presente indica que se tomen todos los pasos necesarios para llevar a cabo las elecciones.

Una persona cumple con los requisitos de elector de la Cuidad de Anthony, Nuevo México si el día de la elección municipal el o ella es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, tiene al menos 18 años de edad, y es residente de la cuidad. Para poder votar, los electores calificados de la Cuidad deberán de haberse registrado anteriormente en la Oficina del Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana o con cualquier otro agente que registre votantes de acuerdo con la ley. Cualquier elector calificado de la Cuidad que cumpla con los requisitos que especifica el Condado y quien no este registrado y desee votar en las elecciones especiales, deberá de registrarse en la Oficina del Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, durante horas de oficina antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 16 de Marzo del 2010, este siento el día veintiocho que antecede a las elección municipal, o registrarse en la agencia designada como lo establece la ley en NMSA 1978, § 1-4-1 et. seq.

Las casillas para la elección especial se abrirán de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el día de la elección. La votación el día de la elección se realizará por un sistema de votación que se define en el NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). Por lo menos un sistema de votación se utilizará en el lugar de votación en cada lugar de votación.

De Acuerdo con la Ley de Voto en Ausencia, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 hasta 1-6-18 (excepto §§ 1-6-4.2), y la Ley del Precinto por Voto en Ausencia, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19, hasta e incluso-6-25 y por § 1-6-5, los electores calificados que cumplan con los requisitos pueden votar en ausencia en la oficina del Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana durante el horario regular y los días hábiles 8:00 a.m. el 24 de Marzo del 2010 hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 9 de abril del 2010. El voto en ausencia deberá de ser por medio de una papeleta/ boleta de acuerdo con la ley NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-7, 1-6-9.

Se consolidaron los precintos de votación para la elección especial de la manera siguiente:

LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN
Distrito de Agua y
Saneamiento de Anthony
1155 Fourth Street
Anthony, NM
Escuela Primaria de
Anthony
600 Church Street
Anthony, NM

PRECINTO ELECTORAL
Parte del distrito 12 electoral situada en el área incorporada de la cuidad de Anthony
Distrito 80 y la parte del distrito 11 situada en el área incorporada de la Cuidad de Anthony

De Acuerdo con la Ley de Votos por Ausencia, NMSA, § 1-6-19 et. seq., por medio del presente se ha creado un precinto para votación en ausencia para la Ciudad ubicado en la Oficina de el Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana cuyos miembros serán nombrados por el Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana.

Como lo requiere la ley, la fecha y hora para el cierre de registros deberá de ser a las 5:00 p.m. el 16 de Marzo del 2010, siendo este el día veintiocho que antecede al día marcado para la elección municipal

ADMITIDO Y ACEPTADO el 26 de Enero del 2010.

DIRECCIÓN DE
COMISIONADOS DEL
CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA,
NUEVO MÉXICO

Oscar Vasquez Butler
Por/Contra
Vice-Chair, Distrito 1

Dolores Saldaña-Caviness
Por/Contra
Distrito 2

Karen G. Perez
Por/Contra
Distrito 3

Scott Krahling
Por/Contra
Distrito 4

Leticia Benavidez
Por/Contra
Distrito 5

DOY FE:
Lynn Ellins
Escribano del Condado

Pub #9380
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 22, 20 I 0, Danny Bosch, 160 Eventing Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-3457-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-3457, located on land owned by Stephen Isaacks within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 23, T22S, R01E, NMPM, and drilling new well LRG-3457-POD 2 with 4-inch casing to a depth of 60 feet below ground surface on land owned by the applicant within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 25, T22S, R01E, NMPM at approximately X=1,470,152 Y=497,448 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater, when combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 2.51 acres of land located in Pt. W 1/2 of said Section 25. Change-from Well LRG-3457 is located approximately 700 ft. southeast of the intersection of Doña Ana School Rd. and El Camino Real; the proposed location for Well LRG-3457-POD 2 is located is located approximately 380 ft. southeast of the intersection of Eventing Ct. and El Camino Real, south of Doña Ana, NM. Change-from well LRG-3457 will be retained for other rights.

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

Pub #9387
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

No. PB-10-0025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK K. MILZ, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: February 4, 2010.

Kenneth Milz
Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank K. Milz, 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 #9388
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2009-0130

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY M. LUCERO, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, 1225 S. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88005, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: January 28, 2010.

Patricia Ann Zapien,
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Mary M. Lucero, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY: BATES LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #9389
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200901702

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES WATERMAN; occupants whose true names are unknown; Unknown spouse of James Waterman, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 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 of the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot numbered 159 in Block numbered of Los Enamorados Estates Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 07/27/2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727 The address of the real property is 4731 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012. 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 $243,812.45 plus interest from October 15, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

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

Dated: 2010.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222

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Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200902272

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, Inc, Plaintiff,

v.

The Estate of Samuel Medina, deceased; Sven Ramon Medina; Gary M. Bourgeois, D.D.S., P.C.; occupants, whose true names are Unknown, if any; the unknown spouse of Sven Ramon Medina, if Any, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

State of New Mexico to the above-named Defendants The Estate of Samuel Medina, Deceased; Sven Ramon Medina and The Unknown Spouse of Sven Ramon Medina, 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 5794 Sandpiper Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 13, the Bluffs Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 1009, thereof filed for record in the office of the county clerk of said county on October 31, 1979, and recorded in Book 12, Page 294, plat records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before April 5, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Castle Meinhold &
Stawiarski
By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly
Kelley L. Grosso
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorneys for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable 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 2010.

Gregory Toomey
Clerk of the District Court
By: Deputy

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Pub #9391
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 10-0024
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS BLANTON GAINES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated this 4th day of February, 2010.

s/ Wanda Shultz,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.

s/ Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
255 W. Hadley Avenue,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-2132
(575) 526-3312 telephone/
(877) 457-7213 facsimile

Pub #9392
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200900328

Countrywide Home Loan Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff,

v.

Roger Baeza aka Roger L. Baeza; unknown spouse of Roger Baeza aka Roger L. Baeza, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-3080

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

FELIPE GONZALES; MARY ANN GONZALES; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 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 1312 Kearny Place, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 12, Block M, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County,

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New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 4152, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on May 19, 2005, and recorded in Book 21, Pages 208-209, 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 28, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $181,243.56 and the same bears interest at 7.125% per annum from December 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,007.27. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2266

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

vs.

DONALD R. FOOTE; CHIZUKO FOOTE, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Chizuko Foote, Deceased; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 24, LAS LOMITAS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 4185 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on July 19, 2005, and recorded in Book 21, Pages 269-271, 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 28, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $197,986.59 and the same bears interest at 7.5% per annum from January 30, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,627.28. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200802108

Chase Home Finance LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID DELEAR; MIRIAM DELEAR; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200802792

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006 EQ2 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-EQ2, PLAINTIFF,

v.

ANNETTE S. GRIEGO; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNETTE S. GRIEGO, DEFENDANTS.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200900561

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2, PLAINTIFF,

v.

ALFONSO GARZA; GABRIELA FLORES-ALEMAN AKA GABRIELA FLORESALEMAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALFONSO GARZA, DEFENDANTS.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200802113

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-5, PLAINTIFF,

v.

FELIPE AGUIRRE; ISIDRA AGUIRRE; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, DEFENDANTS.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-832

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2006-10, Plaintiff,

vs.

SUJAIRI R. FLORES; DAVID G. FLORES; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 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 1219 Edgewood Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 7, Block 107, COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO. 3, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 658, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on February 7, 1966 and recorded on Book 9, Pages 86-87, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 2, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $148,155.88 and the same bears interest at 9.375% per annum from October 31, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $4,985.03. 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2831
Judge James T. Martin

PIONEER BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

DESERT SAGE BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT, INC., LA TIERRA ESCONDIDA, ACME BRICK CO./ FEATHERLITE BUILDING PRODUCTS, CORONADO RIDGE NIEGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC., and any and all unknown claimants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 12, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the law office of Holt Babington Mynatt, P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces NM, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant, Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc. in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The properties are to be sold separately, or en masse, and are situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and are particularly described as follows:

Property One:
Lot 75 of La Tierra Escondida Phase 1, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 4, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at pages 149-150, Plat Records.

Property Two:
Lot 16 Las Estancias De Picacho Mountain, 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, New Mexico on December 13, 2006 and in Book 22 at pages 68-74 of Plat Records.

And;
Property Three:
8105 Constitution, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered 125 of Coronado Ridge Phase 3, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Coronado Ridge Phase 3, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 19, 2004, in Plat Book 21, Folio 13-16.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy an Order Granting Foreclosure rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 1, 2010 against Defendant Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc., being an In Rem Complaint to foreclose real estate mortgages under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment as follows:

With regard to Loan #0750900005 to Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc., secured by "Property One", the principal amount is $68,250.00, plus interest in the amount of $2,925.75 through February 4, 2010, with interest after February 4, 2010, at the rate of 5.% until paid, plus the costs of this action including Special Master's fee and publication of this Notice.

With regard to Loan #0750900011 to Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc., secured by "Property Two", the principal amount is $113,074.85, plus interest in the amount of $6,121.00 through February 4, 2010, with interest after February 4, 2010, at the rate of 5.75% until paid, plus the costs of this action including Special Master's fee and publication of this Notice.

With regard to Loan #0750900012 to Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc., secured by "Property Three", the principal amount is $664,268.50, plus interest in the amount of $32,994.61 through February 4, 2010, with interest after February 4, 2010 at the rate of 7.% until paid, plus the costs of this action including Special Master's fee and publication of this Notice.

The Order bears interest to date of sale. Sale is being made to satisfy the Order 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 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 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

Pub #9402
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200900173

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., PLAINTIFF,

v.

STEVEN CALDERAZZO; MARQUITA CALDERAZZO; 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 March 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot numbered 97 in Block numbered C of La Mancha Estates Phase 1, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said La Mancha Estates Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 15, 2004 in Plat Book 21, Folio 30-34. Affidavit of Correction, filed of record on November 16, 2004, recorded in Book 565, Page(s) 682, records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 450 Sandy Beach Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 9, 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 $448,151.62 plus interest from September 23, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

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

Dated: 2010.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222

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Pub #9403
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200900800

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ASSETS TRUST 2007-4 MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, PLAINTIFF,

v.

SCOTT WHITTAKER; JANICE WHITTAKER; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, DEFENDANTS.

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(303) 285-2222 08-2572

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Pub #9404
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Florida Street Drainage Improvements BID # 10-14. 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 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids February 25, 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 #9405
Dates 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 Ben Archer Health Center South Building. 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 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 #9406
Dates 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 South Fork Las Cruces Arroyo Improvements Bid # 09-10-450. 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 Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Project bids February 24, 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 #9407
Dates 2/12, 2010

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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Informational Meeting	Opening
Drill and Construct Landfill Monitoring Wells www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/construction_bids/downloads/P09-10-196/	RFP 09-10-196	MANDATORY February 17, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m.	March 2, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.
EMS Uniform Duty Pants www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/B09-10-493/	Bid 09-10-493	None	February 25, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.
Passenger Bus www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/B09-10-479/	Bid 09-10-479	None	February 23, 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.

Pub #9411
Dates 2/12, 2010

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:
I0085127-M Journalism & Mass Communications Audio Visual Equipment

Bid Opening Date:
03/02/10

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at https://sciguest.ionwave.net/nmsu to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub #9413
Dates 2/12, 2010

HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Solano Drive ADA Improvements from Cactus Street to Spruce Avenue BID # 09-10-302. 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 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Project bids February 25, 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 #9408
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2010

HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the MT Orchard MDWUA Water System Improvements. 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 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Project bids February 25, 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 #9409
Dates 2/12, 2010

HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the I-10/NM 404 Interchange NM Project # AC-GRIP-(IM-NH)-010-2(112)157 CN G18A3. 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 Friday, February 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Project bids February 19, 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 #9410
Dates 2/12, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 29, 2010, the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main, Las Cruces, NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-14795 with the State Engineer for Permit to Appropriate Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by using existing exploratory well LRG-14749-POD 2, located on land owned by Sierra Norte Land Holdings, LLC at approximately N32d 25m 3.52s Latitude W106d 44m 4.70s Longitude within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 4, T22S, R02E, NMPM, for the diversion of 700 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for beneficial use for the irrigation of 150 acres of golf course located in said Section 4 on land owned by Sierra Norte Land Holdings, LLC. Well LRG-14749-POD 2 is located approximately 1.13 miles northwest of the intersection of N. Jornada Rd. and Peachtree Hills Rd.

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

Pub #9412
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

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 March 1, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 10-036; Ordinance No. 2565: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 7-1, Definitions, to Change the Definition of Professional Biologist so That it Means Only Those Persons With an Advanced Degree in the Biological Sciences, to Provide the Current Biological Nomenclature for Certain Prohibited Animals; and to Amend Section 7-19, Rabies Control, to Eliminate Subsection (e) so That All Animal Bites Are Reported to the District Health Office.

2. Council Bill No. 10-037; Ordinance No. 2566: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code to Add Two New Sections Under Chapter 27, Traffic In Article VI, Traffic Regulations, That Restrict the Parking of Recreational Vehicles in Residential Areas With the Exception of Brief Periods of Time in Connection With Activities Such as a Planned Trip, as Well as to Make it Unlawful to Occupy a Recreational Vehicle as a Residence With Certain Exceptions.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk.

Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 10th day of February, 2010

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #9414
Dates 2/12, 2010

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

No. DM 2010-87

Judge Mike Murphy

**Gertrudis Contreras
Petitioner,**

vs.

**Bertha Alicia Noriega
Respondent.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Gertrudis Contreras
P.O. Box 1583
Anthony, NM 88021

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 29th day of January 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: Rosie Stewart
DEPUTY

Pub # 9415
Dates 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held during the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in the Commission Chambers on the 1st floor of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces NM, on Liquor License Application Number 62479, requesting approval of the issuance of a Wholesaler Liquor License to Admiral Beverage Corporation, d/b/a Admiral Beverage Corporation, 6000 South Main Street, Mesilla, NM 88047, which has received Preliminary Approval by the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department.

Pub #9381
Dates 2/5, 2/12, 2010

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HEALTH & FITNESS

A public service message from The Las Cruces Bulletin and the Federal Trade Commission. Tips for Consumers: Trying to lose weight? Many claims for diet products and programs that promise easy weight loss are false. To lose weight, eat healthy food and exercise.

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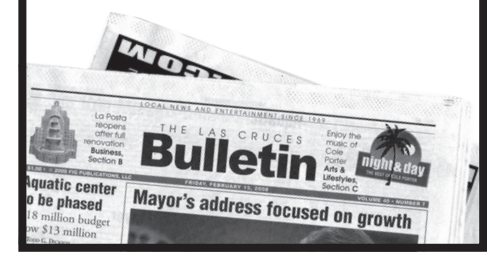

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Peggy Smith: A local champion of Southern hospitality

Smith's 30-year career built on valuable relationships

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Hospitality industry veteran Peggy Smith has a message for students, young adults and others working in the restaurant industry: If you love your job and you are dedicated, you can turn it into a career.

Smith, who started her career in the hospitality industry working as a server at Nopalito Restaurant, has climbed to the top of the corporate hotel ranks, twice receiving General Manager of the Year awards from top hotel chains.

"The people you report to are watching you all the time," Smith said. "If you strive to do the best job you can, you will get noticed. Companies are always looking for employees who want to be leaders."

Smith, born in Hunstville, Ala., moved to Las Cruces with her family in 1972. Her father, a retired aerospace worker who helped develop NASA's Apollo program, decided to move the family to Las Cruces to be closer to his hometown of El Paso.

Smith worked at Nopalito while in high school, and after graduating, went to work for what was then Holiday Inn – now the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces – as a banquet waitress. During her time there, she began to develop professional relationships with the local business community and soon found herself as the food and beverage director of the Las Cruces Best Western – what is now the Days Inn & Suites on Avenida de Mesilla.

"That's when my career really took off," she said. "I found that I really loved this industry. I was going to college while working at the hotels, but my career took off so fast that I dropped school."

At Best Western, Smith was in charge of operations at a 300-plus seating banquet room and the hotel bar, Fat Eddie's. She quickly moved up the ranks to general manager of the property, in the process working through several management changes – from local, regional, corporate and back to local – she said.

"I went from working for a small company to a very large hotel company and then back to an individual owner," she said. "I was very fortunate to be able to work with a lot of great people from a lot of great companies. Even though I stayed in one place, I learned a lot."

Smith worked at the Best Western for 17 years, from 1980 to 1997, she said.

"I can't say that I had a preference for any specific management style, but I learned that the success of a business depends so much on the ownership," she said. "And if their goals and philosophies match yours, that's even better."

She also learned that careers are not only built on talent and dedication, but on relationship building.

"The biggest thing I learned there, and this is probably true for every city, is that success depends on relationships," she said. "Relationships with the people you work with, with the community and with others in the business. I think it's really helped me along my career."

Also a lesson to be valued, Smith said working in the hospitality industry gave her insight to the "natural business cycle" that occurs in Las Cruces.

"The city has a tendency to go in cycles," she said. "For a while, we won't have a lot of construction, not much new development, and then all of a sudden we will get a lot. Working in this industry, you lose a lot of sleep worrying about how new (businesses) are going to affect you. Are you still going to be competitive?

"The thing is to always be looking for better ways to do things or to continue to do business with the people you're working with. If you can ride out the wave, then you'll always be in better shape."

After leaving Best Western, Smith became an independent consultant. She then gravitated back toward her first love – catering.

"It's always been my passion," she said. "Catering, banquets, putting on functions for people. I've always loved that part."

Now, Smith has partnered with Lorenzo's de Mesilla, owned by Lorenzo Vaccaro, to manage the operations of the restaurant's new banquet facility and catering services.

"I really like Lorenzo's vision," Smith said. "He's got a quality product. This was a chance for me to get back to doing what I love. I'm excited about the new things going on here, and I've only been here three weeks."

Lorenzo's de Mesilla now has a banquet facility – decorated by artist Alex Rosa – that seats more than 130, in a building right behind the existing restaurant.

"When customers walk in and see this room, they are amazed," said Smith, pointing out the Italian decor and murals created by Rosa. "I think all the brides will want their pictures taken here."

The facility will offer its services for a multitude of events, including weddings, quinceañeras, Christmas parties, corporate meetings, reunions and retirement and engagement parties, Smith said.

"We have screens, projectors and the ability to host any kind of function," she said.

Some finishing touches still remain for the hall, such as chandeliers and other minor adjustments to the decor, Smith said.

"We've already started hosting parties here, and everyone has loved it," she said. "It's very unique, and we also have a courtyard for other types of functions."

Smith said she plans to stay with Lorenzo's for some time to come, calling the position a "long-term" investment.

And staying is something Smith is also good at. She said over the years, she came across many opportunities to work for corporate hotel chains that would have required her to relocate, but was always steadfast in her answer, "I love Las Cruces too much."

"The people are great here, the climate is great," she said. "This is where I plan to stay."

> "If you strive to do the best job you can, you will get noticed."
>
> PEGGY SMITH, catering director

Profile

Peggy Smith,

Catering director,
Lorenzo's Ristorante Italiano de Mesilla

Family
- Husband Ben
- Sons Christopher and Kevin

Education
Attended New Mexico State University

Organizations
- Member, Rio Grande Rotary
- Former board member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Former advisory board member, Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Former director, New Mexico Restaurant Association
- Former board member, American Southwest Theatre Company
- Former advisory board member, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces

Awards
- General Manager of the Year, Hotel Investors Inc.
- General Manager of the Year, Vesta Hospitality LLC

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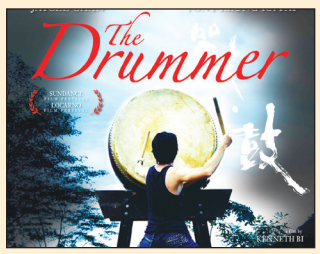

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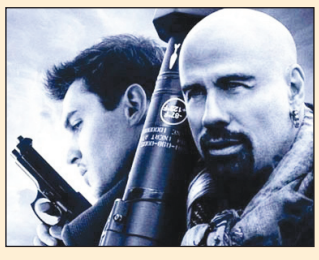

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Let's Dance
Learn to sweep your sweetheart off her feet

‘You make me feel like dancing’

Ballroom dancing is not just for grandpa anymore

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ballroom dancing is in vogue in Las Cruces. Lessons, dance floors and partners of all ages are ready and waiting for you to put on your dancin’ shoes and join the fun.

Whether you’re a 20-something guy lacking the confidence to ask a young lady to dance, or you’ve been part of a Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers duo at your family’s weddings for years, there are a number of local organizations that can help you cut a rug.

A good place to start is with Eric Fierro.

At age 23, Fierro is sort of a dancing machine. By day, the New Mexico State University graduate is a computer engineer at the General Dynamics office in the NMSU Arrowhead Center Research Park. By night, on weekends and probably every spare moment, he’s director of the NMSU DanceSport team.

“DanceSport team students sign up for dance classes and receive credit for some of the effort. They’re in class for six hours a week,” he said, adding that each student probably puts in another 10 to 15 hours of practice each week, on top of their normal school work.

Students audition to be in the DanceSport company, then over the course of a year, they are paired with community partners for programs such as the upcoming “Look Who’s Dancing” fundraiser and the DanceSport Society, a local booster club for the student team.

Dance partners Ed Mulgrew and DanceSport’s Dale Peckham focus on the techniques being taught in class.

The university offers three entry-level social dance classes, which cover Latin, merengue, salsa and Bachata, which Fierro said is one of the newest forms of Latin dancing.

“The classes are open for anyone that wants to register and pay for a class through the university,” Fierro said.

A class costs about $150 a semester.

Everyone from university students and professors to business professionals and retirees has taken Fierro’s classes.

No, the other right foot

Lessons are available – free or otherwise, with or without a partner – and there are plenty of places to fox trot, two-step and tango. Whatever your age, whatever your status, Las Cruces dancers would love to have you join the fun.

Rather than waltz blindly through the phone book for a dance coach, try a class at the university or attend the Big Band Dance Club Thursday night dances at the Las Cruces Country Club on North Main Street.

“They’re just typical people who want to get out there and kick up their heels,” said dance club member Jan Clements who dances with her husband and partner Dave.

“We see a variety of age groups visiting the Big Band Dance Club.”

She said roughly 65 percent of the club’s members are single and want to interact with others with similar interests in a safe and friendly environment. Anyone 21 or older and at any skill level is welcome to attend. Cost is $7 for club members and $9 otherwise.

“A recent visitor was impressed with the kind of dancing the club offers,” Clements said. “She felt that everyone needed to learn how to do ballroom because they’re not going to be doing hip-hop when they’re older.”

The DanceSport Society sponsors Tea/Sunday Afternoon Social dances, which are often listed on Page C4 of this section. Fierro is the booster club’s president.

“We just had a tea dance (in January) and plan another in April,” he said. “It gets students and society members together, with proceeds going to the team to help cover the cost of competitions.”

Change partners and dance with me

In addition to the Big Band Dance Club, the Swinging Dancers of Munson Center dance every Saturday night for those age 50 and older, for $6 each. The DanceSport Society offers free lessons at its tea dances, and Graham Central Station on South Main Street has free country western and Latin lessons from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

“We have taken ballroom, swing and Latin style dances from Eric Fierro of Dance Universe and Marjorie Sidman of Dance Enchantment,” Clements said. “Both are excellent, and Las Cruces is fortunate to have instructors of their caliber.”

She added that the Argentine Tango group meets at the Mesilla Community Center on Tuesday nights.

Both Clements and Fierro offered several reasons why people take up ballroom dancing.

“Dancing is good social interaction, it is healthful, fun and sometimes romantic,” Clements said. “Some people may have a special event coming up where they will want to dance, such as a wedding or quinceañera.”

Fierro said it is a good form of exercise, for socializing and meeting new people.

“For me it serves as a stress release – when I get out on the dance floor everything seems to go away for awhile,” he said.

Both groups, along with Bob Burns and the Mike Caranda Orchestra, are gearing up for “Look Who’s Dancing,” scheduled for Sunday, March 7, at the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. After the competition, the dance floor will be open for event goers to join in the dance.

Fierro said this year’s program is in full swing with competitors – including City Councillor Dolores Connor, Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta and Bright Star Dental’s Dr. Brian Gilbert – practicing their choreography.

“Rumor has it some of the contestants are placing wages on the contest, and some are vying for all three trophies: technical, entertainment and a people’s choice awards,” Fierro said.

“The toughest part about it is getting out on the floor. Once people commit to giving it a shot, I suggest they go in with an open mind – it’s easy to get hooked.”

Learn to dance

Here are just a few places to practice some new steps and get your blood circulating:

Big Band Dance Club
Las Cruces Country Club
2700 N. Main St.
Thursdays and Saturdays
7 to 9 p.m.
525-9227

Swinging Dancers of Munson Center
Munson Center
975 S. Mesquite Ave.
Saturdays
7 to 9 p.m.
523-1871

Graham Central Station
505 S. Main St.
Lessons on Wednesdays
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
524-9131

Couples enjoy dancing to the music of the Bob Burns-Mike Caranda Combo at the Big Band Dance Club, which is held Thursdays and Saturdays at the Las Cruces Country Club.

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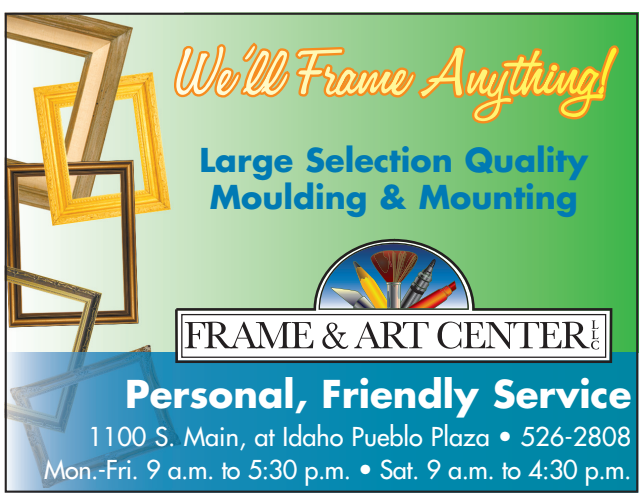

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At the Downtown Ramble

Local artist Kathie Rogers looks at "Ancient Harmony," a painting by Ester Rogoway showing at the Tierra Montana gallery on North Main Street Friday, Feb. 5, during the Downtown Art Ramble.

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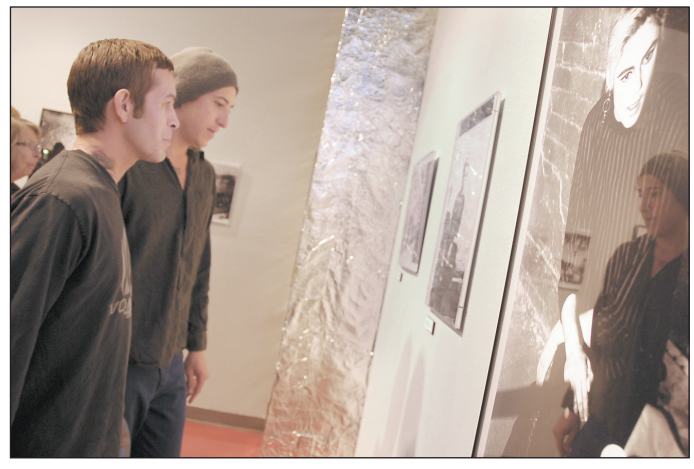
Stephen Boudreau looks at some of Andy Warhol's famous "Campbell's Soup" pop art screen prints at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Local oral historian Beth Morgan pages through "Uncle Andy's," a book about famous artist Andy Warhol. Next to her is a reproduction of Warhol's "Cow Wallpaper."



Freddy Janer and Chavez Smith look at Billy Name's photographs from the '60s at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Art Galaxy opens in Mesilla

Art Galaxy, an art gallery co-op, is celebrating its grand opening from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at 2521 Avenida de Mesilla Suite A.

Join the artists for refreshments and live music courtesy of local musicians, including Eduardo Eric Rodriguez. Enjoy classical guitar while viewing an eclectic collection of local artists' works.

Co-op artists include Tomi La Pierre, bronze sculpture; Carson McGuire, painting; Joanne Bradley, gourd art; Doug Achim, photography, watercolor and custom furniture; Joe Campbell, sculpture; Diane Campbell, watercolor and oil; Ben and Maureen Villmer, photography; Lisa Daggett, Southwest jewelry; Art Concepts by Thoma, photography and contemporary sculpture; Bump'r Jac Creations by Jean and Jane, painting, folk art and found art; Kris Flores, driftwood art; Justin Gannon, graphic art; Gina Gentile, paintings; Jaime Coryell, paintings; David Jacobson, graphic art; and Michael Kelley, paintings.

The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The Art Galaxy is a member-driven cooperative art gallery where 95 percent of all sales go directly back to the artists. For private gallery viewings, call 525-8178 or email carsonartist@gmail.com.

Driftwood art by Kris Flores is one of many pieces now showing at the Art Galaxy in Mesilla.

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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.

7 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. The monologues range from emotional to hilarious and are based on interviews with hundreds of women about varying subjects from sexual violence and warfare to sexual awareness and development. A silent auction features local artists and businesses with all proceeds going to Casa Amigas in Juárez and La Casa in Las Cruces. $12, $10 for students and seniors. Purchased tickets from cast members or call 640-9700 or 635-6430.

SATURDAY 2/13

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.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Unravelers Knitting Guild, Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. Short business meeting followed by a knitting workshop by Diane Taylor, LeeAnn Meadows and Jo Ingle on Entrelac II, using the skill of "knitting back backwards" to knit the connected squares that form a patchwork. Participants will need worsted weight yarn in two contrasting colors and US 7, 8 or 9 needles. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Call 522-0603.

10:30 a.m. Children's Stories, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 669 S. Solano Drive. Nancy Jenkins will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano Drive store. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend the storytelling sessions. Free. Call 526-8377.

1 p.m. Rus Bradburn signing "Forty Minutes of Hell," Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Join author and New Mexico State University professor Rus Bradburn for a discussion and book signing. "Forty Minutes of Hell" explores the history of race and power in elite collegiate sports. establishes coach Nolan Richardson as one of college basketball's most compelling figures. Call 522-4499.

1 to 5 p.m. Farmers and Crafts market, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Hand-made crafts, farm products and snack bar. Call 680-6515.

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. Manny Flores Jr. Brazilian Sound, The Player's Grill, New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. $5 with a valid NMSU ID, $10 for general admission. Call 646-2457.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Female cello quartet plays a diverse mix of music for all tastes. No cover. Call 649-5135.

7 p.m. Vagina Monologues, Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. Ranging from emotional to hilarious, the monologues are based on interviews with hundreds of women about varying subjects from sexual violence and warfare to sexual awareness and development. A silent auction features local artists and businesses with all proceeds going to Casa Amigas in Juárez and La Casa in Las Cruces. $12, $10 for students and seniors. Call 640-9700 or 635-6430.

La Catrina Quartet will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Rio Grande Theatre to benefit the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music.

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 Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost $6. Call 528-3000.

7 to 9 p.m. The Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of Don LaValley. Singles and couples over 21 are welcome. Dress code. Country Club membership not required. $7. Call 642-2002 or 525-9227 or visit www.bigbanddanceclub.org.

7:30 p.m. La Catrina String Quartet in Concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Enjoy an evening of music by these fine musicians known locally for their superior level of musicianship and energetic performances. All proceeds will benefit Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music, to help the organization continue its work in the community. Tickets $10. Call 523-7714 or visit www.lacatrinaquartet.com.

SUNDAY 2/14

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. New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, February meeting, Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Administrative Wing Arts and Crafts Room. Brief business meeting, artist trading card exchange and program by Carolyn Bunch, who will share her approach to the challenges of portrait and figure painting and will demonstrate her technique in this subject. Free. Call 647-1193.

3 p.m. Valentine's Day Chamber Orchestra, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra presents a special concert featuring guest artist Bracha Malkin on violin performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto No. 1 and Mozart's Symphony No. 40. Sponsored by Tom and Donna Tate and a Circle of Symphony Friends. $15 general admission and $5 for students with ID. Call 646-3709.

4 p.m. Hymn Festival Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. The program will feature guest organist, choir director and composer Michael Burkhardt, New Mexico State University Singers, Doña Ana Youth Choir and an expanded adult choir. Free. Call 532-9239.

TUESDAY 2/16

10 a.m. Mesilla Valley Weaver's Guild February Meeting, at the home of Jan Harrison. The program features fiber artist Joan Jensen, who does embroidery, knitting, sewing, felting, quilting and dyeing. She will show examples of works in progress and talk about techniques for creating unique fiber art. Free. Call 527-0196.

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.

7 to 8 p.m. Young Adult Book Discussion of "A Northern Light" by Jennifer Donnelly, Terrace Gallery, Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Avenue. For students grades six through 12. A copy is available to preview at the Young Adult Department desk. Participants will receive a copy of the book to read and keep. Space is limited and students must pre-register at the Young Adult Department. Call 528-4102.

7 to 9 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One-time $60 fee. Call 680-0791.

WEDNESDAY 2/17

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 E. Lohman Ave. Share creative ideas and good conversation. Bring a portable craft such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com.

6:30 p.m. Drum Class for women, Mikey's Place – A Workshop for the Arts, 3100 Harrelson St., at Conway Avenue in Mesilla Park. Hand drums, all levels. Cost $5. Email mvalverde@zianet.com.

THURSDAY 2/18

9 a.m. to noon, Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One-time $60. Call 680-0791.

7 p.m. MountainFilm World Tour, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. New Mexico State University Outdoor Recreation continues its Adventure Arts Series with the international short film tour dedicated to educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving and conversations worth sustaining. Themes range from adventure, mountaineering, remarkable personalities and important environmental and social messages. Cost is $8 in advance, $12 at the door. Call 646-4252.

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FRIDAY 2/19

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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 begins at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks and coffee provided. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

SATURDAY 2/20

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.

10:30 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 Sonya Weiner 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.

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Victorian Tea Fundraiser benefiting Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music, Victorian Tea Room, 1605 S. Main St. Elegant surroundings, beautiful live music, stimulating conversation with teas, sweets and savories. $25. Call 523-7714.

1 to 5 p.m. Farmers and Crafts market, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Handmade crafts, farm products and snack bar. Call 680-6515.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. $2 donation. Call 526-9509.

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 Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets $6. Call 528-3000.

7:30 p.m. Teresa Walters, pianist, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. One of the world's most significant pianists. Tickets $25. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

SUNDAY 2/21

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 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 Street. Free. Call 526-5174.

TUESDAY 2/23

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.

7 to 9 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One-time $60 fee. Call 680-0791.

WEDNESDAY 2/24

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.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

OPENING

STUDIO OF MARIA CRISTINA/ REGALOS Y ART GALLERY

The public is invited to an artists' reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, featuring Karin Bradshaw's gourd art in the Studio of Maria Cristina/Regalos y Art Gallery, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces lobby, 201 E. University Ave. Chocolates and bubblies will be served. Call 312-9530.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The gallery is featuring the artwork of Helga DeLisle and Ruth Ann Sugarman starting with an opening reception at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The gallery welcomes its newest member Jim Kimball, a retired shop teacher of 30 years who specialized in welding and wood. During February, the Gallery is hosting its annual "My Masterpiece" contest with local artists painting in the style of famous artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Charles Russell, R. C. Gorman, Monet and more. The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

The museum is hosting an opening from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, for two spring exhibits, "Hopi Katsina Dolls" and "Exploring Yaqui and Mayo Ceremonial Disguise." Learn about the vibrant cultural traditions of the northeastern Arizona Hopi, the southern Arizona and Sonora Yaqui and the Sinaloa Mayo. The museum is located in Kent Hall on the NMSU campus. Call 646-5161 or visit ww.nmsu.edu/museum.

CONTINUING

THE THEATRE GALLERY 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. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Feb. 14. The theatregallery is open one hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The gallery unites three women who have pooled their talents to exhibit "Touching Lightning in the Land of Oz: A Response to Place." Local artists Margaret Berrier, Peggy Brown and Sherry Gara incorporate photography, silversmithing, cast handmade paper and hand dyed silk and mixed-media work to provide an interpretation of the landscape and culture of Australia. The Tombaugh Gallery of the Las Cruces Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

TIERRA MONTANA GALLERY

Tierra Montana features the work of Yuko Ishii. Gallery owner Ben Maestas notes, "Many people are immediately drawn to Yuko's work. Her images have a tender quality but call to the strength of our human connection to the natural world." The gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

A collection of paintings by Judy Bess is featured throughout February in the lobby. Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, 211 N. Water St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 541-2150.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

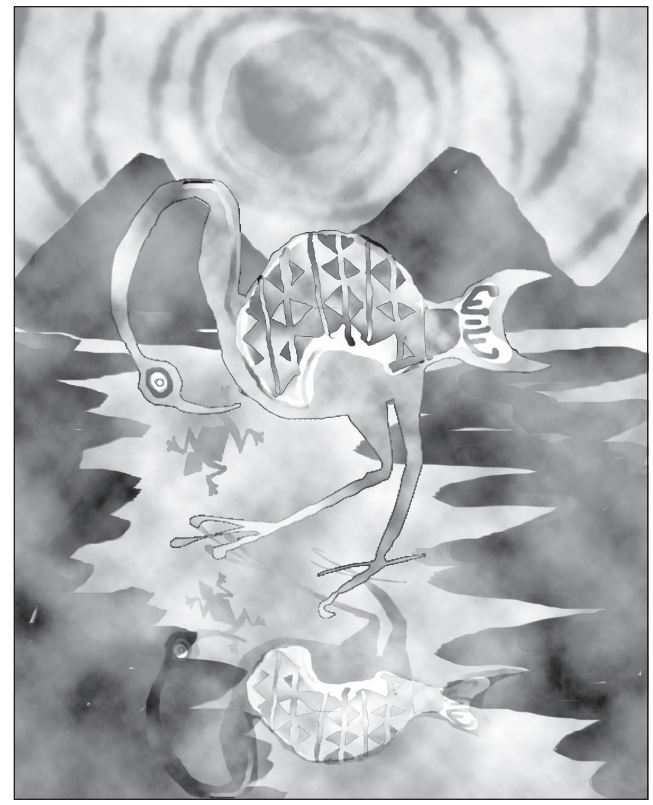
Watercolorist Marie Siegrist is exhibiting her original watercolors at the Main Street Gallery through February. Siegrist's realistic style encompasses a wide variety of subjects including close nature studies. Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

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 Centre, 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.

NMSU ART GALLERY

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery is featuring Colombian artist Luis Roldan and "Testimonios," a mixed-media installation, through Friday, 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.



"Crane" by Maria Cristina, now showing at Regalos y Art Gallery at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces.

GALERÍA TEPÍN

Galería Tepín is featuring work by Santa Barraza, Daniel Zolinsky, Jean Buchanan and César Ívan in an exhibition called "Entre Mundos/Between Worlds," with artwork that 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.

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

The Las Cruces Arts Association features "Under the Big Top" through Friday, 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. Call 528-4000.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery announces a one-man show for Peruvian artist, Luis Fuentes. The show will hang through February. 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, 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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Branigan is hosting the 12th Annual ArtForms Membership Exhibit through Saturday, Feb. 27. Along with the show, Wayne Crawford will host For the Love of Lit at the center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m Saturday, Feb. 27, featuring readings by area poets and writers. The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main Street. Galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

JOYCE MACRORIE GALLERY

Linda Gendall has joined the Joyce T. Macrorie Gallery. A show celebrating Gendall continues through February as part of For the Love of Art Month studio tours. The gallery is located at 639 S. San Pedro St., two blocks south of Lohman Avenue at the corner of Soledad Avenue and San Pedro Street. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Call 571-8349.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

The Society of Layerists in Multi-Media (SLMM) is featuring a "Black & White & Red All Over" show throughout the month of February. SLMM, also known as Layerists, are mature, proficient artists who express a holistic worldview through diverse approaches. 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

BLUE GATE GALLERY

Blue Gate is featuring "Endangered Animals," 26 oils by Connecticut-Las Cruces snowbird Linda Miller, of close up images of animals that are endangered or threatened. The show runs through March. The gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 523-2950.

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 has an international flavor and includes works by Malaika Zbesheski Charbonneau, Dan Davidson, Amy M. Lam Wai Man, Alan Weinstein 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.preston-contemporaryart.com.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Warhol & Pop Art" runs through Saturday, April 3. The museum will host 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 Warhol. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on the day of each workshop and class space is available for 10 participants. Cost is $5 per class. Warhol Factory Weekends will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m on the following Saturdays: 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.

PAISANO CAFÉ

Paisano Café,1740 Calle de Mercado, Mesilla, is featuring Ed Breeding's oil and acrylic paintings with a western theme. Call 524-0211.

ONO GRINDZ

Kurt Van Wagner's digitally exotic display of the Hawaiian Islands is on exhibit at the restaurant Ono Grindz (Hawaiian restaurant), 300 N. Downtown Mall. Van Wagner's tropical-themed show features his new Aloha creations depicting luscious swaying palms, magnificent coastlines and all the delights that make Hawaii such a wondrous place. Ono Grindz is open during lunch and dinner hours Monday through Friday and on Saturday for lunch. Call 541-7492.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery continues showing an exhibit by Susi and Richard Bergquist. The Bergquists are ceramic artists and each does a special category of folk art. Cutter Gallery is located at the corner of El Paseo Road and University Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

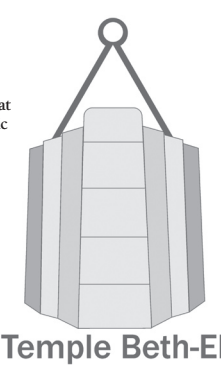
On Feb. 11, the museum opens a new exhibit, "What in the World?" The interactive exhibit features some of the most unusual objects in the museum's Collections Room. Visitors will get to guess what each object is and how it is used. Continuing through July 18 is "Building for the Future: Rural Schoolhouses of New Mexico: 1880-1965," which takes visitors on a tour of the state where they will encounter more than 30 schoolhouses from various small communities. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday-- and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Cost: $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Call 522-4100.

Temple Beth El presents this year's Scholar in Residence
Dr. David Ruderman
Director of the Center for Advanced Jewish Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, speaking on the topic *"The Jewish Encounter with Medicine and Science"*

Friday, February 12th, at 8 p.m.
"The Rabbis, Kabbalists, Magicians and Physicians– An Introduction to the History of Jewish Medicine and Science". *Coffee and dessert to follow.*

Saturday February 13th at 12:30 p.m.
"Three Jewish Doctors of Early Modern Europe and their Vital Contributions to Jewish Culture"

Saturday February 13th at 7:45 p.m.
"Kabbalah , Science and Loving One's Neighbors: A Popular Hebrew Text of the 19th Century". *Coffee and dessert to follow.*



Temple Beth-El

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Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler of Bayou Seco, plus two fiddling friends, will play at the Contra dance Friday, Feb. 19, in Mesilla.

Bontemps roulet

Good times roll at the Mardi Gras Contra dance

Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Contra dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Cajun band Bayou Seco & Friends from Silver City, N.M., will provide the music. All are invited to enjoy a night of old-time contra dancing, Cajun waltzes and Cajun two-step. Lonnie Ludeman and Lewis Land will call the dances.

Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler of Bayou Seco get their rousing Cajun style direct from Southwest Louisiana. Also playing will be Marc Robert and two young fiddlers – Ella Jaz, who recently won the New Mexico "Hey Mozart" composition competition – and Poppy Dames.

Basic dance instructions will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $5, $2 for guests 17 and under. Call 522-1691.

Let's all turn off our cell phones

Film Society hosts film contest with a message

The Mesilla Valley Film Society, an all-volunteer organization, announces its first short film contest. Area residents of all ages are eligible to participate by following instructions and rules carefully before submitting an entry. Any entry not adhering to the instructions will be disqualified.

Instructions, rules and requirements:

- Entries must be 90 seconds or less
- Emphasize the activities of the film society (see website for details)
- One entry per filmmaker
- Be clean funny – no harsh language or violence
- Must include a message about turning off cell phones and no texting
- Must be on a regular DVD. If it doesn't play on a standard DVD player, it is immediately disqualified
- Deadline is 7 p.m. Monday, March 15.

There will be two winning films. Each will run every evening for a week prior to the regular Fountain Theatre feature film. Winners will receive several free tickets and $50.

MVFS is the only film venue within a 225-mile radius of Mesilla that shows full-week runs of foreign and independent films, smaller lesser-known films from around the world and a regular slate of documentaries.

Drop off entries at the Fountain Theatre prior to a weekly film screening or mail entries to MVFS, P.O. Drawer Z, Mesilla, NM 88046. DVDs will not be returned unless arrangements are made to pick them up. Call 522-0286, write nedludd76@hotmail.com or visit www.mesillavalleyfilm.org.

ArtForms hosts annual studio tours

For the Love of Art, get a peek at art in progress

For the 12th year, artists throughout Las Cruces and Mesilla will open their studios to visitors during two weekends of studio tours. The tours will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14, and Feb. 20 and 21.

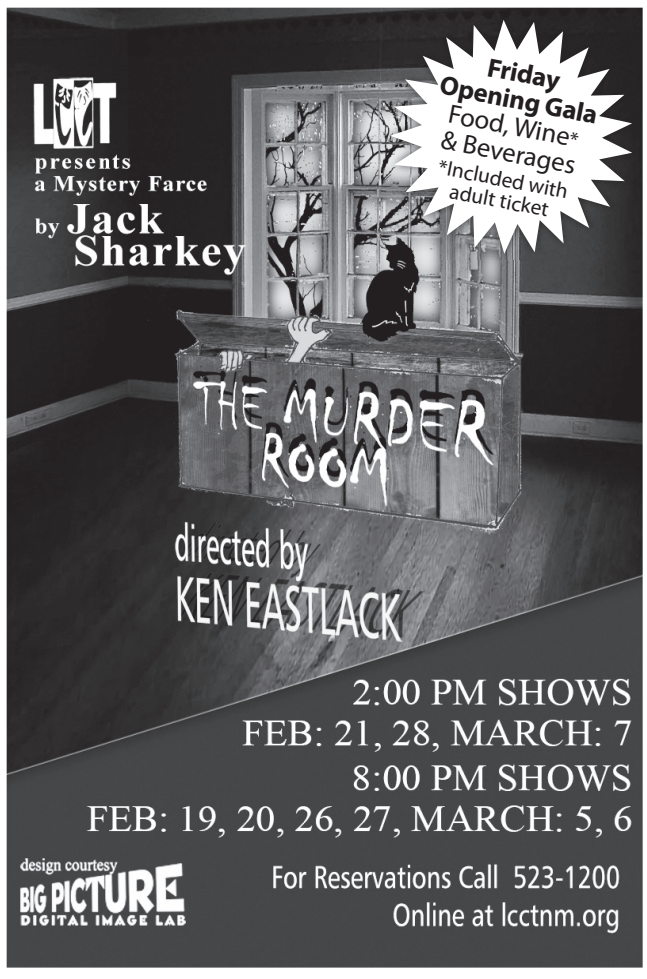
Visitors will have the opportunity to meet artists, see where they work, get a first peek at art in progress, view demonstrations and purchase art directly from the artists. More than 30 artists at 28 locations throughout the area are participating in this year's studio tours. However, not all artists will have their studios open both weekends.

Studio tour maps are included in the For the Love of Art Month Event Guide, which lists all the events for the February celebration. Guides are available at art-related locations around the area, including the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau, Main Street Gallery, Blue Gate Gallery, Doña Ana Arts Council, Frame and Art Center, Preston Contemporary Art Center, Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces Museum of Art, New Mexico Art Gallery and Unsettled Gallery. Additional information is available at www.artformsnm.org.

Follow the signs to meet artists at work during two weekends of ArtForms studio tours.

Rock musical comes to the Pan Am

"Jesus Christ Superstar," the theatrical masterpiece by the writing team of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, is coming to the New Mexico State University Pan American Center for one performance only at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12. Tickets are on sale at the Pan Am Center Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets, www.ticketmaster.com or Charge by Phone 800 745-3000. All tickets are reserved seating, $55, $45, $39 and $29 (plus any applicable service charges). In price levels two through four, a $10 discount is available for children ages 2 through 12, and a $5 discount for groups of 10 or more.



CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ACTORS

No Strings Theatre Company is holding auditions for "Vanities," by Jack Heifner and directed by Jim Eckman, at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15 and 16, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. "Vanities" is the story of the lives of three Texas girls. There are roles for three women, ages from 16 through 30. Email the director at jimi-nie44@comcast.net.

CALL FOR POETS

An Andy Warhol exhibit reading will occur at the Las Cruces Museum of Art from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. The theme is "popular culture," including many of the pop icons Warhol painted, printed or photographed. Join us if you have poems about celebrities – Elvis, Marilyn, Mick, Einstein, Freud, Campbell's Soup, etc. Call 541-8073.

CALL FOR FIBER ARTISTS

Potters and ceramists are seeking other artists in wood, paper, fabric and other fibers for collaboration on ceramic pieces for a fire and fiber show July 2 at the Branigan Cultural Center. Clay artists need fiber artists to collaborate on pieces for the juried show produced the Las Cruces Potters Guild. Deadline to contact the Potters Guild to pair up on collaborations is Thursday, Feb. 25. Show pieces must be submitted by May 15. Call 644-4156.

CALL FOR HANDMADE BOOKS

Artists are invited to participate in Book It!, an exhibit of handmade books at the Branigan Cultural Center in April. Send digital images of 900K or less, jpg format, to teacup-garden@comcast.net, no later than Friday, Feb. 26. Provide title, size and identification of medium with each digital image. A jury will make selections and entrants will be notified by email no later than March 1. Call 541-2154.

LOS ARTESANOS GALERIA

Artists are invited to submit their work for jury consideration in Los Artesanos Galeria. All media will be considered. Work must be original and created by the submitting artist. Submission by email is preferred. Deadline is Saturday, Feb. 27. Send artist's information plus three to five images to losartesanoslc@aol.com or mail to Los Artesanos, 8621 Charro St., Las Cruces, NM 88011. CDs will not be returned. Call 526-1144.

5,000 FLOWERS PROJECT

The Las Cruces GFWC Progress Club is holding its eighth annual art exhibit honoring those lost on Sept. 11, 2001. Small blocks of wood will be painted with 10 flowers each and placed on two wooden towers replicating the World Trade Center. Each tower will hold 2,500 flowers for a total of 5,000 flowers. Artists are asked to pick up a block at the Branigan Cultural Center in February. Provide name and contact information on the back of the block. Paint the block with 10 flowers in your style using acrylic or oil paint in a cool or warm palette as required on your block. Sign the front and return blocks by June 15 to the Branigan Cultural Center. Call 522-8243 or email mlcourtney@comcast.net.

CALL FOR WRITERS

The Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library are searching for book submissions for the 2010 Author Award, which will occur on Sunday, Sept. 19. The author must be a current resident of Doña Ana County, and the book must have been published in 2008 or 2009. Categories are non-fiction, fiction, poetry, short story, or children's literature. Application forms are available at the library reference desk, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Deadline is March 1. Call 528-4000.

CALL FOR DRESSERS

Volunteer backstage dressers are needed for the upcoming production of "Gee 'n Ess & I" – a one-man musical show about Gilbert & Sullivan written and performed by George Jarden, requiring 50 costume changes. Performance dates are April 1 through 4 and May 6 through 9 at The Rio Grande Theatre. Students to seniors are welcome. Call 521-3578.

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THEATER

NMSU students set to perform 'iDance'

Life-inspired art dance to be performed

The New Mexico State University Dance Program presents "iDance," a student choreography showcase, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, at Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. "iDance" is produced by senior dancers Marty Dorado, Melissa Hernandez, Laura Herrera, Angel Favela and Daniel Maese.

Many dance styles will be presented, ranging from Bollywood and contemporary to ballroom and jazz.

Dorado's "Scene 23" adds a jazzy-theatrical number to the show. It's suggestive of filming a night out on the town. Black Machine's "Jazz Machine" will provide the groove to which the dancers will move.

Inspired by his life, Dorado also will present "Gemini," a recollection of personal experiences to the music of Ludwig Von Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." His "Luck of Life" is a contemporary piece that tells different stories of life experiences after high school. His final choreography, "Disrupt," is another contemporary work portraying the disruption of a peaceful life.

Herrera shakes things up with a Bollywood piece inspired by the movie, "Slumdog Millionaire." This piece features dancers from the NMSU Dance Program as well as guest dancers from the El Paso area.

Hernandez debuts with "Symphonic." This work offers a new perspective on dance by experimenting with sharp and fluid movements.

Inspired by a combination of the unsolved murders in Mexico with the story of Jack the Ripper, Favela presents "Ripper." This piece is presented in four sections to allow the audience a deeper view into the choreographers view on murder.

Maese ponders the thought of what possibly happens immediately after death with his piece, "Ascension," which he dedicates to the memory of four loved ones. Maese depicts another end in the form of relationships with "Breaking Ties."

Tickets will be available at the door or at the NMSU Dance Office for $10 per adult, $8 per student/senior citizen. For more information, call 646-2070.

'Love Letters' trace an ill-fated romance

Black Box Theatre hosts 10th annual Valentine's show

No Strings Theatre Company presents its 10th annual production of A.R. Gurney's 1988 smash hit "Love Letters," with performances at 5 and 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Toni Marie and Peter Herman star in this two-character play, which chronicles the life long relationship between a man and a woman solely through their correspondence. Marie has been seen in "Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks," "The Belle of Amherst" and "Three Viewings" at the Black Box Theatre. Herman is No Strings Theatre Company's resident designer and technical director and was in the 2005 production of "Love Letters" with his wife Ceil.

"Love Letters" tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner, whose poignantly funny friendship and ill-fated romance takes them from second grade through adolescence, maturity and middle age. "Love Letters" has gained a unique reputation all over the United States and overseas owing to the celebrity casts who performed it throughout the 1990s. It is a unique and imaginative piece, which, in the words of playwright Gurney, "needs no theater, no lengthy rehearsal, no special set, no memorization of lines and no commitment from its two actors beyond the night of performance."

The letters, as the actors read them aloud, create an evocative, touching, frequently funny, but always telling pair of character studies. The Wall Street Journal called it "the love affair of a lifetime" and "an exhilarating, funny, moving event." Time Magazine lauded it as "one of the best American plays of the decade" and the New York Times praised it as "wittily, irresistibly moving."

Refreshments will be served after the performances. Reservations are highly recommended, as space is limited. Tickets are $10, and $9 for students and seniors over 65, and may be reserved by calling 523-1223.

the PLAYBILL

LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Now Playing

Vagina Monologues
Alma d'arte Charter High School
402 W. Court Ave.
640-9700 or 635-6430
Tickets $12, $10
Feb. 12, 13

Love Letters
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets $7 - $10
5 and 8 p.m., Feb. 14

Waiter's Guide to Love
Boba Café Cabaret
1900 S. Espina St.
647-5900
Tickets $25, $10
Feb. 12, 13, 19, 20

If it can go wrong, it might in 'The Waiter's Guide to Love'

Romance's awkward moments served with a side of fun

Three veteran Las Cruces performers present their take on love, dating and relationships in "The Waiter's Guide to Love" at the Boba Cabaret Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, and Feb. 19 and 20.

David Edwards, Gail Wheeler and Bob Diven perform this collection of sketches presenting some of the hazards of trying to find that special person and some of the pitfalls of the dating game. The sketches are connected by Diven's offbeat, quirky songs about men, women, pharmaceuticals and canine companionship.

"Most people who are looking for love, whether through the singles ads and now through Internet dating services, know what a mess it can be," Edwards said. "There are those awkward moments when you first meet, and if you happen to actually like the other person's appearance you always run the risk of and blowing it."

"Nine times out of 10, you say something and wish immediately that you could take it back," Wheeler said. "You have to be brave to even attempt venturing into the dating world and there are so many ways it can go wrong."

Diven, who recently performed a one-man show at Boba, is an actor, writer, artist, singer and songwriter with a slightly skewed and highly entertaining view of life in general. He turns his musical talents to examining the battles between the sexes.

Edwards has been an actor and director in Las Cruces theater for almost 40 years and has appeared in a wide variety of comedies, dramas and musicals in his career.

Gail Wheeler, Bob Diven and David Edwards present their comedy theater at Boba Cabaret Feb. 12,13, 19 and 20.

Wheeler is also a veteran of the local stages and has taught theater and improvisation and has performed stand-up comedy in Los Angeles. The three have worked together on numerous occasions.

The dinner show seats at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show. Cost is $25 including hors d'oeuvres, dinner entrée, a beverage (beer and wine included) and gratuity. A second show seats at 8:15 p.m. and costs $10 for the show only.

Call 647-5900 for reservations. Boba Café is located at 1900 S. Espina St.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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CREATIVITY IS AGELESS ART SHOW

The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs is accepting registration for the sixth annual Creativity is Ageless Art show planned from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Registration will be accepted until the morning of the show. Twelve senior amateur artists will be selected to display their artwork for one month at the new Las Cruces City Hall. Artists will be selected on certain criteria. Artists may enter up to three pieces Call 528-3000.

CALL FOR SENIOR ARTISTS

New dates have been set for the Munson Center Mini Art Gallery show. Artists and crafters age 50 or older are wanted to show their painting, drawing, china painting, stained glass, pottery, wood carving, jewelry, quilts, embroidery, crochet and knit items and other crafts. Drop off items from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 21 and 22. The show is from Tuesday, April 26 through Friday, April 30. Call the Munson Center at 528-3000 or visit the center at 975 S. Mesquite St.

OUTDOOR ART SUBMISSIONS

Outdoor large art submissions are being accepted for display at the Frame and Art Center on the intersection of South Main Street and Idaho Avenue/Avenida de Mesilla. There is a concrete pad available that measures 4-by-4-feet and can hold about 1,000 pounds. The art may or may not be for sale and would be on display for a limited time. Set up and take down will be the artist's responsibility. Submit photos of the art to be juried to the Frame and Art Center, 1100 S. Main St. Call 526-2808.

Linda Miller:
Painting to conserve animals and their habitats

Artist puts faces on endangered, threatened animals

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Walk into the Blue Gate Gallery at 311 N. Main St. and you'll be surrounded by at least 26 pairs of eyes. Many of the 26 faces are soft and kind. Others look fairly stern as if to say, "Don't even think about it."

If only Miller's oil depictions of these endangered, threatened and vulnerable animals could have spoken over the centuries. Maybe people, who have been charged with caring for the planet, would have left these magnificent beings alone.

Miller's "Endangered Wildlife" exhibit is on display through March. She hopes to add 14 more paintings to the collection sometime.

"I have always had a love of animals," she said. "Two years ago, a local gallery owner wanted me to do a one-woman show of just eyes, which startled me because it was a concept I never considered."

Then she thought of animal eyes – lions, tigers, wolves and zebras. It's a concept that caused her to reach, which is something she said she likes to do.

"I discovered everything that I was painting was on the endangered species list and that really upset me," Miller said.

That emotional connection to her subjects caused Miller to paint as many endangered, threatened or vulnerable animals as she could create for this show.

Miller's animal faces are painted in oil on gallery-wrapped canvases. She said for this particular exhibit, she decided to go without frames so the viewer's eye would see only straight-shot portraits of animals' faces.

They're hanging on a thick black band, which runs all the way around the gallery, "to signify the armband when one is in grief," she said.

She made all the portraits the same size, 16-by-20 inches, to add to the effect.

Each painting is created from a photograph – many Miller has taken, some were shot by her daughter, one came from local photographer Mike Groves and the photographs of the lion and tiger were from National Geographic photographer, Ted Schiffman.

"I loved his photos of animals and he liked my work," she said.

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'Go for it'

She said her painting career has been hit or miss. "I had an interest in art in high school and won a national award for high school students with a simple little charcoal sketch my teacher submitted it to national contest and I got third place," she said.

She thought she wanted to major in art in college, but said the teachers were very discouraging so, she took an art minor and majored in criminology.

"I gave it up, but it was never out of my head or heart. Anytime we went to a bookstore, my husband would head to the science section and I would head to the art section," she said.

She reached a point 23 years ago when she decided she needed to paint whether she was good or not.

"After two years of working with a wonderful artist, she said, 'You have to make a decision whether this is a hobby or it isn't.' I talked to my husband about whether to be a starving artist," she said.

She was selling real estate at the time and decided to quit, "and go for it."

Now Miller is selling a different kind of property – endangered "property" and natural habitats that belong to no one and everyone.

"My ultimate purpose (with this exhibit) is to donate the show to different wildlife organizations for them to use as fundraisers," she said

Linda Miller
Oil painter

Education
BA, Eastern Connecticut State University

Family
- Husband David Miller
- Children Robert, Matthew and Melissa
- Six grandchildren

Showing
- Blue Gate Gallery
- Lundeene Inn of the Arts
- Thunderbird gift shop, Mesilla

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Artist Linda Miller stands with her paintings of endangered wildlife at the Blue Gate Gallery.

STEVE MACINTYRE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"Elephant"

"Grizzly"

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Dick's Café loves Las Cruces

A recent flame adds even more fame

By Jeff Barnet
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Ace Perez, the third-generation owner of Dick's Café, looks over his shoulder at a group of customers, older men in boots and blue jeans.

"These guys are here all the time," he said with a smile. "People feel at home here. The customers all have stories. That is the part of the business I like best: sitting down and listening to their stories."

The story is that Dick's Café is nationally known for its salsa and green chile cheeseburgers, thanks to generations of New Mexico State University students who have since moved all over the United States. NMSU alumni, especially those on the East Coast, buy Dick's Café salsa online. Perez said that people on airplanes, upon learning he is from Las Cruces, ask if he has heard of Dick's Café.

"It's amazing how many people have heard of this place," he said.

Perez's grandfather, Dick Perez, founded the restaurant, which had several locations before settling on Valley Drive in the '70s. The café traces its origins to a service counter at a gas station Dick ran east of Tortugas, N.M. in 1959. After serving in the Marines, Dick honed his cooking skills at La Posta and at restaurants all over the West.

"He traveled on the railroad like a hobo," Perez said, "stopping to work at restaurants along the way from the Grand Canyon to California."

After his romance with the rails, Dick endeared himself to his student customers by feeding them and saying "pay me when you can."

Perez said Dick's Café has always been about "homemade food from the Mesilla Valley at a hometown price."

Breakfast, he said, starts at around $5 with a variety of egg plates, omelettes and burritos. Huevos rancheros are the most popular item.

Lunch ranges from $6 to $8, he said, with American and Mexican food items such as tacos, enchiladas and steaks, including chicken-fried steaks. Hamburgers and green chile cheeseburgers are the most popular items, he said, in addition to the homemade French fries.

Dick's Café also serves beer and wine.

"Everything's made to order with fresh green chile from the Valley," Perez said.

Dick's Café was closed for 10 months after a fire in the kitchen, which has been memorialized in a painting of flames around the kitchen window.

Perez used the occasion to remodel and modernize the interior of the café, which now features 27 tables and booths. The café continued operating at nearby Smokey Dick's, the barbecue place run by Perez's wife, Michelle. The Perez family, including former Dick's Café owners Bobby Perez and Jimmy Rodriguez (Ace Perez's father and uncle, respectively), owns seven restaurants in Las Cruces.

"Dick's Cafe has been good to my family," he said, "There's no place like it. You grow to love it."

Perez said he is working on increasing Dick's Café name recognition and brand awareness through the online salsa sales. But in other ways, he said, "Dick's Café will be the way it's always been."

The influence of his grandfather, he said, would always be felt at the café.

"He was a humble man," Perez said. "I think he would be proud of all of us."

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A bright façade welcomes patrons old and new to Dick's Café on South Valley Drive.

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524-1360

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7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

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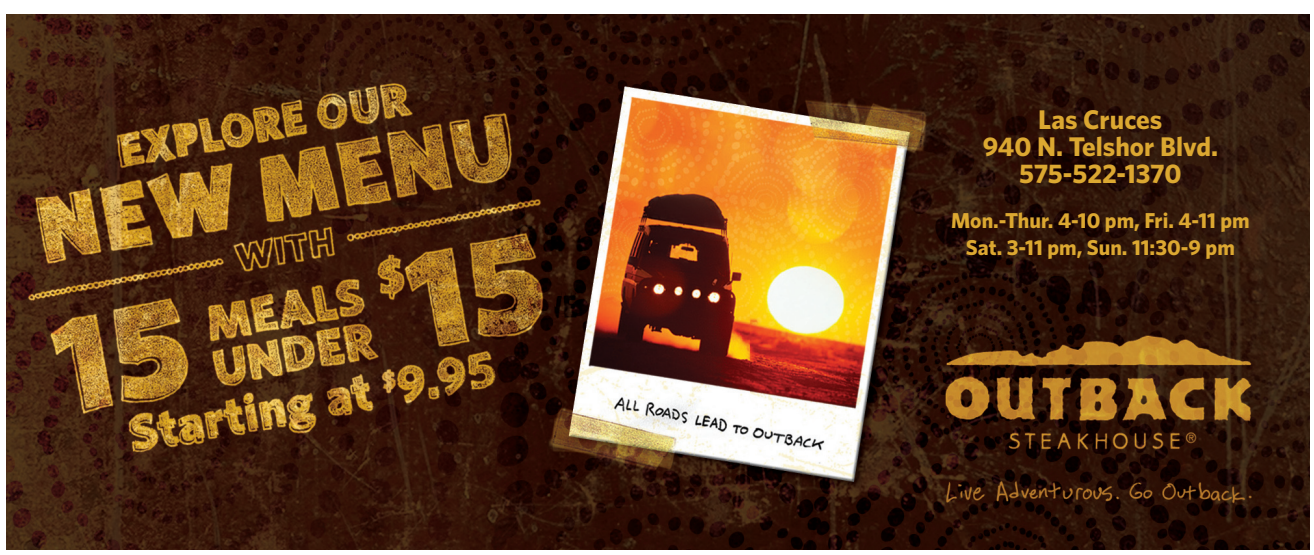

Bulletin Restaurant Guide on the menu

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Food: American & Thai Food
Thai Delight
We have an array of appetizers, soups, salads and entrees that come in mild, medium, hot or Thai hot. We also have steak, seafood and sandwiches. Our oil is trans-fat free.
Selected Menu Items:
APPETIZERS
Shrimp Rolls
Tiger Tear
Nam Sod
SALADS
Bill's Walnut and Goat Cheese Salad
Pecan Crusted Chicken Salad
SOUPS
Tom Yum Goong
Beef Noodle
ENTREES
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Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

ON YOUR SKIN

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BLEMISH	MANCHA
BURN	QUEMADURA
FLAW	FALLA
FRECKLE	PECA
IMPERFECTION	IMPERFECCIÓN
MARK	MARCA
PIMPLE	GRANO
SCAB	RONA
SCAR	CICATRIZ
SCRATCH	ARAÑAZO
TATTOO	TATUAJE
WRINKLE	ARRUGA

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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 N.Y. opera house
4 Wood and Wynn
7 Ten-cent pieces
9 Silvery European fish
11 Hide
13 Articulated
15 China's first premier
17 Middays
19 Condor's nest
20 Weaponry
22 Golfer's gadgets
23 Writer Jong
24 Examinations
25 Most nattily dressed
27 Interior style
28 Emulate Picabo Street
29 Felt ill
30 Nev. neighbor
31 Blackthorn
34 Foremost behaviorist
38 "Auld Lang __"
40 Designer Claiborne
41 Apart from this
42 Accomplished
43 Can. province
44 Associations of teams
46 Element 39
48 Fort in Kentucky
49 Used to be
50 Showy, rayed flowers
53 Crumple
56 Charge for service
57 Shortened facts
58 Dryer residue
59 Weep
61 Sense
62 Distresses
64 Transport by truck
66 Top
67 Painter Matisse
68 Indy circuit
70 Nonreacting
73 Most like fossilized seashells
77 Artist Rivera
79 "West Side Story" song
80 Skinny
81 Goose's gullet
82 Shoreline indentation
83 Dante's surname
85 Rabble-rousers
87 Astronaut Wally
88 Digital alternatives
89 Preminger and Graham
90 Catches sight of
91 Sermon topic
92 Freudian concept

DOWN

1 Manhattan buyer
2 Show hosts
3 Twixt 12 and 20
4 Actress Moran
5 Pockmarked
6 Provocative comedy
7 Threshold
8 Waldorf or Caesar
9 Leg-up
10 Drug treatment
11 Rouged areas
12 Actress Flynn Boyle
13 Louis and DiMaggio
14 Read spy reports
15 Manx and Persian
16 Stalemate
17 Can skip
18 Fleetwood Mac hit
21 Heavy nails
22 Fashionable
26 Yale student
32 Kind of tanker
33 Hebrew prophet in Babylon
34 Garden bloom
35 Becoming fluid
36 Interweave
37 Continues a lease
38 Put down
39 M-m-m-m good!
45 Raggedy doll
47 Nettle
50 26th letter
51 Kabul resident
52 Grievously
53 Priest
54 Cote d'Azur
55 Remarkable time
56 Filmmaker Fellini
60 Seasonal burners
61 Course conclusions
63 Squid fluid
65 Pub drinks
66 Pale green bean
69 Lobster traps
71 Legal claims
72 One of the Society Islands
73 Certain radio operators
74 Israeli dance
75 Epic tale
76 Two peas in a pod
77 Actors' lines
78 All told
84 Age after Bronze
86 Magnetic recording

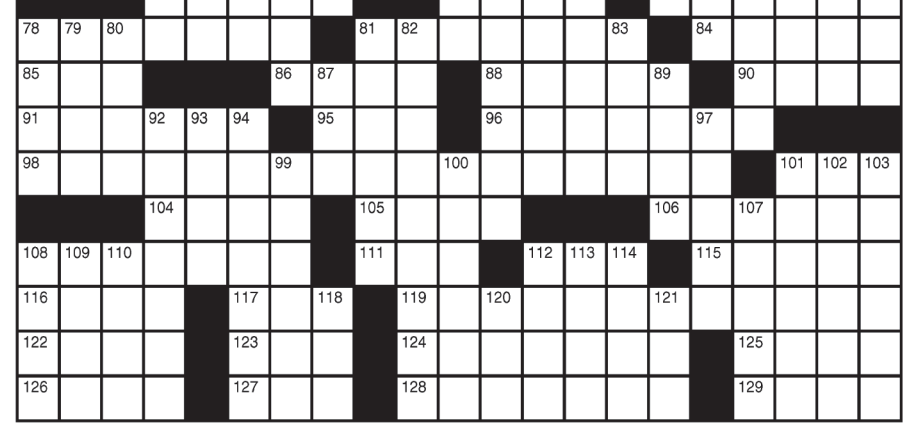
WHERE I HANG MY HAT

ACROSS

1 Bausch's lens-making partner
5 Educational environment
12 __-jongg
15 Uses a tuffet
19 Tours to be
20 Capital river
21 Dallas sch.
22 Slangy assent
23 Favorite son
25 Knight's title
26 Facial feature
27 Cadge
28 Mauna __ volcano
29 Spanish exclamation
31 Old Greek currency unit
33 Gibson of tennis
35 Frame of mind
36 Third baseman Chris
37 Classic beginning?
38 Nostalgic
46 City near Belem
47 "Canterbury Tales" setting
48 Wonder of music
49 Family diagram
52 Pulled strings?
53 Adages
55 Mineral in the raw
56 Secret cache
58 "The Consul" composer
60 Having claws
64 Offer more for
66 "..._ the twain shall meet"
67 Strict herbivore
68 Naturalization needs
75 Pester
76 National sport of Japan
77 Removes frost
78 Manet or Monet
81 Able to be melted
84 Sturm und __
85 One of the Gershwins
86 Layer of ore
88 Florida governor Charlie
90 Drying kiln
91 Most wise
95 J. Hancocked?
96 A la philosopher Immanuel
98 Heaven
101 Home of Trojans of coll. sports
104 Klemperer or Preminger
105 Busboy's tote
106 Japanese religion
108 Swarming grasshoppers
111 Lith. or Azer., once
112 $ dispenser
115 In a dominant position
116 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
117 NASA's ISS partner
119 Fragile framework
122 Lab medium
123 Lip
124 Streaking
125 Winter racer
126 "The Fountainhead" author
127 Wily
128 Despot's reign
129 Poetic meadows

DOWN

1 1996 British Open champion
2 "My Favorite Year" star
3 Peter Lorre character
4 Tree with edible nuts
5 Mil. address
6 Monk's hood
7 Periodic table info
8 Capital of Qatar
9 Suffix in linguistics
10 Dark purplish red
11 Environmental researcher
12 Pub. submissions
13 Surrounded by
14 Cheers
15 Bos'n for boatswain, e.g.
16 Pei's first name
17 Australian isl.
18 New York stadium
24 Actress Bara
30 Sacred name of God
32 Cover for a crook
34 Mil. truant
35 Error maker
39 Jason of the NFL
40 Transparency
41 Certain debtor
42 Opposite of SSE
43 Stratford's river
44 Address for a king
45 __ off (annoyed)
46 Belgrade tongue
49 Thunder god
50 Black sheep
51 Scarfs down
54 Hip ending?
57 Failed to
59 Shock or lock
61 Matured
62 Hobbled
63 Long golf club
65 Wooded valley
67 Some stringed instruments
69 Football coach Turner
70 In a rush
71 Eclipse shadows
72 Amateur sports org.
73 Sawbucks
74 Certain NCO
78 Tilting tower town
79 Kuwaiti or Saudi
80 "Othello" role
81 Exchanges blows
82 Fell short of
83 Superlative endings
87 Erhard's program
89 Equal scores
92 Artist Manet
93 Sound stages
94 Walks unsteadily
97 Committee type
99 Old fogy
100 Domain of a certain nobleman
101 Lacking fidelity
102 Old-fashioned
103 Small woods
107 Leaving nothing out
108 Goneril's royal pop
109 Gymnast Korbut
110 Family group
112 Nora's dog
113 Ager of parents?
114 Vocalize an ache
118 Actress Irving
120 Old Mid-East nat.
121 Saute



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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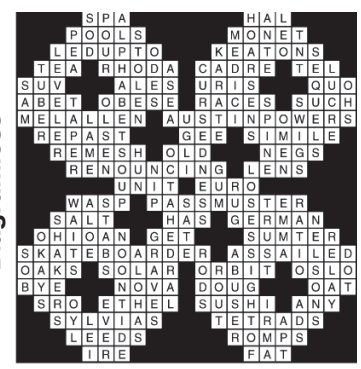
Diagramless



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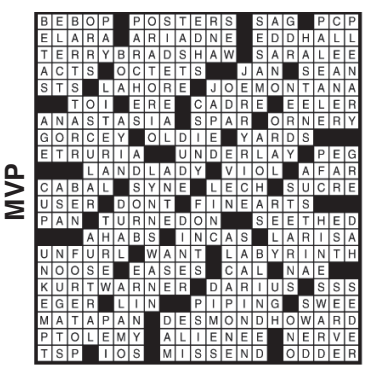

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

The dogs went on strike for more bones, back pay and idle time. The slogan for their campaign was: "Let lying dogs sleep!"

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

00 ON AIR
00 COMCAST CABLE

FRIDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 12, 2010

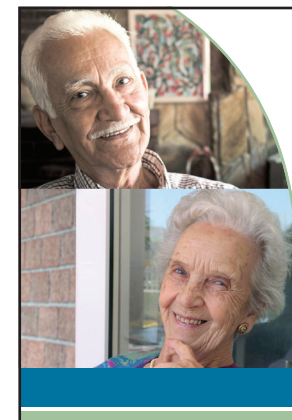
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Wash.	McL'ghlin	NOW,	Wash	Bill Moyers Journal		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Surviving Survivor		Undercover Boss		NUMB3RS CC		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	★★★ "Spider-Man 2" (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire. CC						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		News	Two Men	House CC		Kitchen Nightmares		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. (Same-day Tape) (In Stereo) CC									News	Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		Smallville "Warrior"		Smallville "Hex"		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos		★★★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	NBA Basketball Celebrity Game. CC				College Basketball				SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	NFL Live	Baseball	College Basketball Siena at Niagara. (Live)				Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				NFL Live	Final	Martial	Martial
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS CC		★★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003) CC				★★★ "Eight Below" (2006) Paul Walker. CC					2 Fast
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		NBA Basketball				Inside the NBA		★★ "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror) CC			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007) Ben Stiller.					(:25) ★★★ "My Best Friend's Wedding"				Ghost
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Martin	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	John Oliver		Comedy	Anjelah Johnson		Lampa
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	Property	Property	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		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	That's Impossible		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear		Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers (N)		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
ANPL	50	Headline Attacks		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss CC		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Pit Boss CC		Pit Boss (In Stereo)	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		Whose?	Whose?	Acne	Ripped
DISN	52	Suite Life on Deck		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	(3:00) "Pulp Fiction"		★★ "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen"				★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) CC							Termintr2
SYFY	59	(4:30) ★★ "Saw" (2004) Cary Elwes.				★★ "Saw III" (2006, Horror) Tobin Bell. CC					★★ "Autopsy" (2008) Robert Patrick.				Slaughter
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	SI Swimsuit Issue		American Greed		Mad Money		SI Swimsuit Issue		American Greed	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw	

SATURDAY MORNING — FEBRUARY 13, 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 Women's curling; Chinese New Year. (N)				Turbo	Sheldon	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	Pocket	Minerals	Heat Surge	Jillian 2wk	Pocket	Total Gym	Rosetta	Lifestyle	Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		College GameDay (Live)		College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	Fishing	Beat	Saltwater	Fishing	Bassmasters CC		Bassmasters CC		SportsCenter CC		NASCAR Countdown	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Caprica CC		Psych CC		Psych CC		"Dukes-Hazzard"	
TNT	32	Law & Order "Venom"		Law & Order "Punk"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Leverage CC		The Closer CC		Law & Order "Hate"	
TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	(6:50) ★★★ "My Best Friend's Wedding" CC				(8:50) ★★ "RV" (2006, Comedy) Robin Williams.			
COM	35	Sexy Beach Bodies		★ "National Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2003)				★ "My Boss's Daughter" (2003) Ashton Kutcher.				Married...	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Total Gym	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "I Do (But I Don't)" (2004) Denise Richards.			
FOOD	40	Simply	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Tyler's Ult.	Mexican	30-Minutes	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ingred. Fix
HGTV	41	Demo Men	Sweat Equ.	Hammer	Carter Can	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Over, Head	Sweat	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Raw Nerve	Raw Nerve	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		Gangland CC		Gangland Florida.		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC	45	Kid Spaces	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Home Made Simple (N)	
DISC	47	Debt Cure	Paid Prog.	Discovery Channel CME		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Howe & Howe Tech		Howe & Howe Tech	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Animal Planet Dog Championships "2007"				SuperFetch	SuperFetch	It's Me or the Dog (N)		Dogs 101 CC		Polar Bear	
FAM	51	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	8 Rules	8 Rules	8 Rules	★★ "Scooby-Doo" (2002) CC		
DISN	52	★★ Brink!	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Chugging	Agent Oso	Manny	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Grown Up	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	Hair Loss	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	3 Stooges	★★ "The Culpepper Cattle Company" (1972)				(:45) ★★★ "The Last Wagon" CC		
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone		★★ "The Crow: Salvation" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.				★★★ "The Crow"	
CNN	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Money	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	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)		Muscle Women	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — FEBRUARY 13, 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 Maryland at Duke. CC				PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Third Round. CC						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Shark Tank CC		"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy"				Paid Prog.	At-Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Donate	★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins.						American Idol Rewind	
NBC	9 9	Pets.TV (N)	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Ski Jumping, Biathlon. (Same-day Tape) (In Stereo) CC							
CW	14	Turtles	Chaotic	Into Wild	Wild Amer	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont
WGN	15	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: Intent		Law & Order: Intent		Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Bones (In Stereo) CC	
ESPN	26	College Basketball		College Basketball Oklahoma at Oklahoma State.				College Basketball				College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	(:15) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Camping World 300. (Live)						SportsCenter CC		College Basketball Texas A&M at Texas Tech.			
USA	31	"Dukes-Hazzard"		★★★ "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd. CC						★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. CC			
TNT	32	★ "Biker Boyz" (2003) Laurence Fishburne. CC				★★ "Blade: Trinity" (2004) Wesley Snipes. CC				All-Decade NBA Team		Dunk Defying	
TBS	33	(10:50) ★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze. CC					Jim	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The Office
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "The Hot Chick" (2002) Rob Schneider. CC				★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) CC				Employee
LIFE	39	★★ "Management" (2008) Jennifer Aniston.				★★ "Rumor Has It ..." (2005) Jennifer Aniston.				★★ "Down With Love" (2003) Renée Zellweger.			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		Chopped		Dinner: Impossible		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America	
HGTV	41	Curb/Block	Outdoor	Outside	Design	Design	Dime	Colour	Colour	Div. Design	Color	Designed	To Sell
A&E	43	★★★ "Shanghai Noon" (2000, Comedy) Jackie Chan. CC					Manhunter	Manhunters: Fugitive		Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter
HIST	44	Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	MonsterQuest CC		Modern Marvels CC	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Say Yes	Dress	LA Ink "Kat's Back"	
DISC	47	Howe & Howe Tech		Speed Capital		Sturgis: Live to Ride		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops Phoenix		Animal Cops Phoenix		Dogs 101 CC		Dog Show From Long Beach, Calif. (In Stereo)					
FAM	51	Scooby	★★ "The Flintstones" (1994) John Goodman.				★★★ "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. CC					★★ "Richie Rich"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Life Is Ruff" (2005) Kyle Massey.			Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck
NICK	54	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	OddParent	Fanboy	Fanboy	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	"The Last Wagon" CC		★★★ "Kelly's Heroes" (1970, War) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles.							"League of Extra. Gentlemen"		
SYFY	59	(10:00) "The Crow"		★ "Equilibrium" (2002) Christian Bale, Emily Watson. CC				★ "Ultraviolet" (2006) Milla Jovovich. CC					Total Recll
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	XXI Winter Olympics Hockey. (In Stereo Live) CC					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Born in the Wrong Body		Born in the Wrong Body		The Vanishing		Inv: Murdered		Chasing the Devil			



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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	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	★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005) CC				48 Hours Mystery		News	(:45) CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) CC						News (N)	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Chopper
FOX	8 14	Legend Seeker		House "Games"		Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Wanda Sykes		Sit Down	Office
NBC	9 9	Foods	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Skiing. CC							News	XXI Winter Olympics	
CW	14	★★ "Mrs. Winterbourne" (1996, Comedy)				★★ "Love Is All There Is" (1996)				The Hills	The Hills	Payne	Chris	Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Bones CC		★★★ "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1999)				Home Videos		Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "RoboCop 3" (1993) (In Stereo) CC			
ESPN	26	College Basketball		College GameDay		College Basketball				SportsCenter (Live) CC			Final	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball Memphis at Tulsa.				College Basketball St. Mary's at Portland.				Drag Racing				Fast	Basket
USA	31	★ "License to Wed" (2007) CC				★★★ "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams.				Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice CC		White Collar CC	
TNT	32	NBA Basketball		Tip-Off	NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Skills Competition.					NFL Full Contact		★★★ "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts.			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★★ "Meet the Parents" (2000)				★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler.				"The Truman Show"	
COM	35	(4:30) ★★ "Employee of the Month"				★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson.					"Wedding Daze" (2006) Jason Biggs. CC				Clerks II
LIFE	39	★ "Because I Said So" (2007) CC				★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. CC					★ "Because I Said So" (2007) CC				Frasier
FOOD	40	Flay	Flay	Challenge		Unwrap	Secret	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Unwrap	Secret	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	For Rent	House	D. Design	Sarah	Outdoor	Block	House	House	House	House	Outdoor	Block	House	House
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		(:01) CSI: Miami		(:01) CSI: Miami	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The St. Valentine's Day Massacre CC				The Real Wolfman CC				(:01) The St. Valentine's Day Massacre			
TLC	45	LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs 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	(4:00) "Richie Rich"		★★★ "Cars" (2006) Voices of Owen Wilson. CC					★★★ "The Mask" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. CC					Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place		"Wizards of Waverly Place"			(:45) "Princess Protection Program"				Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	Troop	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	"League-Gentle."		★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. CC						★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. CC					
SYFY	59	(4:30) ★★★ "Total Recall" (1990)				"Transmorphers: Fall of Man" (2009)				"The Terminators" (2009) A Martinez.				"I Am Omega"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Black in America "Tomorrow's Leaders"				Newsroom		Black in America "Tomorrow's Leaders"				Newsroom	
CNBC	63	American Greed		XXI Winter Olympics Hockey. (In Stereo Live) CC					Debt Part	American Greed		Suze Orman		Debt Part	Debt Part
MSNBC	64	Rampage Killrs		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: N.M.		Lockup: N.M.	

SUNDAY MORNING — FEBRUARY 14, 2010

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Dinosaur	Mr Rogers	Sid	Santa Fe	Wash.	Legislature	Religion	McLaughlin
CBS	3 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Copeland	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Insanity	Paid Prog.	Motorcycle Racing	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		This Week (N) CC		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NASCAR Racing	
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Old House	Today (N) CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Travel NM	Meet the Press (N)		Mtthws	Paid Prog.
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	Winston	Facts	Key-David	Jillian 2wk	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Feed	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Cultivating	WWE Superstars CC	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC					Baseball
ESPN2	27	Saltwater	Fishing	Fishing	Coastal	NASCAR Now CC		Race Day	Pirates	Pirates	NBA 10	Bull Riding	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	In Touch		White Collar CC		Burn Notice CC		★ "License to Wed" (2007) Robin Williams. CC			
TNT	32	NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Skills Competition. CC					★★ "Doom" (2005) The Rock, Karl Urban. CC				★★ "Romeo Must Die" (2000) CC		
TBS	33	(4:00) ★★ "RV" (2006)		★★★ "Crocodile Dundee" (1986) Paul Hogan.				★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994) CC				"The Truman Show"	
COM	35	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) CC				★ "The Hot Chick" (2002) Rob Schneider. CC				Married...	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Ever Increasing Faith		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Will/Grace	★★ "See Jane Date" (2003) Linda Dano CC				Clueless
FOOD	40	Emeril	Rescue	Chef	Ingred. Fix	Cooking	Giada	Contessa	Grill It-Flay	Guy's, Bite	Minute	Money	Dinners
HGTV	41	Get Out	Dig In (N)	Curb	Curb/Block	Yard	Holmes on Homes		Unsellable	Designed	Get It Sold	House	House
A&E	43	Biography Elton John.		To Be Announced		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST	44	Victorians	Victorians	Madhouse "Madhouse"		Madhouse CC		Madhouse CC		Madhouse CC		Lock N' Load	
TLC	45	BodyMkvr	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Insanity	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Giant Squid		Lion Feeding Frenzy		Man vs. Wild CC		Tiger Sharks	
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	★★ "Scooby-Doo" (2002) Freddie Prinze Jr.				★★ "Godzilla" (1998) Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno, Maria Pitillo. CC						★★ "The Sandlot"	
DISN	52	You Wish!	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Chugging	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Grown Up	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(4:30) ★★ "The Whole Nine Yards"		★★ "The Crew" (2000) Richard Dreyfuss. CC				★★★★ "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner. CC					
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Stay Alive" (2006) CC		"Open Graves" (2009, Horror) Eliza Dushku. CC					Dead Like
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources CC		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Caught on Camera	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — FEBRUARY 14, 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 (N)		Wider	Second	Spirit-Wine	J. Bird	Travel	Tracks	Antiques Roadshow (N)	
CBS	3 3	College Basketball Ohio State at Illinois. CC				PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Final Round. (Live) CC							Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Slim Down	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Shark Tank CC		"The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"				Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	(10:00) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Daytona 500. (In Stereo Live) CC								Raceweek	★★ "Bandits" (2001) Bruce Willis.		
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Skiing, Luge, Biathlon. (Same-day Tape) (In Stereo) CC									
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Scrubs	Punk'd	Chris	Payne	American Chopper		Latino TV	LatiNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		★★ "The Greatest Game Ever Played" (2005)				★★ "Caddyshack" (1980) Chevy Chase. CC				Becker	Becker
ESPN	26	College Basketball Louisville at Syracuse. (Live)				PBA Bowling USBC Masters. (Live)			Poker	Poker - Europe		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Spanish Primera Division Soccer Teams TBA.				Women's College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				Scoreboard	Women's College Basketball		
USA	31	★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. CC				XXI Winter Olympics Hockey. (In Stereo Live) CC					White Collar CC		Enchanted
TNT	32	Romeo	★★ "Walking Tall" (2004) CC			★★ "Four Brothers" (2005) Mark Wahlberg.				★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.			
TBS	33	"The Truman Show"		★★ "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman.				★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler. CC				"Meet the Parents"	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	"Wedding Daze" (2006) Jason Biggs. CC				★★ "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook. CC				
LIFE	39	(10:30) ★★★ "Clueless" (1995)			"Flirting With Forty" (2008) Heather Locklear.				★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. CC				
FOOD	40	Home	Big Daddy	All Star Chocolate		Diners	Diners	Best Thing	Best Thing	Ace, Cakes	Cakes	Challenge	
HGTV	41	First Place	Property	Bang, Buck	Bang, Buck	Income	Income	House	House	Get It Sold	Unsellable	Designed	To Sell
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		Sniper: Inside the Crosshairs CC				American Pickers		Ax Men "Ax to Grind"	
TLC	45	Moving Up CC		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper	
DISC	47	Sharks of South Africa		10 Deadliest Sharks		10 Deadliest Sharks		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
ANPL	50	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	Werewolves: The Dark Survivors Lycanthropes.				The Haunted (In Stereo)		The Haunted CC		The Haunted (In Stereo)	
FAM	51	(10:00) ★★ "The Sandlot" (1993)		★★ "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy) CC					★★ "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin. CC				Cars (2006)
DISN	52	"Wizards of Waverly Place"		(:45) "Princess Protection Program" (2009)					Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Drake/Josh	Drake/Josh	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Ned's	Ned's	Jackson	Jackson
AMC	57	★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci. CC				★★★★ "The Godfather" (1972) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. CC							
SYFY	59	"Dead Like Me: Life After Death"		★★ "Joshua" (2007) Sam Rockwell, Vera Farmiga. Premiere.						"Boogeyman 2" (2007, Horror) Tobin Bell. CC			
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Amanpour.		Your Money		Newsroom		Amanpour.		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Hair Loss	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Total Gym	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera		Meet the Press CC		Vegas Homicide		Unlocking the Past		Family Ties		Murder by the Sea	

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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 (N) CC		Nature (In Stereo)		Masterpiece Classic (In Stereo)		Music		Inside CC		Burt Wolf	(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes (N)		Amazing Race		Undercover Boss		Cold Case (N) CC		News	CSI: NY CC		Insanity
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Funny Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (N)				News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	(3:30) "Bandits"		'Til Death	'Til Death	Simpsons	Cleve	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Office	Deadliest Catch	
NBC	9 9	NBC	News	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Luge, Skiing. (Same-day Tape)								News (N)	Olympics	XXI Winter Olympics	
CW	14	★★ "Species" (1995) Ben Kingsley.				★★★ "Robots" (2005) Halle Berry				Housewives		Access Hollywood		Stargate Atlantis	
WGN	15	Cosby	Cosby	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker	BarneyM	BarneyM
ESPN	26	(4:00) SportsCenter		SportsCenter Special CC				Baseball Tonight (Live) CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC			Fast	Final	SportsCtr
ESPN2	27	Basket	Score	Drag Racing						Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe	
USA	31	(4:30) ★★★ "Enchanted"				★★ "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) CC				House CC		★★ "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"			
TNT	32	NBA Tip-Off (Live) CC				NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. CC				NBA		NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. CC			
TBS	33	"Meet the Parents"		★★ "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz. CC				★★ "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz. CC						(:15) "Bewitched"	
COM	35	★★ "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.				★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson.					Martin	Tosh.0	Sarah	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	★★ "Where the Heart Is" (2000) CC				★★★ "The Jane Austen Book Club"				★★★ "The Jane Austen Book Club"				Mother	Mother
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped		B. Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Chopped	
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	Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men (N) CC		Madhouse (N) CC		(:01) Ax Men CC		(:01) Ax Men CC	
TLC	45	American Chopper		Tiger Woods		Sextistics-Love		Strange Sex CC		Tiger Woods		Sextistics-Love		Strange Sex CC	
DISC	47	I Shouldn't Be Alive		Nasty by Nature (N)		Killer Whales (N)		Tyrannosaurus Sex		Nasty by Nature		Killer Whales CC		Tyrannosaurus Sex	
ANPL	50	Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC	
FAM	51	(4:30) ★★★ "Cars" (2006, Comedy) CC				★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.				Home Videos		J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Thin
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	"Starstruck" (2010) CC			Montana	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	Troop	iCarly	"Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging"				Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	"The Godfather"		★★★★ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. CC									"The Godfather, Part II" (1974)		
SYFY	59	★★ "Boogeyman" (2005) Barry Watson.				★ "Cold Creek Manor" (2003) Dennis Quaid.					★★ "Lost Voyage" (2001) Judd Nelson.				Caprica
CNN	62	Newsroom		Black in America				Newsroom		Black in America				Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Wall St.	XXI Winter Olympics Hockey. (In Stereo Live) CC					SI Swimsuit Issue		Biography on CNBC		American Greed		Secrets-Knight	
MSNBC	64	Bill. Banker		Death-Dentist		Valentines Day		Deadly Exchange		A Long Dark Stretch of Road				Honeymoon	

MONDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 15, 2010

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Antiques Roadshow		Amer. Experience		Blueprint America II			Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami CC		News	Letterman		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 CC		24 (N) CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Snowboarding. (Same-day Tape)								News	Olympics
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	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball Kansas at Texas A&M.				SportsCenter (Live) CC			Final	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball				Poker - Europe		NFL Live	SportsNation CC		NFL
USA	31	NCIS CC		Dog Show		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 "Bait"		Certain Age	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	(4:30) ★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005)				Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Martin	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	First	House	For Rent	Unsella	First	House	First	House	For Rent
A&E	43	Intervention CC		Intervention CC		Intervention (N)		Hoarders (N) CC		Paranor	Paranor	(:01) Intervention		(:01) Intervention	
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake Boss CC		Ultimate Cake Off		Cake	Cake	Cake Boss CC		Ultimate Cake Off	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs: Egg		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs: Egg		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Wild Recon "Bitten"		Wild Recon		Venom in Vegas (In Stereo)				Venom in Vegas (In Stereo)				Wild Recon	
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Greek (N) CC		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Thin
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	"Starstruck" (2010) (In Stereo)			Wizards	Deck	Montana	Wizards-Place		Montana
NICK	54	Fanboy	Sponge.	Penguins	G. Martin	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Starsky & Hutch"		★★★ "Dave" (1993, Comedy) Kevin Kline. CC				★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner. CC							Dave
SYFY	59	V: The Final Battle (Part 2 of 3)				V: The Final Battle Developing a toxin.				Monster	Monster	Darkness	Darkness	Caprica	
CNN	62	Situation Room		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	American Greed		SI Swimsuit Issue		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show				Westminster		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show			
MSNBC	64	XXI Winter Olympics		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 16, 2010

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News 22	Nova "Extreme Ice"		Frontline (In Stereo)		Independent Lens (N) CC			Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS CC		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		News	Letterman		Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Lost CC		Lost (N) CC		the forgotten (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	American Idol (N) (In Stereo) CC				KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Snowboarding, Speed Skating, Skiing. CC								News (N)	Olympics
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		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls.					News	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter (Live) CC			Final	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live) CC				H.S. Basketball		NFL Live	SportsNation CC		NASCAR
USA	31	White Collar CC		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing Night. (Live)						White Collar CC		White Collar CC		White Collar CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Southland CC		CSI: NY "The Fall"		CSI: NY CC		Southland CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	South Pk	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★★ "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium "And Then"		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge CC		Cakes	Cakes	Chopped		Chopped (N)		Good	Unwrap	Chopped		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		How the Earth		How the Earth	
TLC	45	Little	Little	Cake Boss CC		19 Kids	19 Kids	Little	Little	Cake Boss CC		19 Kids	19 Kids	Little	Little
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Worst Venom		Wild Recon		Wild Recon (N)		Maneaters		Wild Recon		Wild Recon		Maneaters	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"An Extremely Goofy Movie"			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Blazing Saddles"		★★★ "Enter the Dragon" (1973) Bruce Lee.					★★★ "Fight Club" (1999) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. CC						The Fan
SYFY	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Caprica		ECW (Live)		★★ "Saw" (2004) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover.					Highlan
CNN	62	Situation Room		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	(3:00) XXI Winter Olympics Hockey, Curling. (In Stereo Live) CC												XXI Winter Olympics	
MSNBC	64	XXI Winter Olympics		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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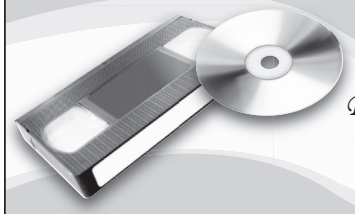

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News 22	Faces of America		The National Parks: America's Best Idea				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY CC		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Family	Middle	Family	Cougar	(:01) Ugly Betty		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Human Target (N)		American Idol (N)		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	XXI Winter Olympics Snowboarding, Speed Skating, Skiing. CC							News (N)	XXI Winter Olympics	
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		★★ "The Outsiders" (1983) Matt Dillon.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball Duke at Miami. (Live)				NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.					SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				College Basketball Texas at Missouri.				College Basketball				Final	Fast
USA	31	NCIS "Iceman"		NCIS "Sandblast"		NCIS CC		Psych (N) CC		Burn Notice CC		White Collar CC		Psych CC	
TNT	32	Leverage CC		Leverage CC		Leverage CC		Leverage CC		CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC		Leverage CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
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		★★ "Vacancy" (2007) Luke Wilson. CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Chefography		Flay	Flay	B. Flay	Flay	Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	B. Flay	Flay
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	House	Holmes on Homes		Income	First	House	House	Holmes on Homes	
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Dog	Bounty	Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Bounty	Bounty Hunter	
HIST	44	MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		Ax Men CC		Modern Marvels		(:01) MonsterQuest		(:01) MonsterQuest	
TLC	45	Mystery Diagnosis		Obese and Pregnant		Twins by Surprise		Toddlers & Tiaras		Obese and Pregnant		Twins by Surprise		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	Raw Nature CC		Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
FAM	51	'70s	'70s	★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Thin	Paid
DISN	52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Hounded" (2001) CC			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Enter the Dragon"		★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life"					★★★ "Superman Returns" (2006) Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth. CC						
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	(3:00) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Hockey. (In Stereo Live) CC												XXI Winter Olympics	
MSNBC	64	XXI Winter Olympics		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 18, 2010

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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	Survivor: Hero		The Mentalist CC		CSI: Crime Scene		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 CC		Past Life (N) CC		News	Simpsons	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Snowboarding, Speed Skating. (Same-day Tape)								News (N)	Olympics
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		The Vampire Diaries		Supernatural CC		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: Next Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball				Final	Nation
USA	31	NCIS CC		House CC		House "Unfaithful"		Burn Notice (N)		White Collar CC		Psych CC		Burn Notice CC	
TNT	32	NBA Tip-Off CC		NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers					Inside the NBA	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★★ "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004)				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) CC				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		Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	41	House	House	First Pla.	First	House	House	House	House	Property	First	House	House	House	House
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	Food Tech CC		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Madhouse CC		American Pickers		American Pickers	
TLC	45	LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink (N) CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC		LA Ink CC	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		HowStuffWorks (N)		HowStuffWorks (N)		Dirty Jobs CC		HowStuffWorks		HowStuffWorks	
ANPL	50	Yellowstone: Battle For Life CC				The Bear Whisperer (In Stereo) CC				Yellowstone: Battle For Life CC				The Bear Whisperer	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
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SYFY	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Caprica		Stargate SG-1		Highlander CC	
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MSNBC	64	XXI Winter Olympics		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				8	7			6
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2	4	1	3			5		
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	6	2						
7			1	5				9

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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	1		4		6		2	
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	4		3		8			
		9	7					2
8	3		1					

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

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EXPERT

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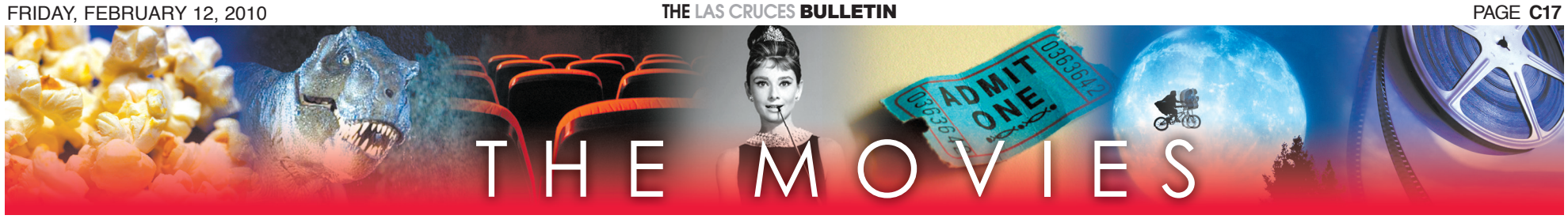

Hike in the woods sets drummer on a Zen path

Coming of age film finds Chan taking the long road back ohm

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"The Drummer" stars Jaycee Chan, Jackie's son, but has little to do with martial arts, thank you very much. Nor does it have cornball comedy, in the style that Jackie has been reduced to in most of his movies.

Instead, it tells the standard coming of age tale, placing young Sid (Chan), at a crossroads in his life, but in a refreshing way that connects with viewers.

Involved with the wrong people at the wrong times and places, Sid is on the run after one such incident. It seems that he was cozying up with the wife of a local crime big wig. To complicate matters, Sid's father runs a rival gang, and though an uneasy truce seems to exist between the two factions, Sid's pa owes Ma (the name of the rival gang leader … how could I resist?) a favor, and that favor is going to involve Sid.

However, Sid's father sends him away under the protective custody of a trusted deputy, one who has become uneasy about his own lifestyle with the mob.

The two men are safely ensconced in a hideaway deep in the forested mountains, when the young, restless and bored Sid decides to go for a hike one day. He happens upon a community of Zen drummers who practice their chosen lifestyle in seclusion, incorporating their drumming skills with Tai Chi and non-lethal martial arts.

> Skeptical but balanced, the leader of the Zen groups allows him a brief tryout.

Fascinated, the spoiled and nervy Sid insinuates himself into the group by claiming he too has drumming skills, which indeed is something he does have, since he was a drummer for a rock band. Skeptical but balanced, the leader of the Zen group allows him a brief tryout, and Sid is conditionally accepted, to the chagrin of some the other drumming group members.

Although this is somewhat of a standard coming-of-age-through-change lifestyle story, director Kenneth Bi handles it very well. Bi injects light comedy into the film via scenes of Sid's attempt to become a full-fledged member of the troupe and he also allows the picture to follow several small stories with ease through his clever editing.

It sparkles with great music from the drumming by the real life drum group, U Theater, and the rest of the score, which incorporates stringed instruments as well. Scenes flow well and Bi does well by allowing the more experienced actors a lot of screen time. He sticks mostly to the story of Sid's transformation rather than making it a good guy/bad guy chase movie.

As the film moves along, the story manages to easily incorporate the essential parts – the chase, the transformation, the budding romance that fizzles and some gentle wisdom – into a pleasing and interesting little film.

Barely released in the United States, "The Drummer" is another terrific, albeit small picture that deserves your attention.

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"Drumming awakened their souls," is the tag line for this Hong Kong production about a rocker who joins a Zen drumming group.

FILM REVIEW

"The Drummer" marches into town for a week beginning Friday, Feb. 12 at the Fountain Theatre. It is in Mandarin and Cantonese and runs about two hours. Valentine's Day special: Bring your sweetie to the 7:30 p.m. show Sunday, Feb. 14 and get two-for-one tickets.

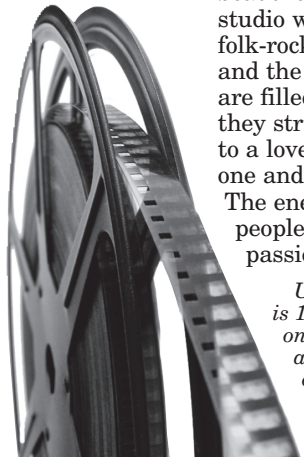
GRADE A+

Can you fix my vacuum?

Romance and music combine in 'Once'

The Cinematinee for Saturday, Feb. 13, is "Once" (2006, 85 minutes, rated R, filmed in the streets of Dublin, directed by John Carney).

The lead character – played by Glen Hansard, front man for the indie rock back The Flames – is a street musician in Dublin who plays his own songs at night and those that people like to hear during the day. To earn money, he works in his father's vacuum cleaner repair shop. The old man believes that one day his son will get a recording contract.



The romantic young man has used the breakup with his girlfriend as material for his latest songs. When a pretty Czech immigrant hears him on the street, she is impressed and strikes up a conversation. Learning that he repairs vacuum cleaners, she just happens to have her broken vacuum with her the next time they meet. She takes him to a music store, and she plays one of his songs on the piano, singing along as well. He is totally floored by her love of his songs and her talent. She invites him to her place where she lives with her young daughter and mother. Her husband is in Czechoslovakia and may be coming soon to Dublin.

Irish writer and director John Carney calls his film an "art house musical," and it really succeeds in drawing us into the orb of these two unassuming individuals who share a magical moment of making beautiful music together in a recording studio with several other musicians. The folk-rock music really works wonders, and the performances by the two leads are filled with charm and vulnerability as they struggle with moving from friendship to a love relationship. He is the romantic one and his yearning for her is palpable. The energy and ease of "Once" focuses on people whose lives are enriched by their passion for music.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m. and admission is $4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for $1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For information, call 524-8287, and leave a message.

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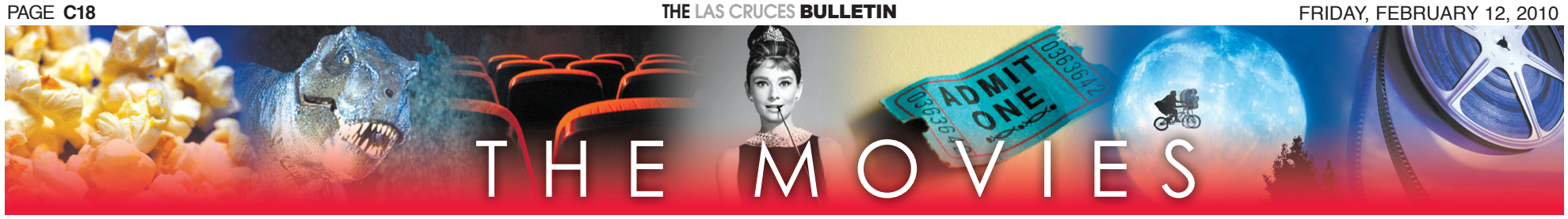

Travolta reprises happy hit man role

But his 'roid' warrior acting can't carry 'From Paris with Love'

By Jeff Barnet
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"From Paris With Love" may sound like a great Valentine's Day movie, but unless your date likes scorched-earth, high body-count shootouts and car chases, this may not be your best option.

Nevertheless, if you are in the mood for some fun, mindless action entertainment, "From Paris with Love" delivers.

John Travolta is the remarkably precise assassin Charlie Wax and is enjoyable as always as an over-the-top, happy hit man.

Wax is a likeable guy, and it's fun seeing the bald Travolta cut loose as a charming special operative who really loves his work.

James Reece (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) is Charlie's hapless sidekick, a chess-playing lovesick, low-level state department bureaucrat who, up till now, has done nothing more than switch license plates and plant bugs with chewing gum that doesn't stick. His first assignment as a CIA agent is to accompany the seemingly psychotic Wax on a round-about tour of the drug underworld of Paris.

Not until Wax reveals that all the shootings, bombings and killings are leading the pair to a terrorist cell does Reece begin to understand the method behind Wax's madness.

"From Paris With Love" is not as bloody as one may guess. Though there are two or three moments where the camera lingers on some carnage, for the most part the villains – Jihadists with lots of C4 and no good lines – go down easily, like targets in a video game. Wax, by his count, kills 26 bad guys in less than 24 hours. He is a Royale-with-Cheese killing machine.

After shooting their way through many scenic parts of Paris, Wax and Reece stumble onto the fact that the terrorist cell intends to kill the visiting U.S. Secretary of State and her entourage. Wax is sent on a wild goose chase against a decoy, while Reece realizes the real danger is, of all people, his beautiful girlfriend (the Polish actress Kasia Smutniak), who turns out to be a terrorist. (Don't you hate it when that happens?) A hopeless romantic, Reece still loves this bomb-making bombshell. Wax is less forgiving, but he's a guy and he understands. It's a dilemma. (I think this was the "with love" part.)

There is a wonderful scene where Travolta answers his cell phone while aiming his bazooka at another car during a high-speed chase. One cannot help think that the City of Las Cruces police would issue him a citation for that. There's also a very arty shootout at a mannequin shop, which makes you wonder why action movies don't have more mannequin shop shootout scenes.

I spent about five minutes trying to figure out what deeper meanings and possible allegorical parallels might be behind "From Paris With Love," but I think it is supposed to be a fun, shoot 'em up buddy film.

The trouble is Meyers doesn't rise to the occasion as Travolta's sidekick. Granted, that is not easy: Travolta lights up the screen with his larger-than-life persona. And Wax is not one-dimensional: Travolta imbues his character with many human, sentimental and quirky traits. But while Travolta is good, he can't carry the movie by himself. Wax deserves a cast of characters as colorful and crazy as he is.

Perhaps "From Paris With Love" needs a sequel: one with a more complex plot and a world of interesting people for Wax to bounce off of and dispense with in his "roid" warrior manner. We can only hope that another Wax movie – "Psycho in Moscow," perhaps? – might achieve that potential.

FROM PARIS WITH LOVE
Director: Pierre Morel
Starring: John Travolta, Jonathan Rhys Meyers
Running time: 95 minutes

John Travolta plays assassin Charlie Wax in "From Paris with Love."

John Rhys Meyers as James Reece, Charlie Wax's hapless sidekick.

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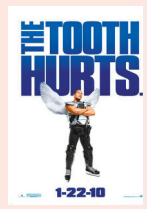
Picking the Flicks

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



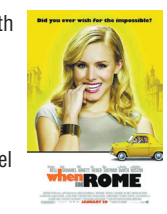
Book of Eli
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Some 30 years after the final war, a solitary man walks across the wasteland that was once America. The roads belong to gangs that would murder a man for his shoes, an ounce of water ... or for nothing at all.
Starring: Gary Oldham, Denzel Washington
Director: Albert Hughes

Young Victoria
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Victoria's uncle is dying, which leaves her in line for the throne. Everyone is vying to win her favor, but her overbearing mother keeps her from courting.
Starring: Emily Blunt, Jim Broadbent
Director: Jean-Marc Vallee

Edge of Darkness
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

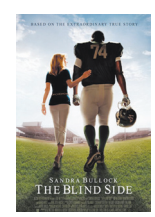
From Paris with Love
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A personal aide to the U.S. Ambassador in France has an enviable life in Paris and a beautiful French girlfriend, but his real passion is his side job with the CIA.
Starring: John Travolta, Jonathan Rhys Meyers
Director: Pierre Morel

When in Rome
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



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

Dear John
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks novel about a young soldier who falls for an idealistic college girl.
Starring: Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried
Director: Lasse Hallstrom

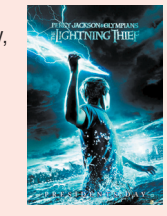
Avatar
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An ex-Marine finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms. As an Avatar, a human mind in an alien body, he finds himself torn between two worlds.
Starring: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
Director: James Cameron

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

Valentine's Day
Opening Feb. 12
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Follow the intertwining stories of a diverse group of Los Angelenos as they navigate their way through romance and heartbreak.
Starring: Julia Roberts, Emma Roberts
Director: Garry Marshall

The Wolfman
Opening Feb. 12
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A haunted nobleman is lured back to his family estate after his brother vanishes, and when he sets out to find him he discovers a horrifying destiny for himself.
Starring: Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins
Director: Joe Johnston

Percy Jackson & the Olympians
Opening Feb. 12
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: It's the 21st century, but the gods of Mount Olympus seem to have walked out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology text and into his life.
Starring: Logan Lerman, Uma Thurman
Director: Chris Columbus



New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Feb. 16 •

Law Abiding Citizen
Rating: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Gerard Butler, Jamie Foxx
Director: F. Gary Gray

Coco Before Chanel
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Audrey Tautou, Alessandro Nivola
Director: Anne Fontaine

From Mexico with Love
Rating: PR-13
Genre: Drama, Adventure
Starring: Steven Bauer, Kuno Becker
Director: Jimmy Nickerson

TOP GROSSING

• Feb. 5-7 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1.	**Dear John** (1) $30,500,000
2.	**Avatar** (8) $22,900,000
3.	**From Paris with Love** (1) $8,200,000
4.	**The Tooth Fairy** (2) $6,600,000
5.	**Edge of Darkness** (2) $6,900,000
6.	**When in Rome** (2) $5,500,000
7.	**The Book of Eli** (4) $4,700,000
8.	**Crazy Heart** (8) $3,600,000
9.	**Legion** (2) $3,500,000
8.	**Sherlock Holmes** (7) $2,500,000

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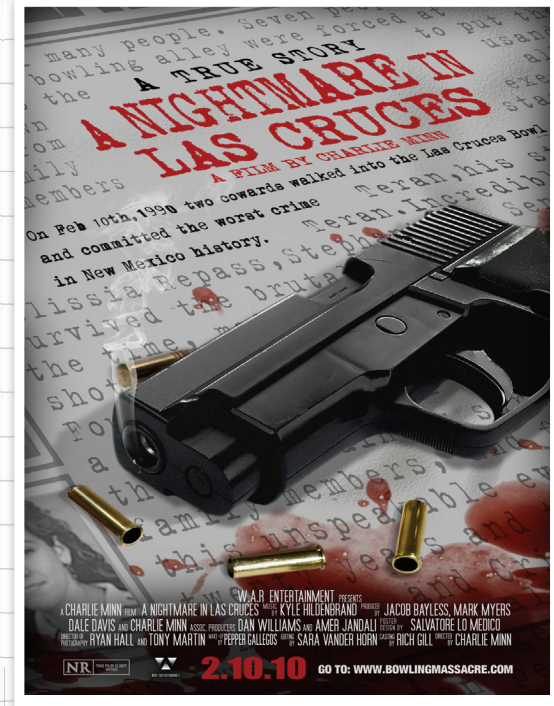

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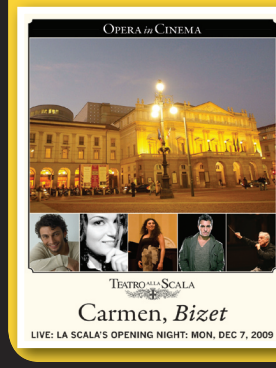

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A stunning estate

GL Green and Associates showcases signature style in Mesilla

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Featured home: 2405 Via Sombra Court

Completed in 2009, 2405 Via Sombra Court features GL Green and Associates' signature style.

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A fireplace and multiple windows complete the great room.

The wall treatment resembles adobe.

Wood and stone accent the kitchen.

The recessed tray ceiling and wood corbels add character to the master retreat.

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The best GL Green design elements

Building team spared no elegant detail when building Via Sombra Court home

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When GL Green and Associates designed the home at 2405 Via Sombra Court, located in the Estancias del Valle subdivision in Mesilla, the building team included the most desirable aspects of its previous homes to create an awe-inspiring estate.

Surrounded by a mature pecan orchard, the subdivision, comprised of eight 1-acre lots, features an idyllic rural atmosphere only minutes away from New Mexico State University and Mesilla Plaza.

"There aren't too many 1-acre parcels surrounded by mature pecan trees that are out of town, but still close to NMSU," said Anthony Linus, GL Green and Associates' vice president of marketing and business development. "We search Las Cruces for the most ideal lots."

Greg Green, owner and chief executive officer of the building company, said one challenge he faced when constructing the home was removing select pecan trees.

An even bigger challenge, however, was determining what ideal spaces and special amenities should be included in the home.

"We took the very best elements from many of our most recent homes and custom-designed an absolutely stunning floor plan," said Green, adding that these elements include open spaces, a home theater, a luxurious master retreat and seamless outdoor and indoor living spaces. "The estate is different, however, insofar as this particular floor plan has never been built before."

The outdoor living space, which includes a kitchen and seating area, echoes the interior's luxury and comfort.

Working collaboratively, the entire GL Green and Associates team had input in the home's design and features, creating a lavish residence incorporating the company's award-winning signature Tuscan style.

The home's one-of-a-kind elegance begins with the forecourt, which features hand-stacked elements, decorative stone work, a stained and stamped concrete pathway and double doors to a bedroom.

"We tried to maintain the integrity of the natural landscape," Linus said, adding that the grounds are low-maintenance.

Once inside the foyer, guests are enveloped in an idyllic Tuscan style, which includes natural stonework, wood timber features, brick and iron accents, elegant lighting and plumbing fixtures and unique interior wall finishing. The open space draws attention to the area's double barrel vault ceiling.

"A lot of drama and a lot of 'wow' factor," Linus said. "People don't want to come home to a box."

Designed with a split floor plan, the guest side of the home is comprised of two of the home's three bedrooms and a half bath.

"They're not bland, flat rooms with low ceilings," Linus said.

Built to be versatile, the bedrooms can fill whatever role the owners need, including a home office or study.

The heart of the home is the great room, kitchen and dining area, which Green said has earned praise from visitors. The chef-friendly kitchen features copious amounts of countertop space, a prep island, stainless-steel appliances, knotty alder cabinets, brick detailing and a wood fire-inspired stove top with space below for a cookbook collection.

"It's built for entertaining and for family gatherings," Linus said of the kitchen-dining room area.

Also designed for entertaining is the great room, which includes a wood timber diamond grid ceiling design for drama. The room also has a fireplace and multiple windows that showcase the outdoor living area.

Old World doors set to the left and the right of the fireplace enclose the home theater and master suite.

"Our in-house architectural designer (Matt Adams) is very passionate about symmetry and proportion," Green said. "He spends countless hours on all of our custom floor plans, and this home was no exception."

The home theater features raised seating as well as space for a 100-inch high definition projection TV.

The master suite, designed to be a spa-like retreat, features a recessed tray ceiling and cedar corbels, common elements found in GL Green and Associates homes. Several large windows fill the room with natural light and the view of the pecan orchard.

At the center of the master bathroom is the large jetted bathtub, enclosed in honed travertine tile. The bathroom also features two granite sinks, bronze finished faucets and a walk-in snail shower. Adjacent to the master suite for convenience is the laundry room.

The home's elegance transitions to the outdoor living area.

"What makes this home so spectacular is the way in which the various indoor and outdoor living spaces are seamlessly integrated into one another," Green said.

The open-air courtyard features a covered kitchen area as well as a semi-enclosed living area, complete with two TVs, a fireplace and water features.

Linus said a large amount of detail was paid to the home, which will be featured in the Spring Showcase of Homes. From the skylight decorations and wood trim to the multiple ceiling treatments, no decorative stone was left unturned.

"It's comprehensive," Linus said. "You can't replicate what we do."

The home is open to the community from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Also, GL Green and Associates is planning a public event at the home, which will feature refreshments and live music.

Details

Featured home
2405 Via Sombra Court

Square footage
2,875

Acres
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Bedrooms
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Bathrooms
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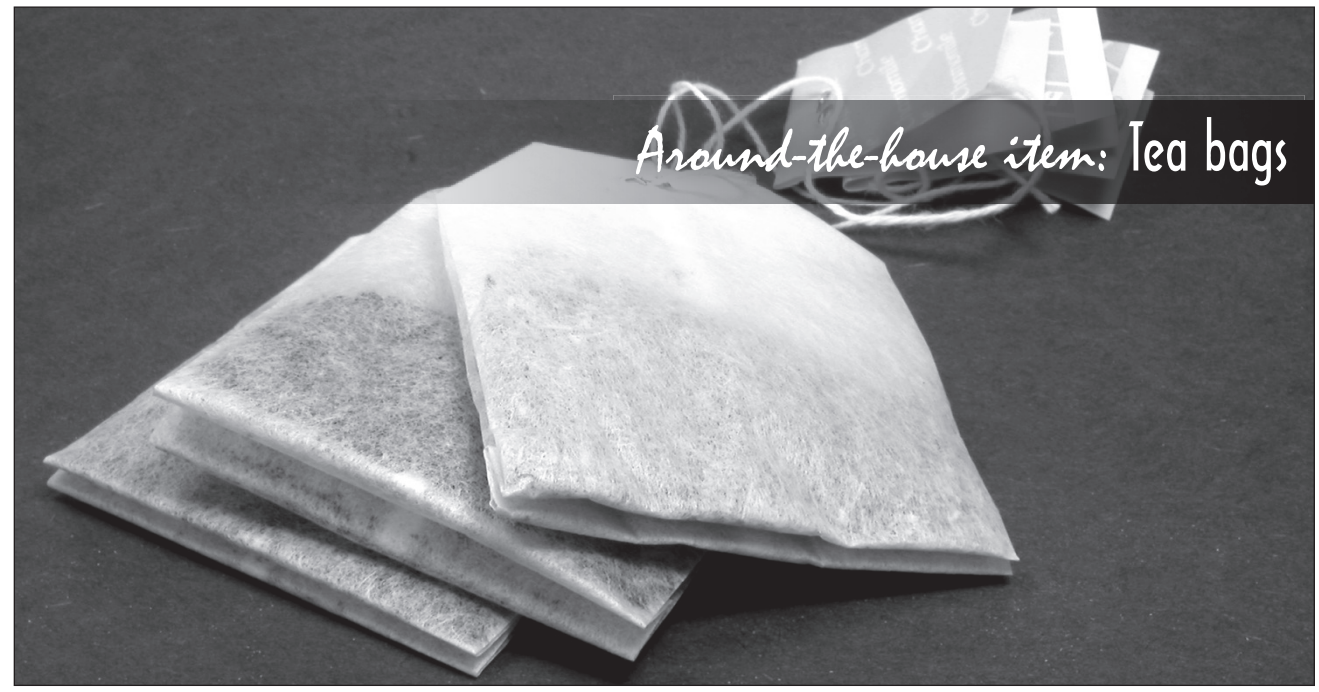
It's tea time

Use bags around the house

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin



While drinking tea first began under the Chinese Emperor Shen-Nung in 2737 B.C., the brew has become one of the most popular beverages around.

Tea has several health benefits. Along with containing age-fighting antioxidants, it also can reduce heart attacks and strokes, protect bones, boost the immune system and increase metabolism. Many prefer tea over coffee because it contains less caffeine and is calorie free.

There are six varieties of tea – white, yellow, green, oolong, black and pu-erh. There are also several ways to brew tea, from infusers to tea balls. The most popular method, however, is the tea bag.

Created in 1908 by New York merchant John Sullivan, the first tea bags were made from silk muslin sachets. Now, tea bags are made from gauze.

One way to dispose of your used tea bags is to throw them into your compost heap. The tea will add valuable nutrients to your soil.

If you don't have a compost pile, use those tea bags around the house.

1. Pamper your feet: Use chamomile or peppermint tea to give your tootsies a soothing soak. Place a few tea bags into 1 quart of hot water for 10 minutes. Add cold water if the brew is too warm for your skin. Soak your feet for 20 to 30 minutes. Do this several times a week. Not only will the tea be relaxing, it will also deodorize your feet.

2. Relieve a sunburn: If you've spent too much time out in the sun, ease the pain of a sunburn with the help of tea bags. Place a few tea bags on your skin to relieve the sting and cool it off. If they won't stay in place, secure them with gauze. This also works on other minor burns. For full-body relief, brew a few bags in your bathtub and soak in it.

3. Freshen your carpet: Breathe new life into your carpet with tea bags, preferably spice or vanilla flavored. Open up several tea bags and sprinkle the dried tea leaves onto your carpet. Let the tea sit for at least 15 minutes before you vacuum up the bits. The carpet will have a delightful tea scent.

4. Revitalize your potted plants: Give your houseplants a boost by placing a few used tea bags on top of the drainage material in the bottom of the planter. Cover them with soil and plant as usual. The tea bags will retain their moisture and will slowly release nutrients into the soil.

5. Spoil your rose bush: Roses thrive on tannic acid, which is found in tea. Open several tea bags and spread their contents under your rose bushes. This is especially great for enhancing your roses in mid-summer, when the plants are semi-dormant.

6. Perk up your peepers: After a long, sleepless night, your eyes will not only feel tired, but will also look it. Create a compress for swollen, puffy eyes from wet tea bags. Soak the bags in cool or lukewarm water and place them on your eyes. Sit back and relax for 15 minutes before removing the bags.

7. Stop bleeding gums: After losing a tooth, whether by nature or having one pulled at the dentist's office, you're gums will most likely bleed. Stop the bleeding by pressing a cold, wet tea bag against your gum. The tea bag will soak up the blood and leave a pleasant taste.

8. Fix a broken fingernail: It may come as a surprise, but you can use a tea bag to repair a broken fingernail. Cut a piece of the tea bag paper to fit the nail and coat it with clear nail polish. Press it to the broken nail and after it dries, cover it with your favorite colored nail polish.

9. Vanquish a wart: While roses love the tannic acid in teas, especially black tea, warts hate it. Eliminate a growth without dry ice by placing a warm, wet tea bag directly on the area for 10 to 15 minutes. Do this two to three times a day and the wart will shrink significantly in no time.

10. Clean messy pots and pans: After hosting a fabulous dinner party, you'll most likely have two things left over: The memories of good times with friends and a sink full of dirty, caked on pots and pans. Don't fret – grab some tea bags. Let your pots and pans soak over night with a few tea bags. In the morning, the crud will have loosened, allowing them to be easily cleaned.

11. Add a scent: Instead of infusing your dresser in potpourri, use tea bags. Select a fragrant tea and empty several of the containers into a muslin bag. Store the bag in your dresser drawers, or under your car seat to freshen your wheels.

Berry Good Chai Pie

1 pre-baked pie crust (plain, whole wheat, or graham cracker), cooled to room temperature
1 quart fresh whole strawberries
1/2 cup fresh or frozen strawberries, crushed
1/2 cup Chai liquid concentrate
2 sweetener
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Cut the whole strawberries into thin slices and arrange the slices in the pie crust. Combine the crushed strawberries and Chai concentrate in a small saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to medium and cook for two or three minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

In a small mixing bowl combine the sweetener and cornstarch and mix well. Strain the Chai mixture through a fine sieve into the bowl and blend thoroughly (a wire whisk works very well). Return this blend to the saucepan and cook over medium heat until it is clear and thickened, stirring constantly to prevent burning and sticking. Remove from heat and cool for five to 10 minutes.

Use a pastry brush to lightly coat the edges of the crust with glaze, then spoon the rest of the glaze evenly over the strawberries. Serve immediately, or chill briefly. Serve it within a few hours of preparation. (Recipe adapted from www.catteacorner.com.)

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Roll your way to happy, healthy soil

Get easy compost with this gadget

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The first step to creating a healthy garden is to make nutritious compost.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, compost is an organic material – created from the natural decaying process – that is used to correct soil so plants may grow. Compost is a great way to reuse and recycle yard trimmings and food and wood waste, keeping them out of landfills.

Compost, which is full of microorganisms, has several benefits. Along with suppressing plant diseases and pests, it also reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and promotes higher yields of plant production. Compost also allows plants to retain their moisture and decreases erosion and runoff.

Usually, to create compost at home, you would have to designate an area of your backyard where you would dump the items. The pile would then have to be turned once a week with a shovel or rake.

For those of you, however, who don't have the time or space to maintain an open pile of compost, you can use the round wheel composter to do the dirty work.

What is it?

The round wheel composter, also known as a tumble composter, is a compact device that is perfect for yard waste and kitchen scraps and can be used all year.

Most round wheel composters will come with a base to collect the liquid fertilizer, or compost tea, which drips from the drum. The compost tea can be used to fertilize the soil of indoor and outdoor plants. Be sure to dilute the liquid with water – about 10 parts water to one part compost tea.

How does it work?

To use the round wheel composter, simply toss in your organic material and turn the container. Depending on the model, the composter will either be turned by a crank or rollers. Spin the composter a few times each week to mix and aerate its contents.

Keep the drum contents moist, but not wet. To do this, spray it with your hose about once a week. How much water is needed depends on how much green and brown material you have in your drum.

Green materials are high in nitrogen, such as grass clippings, weeds, vegetable scraps and eggshells, while brown materials are high in carbon, such as dried leaves, pine needles, twigs hedge trimming and paper. More brown material is needed to successfully make compost.

When you are finished, about two months later, the compost should be a golden-brown color.

Where can it be found?

The round wheel composter can be found at home and garden stores around town, including Home Depot and Lowe's.

How much does it cost?

Depending on the round wheel composter's model and brand, it can cost as little as $50 or as much as $180.

Helpful hints:

In the winter, continue to add waste to your composter, but do not turn it. Freezing breaks down the fibers in organic material and will accelerate decomposition in the spring.

Never compost diseased or pesticide-treated plants because they can infect the compost pile and influence the finished product. Also, never compost invasive weeds since their spores and seeds can survive the composting process and spread to your garden or yard.

Do your spring veggie garden homework now

Some plants can be prepared now, others should wait

GARY GUZMAN
The Gardening Guru

We still have cold freezing nights in February, so don't be tempted by the warm days to plant items that are not frost tolerant. This includes, but is not limited to, tomato plants, peppers, squash and melons.

If you still insist on planting the fore mentioned now, you can use a product called "Wall O Water" season extenders. These are clear plastic columns that, when filled with water, will provide frost protection and will allow fruit development and harvest up to 30 to 40 days sooner.

Vegetables that are safe to plant now are broccoli, peas, lettuce, collards, radish, mustard, spinach, onions, kale, kohlrabi, turnips, celery, Chinese cabbage and Brussels sprouts. These plants will take our typical cold February temperatures without damage. Just make sure the plants you use are "hardened off," meaning that they are acclimated to cold temperatures before they are planted in the ground. In other words, they are not just out of "greenhouse" conditions.

After the likelihood of frost is over, which is typically late March and early April – but don't quote me on this – you should be able to plant tender veggies.

One of the best indicators that we have had our last frost is when the local native mesquite shrubs begin to leaf out. Keep in mind that nature can break its own rules, so use this as a guideline only. You should be prepared to cover new seedlings just in case Mother Nature changes her mind.

That said, tomatoes, cucumber, melons, squash, corn, okra and sweet potato are some vegetables that also should be safe to plant after the leaves on the native mesquites have emerged. Peppers and eggplant are usually better off when the soil warms up and the night time temperatures are consistently above 50, so you may want to hold off on these until mid to late April or after.

Before planting a vegetable garden it is most important to apply generous amounts of organic material. You can use compost, manure, peat moss and or any combination of the above. Do not use fresh manure, the salt content in the manure could burn tender seedling roots and may have weed seed to boot. If you use fresh manure, it is suggested to apply it in the fall months so that it has time to break down.

Our soil, if you can call it that, has very few nutrients in it. In most cases, you will have to supplement the ground with fertilizer. There are many forms of fertilizer application. There are water soluble, granular, dry organic, liquid organic and vegetarian organic forms available. Choose whichever works best for you.

Some granular or powder forms typically last longer in the soil, but may bother allergy sufferers when applied during breezy days. Water soluble fertilizer can help avoid this problem, but will have to be applied more often. Organic fertilizers come in dry and liquid forms as well. Some organics may be in all-vegetarian form as well. Some of the drawbacks of organic fertilizers are that they may take a longer time to work, and are generally more expensive to use. Whichever fertilizer you choose, please read and follow the recommendation on the label.

Knowing how much water to use is always a challenge. We live in a very dry climate so some soils can dry out very quickly. As a rule it is best to keep the soil evenly moist but not soggy. Sandy soils need frequent light watering, while heavy clay soils benefit from slow irrigation.

The use of mulch is recommended for any soil. This can be anything from plastic film, landscape cloth, shredded bark or compost, to name a few. The use of mulch will help maintain soil moisture and will also help reduce or even prevent weeds. Using organic mulch, in my opinion, is best, because as this breaks down, it helps build up the soil.

So, if you do your homework on vegetable gardening, the warm days and freezing nights can't fool you.

Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman's Color Your World Gardening Centers, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com

Building an environmentally conscious home

Tad Davis provides Las Cruces with energy efficiency and comfort

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since entering the building world about 10 years ago, Tad Davis has worked to provide the community with environmentally conscious homes.

"I was building green homes before it was a catch phrase," he said.

Although Davis was born in Las Cruces, he spent his childhood elsewhere. He later returned to the City of the Crosses during high school and has lived here since.

"I watched the town change dramatically, especially in the last 10 years," he said.

He attended New Mexico State University, where he tried his hand at several majors before earning his bachelor's degree in marketing.

"At one time or another I majored in engineering, biology, art," he laughed.

He said his real passion was in art, and at one point he was involved in the jewelry making business.

Before entering the building industry, Davis said he dabbled in several fields, from home appraisals to managing a tire store and operating a one-hour photo lab.

For 13 years, he worked for a manufactured-home moving company that specialized in transporting and setting up the prefabricated dwellings.

"I just really didn't like that industry," he said. "I was uncomfortable with what people were getting for their money."

A green change

Wanting to be involved with more Earth-friendly homes, Davis began taking workshops on building straw bale houses – "the original green movement," he said.

During the workshops for the green dwellings, which are made of stacks of straw bails covered in plaster, Davis met a builder who introduced him to insulated concrete forms (ICF), an energy-efficient building material created from recycled Styrofoam and concrete.

Along with building with the green material, which is sound and fire proof, Davis said he sells and installs ICFs around the region.

"It's my specialty," he said. "They're growing in popularity. In the long term, a house with ICF walls will outlast a frame house."

He added that since there isn't any wood or biodegradable material in ICF, homeowners don't have to worry about mold, mildew or bugs.

"These walls will be up hundreds of years," he said. "There's nothing in them that will disintegrate."

Davis said he became more and more involved with building and remodeling green structures.

"I was doing a lot of projects for friends and I built my own home," he said.

He was then approached by his college friend Craig Remington to start a building company together – Remington-Davis General Contractors.

Davis said Remington, who had been in the building industry for 25 years, specializes in commercial, industrial and institutional construction, while he focuses on residential building and commercial remodeling.

"I'm building in a real niche. Not everyone sees the value in building green homes," he said. "I care about the environment. It's the responsible thing to do. I wouldn't feel good if I just built frame houses as many and as fast as possible. I feel good about my finished product."

A place to call home

Since forming the company, Davis said he has been able to build ICF homes and express his artistic side.

In college, he said an art teacher encouraged him to go to architecture school. While he wasn't able to leave the state to do so, he said building has allowed him to creatively express himself.

"I get to be involved in designing homes by being a builder," he said. "It's my way of getting into the architecture process through the back door."

Davis said he finds enjoyment in the entire construction process, from the blueprints to the finished product.

"I like going from a concept to a physical structure," he said. "It's satisfying to see something you built that is functional but also beautiful."

Davis said he works to give his clients the best product for their money and a place for them to hang their hat.

"After people live in these homes for a while and pass the initial drama of building a house, they are usually very satisfied," he said. "It's nice to know that they enjoy it and are comfortable.

"My approach is: No. 1, I want my homes to be energy efficient and affordable to live in. No. 2, I want them to be comfortable to live in. I'm not trying to get rich, I'm trying to give people affordable, comfortable homes that are good on the environment."

He said the biggest challenge he faces as a builder is

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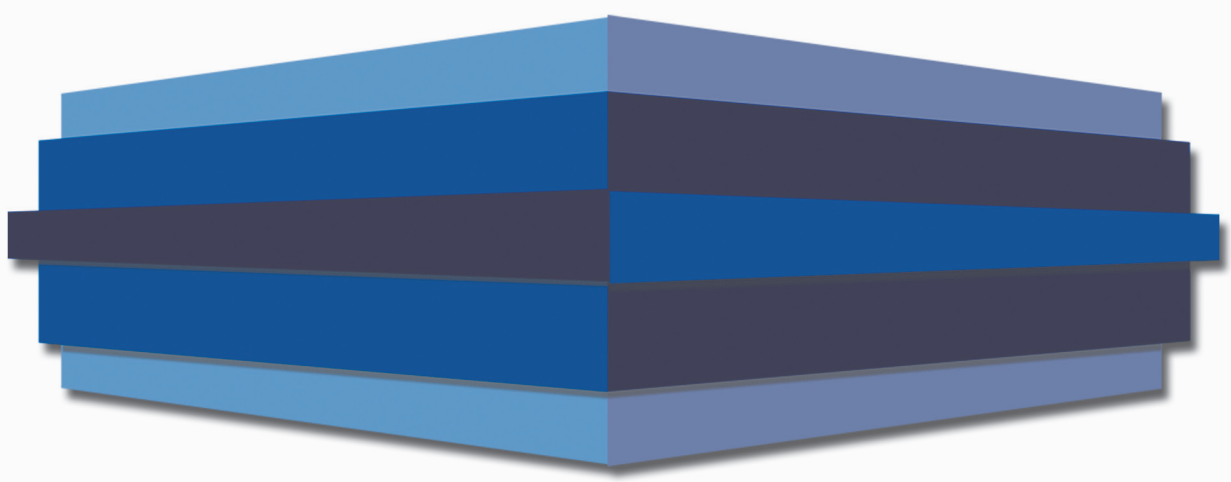

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"getting people to realize ahead of time how comfortable a green house is." Many people, he said, focus on the price per square feet and don't consider other factors, such as cost of living, maintenance and comfort.

"It's hard to convey how comfortable these homes are to live in," he said. "It just feels different."

Along with being comfortable, Davis said the cost of living in an energy-efficient home is less in the long run than that of a traditionally built home.

Davis said he isn't a high-volume builder and has constructed about 15 homes in his career.

"I focus all of my attention into what I'm building," he said. "I take on enough to keep me occupied."

In addition to building green homes, conducting renovations and selling ICFs, Davis also specializes in creating concrete countertops.

Concrete expression

"Creativity is important to me," Davis said. "Making concrete countertops is a creative endeavor."

An alternative to granite, a concrete countertop is a green material that requires a great deal of craftsmanship, he said. In addition to costing the same as granite, the concrete is manufactured and polished to look like the natural rock.

"It's more flexible in design and color," he said, adding that unlike granite, which is straight and flat, concrete can be molded to fit any shape.

He said he was first introduced to the product five years ago after he read an article about concrete countertop expert Fu-Tung Cheng.

"I was curious," he said. "Each time I do one, I learn something new. It's a learning process, and no two pieces are alike. Each are individual."

Along with fabricating countertops, he also makes concrete fireplaces, islands, backsplashes and vertical walls.

Over the years, Davis said he has learned from his experiences and will continue to do so in the future. He said he wants to continue to create concrete countertops as well as green homes and is even looking into being a part of the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico's Green Street.

"Anything that promotes (green building) is a great idea," he said. "I'm excited to maybe be involved with that."

He said he is also interested in designing and building affordable homes.

Tad Davis remodeled his home at 2144 Calle de Principal, which was originally two separate dwellings.

Davis constructed this home in the Las Alturas area.

The home is designed to be environmentally friendly.

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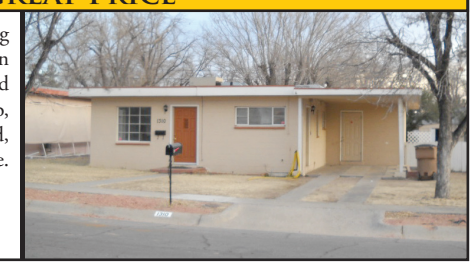

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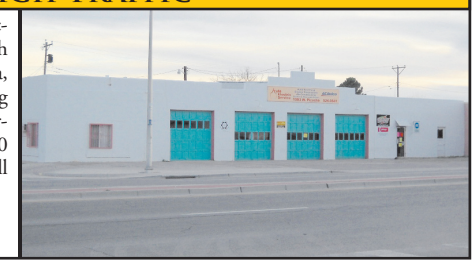

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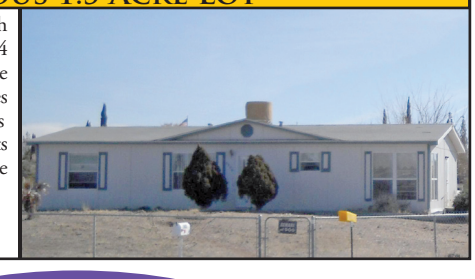

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Prepare your soil for spring

Class teaches the correct way to nurture your garden

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With winter still lingering, now is the time to ready your soil for the approaching spring. To help Las Crucens create the best environment for their plants, Enchanted Gardens held an organic garden soil preparation class Saturday, Feb. 6.

"Sadly in New Mexico, what we really have is sand, not soil," said Jackye Meinecke, owner of Enchanted Gardens.

She said that while native plants have adapted to our sand and clay surroundings, which lack an abundance of organic material, non-native plants are in need of outside help to thrive.

The first thing Meinecke said gardeners need to do to prepare a new garden is conduct a soil test. To do this, community members should take a sample of their soil to the Doña Ana County Extension Office, which will then send the sample to the Soil, Water and Agricultural Testing Laboratory at New Mexico State University.

Once the test is back, Meinecke said the gardener will have a better idea of what they are working with.

While in the past many professionals recommended fertilizers, Meinecke said they should only be used as a booster along with other garden products, such as homemade compost, which adds a balance of nutrition, micronutrients and microbes.

"Keep putting on the compost to build good soil," she said. "Good soil doesn't happen overnight."

There are several products available that will enhance local gardens. Since New Mexico has alkaline soil, it needs to be balanced with acidified substances.

"Don't put ash into our soil here," Meinecke warned.

The three things plants need to flourish are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, she said.

"Plants use nitrogen and phosphorous, that's why we have to constantly replenish them," Meinecke said.

Nitrogen helps the plant and leaves grow green and vibrant, while phosphorus encourages fruit and blossom growth. Meinecke said potassium is part of the essential balance all plants need.

"If you have too much nitrogen, you will have lots of growth with low flower and fruit production," she said, adding that too much nitrogen will also burn the plant's roots, killing it. "Nitrogen is really good for evergreens, grass, things with heavy leaves."

Meinecke discussed 12 locally found organic materials that can be mixed and matched for the best results (see box). Most of these products are slow releasing and will feed the plants as they breakdown over a couple months. They should be replenished in the spring and fall.

"Every gardener has their own formula they swear by," she said.

Other nutrients that need to be added include calcium, such as gypsum, which also loosens soil and is great for tomatoes; magnesium, which is found in Epsom salt and especially helps roses; sulfur, which adds acidity; trace minerals, which have a wide variety of benefits; and iron.

Meinecke said one indication that the created soil is well-balanced and nutritious is when the garden has earthworms.

"You know all of this is working when you have earthworms," she said. "When your soil is rich, they will move in."

While these products will help improve our local soil, Meinecke said they will not change it.

"We can play soil scientists, but if you have sand, it will remain sand," she said. "What you really need for a successful garden is to just pay attention to it."

For more information about soil testing and price, visit http://swatlab.nmsu.edu.

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Jackye Meinecke, owner of Enchanted Gardens, shares ways to improve the local soil with a group of interested community members Saturday, Feb. 6.

12 organic material and their uses

Bloodmeal	Nitrogen for green leaves; deters rabbits
Bonemeal	Phosphorus for fruit/flower
Cattle manure, dried	Soil condition
Coffee grounds, dried	Adds acid
Cottonseed meal	Adds acid
Fish emulsion	Gives a boost
Green sand	Loosens clay; adds trace minerals
Horse manure, dried	Adds organic matter
Rock phosphate	Calcium for tomatoes
Colloidal (soft) phosphate	Adds calcium
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Kelp meal/seaweed	Growth hormone; adds minerals

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New Mexico schools go green

Sustainability and energy-efficiency standards put in place by task force

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While it is becoming more and more common to see green and energy-efficient houses, other sustainable buildings are also becoming popular.

In 2006, Gov. Bill Richardson's first executive order of the year was to instill sustainable construction standards for all new state buildings, making them green and energy efficient. In response to the order, the High Performance (HiP) Schools Task Force was established.

"The idea is to start building buildings, school facilities that is, that were what is called sustainable, meaning they are easy to maintain, last longer and are better constructed," said Gene Gant, a member of the HiP Task Force. "The buildings will last a long time and will reduce the cost of operations."

Gant, who is now on the Public Education Commission, said he joined the task force when he was on the Las Cruces School Board because he felt schools in Las Cruces needed to be represented.

"I was at a conference in Albuquerque when the order came out, and I decided to volunteer for the task force," he said.

Gant said the task force reviews architectural plans for state schools to make sure they follow Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

Better building

Currently, the sustainable and energy-efficient standards are being used to construct Las Cruces' new elementary, middle and high schools.

"The standards deal with the design of the building, the construction materials used and how they're constructed," Gant said. "There are so many improved materials, they provide a better facility and save the tax payers in the long run. The upfront cost is more, but the payback is much faster."

One element that has improved in the schools is the lighting, which Gant said is much easier on the eyes, therefore making it easier for the students to learn.

"We're going back to more windows and natural light," he said. "The eyes are designed for sunlight, not this fluorescent light."

He added that in classrooms that have an abundance of natural light, the overhead lights will automatically dim, saving electricity.

The heating and cooling system, which is more energy efficient than previous systems, also will automatically adjust in rooms infrequently used, such as janitor closets and restrooms, thanks to motion sensors.

Gant said the middle school will use a geothermal heating and cooling system, which will use the soil as a heating and cooling exchanger, allowing the building's temperature to remain constant.

He added that they are unable to use a geothermal heating and cooling system at the new high school because it is located on a geothermal pool.

"The ground stays too hot to do a proper heating and cooling exchange," he said.

In addition to natural light and a more efficient heating and cooling system, acoustics also are important in the new buildings.

"It's better," Gant said. "The student in the back row hears just as good as the student in the front row."

One improvement that deviates from a common Southwest architectural design characteristic is the roof, which will be either pitched or slanted – not flat.

"We're going away from flat roofs because they wear out sooner," Gant said, adding that the roofs will be made of steel to last longer.

There also are several health benefits to the new buildings, Gant said, including carpet and flooring that contain less allergens and walls without asbestos.

In addition to the design elements, using more durable products and creating less waste are also important in following LEED standards.

"Part of the LEED program standards is how you recycle material," Gant said. "There is a lot of waste when you build. You have to have a good recycling program and cut back on waste."

To cut back on waste, he said they only purchase what they need and don't buy extra material that might end up at the landfill.

Gant said through the task force, the new Las Cruces middle and high schools have received $300,000 to go toward green construction expenses.

Benefits for all

In addition to setting sustainable standards, the HiP Task Force also accesses how well the newly constructed schools are performing. Sustainable and energy-efficient schools have been built around the state, including in Rio Rancho, Artesia, Chaparral and Alamogordo.

"Some schools are showing success," Gant said.

> "In the long run, they're cheaper and they save money for the taxpayers."
>
> GENE GANT, HiP Task Force member

Gant said the new school building standards have several benefits for the entire community, which often uses the school facilities for events, meetings and other activities.

"First, when you're talking about education, a better facility for these kids means a better learning environment," he said. "Also, the staff and faculty have a better place to work. Lastly, it gives the taxpayers more for their money. These buildings will last 40 to 50 years."

Because schools receive a lot of wear and tear from continuous use, Gant said building sustainable and energy-efficient facilities will cost less to maintain.

"In the long run, they're cheaper and they save money for the taxpayers," he said. "You'll spend more money if the building isn't built well upfront. We're building the new ones right and it will cost less to run and operate these buildings than what we are currently using."

LCAR director leaves post

Realtors association begins search to fill executive position

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Association of Realtors Executive Director Lynn Gould has announced that she will resign from the association.

Isaac Chavez, LCAR governmental and public relations director, said Gould, who has been with organization for more than eight years, will resign at the end of the month on Feb. 26.

LCAR President Sharon DeBraal said a search committee was formed Friday, Feb. 5, to begin the process of finding a new executive director.

"This is a big deal for us," Chavez said. "We haven't gone through this process for a while."

The committee will be accepting résumés for anyone interested in the position, including those from outside of the Las Cruces area.

"There's no timeline, this can take a month or a year," Chavez said. "You just never know how the process will go.

"Whenever an executive officer leaves an association, there is always a transition period. Whether it's a smooth or difficult transition depends on how well the board of directors and current staff as well as the membership come together and manage the transition."

ATVs help with DIY projects

You've been dreaming about digging in your garden, tweaking your landscaping or improving your house all winter long. Now that the weather is nicer and your yard is clear and dry, it's time for you to get your hands dirty and start working.

Having an off-road vehicle, also called all terrain vehicles, or ATVs, handy can help you save time and money – handling the heavy work that could require additional workers. Here are some ways having an off-road vehicle can help you with the home project you have planned:

- Hauling rocks or mulch around your yard is exhausting. Your off-road vehicle allows you and your helper to move and distribute these materials in different garden beds or around all your trees without tearing up your grass when the machine is set in turf mode.
- Remove dead branches and tow out bushes and trees easily using an off-road vehicle. Just hook up a winch around the bush to the vehicle's bumper and slowly apply pressure as you drive forward.
- Smooth out fresh dirt with a plow. Raking by hand is messy, and takes a lot of time. Instead, hook up a plow to your ATV and gently smooth out the dirt with the plow lowered to the level you want. If the dirt is already level, attach a pull-behind rake to your vehicle to make the dirt perfect for planting or seeding.
- Cart lumber from the driveway to the back patio for easier access to the house project you're working on. This will allow you to take fewer trips and saves your muscles from a few aches and pains, and also splinters. You also can reduce the number of helpers you need for the project – just make sure you have another person handy to help you load up the ATV.

Las Cruces' own green and sustainable neighborhoods

MILES DYSON
Living Green

Development certification programs make more than homes sustainable, green

The Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico (BIA-SNM) announced last week that the Fall Parade of Homes has been modified for 2010 and will now feature energy-efficient and sustainably built homes in a Green Street single-site setting.

The homes constructed will be special since each will be required to meet rigorous silver level certifications through either the Build Green New Mexico/NAHB Green or U.S. Green Built Council - LEED for Homes programs. Homes built within the development will also be Energy Star certified and will be required to have active solar energy generation capabilities.

Additionally, the developers of the entire, yet to be named, 33-lot subdivision, Green Street showcase site (located at the intersection of Brown and Compress roads) have committed to providing a certified green and sustainable designation for the entire development.

So what does it mean for a development or neighborhood to be certified as "green" and or "sustainable?" It depends on who you ask.

The same national organizations that provide the guidelines, standards and third-party certification for homes have developed comprehensive programs identifying and rewarding what they feel to be the best practices in sustainable and green subdivisions and neighborhoods.

USGBC's pilot LEED - Neighborhood Development certification system will be ready to be rolled out to residential developers nationwide later this year and it describes its Green Neighborhood projects as, "Exemplary projects that perform well in terms of smart growth, new urbanism and green building."

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) completed development of their ANSI-approved National Green Land Development Certification system in 2009. According to the NAHB website, "Green building expands beyond the walls of the structure to include site and community development considerations. The benefits of a home's green development practices such as xeriscaping, permeable pavement, low-impact development, storm water management and environmental preservation efforts are more fully realized when done on a larger community or subdivision scale."

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Picacho Mountain is an energy-efficient and sustainable subdivision that uses xeriscaping among other green practices.

The Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico created the BGNM program in 2006 as a way to certify and differentiate exemplary homes and developments in our state. BGNM has certified sustainable subdivisions using its own modified NAHB guidelines up until the first of this year.

Doña Ana County's own BGNM Certified Sustainable development – Picacho Mountain – is a great example of one type of green subdivision. Bob and Karen Pofahl and crew have embraced sustainability through efforts in environmental preservation, storm water management, low-impact pad preparation, a focus on renewable energy and access to open spaces.

When you drive through a green/sustainable development such as Picacho Mountain, what you do not see is scraped, bladed and eroded home sites. What you do see is native vegetation, lot and street layouts that preserve natural water flows without causing soil loss and water pollution, great views, lots of native critters and good walking access to see it all.

If you talk to the Pofahls for more than a minute, they will explain that what you see so far is just the beginning and that their development is well on the way to being a true mixed-use neighborhood with homes, services, open spaces and recreation available for people at a range of income levels.

By contrast, the infill location of the new Green Street neighborhood can satisfy a significantly different set of green and sustainable development objectives. The existing homes and neighborhood surrounding the Green Street area are 20 to 50 years old. At this more urban location the new development will take advantage of an existing infrastructure of utilities, transportation and services.

Residents of the Green Street development will have ready access to the city core for jobs, schools, shopping, dining, government and transportation services (you may even be able to avoid the dreaded Telshor/Lohman interchange altogether). All of these accessible service providers will gain economic benefit through an increased customer and tax base within an otherwise mature and limited growth area of our town.

Water quality and conservation are important everywhere in our part of New Mexico and measures will be included in the Green Street neighborhood to ensure plants, landscapes and hardscapes are water smart and appropriate for this area. Preliminary planning is in place to provide urban wildlife habitats within the neighborhood to encourage populations of native species, including beneficial insects, bats, reptiles and birds.

The great thing about these green and sustainable neighborhood development certification programs is their flexibility and the opportunity provided to implement key strategies and concepts in different types of developments. Hopefully, homeowners, builders, developers and city/county planners can use lessons learned about best practices demonstrated in diverse projects such as Green Street and Picacho Mountain to provide sustainable strategies for a range of neighborhood and multi-use development situations in the Las Cruces area.

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Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	3	2	3
Closed Sales Existing Homes	15	22	9
Pending Home Sales (All)	195	182	162
Average Days on Market (All)	80	132	106

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$182,175	$167,890	$135,670
Median Price Existing	$180,000	$153,750	$136,500
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,209	1,191	1,440
Real Estate Agents	449	448	622

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Celebrate Mardi Gras Cajun style

Okra adds to gumbo, a popular Creole specialty

Mardi Gras, also known as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, is always celebrated 46 days before Easter and the day before Lent, Ash Wednesday.

It's the grand finale of a weeklong colorful and glittery New Orleans parade featuring costume- and mask-clad partiers. This year, Mardi Gras falls on Feb. 16. To commemorate the occasion, I plan to prepare a Creole specialty – gumbo soup, a mainstay of New Orleans cuisine. Gumbo is a thick, stew-like dish, chockfull with a sundry of ingredients, including meat or seafood and a plethora of veggies, most notably okra, which serves as a thickening agent.

Fresh okra can be substituted for canned or frozen in gumbo recipes but should be fried first. This hot and spicy dish "hits the spot," especially on chilly nights.

Okra is a key ingredient in gumbo – a favorite Mardi Gras specialty.

Spicy-Hot Seafood Gumbo

Roux (see recipe below)
3 tablespoons butter
1 white onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1 pound fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined, or 1 1/2 frozen, thawed
1 jar fresh oysters (check for shells)
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons green bell pepper, chopped
1 can (10 1/2-ounces) tomatoes
3 sprigs parsley, chopped
1 bay leaf
2 teaspoons Creole Seasoning or homemade (see recipe below)
2 quarts water or fish stock
1 bunch green onion, chopped
1 pound canned okra or 10 ounce frozen, sliced
1/2 pound crabmeat or 1 dozen whole crabs
Salt and pepper
Hot cooked long-grain white rice
Crackers

> Gumbo is a thick, stew-like dish, chockfull with a sundry of ingredients.

Start making the roux, a mixture of flour and a cooking fat that is used to thicken sauces, stews and gravies. The richness of dark colored roux adds both flavor and color to the finished gumbo.

2 tablespoons vegetable shortening or vegetable oil (your choice)
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

In a heavy skillet over medium heat, heat vegetable shortening or oil until hot; add flour gradually, stirring or whisking to combine with the shortening or oil. After adding all the flour, reduce heat to low and cook, stirring frequently, about 45 to 60 minutes or until the roux is dark brown and has a nutlike odor (it will be very thick and pasty).

Note: This process takes some time, depending on how high the heat on your stove is. The slower, the better, but be ready to remove skillet from the heat and stir more rapidly if the roux appears to be burning. When done, immediately remove from heat and set aside.

In a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add onions and celery and fry about 5 minutes or until soft. Add the shrimp, oysters, garlic and bell pepper, and simmer for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes, parsley, bay leaf, Creole Seasoning, water or fish stock, green onion, okra, prepared roux and crabmeat. Salt and pepper to taste. Let gumbo simmer for approximately 30 minutes. Serve over a bed of hot rice. Makes 6 servings. (Adapted from www.whatscookingamerica.com.)

Creole Seasoning Recipe

2 tablespoons onion powder
2 tablespoons garlic powder
2 tablespoons dried oregano leaves
2 tablespoons dried sweet basil
1 tablespoon salt (optional or to taste)
1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves
1 tablespoon black pepper
1 tablespoon white pepper
1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon celery seed
5 tablespoons sweet paprika

Combine in food processor and pulse until well-blended, or mix thoroughly in a large bowl. The recipe doubles or triples well.

Mardi Gras Gumbo

2 medium onions, sliced
1 medium green pepper, cut into thin strips
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/4 cup butter or margarine
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 cups water
1 tablespoon instant dry beef bouillon
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon hot red pepper sauce
1 bay leaf
1 can (16-ounces) okra, drained, or 1 package (10-ounces) frozen cut okra, thawed
1 can (16-ounces) whole tomatoes, undrained
1 can (6-ounces) tomato paste
1 pound frozen shrimp, thawed, peeled and deveined
3 cups hot cooked rice
1/4 cup snipped parsley

Cook and stir onions, green pepper and garlic in margarine in Dutch oven over low heat until onions are tender. Stir in flour. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until bubbly; remove from heat. Stir in remaining ingredients except shrimp, rice and parsley; break up tomatoes with fork. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes.

Stir shrimp into tomato mixture. Cover and simmer until shrimp are pink, about 5 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Serve gumbo over rice; sprinkle with parsley. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from "Betty Crocker's Cookbook," 1986.)

Classic Chicken Gumbo

3 1/2 pounds chicken
2 tablespoons bacon fat
1 garlic sausage, cut into chunks
2 medium sliced ham, diced
2 small bunches celery, or 1 large, chopped
2 white onions, chopped
1 green pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
1 pound fresh okra, sliced
2 bay leaves
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1/4 cup parsley
Several cracked peppercorns
Two or three dashes of hot sauce and cayenne pepper
2 1/2 quarts chicken stock

Cut chicken into serving pieces and brown them in bacon fat. Add garlic sausage and diced. Add enough additional fat to cover the bottom of the soup kettle and add celery, onions, green pepper and the sliced fresh okra. Cook, stirring until all the ingredients are nicely browned. Add bay leaves and the grated rind of lemon.

Cover the kettle and simmer the gumbo slowly for 30 minutes. Do not let it boil. Add chopped parsley, several cracked peppercorns and dashes of hot sauce and cayenne. The gumbo should be very highly seasoned. Add chicken stock, cover the pan and simmer the gumbo for 1-1/2 hours. Remove the bay leave, adjust the seasoning and serve with rice.

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Experts discuss wilderness at BIA

Topic presented at monthly dinner meeting

Gene Wood, retired chief Border Patrol agent, will be providing a presentation on the devastating impact that designated federal wilderness has on the country's southern border at the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico's monthly meeting along with Steve Wilmeth, a representative with People for Preserving Our Western Heritage.

The monthly general membership meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the association's meeting hall, located at 2825 N. Main St.

The cost is $17 for members in advance or $20 at the door. Tickets for non-members are $20 in advance or $23 at the door. Reservations are recommended, as space is limited. For more information or to RSVP, call 526-6126 or visit www.biasnm.org.

Fire ants cause millions of dollars in damages annually and can even kill small animals.

Don't get burned!

Move to extinguish fire ants

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The Bug Guy

The fire ant has a terrible reputation – and even people who haven't felt their sting know to give them a wide berth.

The pain they inflict is actually a combination of bite and sting. Fire ants first bite to get a hold of their victim, then sting from their abdomen, pumping venom into the site. It's a fire-like sensation – hence the ants' name – and can cause serious problems for people who are sensitive.

These aggressive creatures will even attack – and kill – small animals.

Their searing sting is only a small part of the havoc these small insects can wreak.

The fire ant, which immigrated to the United States in the 1930s, causes millions of dollars in damage annually. They nest in soil at the base of trees, shrubs, grass or in homes, and are extremely aggressive, swarming and killing livestock, short-circuiting electrical equipment and burrowing under rural roads. Single queen mounds can number 30 to 100 per acre with up to 250,000 ants each.

Don't wait for fire ants to take up residence in your home or business, where they'll spread bacteria and destroy your property. Be proactive with these pests. Following are tips to keep them out – and get rid of them once inside:

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Inspect the outside of your house. Cut away any plants that touch the structure. Ants will use plants as a bridge to get into your house.

When ants are inside your home, make sure to seal all food in containers. Ants are attracted to water, so make sure to drain your sink after washing the dishes and dry all counter tops.

Granular bait formulas applied outside the house are the most effective treatment for controlling indoor ant infestations. But this bait is only available to pest-control professionals. There are versions homeowners can buy, but they're not as effective.

If you decide to spray, try to limit it to spot treatments where ants are entering the house, such as door thresholds.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray offers an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective to pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Ariz.-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.