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Look who's doing the *Tango*

BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

District Attorney Susana Martinez and dancer John Giusto burned up the dance floor Friday, Feb. 27, at the Look Who's Dancing event at the Pan Am Center to benefit the NMSU DanceSport Society. For more photos, see Page C3 in the Arts & Lifestyle section.

Roewe shakes up association

Networking, PAC are top priorities

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As far as David Roewe is concerned, he was meant to be in Las Cruces.

Venturing down from Vancouver, Wash., Roewe came to sunnier territory to take on the position of executive officer of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, soon to be renamed the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico.

His arrival was similar to that of a freight train for association members. After little more than a week in his position, Roewe announced the new name along with several other changes at the organization's February General Membership Luncheon.

"It's like a Band-Aid. If you take it off fast it doesn't hurt as much," he said.

While change can be difficult, Roewe's past experiences tell him he is headed in the right direction.

"When I first interviewed for the job, they asked me what they needed to do to grow the association and I gave them a laundry list," he said. "We are going to add some things and change some things. It is a lot of house cleaning."

Formerly serving in the same capacity for the Building Industry Association of Clark County in Washington state, he has been in this situation before – in charge of an organization that was in need of increased communication with potential members in surrounding areas.

"When I left it was a 1,000-member organization, but when I took it over

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Country Club sticker shock
City council debates park proposal after land appraised at $9.2 million

2009 Legislature passes halfway mark

Local lawmakers gain momentum on several proposals

Compiled from reports by Kate Nash of the New Mexican and legislative press releases

So far, most of the attention of lawmakers in the 2009 legislative session has been focused on solving the state's financial mess.

With the budget work for this year and next nearing completion, lawmakers said they can now focus on all the other issues before them this session.

Lawmakers still have a little more than two weeks left to get to meaty issues including ethics, the death penalty, DWI and housing reform. They also must consider what to do with the College of Santa Fe and oil and gas rules, among other things.

With so many issues to consider before the session ends March 21, the Legislature can start to feel a little chaotic, one lawmaker said.

"It's like you're rolling down a hill in a car and the brakes are not working perfectly," said House Minority Leader Tom Taylor, R-Farmington. "You're pushing really hard on the brakes, and there's this momentum you are sort of unable to control."

Some Doña Ana County lawmakers are seeing some progress on their bills.

Open government

For Rep. Joe Cervantes, getting his bill to open conference committees to the public – and lawmakers other than the legislative leadership – through the state House Monday was a breeze.

The measure to unshutter some of the last legally closed meetings flew through in about a minute, without a question or any debate on the floor. It was the first time it cleared the chamber unanimously.

But Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, knows his work won't be that easy on the other side of the Roundhouse, in the Senate.

"The House has consistently supported this initiative both in committee and on the floor," he said. "I've got my work cut out ahead of me to try to persuade the Senate that this is ultimately part of good government."

The House in the past has approved the

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measure, but it has traditionally met its demise in the Senate. Advocates for more than 10 years have pushed the proposal.

The measure, (HB393), must stop in the Senate Rules and Judiciary committees before the full Senate can consider it.

While there are supporters in the Senate – including Sen. Dede Feldman, D-Albuquerque, who also is carrying a measure that would open the committees – at least one key leader is against it.

Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez, D-Belen, said last week, as he has in the past, that he doesn't support the measure.

But, supporters say Sanchez himself has said he thinks this could be the year for the measure to pass. The committee meetings happen when each chamber passes a similar version of the same bill and a handful of lawmakers meet to work out differences. The budget is a common conference committee topic.

Cervantes said he hopes the momentum created by other changes in the Capitol this session will carry the committee bill through.

"This year, we've made some very positive strides in terms of public access to the Legislature, this is the first year we have audio, this is the first year we have some video," he said. "We're probably a few years behind the technology curve, but we're finally reaching a point where the political process is accessible to many New Mexicans, and I'm hoping that opening the committee process to the public and to legislators has finally reached a point where this bill can succeed."

Meanwhile, an open government bill that aimed to bolster the state's Inspection of Public Records Act by making it easier and faster for the public to request and obtain documents has a new incarnation.

The original bill, sponsored by House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, D-Grants, would recognize email requests as official requests under the records act and would speed up the amount of time state agencies have to turn over public documents. Some revisions have been made to the legislation, but it keeps the email provision. In addition, it calls for the supervisor of an agency's public records custodian to review information that is withheld to make sure it complies with state law.

Housing Authority reform

Rocked by scandals uncovered in Las Cruces, Sen. Mary Kay Papen's bill to reform the state Housing Authority system was passed by the Senate,

"Our regional housing authorities are supposed to be the housing lifeline for our state's citizens with low to moderate incomes who are struggling to create decent homes for themselves," Papen said. "Our state's tragedy is that some of the Housing Authorities we created to help with providing that housing have run themselves off the track. Senate Bill 20 is designed to help get the train back on the track."

The bill introduced by the Las Cruces Democrat amends the Regional Housing Law to allow consolidation of the current seven regional housing authorities into three: a northern, an eastern and a western regional housing authority. Each of the new authorities will be governed by a board consisting of one representative from each of the counties in that region. The representatives, who will be appointed by the governor, will sit as commissioners for four-year terms. Commissioners have to have experience and expertise in several housing-related areas, including housing construction, real estate, architecture, law, banking, housing finance, public housing programs and community development.

Senate Bill 20 puts conflict of interest prohibitions into place for the commissioners. The authorities will also have to submit their operating budgets for each succeeding fiscal year to the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) for review. To eliminate past abuses such as those that plagued the old Region III Housing Authority, all transactions of more than $100,000 need to be approved by MFA and the authorities will no longer be able to issue bonds – that authority has also been passed to the MFA.

The types of housing programs that the authorities can offer are expanded by the measure.

"If we are going to create effective housing programs that also help with other social issues such as employment, crime prevention, economic growth and other public health and safety issues, we need to ratchet up our housing programs and this bill helps with that," Papen said.

To avoid duplication, the new authorities will not operate within areas where a municipality or county has an established local housing authority – and so Bernalillo, Doña Ana and Santa Fe Counties – areas that currently have effective local housing authorities are excluded. The measure also empowers a new regional authority to absorb a local housing authority if the federal Housing and Urban Development Department declares it to be in default on its annual contribution contract.

Other Bills

Rep. Jeff Steinborn has been able to get several memorials through the House, including a request to study expanding the Rail Runner to Las Cruces, which he later amended to instead study having a Rail Runner line from Las Cruces to El Paso. Steinborn said he changed the proposal based on requests from constituents.

Although Rep. Antonio Lujan didn't have much luck last session getting a statewide ban on cellphone use while driving, the Las Cruces Democrat did get a bill passed this session to prohibit the use of an electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text message while driving – in other words, no text-messaging while driving. Texting while driving would be a misdemeanor and carry a fine of $25.

Meanwhile, Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, obtained passage of her Motor Vehicle Theft and Embezzlement measure. Garcia's bill moves auto theft from the traffic code statutes to the criminal statutes. Penalties will be a fourth-degree felony for a first offense, a third-degree felony for a second offense, and a second-degree felony for a third or subsequent offense.

"We have taken a huge step towards recognizing the severity of the auto theft situation and the fact that we urgently need to address it," Garcia said.

Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Organ, passed a memorial to study the impact of White Sands Missile Range growth.

PTSD book donated to Vet Center

Larry Holzerland, right, of the Elks Club shakes hands with Guy McCommon, team leader of the Las Cruces Vet Center, Monday, Feb. 23, after his group raised money to buy 100 copies of "The Warrior's Guide to Insanity," a book about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Written by a veteran, the book is an effective tool for reaching veterans, McCommon said. From left are, counselors Michael Johnson, Lawrence Eres, Ruth Offutt and Office Manager Mireya Lomas.

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Registration ending to join death march memorial trek

Last year, more than 4,000 took either a 26.2-mile route or a 15-mile trail over White Sands Missile Range in remembrance of a World War II ordeal that began with the fall of the Philippines to the Japanese in April 1942.

This year, the range's Bataan Memorial Death March will be held Sunday, March 29. Mail-in registration must be postmarked by Saturday, March 14. Online registration, which began last December, will close Sunday, March 22.

Registration costs $55 for an individual and $225 for a team. Late registration will be considered at a cost of double the registration fees. There will be no on-site registration.

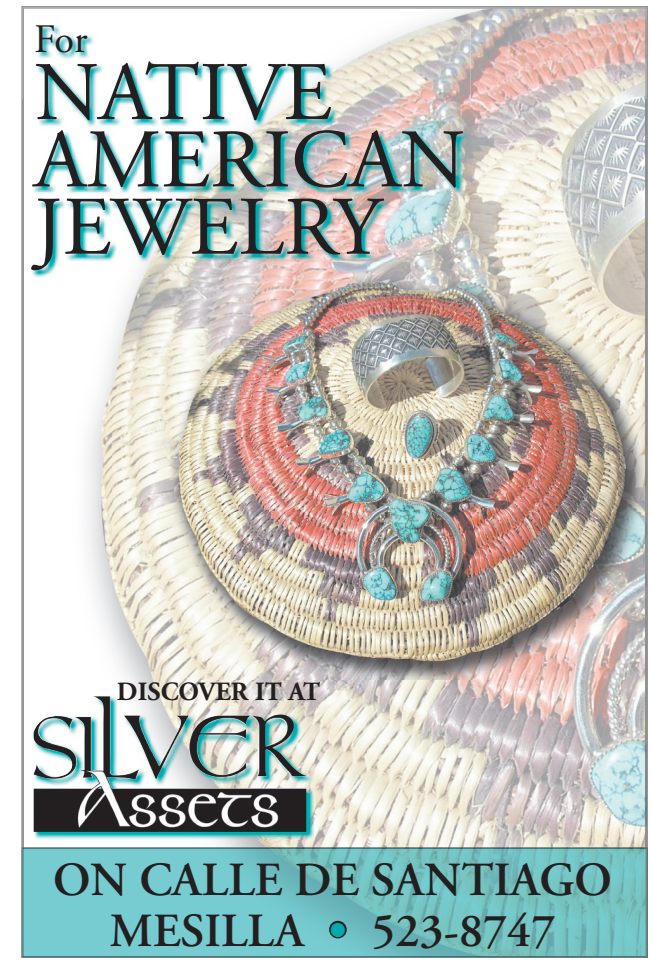
Visit www.bataanmarch.com to register online or to find more information about this year's Bataan Memorial Death March.

Much of the terrain will be rocky and sandy. It could be windy, dusty and hot. To the participants of the memorial march, however, these conditions are pale in comparison to what the thousands of American and Filipino soldiers defending the islands of Luzon and Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines endured after they were captured and marched through jungles and sent on unmarked ships to prisoner camps.

Because many on the actual march were members of the New Mexico National Guard's 200th Coastal Artillery, this annual memorial march has become one of the largest in the country.

Memorial marchers will begin arriving as early as 4 a.m. and the opening ceremonies start at 6 a.m. Some participants will be marching late in the evening. Participants are encouraged to wear boots and equipment they will be using at the march. Many of the team participants carry a full backpack on the march, which those in the military can use for official training.

There will be several water stops and medical teams along the routes to check on participants. Those with medical conditions are asked to have their information readily available. Light, layered clothing, a hat that provides shade to the head and neck, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended.



Roewe

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eight years ago it was a 525-member organization – very similar to this one – that needed help expanding special events and creating strong membership programs," he said.

Expansion for Roewe means a lot more than making a few house calls. It means incorporating all of southern New Mexico.

"Deming and Truth or Consequences are part of our territory. We go all the way down to Sunland Park and the Border of Mexico," he said. "How do we properly represent all of those businesses and do it with the name of Las Cruces?"

Though the name change still has to go to a vote at the next general membership meeting, Roewe is confident members will see its worth.

"What we do doesn't just affect homebuilders. It affects remodelers and suppliers; it affects attorneys, CPAs and commercial contractors. What we do affects everyone," he said. "We are so much more powerful as an industry rather than a group."

To accommodate the organization's broad spectrum of working professionals, members will also notice a change in their general membership luncheons.

"We are going to change to night time general membership meetings," he said. "Do you think that contractors can get off work at noon to go to a meeting? They are busy doing the things they have to do."

Along with the name change, when Roewe left the rain of the Pacific Northwest he brought several programs with him. Members will now benefit from Home Builder Purchasing Programs with Verizon Wireless, Staples and Supervised Fuels, a division of the Bend Oil Company, as well as the association's very own 401(k) plan.

"These are things I had up north that I brought with me," he said. "If I can save you $100 a month in gasoline for your fleet, isn't that a pretty good benefit?

"Members ask all the time, 'What's the association doing for me right now?' If you create the programs that make your members happy, that put money back into their pockets, that give them representation in front of the city council, county commission and legislators, they won't have to ask."

A top priority for Roewe is getting the association more involved in area government.

"We are going to start a political action committee," he said. "We are going to become very involved in the political process and the elections in the Doña Ana County area."

By networking with city, county and state officials, he hopes to help them understand their impact on the building industry.

"The city is looking at $6,000 more in impact fees, and I am trying to get a handle on all the fees that are paid," he said. "When you drive up the cost for new construction, the cost of existing homes then goes up, which affects affordability. We have to try to help government understand what their role is in what's going on, and what every dollar they put on as an expense means to the end user."

He has also invited individuals such as Lt. Gov. Diane Denish and Congressman Harry Teague to speak at membership meetings.

While he is bringing many changes to the organization, Roewe said he would not have joined the team if it wasn't for the strong board and staff already in place.

"They have one hell of a leadership team. That's one of the reasons I came down. I was convinced by how involved this board of directors is," he said. "They are wiling to make changes and hungry to do what it takes to get to the next level."

Supporting the industry and expanding their members' network of contacts are ways of accomplishing this.

"Our whole purpose is to promote and protect the building industry. That is why we exist. We need to create functions where builders can get together with suppliers," he said. "People do business with people they know. That is one of my biggest philosophies."

Though he comes at a controversial time for the housing industry, it is a dynamic with which he is all too familiar.

"We have been here so many times before," he said. "Those that survive are going to be stronger for what they have gone through."

BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

David Roewe, executive officer of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, soon to be the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico, has high hopes for the future of organization, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2009.

Very wrong turn

A. KURZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Michelle Steuterman said on Tuesday, March 3, she was driving her 1991 Mercury Cougar on Walton Boulevard when another driver cut her off. She spun around and hit a truck before she ended up on the brick wall that Wal-Mart built to show off the arrival of new landscape material.

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Looking back

Why didn't we see that our country's economic bubble was about to burst?

BY DAVID E. MCCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

About a year ago, I had an interesting discussion with an exasperated Chuck Olson, who owns and operates Exit Realty and is currently president of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors. Our brief visit took place following a Las Cruces Advertising Federation luncheon at which a panel of experts spoke on the topic of real estate marketing in southern New Mexico.

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Chuck's frustration was centered on subprime loans and the proliferation of "carpetbagger" mortgage brokers who would promise virtually anything to prospective homeowners to close a deal, make a quick buck and sell the loan to an out-of-town financial institution. Chuck was adamant that all of the participants in this transaction were extremely greedy characters, including the mortgage broker, the buyer, the seller and the financial institution. These people's actions were certain to cause great harm to the real estate industry and our country's economy.

Looking back, Chuck's dismal forecast proved to be right on the money.

Of course, Chuck was not the only person to analyze and predict the economic demise caused by virtually unregulated lending practices. Here is what the New York Times reporter Steven Holmes wrote on Sept. 30, 1999:

"In a move that could help increase home ownership rates among minorities and low-income consumers, the Fannie Mae Corporation is easing the credit requirements on loans that it will purchase from other lenders. Fannie Mae, the nation's biggest underwriters of home mortgages, has been under increasing pressure from the Clinton Administration to expend mortgage loans among low- and moderate-income people and felt pressure from stock holders to maintain its phenomenal growth in profits.

"In addition, banks, thrift institutions and mortgage companies have been pressing Fannie Mae to help them to make more loans to so-called subprime borrowers. These borrowers, whose incomes, credit ratings and savings are not good enough to qualify for conventional loans, can only get loans from finance companies that charge much higher interest rates – anywhere from 3 to 4 percentage points higher than conventional loans.

"In moving, even tentatively, into this new area of lending, Fannie Mae is taking on significantly more risk, which may not pose any difficulties during flush economic times. But the government-subsidized corporation may run into trouble in an economic downturn, prompting a government rescue similar to that of the savings and loan industry in the 1980s."

So, here we are in March 2009. Sadly, as Chuck Olson had predicted, the real estate bubble has burst. The seedy mortgage brokers and sellers have their money. Holding the bag are unfortunate mortgage buyers and homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth. And paying the ultimate price is every taxpayer in America.

We are lucky to live in a region and a state where very few risky home loans were made. Our local banks are solid and well-managed across the board. Because of the conservative and wise practices by New Mexico bankers, our local economy should rebound much faster than the rest of the country. However, we will all be called upon to cover the cost of the greediness of certain other fellow Americans.

At this point, all we can do is pay the price and vow to listen more carefully in the future to the Chuck Olsons and Steven Holmes of the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Project Linus thank you

The Las Cruces Chapter of Project Linus extends its thanks to the Southwest New Mexico Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for sponsoring its February blanket-making work session. Their generosity through the "Care Abounds in Communities" program provided the volunteer blanketeers with materials for current projects and for blanket preparations for the annual community "Make a Blanket Day" event to be held in March.

Project Linus appreciates the loyal support of the Thrivent Chapter and of the local Thrivent office toward the Linus mission of giving comfort, love and warmth to children in our community who are sick or hurting through the gift of a handmade blanket.

DAYLE SILLERUD
Project Linus Coordinator
Las Cruces Chapter

Courthouse weddings

I think you did a fine job in producing your guide to using local services in planning and executing a wedding.

Besides having a wedding in a back yard, there is no fee for a wedding that takes place in a courthouse. With the new magistrate courthouse being opened in late spring, we will have some beautiful courtrooms.

Our civil service (in the courthouse or elsewhere) is designed to be flexible and can be a simple eight-minute celebration or can include songs, readings and cultural traditions.

As to the presider, or officiant, in New Mexico it must be a recognized clergyman or a judge, and that person must have jurisdiction where the wedding takes place. For example, a municipal judge can only marry within the limits of his city, a Catholic priest from outside must secure permission from the local bishop.

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Committees could mean stall for ethics legislation

Patty Jennings will be missed by many in Santa Fe

JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol

As the Legislature passed its midpoint, it was a case of heap big smoke but no fire. Bills were moving slowly through committee. Some Saturday sessions were being held, but not many.

The House had passed some major legislation that has gotten nowhere in the Senate. That's not particularly unusual. Both houses give priority to their own bills until near the end of the session.

The big boasts that the Senate Rules Committee will produce an omnibus ethics bill continue to be made but little progress is evident. The committee is hearing ethics bills but at glacial speed.

Other bills are piling up on its calendar. This is the committee that confirms gubernatorial appointments, some of which are expected to be controversial. As of press time, no weekend sessions of the committee have been held.

Between the House and Senate, more than 30 ethics measures have been introduced. The House is accumulating its bills in the Voters and Elections Committee, which is also talking about an omnibus bill.

If such a bill is created in either or both houses, it will have to survive many committees and pass on the floor of both houses. Some of the committees an omnibus bill can be expected to encounter are the judiciary and finance committees of each house.

All four of those committees, with the huge number of bills referred to them, are known for grinding good ideas to a permanent halt. Do we have a plot afoot here?

It may be that the only real step toward transparency in government will be the broadcasting and webcasting of legislative sessions and committee hearings.

Amusingly, that has come about not as the result of legislation, but because of an act of civil disobedience by a Republican woman. Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones set up her own equipment to transmit audio and video webcasts of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Committee Chairman Ed Sandoval and Speaker of the House Ben Lujan both requested her not to do it, but she proceeded. Since then, the House has approved webcasting, as has the Senate Committee on Committees, which got the whole hubbub started by taking down the cameras the Senate approved the previous year.

The House approval resulted in the Legislature's website, www.nmlegis.gov, transmitting the audio of House floor sessions. When the House is in session, click on the red message in the upper right hand corner of the screen to hear the proceedings.

It will likely be next year before the Senate will have its equipment set back up to send out audio and video signals during sessions of the state Senate.

Meanwhile webcasts are available from www.kunm.org, www.lawmakerslive.com, www.nmgov.tv and www.newmexicoindependent.com.

Cancer claimed two of New Mexico's most committed advocates in the last few weeks. Patty Jennings lobbied for special education and other services for children and families with special needs and was instrumental in the creation of the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool.

Jennings came to the Capitol many years ago as Patty Ikard, from Las Cruces, lobbying for children with special needs. She became a familiar face around the Capitol over the years.

Her bills often were in the Education Committee, chaired by Sen. Tim Jennings of Roswell. Their mutual interests eventually led to marriage. Patty continued her presence at the Capitol, serving as a valuable source of fresh ideas for her husband.

She earned the respect of leaders from both parties. Capitol regulars will miss her greatly.

Another loss to the state is Los Alamos anti-nuclear activist Ed Grothus. He came to the laboratory in 1949 as a machinist. Twenty years later, he decided he was opposed to the nuclear work. He left the lab and opened the Black Hole, where he bought and resold surplus material from the lab.

I never met Grothus, but I received humorous emails from him for years. He always had a new and off-beat slant to his brand of activism.

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Letters to the Editor

Rights being lost

I read a story reecently in the Washington Times that angered me to no end. It was about a rancher near Douglas, Ariz. ,who decided to take charge of his property and stop the flow of illegal's crossing his land, killing his beef, breaking into his home and stealing his belongings. It is a battle he has been fighting for more than 10 years and the end is yet in sight.

It seems that his ranch, the Cross Rail Ranch, has been listed by federal and county law enforcement officials as the "avenue of choice" for illegal immigrants trying to cross the border into the good old USA, along with smugglers and other miscreants. After finally deciding to take matters into his own hands, he started in 1998, rounding up illegals at gunpoint and turning them over to the Border Patrol.

Now it seems that, 32 of these illegals have decided to sue the 64-year-old owner of the ranch, Roger Barnett for violating their illegal rights. Now as the saying goes "ain't that a pip," here we have criminals breaking the law, crossing into the United States illegally, and when Barnett makes a citizen's arrest and turns them over to the proper authorities, 32 of them sue him for civil rights violations.

The lawsuit is being fought over an incident that happened on March 7, 2004 in an isolated dry wash on Barnett's ranch of 22,000 acres. He approached a group of illegals while carrying a gun and escorted by a very large dog.

The attorneys who represent five women and 11 men, (illegals trying to cross our border) have accused Barnett of holding them at gunpoint, threatening to turn his dog on them and shoot anyone who tried to escape.

District Judge John Roll rejected a motion by Barnett to drop the charges, because there was sufficient evidence for it to go before a jury, even after his attorney argued that illegal aliens did not have the same rights as U.S. citizens.

He is said to have started carrying a pistol along with a rifle in his truck for his own protection on his own property after encountering drug smugglers whom he knew to often be armed and dangerous.

DOYLE PRUITT

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Dignity needed in life and death

By Michael Swickard
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Columnists often write about abstract questions such as what is the legitimate role of government in a free society. But there is a practical component in our lives that is much more important. That core is human dignity. Day by day we lose more of our dignity and at death's door many are entirely stripped of it. Yet, rarely do we talk about this all important part of living and dying.

One hundred years from now it will be all new people. We are born, we live and then we die; each in our own way. The amount of dignity we have while we are living and subsequently dying measures our success.

Recently two acquaintances lost their wives. My heart goes out to them.

In another place and time, my beloved looked up wan and tiny in hospital bed sheets. She asked breathlessly, "Do you know what I've learned by my dying so young, so much in the prime of my life?"

I clasp her hand gently, thankful for what seemed a chance to understand this madness, this darkness that came over us suddenly. "What?" I asked.

"Not a thing," she sighed, closed her eyes and the lights went out. It took me quite a while to see she was telling me that we do not learn anything by death and everything by living. That she had her personal dignity at the time of her death was all we could take from that moment.

Some years ago, a doctor said it was cancer and that they had to operate quickly. I realized I was not afraid of dying; I just did not want to be there when it happened, because I feared a loss of dignity in my final days.

There is something worse than death. Since we all do have to die, what concerns me is how much dignity can I retain in those final days. The hospice movement of the last couple of decades has been wonderful. It focuses our attention from our inevitable death to the importance of retaining our dignity in those last times.

This is not so with much of what the government does. Our leaders do not recognize the currency of dignity. To me it is as important as freedom itself.

One place we see this is commercial flying. In our stocking feet we are herded through scanning protocols that seem absurd. The governor of Florida and brother of the president, Jeb Bush, was pulled aside and wanded a couple of years ago. What is the chance he or Al Gore, another person wanded, are terrorists planning on taking over the plane? Absolutely zero.

My buddy Dave and his wife were pulled out of line and carefully screened four times in a single visit to Seattle. Both are well into their 70s and quite feeble. You might make a case that Al Gore was going to snap and hijack the plane, but not Dave and his wife. Our government leaders do not ever think about our dignity, only their power over us.

It is said that where you are when you get your world view at about age 10 leaves a permanent impression upon your thinking. If you were 10 during the Depression, you will always feel you should save all you can. I lived in a Japanese village near Tokyo from ages 7 to 11. Close friends know I am quite Japanese at heart in that I have a strong belief in duty, honor and respect. I do not insult nor do I take insults well.

My most difficult moments are when government workers slur me in the ways they do defenseless people. It does not happen every day but often enough.

We as a society must guard our dignity from those who would take it and give special thanks to those who set up hospices specifically to give dignity to those final days and hours.

Michael Swickard can be contacted at michael@swickard.com

Continuing saga of abandoned horses

BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

I had a visit with the president of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) recently about the abandoned horse issue. My question to him was, "Since the problem is a direct result of the banning of equine slaughter plants, for which your group led the charge, what are you willing to do to help those of us who have inherited the responsibility for the mess you have made?"

We discussed the woefully inadequate plan to put them in "refuges." We both agreed that euthanasia is not a bad thing, but dumping your unwanted horse along the roadside, in private pastures, or on park land to die of starvation is not humane.

We considered having equine animal shelters, like dog pounds. Maybe one in every state that would accept horses at no charge, hold them for 30 days in hopes they could be adopted, then euthanize them. The facility should include a free pick-up service, a large "feedlot" to hold them and a rendering plant. He did not readily agree that his group would finance this national program. But they are the richest animal rights group in the world and what better way, I thought, to put their money where their convictions are.

The HSUS has made legitimate criticism of how some horses destined for distant slaughter plants in Canada and Mexico are transported. We livestock people are responsible for the animals in our care from conception until death. We cannot turn a blind eye to double decked trucks, too long hauls and mistreatment. The Department of Transportation or Agriculture should have laws that guarantee the horses' well being. We should ensure their enforcement.

It's good that we are talking, but this winter the public's awareness of the problem, and their deeper understanding of the cause, seem to be lifting the veil of ignorance which often blinds the naive but well-meaning, be they horse lovers, politicians or journalists. Starving horses are not a pretty sight.

Three states – with more to come – North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana are taking steps to examine the construction of horse slaughter plants to replace the ones the animal righters have had banned in Texas and Illinois. The day these new plants open up, the abandoned horse problem, with all its unintended abuse, will disappear. There would be a place for them to go.

There were several groups scrabbling around for answers this cold winter, to save unwanted horses from the misjudgment of these well-intentioned but irresponsible "animal lovers." I hear from them regularly. I suggest if you are one of these sale barn operators, ranchers, park rangers, farmers or rural residents who have inherited the problem, take photos of the horses, good or bad, that have been dumped in your area. Then when a state applies for a permit to build a new horse slaughter plant and the animal rights group protest, we will have an entire "Gallery of Abandoned Horses" to show the public the inhumanity of their policy. These photos would be very convincing. Our facts versus their perception. Of course, we could put pictures of abandoned horses on milk cartons with the caption "Brought to you by HSUS, PETA" and the "Frenchmen Should Not Eat Horsemeat Society!"

Black can be contacted at www.baxterblack.com.

FFA kids show off their steers

Lily Woodall, 12, stands with her year-old steer Fancy after they placed third in the FFA Steer Competition at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds Saturday, Feb. 21. The competition was part of FFA Week observances.

Brandon Williams,14, holds on to his heifer Asia. She is 13 months old and was entered in the heifer category.

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Work begins on pond to ease East Mesa flooding

Large pond to catch mountain runoff

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the city grew onto the East Mesa, seasonal storm runoffs often turned streets into rivers, flooding homes.

Officials hope that kind of flooding – most dramatically felt in the heavy rains of 2006 – will be less severe during the monsoon season with construction of the 125-acre Waterfalls Regional Pond. Work is already underway to clear the surface and move dirt.

At a ground-breaking ceremony Wednesday, Feb. 25, officials said they hope to have enough work completed to begin catching some of that runoff when monsoon season begins in June. By the time monsoon season ends, usually in September, they hope to have the project completed.

Located south of U.S. Highway 70 and east of Dunn Drive, the large pond is expected to hold 750 acre-feet of water, while doubling as a recreational park for East Mesa residents.

The pond was made possible, officials said, through a collaborative effort between Las Cruces city officials, the New Mexico State Land Office and a local developer.

State Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons said the project is a good example of how the different government entities can work together to improve conditions for residents, while continuing to bring more jobs to the community.

Assistant City Manager Robert Garza said the project was a rare example of government being able to do the right thing at the right time for people.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he was especially pleased the project will bring less worry to the East Mesa residents, who should welcome rain in the desert instead of dreading it. Also, Miyagishima said he hoped the pond will reduce the need for buying flood insurance, which is a burden for homeowners – especially those buying their first home.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

City, county and state officials, along with contractors and developers, break ground Wednesday, Feb. 25, on a 125-acre pond to reduce flooding in the East Mesa.

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Coming Up

Sobriety checkpoints

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint within city limits between now and Sunday, March 8.

The checkpoint is part of the police department's anti-DWI efforts. The enforcement activities may also include saturation, underage and party patrols.

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

Pet adoption event

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) will host a pet adoption event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Horse and Hound, 991 W. Amador Ave. The fee for adoption is $75 for dogs or puppies and $50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and a micro-chip.

Micro-chipping will be available for $20 for those who already have pets.

For more information, contact the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Cleanup at Alameda

Alameda Elementary School, 1325 N. Alameda Blvd., will host a "Keep Alameda Beautiful" cleanup day from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 7.

Alameda Elementary sponsors "Keep Alameda Beautiful" from 8 a.m. to noon, usually the first Saturday of the month, to clean up the grounds around the school.

Anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation can contact Dorothy Marshall at 527-9486 or dmarshal@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Meditation class Saturday

A meditation class titled "Advice for Anxious Times" is at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Alegre Health Haven on the corner of Alameda Boulevard and Picacho Avenue. The cost is $10 per person and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 312-9391 or visit www.meditationinnewmexico.org.

Cheer and dance competition

The Mayfield High School Trojan Invitational Cheer and Dance Competition will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the Mayfield High School gym. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children age 12 and under and free for children under 2.

Divisions for the competition are Youth/Elementary Cheer (building or non-building), Youth/Elementary Dance; Junior High/Middle School Cheer (building or non-building), Junior High/Middle School Dance; Freshmen Cheer (building or non-building); JV Cheer (building or non-building), JV Dance; Varsity Cheer (up to 30 members), Varsity Coed (up to 30 members, at least one male); and All Stars (youth, junior, senior).

For more information, contact Liz Briseño at 527-2884 or libriseno@lcps.k12.nm.us, or Natalie Neel at 479-461-6880 or natalie_neel@hotmail.com.-

Archeology in space

New Mexico State University College of Arts and Sciences will host Beth O'Leary, NMSU professor of anthropology, as part of its colloquium speaker series at 4 p.m. Monday, March 9, in Science Hall Room 107. In her presentation "Archaeology in Space: One Giant Leap for Historic Preservation" she will talk about the Apollo 11 Tranquility Base site on the moon, the location of the first manned lunar landing, as an archaeological site.

Each presentation in the colloquium series is given in a lecture format followed by a question and answer period. These presentations are free and open to the public. No tickets or reservations are required to attend. A parking permit for off-campus visitors may be obtained by visiting https://corridor.nmsu.edu/auxadmin/ParkingForms/epermit.asp.

Hospitality club meets

The Hospitality Club will hold its monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, at the Days Inn & Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel & Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The Modernaires from Las Cruces High School will provide entertainment. Everyone is welcome. For more information or to make reservations, call Lisa Conway at 635-9222.

Book fair at Jornada Elementary

The Jornada Elementary School library, 3400 Elks Drive, will hold its annual Scholastic book fair Monday through Friday, March 9 to 13. Family night will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 12.

There will be drawings for books and other fun prizes. Every Jornada student will receive one Golden Ticket to put his or her name and his or her teacher's name on it and return it to the library. They will have a drawing on Friday, March 13

For more information, contact Berna Gonzales at 527-9536, bergonza@lcps.k12.nm.us or visit http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/jornada.

Archeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Anthropologist Nancy Komulainen will give a Power Point presentation titled "The Classic Maya of the Southern Lowlands – A Glimpse into the Roadways of the Past and Snapshots of the Future." She will also show a selection of photographs from her travels to Mayan sites in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 524-9497.

Ed retirees meet

The featured speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees is retired Gen. James R. Morgan of the New Mexico National Guard, who will speak on the Playas Project in New Mexico. This project, associated with New Mexico Tech, is involved in Borderland Security and military training. The meeting will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Good Samaritan Society Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

All retirees who have worked in any educational organization and their spouses are welcome to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is $8. RSVPs are requested to Nova Jennet at 523-1129.

Concert at Sierra

The Sierra Middle School Choir will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the Sierra Middle School gymnasium, 1700 E. Spruce St.

Admission to the concert at the door is one can of food, or other non-perishable food item or 50 cents. All food collected will be donated to Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Casa de Peregrinos emergency food bank. All Sierra choirs will be singing during the performance.

For more information, contact Choir Director John Collaro at 527-9640, jcollaros@lcps.k12.nm.us or visit www.mvcommunityofhope.org/casadeperegrinos.html.

Democratic Party holds meeting

The Democratic Party of Doña Ana County Executive Committee will meet on at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Democratic Headquarters, 1400 S. Solano Drive. This is a schedule change from the normal meeting date. All Democrats are welcome to attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Melinda Whitley at 523-0470 or 496-5565.

NAACP meets Thursday

The NAACP, Doña Ana Branch, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the AFSCME Union Hall, located on the Downtown Mall between Griggs and May svenues near White's Music Box. The public is invited.

For more information, call 382-5011 or 382-5612.

Bicycle repair day

The Las Cruces Optimist Bike Club will hold a free bicycle repair day on Saturday, March 14, at the A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven, the home of Operation Weed and Seed.

The bike club will offer minor repairs for free from 8 a.m. to noon A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven located at 906 N. Tornillo St. Everyone who has a bike repaired at the center that day can enter a drawing to win a new bicycle.

The Optimist Bike Club is an active partner of Operation Weed and Seed, operated by the Las Cruces Police Department. It is a multi-agency program that "weeds" out violent crime, gang activity, drug use and drug activity in the targeted community. It then "seeds" the area by promoting social and economic revitalization. Children from throughout the neighborhood go to the Weed and Seed Safe Haven every day and take part in tutoring and structured activities.

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School kids and rocket enthusiasts celebrate anniversary of Apollo 9

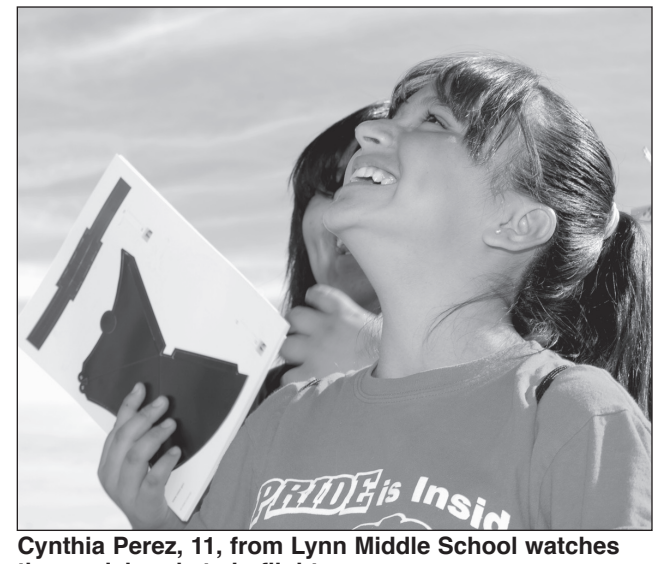
Tony Baca of the New Mexico Museum of Space History hands out toy rockets.

A Saturn V model floats down to the ground after its flight Tuesday over the New Mexico State University Campus. The event was part of March 3 Science Education Day, March 3, observed by schools nationwide. It also marked the 40th anniversary of to Apollo 9 launch.

Kids gathered in a crowd to watch the model rocket demonstrations.

Left, Red Mountain Middle School students Michael Alba, 14, Amber Tsougas, 13, and Mikey Hernandez, 12

Spaceport America Executive Director Steve Landeene speaks to the kids about the future of America's space program.



Cynthia Perez, 11, from Lynn Middle School watches the model rockets in flight.

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Reservoir Advisory

The San Juan Mountains in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico received some snow the last two weeks, but the snow pack still is lower than the 30-year average, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported in its Reservoir Advisory.

The Sangre de Cristo and Jemez mountains are showing signs of melting, which is early for this time of year.

Elephant Butte Irrigation District and El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 have been ordering water for about two weeks, which has drained the Elephant Butte Reservoir by more than 8,000 acre-feet.

The latest bureau storage figures are:

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NMSU President Associates Scholarship celebrates 30 years

Besides monetary supports, student scholars get professional assistance

The President's Associates (PA) Scholarship program provides outstanding New Mexico students with a remarkable educational experience. It is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the state. This year, the scholarship program celebrated its 30th aniversary with a gala on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

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"I would like to commend the President's Associates Scholars for having been awarded NMSU's most prestigious undergraduate scholarship," said Waded Cruzado, NMSU's interim president. "They are following in the footsteps of many outstanding alumni over the past 30 years who have taken advantage of this scholarship and who have made the very most out of their time on campus."

The President's Associates Scholarship was established in the 1978-79 academic year by then NMSU President Gerald Thomas, former vice president for development Steele Jones and business and community leaders led by the late Sen. Frank Papen.

Since its creation, the President's Associates Scholarship has been awarded to 300 students, representing every academic discipline and every community in New Mexico. Successful applicants exhibit a combination of outstanding academics, leadership skills and a commitment to community service. Many have become leaders on campus.

Fifty-five students, from hometowns across New Mexico and studying subjects across the curriculum, are currently NMSU President's Associates Scholars. The students receive the award as entering freshmen and are awarded the scholarship for four years.

"Being a President's Associates Scholar has enriched my experience at NMSU in many ways," said Amy Lamb, an NMSU senior studying agricultural economics and agricultural business. "In addition to financial assistance, PA Scholars are supported by a network of professionals that truly care about student success, and we enjoy the fellowship of past and present scholars."

Beginning in 1979, with an annual award to of $1,000, the scholarship is now valued at $8,500 each year, with $3,250 of that being donated by individuals, families and businesses. In total, more than $3 million has been raised, and a permanent endowment valued at nearly $2 million forms the foundation of future awards for New Mexico's best and brightest students.

The cornerstone for the President's Associates Scholarship program is its volunteer board. More than 125 dedicated community members have served on the President's Associates board, selecting the scholarship recipients, planning events for the students and raising funds. Two former President's Associates Scholars now serve on the board.

For more information about the President's Associates Scholarship, visit http://honors.nmsu.edu/PA/.

Bernadette Montoya (top row second from right), past New Mexico State University President's Associates President, poses with President's Associates Scholars Teresa Leslie, Valerie Beltran, Amy Lamb, Ashley Hicks, Anna Garliss and Alyssa Brooks at the President's Associates Dinner Saturday, Feb. 28, on the NMSU campus.

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Margie and Bobby Rankin, President Associates donors, dance at the dinner gala.

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Kaplan Holds Free Practice Test Event At DACC Workforce Center For Grad School Entrance Exams

Las Cruces, NM (March 14, 2009) – To help students prepare for graduate school entrance and professional licensing exams, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions and Doña Ana Community College will be offering free practice tests March 14th at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center at 2345 E. Nevada Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Practice tests to be administered will include the LSAT (law), GMAT (business), MCAT (medical), DAT (dental), PCAT (pharmacy), GRE (graduate), GRE biology subject test, GRE psychology subject test, NCLEX (nursing licensing), and USMLE (medical licensing).

At the event, students will be able to gauge their skills and get a feel for what to expect on the actual exam, as they will be tested under conditions that mimic the test day experience. In addition to the free practice tests, local Kaplan experts will provide overviews of each exam and their role in the admissions process. Participants can also receive their scores, complete with a personalized analysis of their performance, the following week.

This event is open to the public but all test-takers must register prior to attending. For more information or to register, call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptest.com/practice.

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Redlight cameras turned on

Warnings to be issued during first 30 days

Red light and speed enforcement cameras are in operation at three of Las Cruces' four busiest intersections.

The cameras are operating at Valley Drive and Avenida de Mesilla, North Main Street and Solano Drive and at Lohman Avenue and Walnut Street

Cameras at Lohman Avenue and Telshor Boulevard are currently being installed. The cameras will catch suspected red light runners and speeders by photo and video. Fines for running a red light begin at $100, and fines for speeding begin at $80.

However, there will be a 30-day grace period in effect whereby violators will be warned via mail and not cited. Violators will begin receiving citations around March 31. A 30-day grace period will begin at the Lohman and Telshor location once camera installation is complete.

Originally, city officials intended to have a 30-day grace period for all four intersections at once, but decided late last week to go ahead with starting the program on the three intersections where the cameras have been installed.

The cameras also can detect speeding at the intersections. The redlight camera violations will be considered civil citations and should not add points to a person's driving record.

Violations will be first reviewed by staff at Redflex – the Phoenix-based company putting in the system – before citations are posted on a website to be reviewed by a Las Cruces Police officer. If the officer agrees, Redflex mails a citation to the address on the car registration. The person receiving the citation can go to the same website to review the citation evidence. They can contest the citation in civil court or pay the fine. Not paying the fine can result in the car being impounded.

Crime Stoppers: Armed robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of $1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of two men involved in the Sunday-evening armed robbery of a local fast-food restaurant.

Las Cruces Police were called just before 11 p.m. Sunday, March 1, to the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant at 2424 N. Main St., after two men entered the business, threatened employees with handguns and took an undisclosed amount of cash. The men were last seen leaving the business through a back door.

Employees of the restaurant told police that both suspects displayed handguns. The suspects were said to be wearing dark-colored, possibly black, clothing and each was said to be wearing a black beanie-type cap.

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Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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

Legislature 2009

Senate OKs medical e-records

Emergency access to medical records to improve by allowing electronic storage

By Kate Nash
The New Mexican

After trying for three legislative sessions, Sen. Peter Wirth was able to get a majority of state senators to agree Tuesday, March 3, to a measure allowing patients and doctors to use electronic medical records.

Under the proposal, patients could opt to have their records made available electronically to doctors they authorize.

"It can be an extraordinary tool for someone ... who is willing to take the step," Wirth said during a debate on the floor, where the bill passed 36-4. "Or, for someone who is hurt or has a medical incident where they are not able to consent and provide those records, this tool could save their lives."

Wirth, D-Santa Fe, said the bill (SB 278) is not a mandate. "You've got to make the decision of whether you want your records available electronically," he said. "That's the decision that you as a patient are going to make."

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>
> Sen. PETER WIRTH, Sponsor

Patients would re-consent annually to have their information available electronically. In an emergency, a doctor would have access to records, similar to what is allowed under current law with traditional records.

The measure is a key part of Gov. Bill Richardson's health care package this session – a package that diminished greatly from last year, when the governor pushed a slew of bills aimed at reforming the health-care industry. The records bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Wirth and other supporters say the measure could save millions of dollars by helping avoid unneeded medical tests. "Duplicate X-rays, duplicate tests, those are all avoided when the doctor has the information in front of them," he said.

Critics in the past have worried the proposal could give unauthorized access to a person's medical records, but Wirth said safeguards are in place to protect against that. The bill sets up a unique identifier for each patient and an audit log for a patient to see who has accessed their information.

A patient also could choOse which of their records they want to be available electronically, and could withhold mental health records, for example, Wirth said. Or, he said, "You could decide, 'I want those online so if I have a seizure somewhere, somebody could pull them up.'"

Already, the state Department of Health is using electronic medical records in public health offices. The department has helped 122 providers set up electronic records systems and 600 doctors use the electronic system, a department spokesperson said.

Wirth estimated it would cost between $30,000 to $50,000 for an individual practitioner to set up the electronic records program. The federal stimulus package includes grants for which doctors may apply to set up an electronic system, he said.

State Sen. Gay Kernan, R-Hobbs, said security issues with the measure were resolved to her satisfaction. "We want to make sure info is exchanged so you get the right information going from place A to place B," she said.

Senate Minority Leader Stuart Ingle, R-Portales, voted against the measure because he worried doctors who use the electronic records could get a better Medicaid reimbursement rate than those who don't. "If we're going to have these medical records, we ought to treat everyone the same," he said.

Sen. Dede Feldman, D-Albuquerque, said the change would improve the quality of medical care and save lives.

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Tombaugh chair is endowed at NMSU

Endowment to honor the discoverer of Pluto and wife Patricia Tombaugh

Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered Pluto and dedicated his life to researching the stars and planets, was recently honored at an event celebrating his numerous accomplishments and announcing the creation of the Clyde and Patricia Tombaugh Endowed Chair in astronomy at New Mexico State University. The event and signing ceremony was held at the NMSU Golf Course Banquet Hall on Feb. 18.

The endowed chair will allow NMSU to bring a visiting faculty or scholar member into the Department of Astronomy.

Clyde Tombaugh's discoveries have shaped and advanced the body of knowledge in the field of astronomy. For many years, individuals have provided support for the endowment of an astronomy scholar position at NMSU, the state's land-grant university. When combined, these contributions have grown to support an endowed chair bearing Clyde Tombaugh's name.

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>
> PATRICIA TOMBAUGH

"I am honored this endowed chair has been created. It feels like a dream," said Patsy Tombaugh, Clyde's wife. "I hope this gift will further stimulate growth in the overall quality of the astronomy department and its faculty and lead others to consider making similar investments."

In 1926, at the age of 20, Tombaugh built his first telescope. Dissatisfied with the result, he determined to master optics, and built two telescopes in the next two years, grinding his own lenses and mirrors and further honing his skills.

Using these homemade telescopes, he made drawings of the planets Mars and Jupiter and sent them to the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. The astronomers at Lowell were so impressed with the young amateur's powers of observation they invited him to work at the observatory.

Tombaugh stayed at the Lowell Observatory for the next 14 years. The young astronomer earned a permanent place in the history of science when he discovered the planet Pluto on Feb. 18, 1930.

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Members of the Tombaugh family and NMSU administrators gather at the Clyde and Patricia Tombaugh Endowed Chair signing ceremony.

Tombaugh came to NMSU as a faculty member in 1955 and was with the university until he retired in 1973. While at NMSU, he started the Planetary Group, an astronomy research program, and he was instrumental in designing and obtaining funding for the university's Tortugas Mountain Observatory. He was also largely responsible for making the astronomy program a separate department at NMSU.

"Many factors have come together to allow this endowed chair to happen," said Nick Franklin, vice president of advancement and executive director of the NMSU Foundation. "We have strong support from the university, deep interest from the Department of Astronomy, student interest at NMSU and donors who see NMSU becoming an important center of excellence in astronomical sciences."

During the event, a signing ceremony officially established the Clyde and Patricia Tombaugh Endowed Chair. On hand for the signing were Patsy Tombaugh, NMSU Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Bob Moulton, astronomy professor Bernard McNamera, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Pamela Jansma and Nick Franklin.

> We are especially happy that this honors Clyde and his wife who contributed so much to this department.
>
> BERNARD McNAMERA, astronomy professor

"The Department of Astronomy will benefit for many decades because of the generous spirit of all the people who have made the Clyde and Patricia Tombaugh Endowed Chair possible," McNamera said. "We are especially happy that this honors Clyde and his wife who contributed so much to this department."

The Clyde and Patricia Tombaugh Endowed Chair honors the astronomical contributions of Clyde Tombaugh. The endowed chair will provide salary support for an astronomer, either as a post-doctoral or lecturer appointment at NMSU, or to support a visiting professor. The individual will deliver lectures designed to enhance the instructional, research or service programs of the Department of Astronomy.

The length of the appointment and yearly salary of the appointee will be recommended by the Tombaugh Chair Committee.

The NMSU Foundation is a separately incorporated, nonprofit organization developed solely for the benefit of New Mexico State University. The purpose of the foundation is to secure, manage and invest private gifts for the benefit of NMSU's education and public-service programs. For more information, visit http://giving.nmsu.edu.

Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto in 1930 while working at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. The astronomer was a mainstay on the NMSU campus for many years.

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New school board members sworn in

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

District Judge Jerald Valentine swears in Las Cruces school board member Chuck Davis on Monday, March 2, in the Las Cruces Public Schools administration building's board room. Not only is he the only remaining incumbent who won re-election last month, he is now the only male on the board.

Valentine swears in newly elected Las Cruces school board member Maria Flores, who defeated incumbent Gene Gant for her position on the board.

Valentine swears in newly elected Las Cruces school board member Serena Shoop. She took the seat from incumbent Leonel Briseño.

Dr. Seuss' birthday celebrated

Students in Teresa Valenzuela's dual-language kindergarten class at Central Elementary School return to the building after participating in the Read Across America celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday Monday, March 2, which was held on the school's basketball courts. Schools across the country celebrated the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, the children's book author better known as Dr. Seuss. His books include "The Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Horton Hears a Who."

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International commission hits its 120th anniversary

IBWC traces its roots to 1889 treaty

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, will mark its 120th anniversary in March, a commission spokesperson announced in a news release.

The commission was established in March 1889 in a treaty that read, in part:

"A convention between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico to facilitate the carrying out of the principles contained in the Treaty of Nov. 12, 1884, and to avoid the difficulties occasioned by reason of the changes which take place in the beds of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River."

At that time, the commission's main responsibility was to resolve issues that were caused when the river that was part of the boundary changed course.

The 1944 Water Treaty expanded the commission's mission and changed its name to the International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S.-Mexico. It also became responsible for the distribution of Rio Grande and Colorado River water between the two countries, flood control and sanitation.

"The commission has demonstrated how two countries can resolve water issues peacefully," said U.S. Commissioner C.W. "Bill" Ruth. "Managers from international river basins around the world turn to us to learn how they can better manage their systems."

"Over its 120-year history, the commission has become a model for other international commissions worldwide," said interim Mexican Commissioner Luis Antonio Rascon. "Being an organization headed by engineers allows commission issues to be addressed from a technical perspective, making it possible for practical engineering-based solutions to be presented to the two governments."

This policy has been successful in guaranteeing the safety of border communities with dam maintenance and flood control, he said.

Two major IBWC projects in the region are the Amistad and Falcon dams, two international storage reservoirs on the Rio Grande that provide water supply, flood control and hydroelectric power to users in both countries, according to a release.

The IBWC provides technical assistance for other sanitation projects to obtain certification through the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and financing from the North American Development Bank.

Currently, the IBWC is working with authorities in the U.S. and Mexico on Rio Grande and Colorado River projects to ensure that water supplies and infrastructures in the basins are able to meet the needs of both countries.

The commissions work out of headquarters in El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.

Developing tree structure is critical for pecan farmers

Pecan conference attendees learn how shaping young trees pays off in yield

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Pecan growers must design young trees to harvest profitable yields, a pecan specialist said at the 43rd annual Western Pecan Growers Association Conference in Las Cruces.

"Design is important because the first five years of the life of the pecan tree are critical so that the tree can develop good structure and earlier yields and earlier profits," said Robert E. Call, extension agriculture agent, University of Arizona.

Pecan trees have two kinds of buds, vegetative buds for growth and flowering buds for pollination. He advised removing the vegetative primary buds, which grow upright, and leaving the secondary buds, which develop into lateral branches.

After the first year of planting, growers should cut the tree central leader off about one-third to a half. In the second year after planting, growers should modify central leaders and clip side shoots to force more lateral branches, Call said.

"You want to get a good crotch angle, more than 60 percent so that the bark can knit together for a strong attachment to form the scaffold of the tree," he said. "The scaffold forms the architect of the tree for its entire life."

The pecan specialist also advised leaving the lower branch growth – known as "trashy trunk limbs" – to grow for the first three years.

"Research has shown that leaving the lower limbs grow will increase trunk girth and stimulate root growth, which transfers the nutrients," Call said. "The higher limbs provide less root growth. Cut the lower trashy trunk limbs when they're about an inch thick."

Call said development in the trees during these years will be evident 30 or 40 years later. He advises coating tree trunks with white latex paint on the south-southwest side to reflect the sunlight.

"During the day, the sunlight causes unprotected tree trunks to expand and at night to contract," he explained. "This expanding and contracting causes cracking in the tree trunks."

Pecans profitable for local farmers

Richard J. Heerema, New Mexico State University Extension pecan specialist, said pecans have become one of the more profitable crops for local farmers.

The state pecan acreage increased from 37,763 acres in 2002 to 39,245 acres in 2007. In 2002, New Mexico had 4,640 acres of young, non-bearing pecan trees on 584 farms that required special designing. Now, many are producing, according to the USDA National Agriculture Statistic Service.

Noting that it was an off-year in yields, the quality was good for the Pecan Show, and many contest pecan nuts had better than 60 percent kernel content, said County Extension horticulturist Jeffery Anderson.

"This is a great chance for western pecan growers to get together to discuss and learn about the latest research," Call said about the conference.

About 75 Mexican growers and processors attended the conference, which attracted about 70 exhibitors, including parking lot exhibits and booths.

"We get a lot of knowledge, and they show a lot of useful equipment," said Salvador Llorens of Torreon, Coahuila.

"Everthing is excellent," said Quirino Tellez of Chihuahua, Mexico. "We get a lot of information and see a lot of new machinery."

At the Pecan Food Fantasy contest

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This turtle-shaped pecan yeast bread was created by Bertha Tangonan.

The ballrooms of the Hotel Encanto were filled with various pecan delicacies waiting to be judged.

Estelle Berger (left) and Barbara Berger judge appetizers. Shown here is an appetizer of bacon covered with pecans.

Willis Fedio, lab director for the food safety lab at New Mexico State Univerity, judges pecan pies during the Pecan Food Fantasy competition Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Hotel Encanto.

The Pecan Food Fantasy winners:

- Best of Show, Carole Smith, Cleveland, Okla., Pawnee, 60 percent pecan content
- Grand Champion Seedling, Farmers Investment Co., Sahuarita, Ariz., 67 percent
- Best Western Variety, Nichola Culcasi, Anthony, N.M., 63.2 percent
- Best Wichita Variety, Belding Farms, Fort Stockton, Texas, 63.5 percent
- Reserve Champion Improved Variety, Ideal, Rio Bravo Farms, Tornillo, Texas, 62.9 percent
- Reserve Champion Western, Dori Whitney, Canutillo, Texas, 60.5 percent
- Reserve Champion Wichita, Rio Bravo Farms, 62 percent
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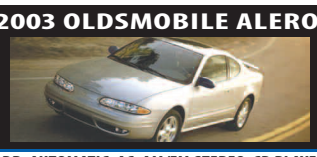

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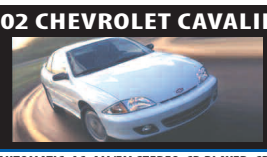

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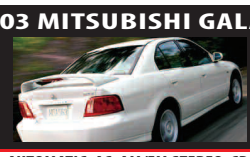

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Entering a new ICE age

Changing I-9 law to bring big fines

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Beginning April 3, employers will enter a new ICE age.

According to a notice published in the Federal Register in December 2008, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will require employers to adhere to new standards when completing the I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification Form.

So what's the big deal?

The new I-9 form, which all employers must complete to verify the identities and citizenship of all newly hired employees, has new requirements for the list of approved documents that employees can present to verify their identity and work authorization.

They are divided into three sections:

- List A documents verify identity and employment authorization
- List B documents verify identity only
- List C documents verify employment authorization only

The new changes include the following:

Expired documents: Previously acceptable expired List A and List B documents will no longer be accepted.

Forms I-688, I-688A and I-688B: These temporary resident cards, no longer being issued, will no longer be acceptable List A documents.

Immigrant visa with temporary I-551 printed notation: List A will now include a foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 printed notation on an immigrant visa.

The new form also will include new revisions to the employee attestation in Section 1.

Brenda Smith, a human resources executive and consultant for more than 15 years, will offer two workshops in Las Cruces to help businesses avoid fines when the new forms are implemented in April.

"Many employers make the mistake of thinking that the I-9 is just another piece of paper," Smith said. "They have to understand the requirements of law regarding immigration. We're looking at thousand-dollar mistakes."

The workshops are being held in partnership with the New Mexico Extension and Manufacturing Partnership and will be held March 9 and 13 at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, Room 127.

Smith said that during her first three New Mexico workshops, offered last week in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Farmington, she discovered more than $700,000 in potential fines from employers that brought in their sample I-9 forms.

"They think they're doing it right, and they're not," Smith said.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the New Mexico MEP at 505-262-0921.

St. Clair: From grapes to great

Local winery tops California greats, wins 15 medals

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Lecombes have won national recognition for New Mexico wines, surpassing most California wines.

During the 2009 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition last month, the DH Lescombes Cabernet Limited Release was one of only six wines to win the Best-of-the-Best Sweepstakes Award.

Ray Johnson, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition assistant director, gave credit to Southwest wines for being able to top its West Coast competition, which have dominated the event in past years.

Southwest Wines won 15 medals, including two gold medals for the '07 DH Limited Release Mourvedre and NV St. Clair Port; six silver medals for the '07 Blue Teal Muscat Canelli, '07 DH Lescombes Syrah, '07 DH Lescombes Limited Release Renaissance, '07 DH Lescombes Limited Release Petit Verdot, '07 San Felipe Ruby Cabernet and NV Chocolate d'Vine; and eight bronze medals.

"Much like the Judgment of Paris in the '70s, when California wines were first honored at an international tasting, this competition has drawn attention to the excellence of the wines being produced in the Southwest," Southwest Wines President Herve Lescombes said in his St. Clair Winery & Bistro restaurant at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. "For the first time, California's Napa Valley and Sonoma were defeated. Out of 4,700 competitors, St. Clair Winery was named Best Red Wine in the USA."

Southwest Wines is the marketing company for St. Clair Winery in Deming.

"The Lescombes family and Southwest Wines have demonstrated the potential and capability of New Mexico wine growers to create outstanding wines," said Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez, New Mexico secretary of agriculture. "We are proud of our state's wine growers."

MARVIN TESSNEER | The Las Cruces Bulletin
Herve Lescombes discusses winemaking while displaying his prize-winning wine. He said the New Mexico climate is favorable for growing quality wine.

Lescombes works with his sons. Florent is the head winemaker at their St. Clair Winery which also employs a French winemaker, Philippe Lilo.

Emmanuel runs the vineyard near Lordsburg.

Herve Lescombes describes himself as "retired," but drives from Las Cruces to the Lordsburg vineyard three times a week to assist with farming, pruning and handling the cuttings.

Lescombes came to Las Cruces from Algiers via France 28 years ago.

"This award tells me that I was right to come here," Lescombes said. "It has been 28 years of fighting and improving the vineyard and winery, and it finally has paid off. I'm very happy for my children and grandchildren. My only regret is that my wife is not here to enjoy the award."

See **Lescombes** on PAGE A24

Real estate guru on the hunt

Graft partners with FIG Publications to market local real estate

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Sid Graft is bullish on the Las Cruces housing market, and soon she'll have the papers to prove it.

Within the next 30 days, Graft – the newest member of the Las Cruces Bulletin management team – will launch HouseHunt, a bi-weekly real estate guide for Las Cruces and southern New Mexico.

Though national economic woes have put some relocation plans on hold for people moving to southern New Mexico, Graft – HouseHunt general manager – believes the time is right to offer the real estate community a new, higher-quality publication featuring area homes and lots for sale.

"We are not as affected by the economy," Graft said. "I know things

See **HouseHunt** on PAGE A25

Real estate marketing expert, Sid Graft, has joined the Las Cruces Bulletin to launch HouseHunt, a bi-weekly real estate magazine.

THERESA MONTOYA BASALDUA
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At the MVEDA luncheon

MVEDA members Sara Pirayesh Sanders and Vickie Galindo gathered for the monthly luncheon and to meet new MVEDA CEO Davin Lopez.

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance's monthly Business on the Border luncheon was held Tuesday, March 3 at the Day's Inn & Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel & Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. From left are Bob DeKinder, Bank of the West representatives Rob Turner, Jeffery Silva and Shirley Hitso, MVEDA CEO Davin Lopez and Steve Carter.

Hatch Mayor Judd Nordyke and former Las Cruces Mayor Bill Mattiace visit at the monthly MVEDA luncheon.

Las Cruces Public Schools Career and Technical Coordinator Candice McDonald and James Stalker at the MVEDA monthly luncheon

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In Good Company: Allen Theatres

Allens continue New Mexico 'cinedynasty'

Family-owned chain opens cinema, café

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's not often a movie theater chain can be called an empire.

But for many New Mexico moviegoers, Allen Theatres has become synonymous with Hollywood.

Founder Frank Allen arrived in New Mexico in 1884 and in 1912 opened the Allen Opera House in Farmington, N.M., a movie house that featured Frank's youngest daughter, Mary, on the piano as the "cue" for the silent motion pictures.

"The (Opera House) had one screen, 700 seats and a balcony," said Russell Allen, vice president of Allen Theatres. "A few years later we opened the Totah, which in Navajo means 'where three rivers meet.' It had 500 seats."

Much has changed since then, but the Allen family has stayed true to Frank Allen's vision.

The family-owned theater chain now owns and operates 15 cinemas in New Mexico, with its most recent addition being the Cineport 10 in Las Cruces.

"Obviously its now our flagship theater," Allen said. "It's our adventure into all the possible available services that we can offer."

> "You can go to the other side of the world for two hours for 10 bucks."
>
> RUSSELL ALLEN, vice president

Allen says unlike most other sectors, the cinema business continues to thrive because during tough economic times, people need a release. He sees no better way to eliminate stress than by going to the movies, an American pastime he is happy to embrace.

"It's a relatively inexpensive escape," Allen said. "You can go to the other side of the world for two hours for 10 bucks. That's the appeal; a lot of people need at least two hours away. They do here what they can't do in reality."

With more than 60 years of combined experience in the cinema industry, the father-son duo of Russell and Larry Allen have now decided to venture into the restaurant business.

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Russell Allen, vice president of Allen Theatres, said he is expecting a big turnout for the grand opening of Cineport 10, the Allen's "flagship theater," Friday, March 6.

The Launch Pad Café, housed inside the Cineport 10, will have a "bistro-style" atmosphere and serve pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, salads, coffees and desserts.

"My father has always wanted a restaurant," Allen said. "We're hoping now that the restaurant will stand on its own two feet. It's not there specifically for the moviegoers. It will be open for lunch and dinner every day."

Staying true to the same customer-oriented business principles of the movie business, the Launch Pad Café should see much of the same success, Allen said.

Allen Theatres employs more than 500 people in New Mexico and approximately 100 in Las Cruces. The Cineport 10 alone employs more than 50, and "if that's not enough we'll add more," Allen said.

The Cineport 10 will show its first movie, "The Watchmen," at 11:20 a.m. Friday, March 6.

"We're expecting a big crowd," Allen said.

History of Allen Theatres

1884: Allen Theatres' founder Frank Allen arrives in New Mexico at age 24

1912: Frank Allen opens the Allen Opera House in Farmington, N.M.

1912: Frank Allen passes away

1941: Aztec Theatre in Aztec, N.M. is purchased and rebuilt by the Allen family

1952: Russell Allen, Frank Allen's son, and his wife Helen, along with business partners Kelly and Evelyn Crawford, build two drive-in theatres, The Apache Twin and The Valley

1961: Russell Allen, Frank Allen's son, passes away

1971: Cameo Theatre opens in Farmington, N.M., becoming the first fully-automatic theater in the state

1975: Larry and Lane Allen buy Allen Theatres from Helen Allen

1982: Larry and Lane Allen buy all the movie theaters in Las Cruces – a total of 11 screens

1990: Larry and Lane buy out a major portion of United Artist's circuit in New Mexico

1998: The Telshor Cinemas are built in Las Cruces, surpassing the Allen 8 as the largest Allen-owned theater

2008: 3-D screens added to seven New Mexico locations: Las Cruces, Farmington, Roswell, Alamogordo, Gallup, Clovis and Hobbs

2009: March 6, Cineport 10 opens in Las Cruces, the Allens' "flagship theater."

Q&A: Talking business with vice president Russell Allen

What inspired you to go into business?
Seeing that our customers are always happy to see us. Movies touch everybody's life at one point or another.

What is unique about your business?
We're a fourth-generation business.

What is your business philosophy?
Offer the best products for the best price

What is the best business decision you've made so far?
To stay in the family business

What is the one thing about your business that you wish people knew?
That we don't choose the movies we play. We play what Hollywood gives us to play.

What business would you like to see in Las Cruces?
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What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
It's been good to us

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Existing homes sell

Want to understand the housing market? Take a look at these local buying and selling trends. Used homes continue to outsell new homes, 3 bedroom homes are still the most popular and in the desert, refrigerated air conditioning is a big draw.

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

Las Cruces area home-sale overview for January and February 2009

Homebuyer preferences Of the 130 buyers who purchased homes	Property facts Of the 130 homes that sold
92.3% chose a site-built, detached home	29.2% were brand new
73.8% purchased a home containing 2 full baths	70.8% were previously owned
70.8% opted to purchase an existing home	$190,894 was the average final selling price
61.5% bought a home with refrigerated air conditioning	1,823 was the average square footage of the heated and cooled area
60.8% bought a 3 bedroom home	$104.71 was the average price paid per square Foot
29.2% chose a new home	43.1% sold after reducing the asking price at least once
23.8% chose a 4 bedroom home	94.8% was the average percent of the final asking price achieved
11.5% opted for a home containing 2 bedrooms	16.9 years was the average age (circa 1992)
10.0% participated in a 3rd party approval sale	171 was the average number of the days on the market
9.2% bought a home containing 3 baths	66.2% had a garage or carport
8.5% purchased a home containing 1.5 or 1.75 baths	76.9% were located within the city limits of Las Cruces
7.7% opted to purchase a 2-story home	14.6% were located in the Jornada/Las Colinas area
7.7% chose a home containing only 1 bathroom	12.3% were located in the Sonoma Ranch area
6.9% participated in a short-sale transaction	8.5% were situated in the High Range area
5.4% bought a townhome	16.2% were located in the Extra Territorial Zone (ETZ)
3.1% purchased a home with a swimming pool	5.4% were located in the south valley
2.3% opted to purchase a condominium	1 was located in Hatch

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Ribbon Cutting
First American Bank

STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

First American Bank staff cut the ribbon on a new Chaparral location Friday, Feb. 27. The ceremony included, from left: Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce member Doug Boberg, First American Bank staff member Blanca Aguilar, Vice President of Marketing Sandy Mead, Branch Manager Imelda Quintana, CEO Everett Crawford, Russell Foddrill, Sara Ochoa, Janet Flores and GLCCC Conquistadore Kiel Hoffman.

Lescombes

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His wife Danielle, who died last year, ran a former Lescombes enterprise, the Blue Teal wine tasting room.

Lescombes emphasizes quality control in farming and wine making.

"Only good grapes make good wine," Lescombes said. "It takes 10 years from the first test of vine cuttings to grow grapes to the first glass of wine."

Grape growers keep testing for new and improved varieties. They work with vine cuttings, or wood, because they preserve the grape characteristics, Lescombes said.

"First you have to see if the cuttings will grow here, and then you have to test the grapes to see if they make good wine," Lescombes said. "It's a long-time program. You have to multiply the number of vines from cuttings and rootings for a new supply every year."

Growing grapes for wine requires good farming techniques, a healthy balance between a good leaf canopy and fruit and protecting the vines from fungus and rot, Lescombes said.

Winemakers also have to control temperatures at the winery for quality. They harvest grapes at night after the daytime temperature has dropped. When the grape juice is in the tanks, they frequently have to cool the juice to control fermentation, Lescombes said.

"When you put the cork in the bottle, you have to be 100 percent sure of the product, you can't recall the bottle," Lescombes said. "One mistake and you're out of business."

Winemaking requires a big investment in the vineyards, winery and inventory.

"If you combine the fruit, bulk wine and bottles, it takes a two-year inventory that you never sell because you have to make sure that you have the supply to keep running the business," Lescombes said.

Lescombes learned how to run the winemaking business in Algeria, France, and now New Mexico.

Lescombes was born in Algeria, North Africa, which had been a French colony for 130 years.

In 1962, the French government pulled out of Algeria, and one million French people had to "escape," Lescombes said. "The French and the Arabs were shooting at us. We had to start from scratch in France," he recalled.

The Algerians, known as Pieds Noir or Blackfeet, were not always welcome in France. And the French government was slow in making compensation, which was inadequate for the farms and wineries they had lost in Algeria, Lescombes said.

"By the time they paid the compensation, many of the Algerian people were dead," he said.

Lescombes continued in the grape-growing and wine-making business in Burgundy until 1980 when he sold the business and moved to the United States. At first, he had planned to move to Argentina because of its good farmland.

"But some people in the wine business said that they were looking for European winemakers here to develop the wine business, and I moved to New Mexico," Lescombes said. "I liked it here because it looks a lot like North Africa. New Mexico with this dry, hot climate keeps the fruit free of mold and fungus and allows the grapes to ripen perfectly."

The Lescombes grow about 40 varieties of grapes on more than 180 acres in their Lordsburg vineyard, 1,000 vines per acre, that produce 2 million pounds of grapes a year.

"And we have a very efficient watering system that delivers the water to the vines at root level," he said.

Their winery processes about 3 million pounds of grapes annually to produce 1 million bottles of wine, which means they have to buy grapes from other vineyards, but they plan to double their acreage within 10 years, Lescombes said.

CFSNM develops Community Legacy Society

Thanking donors today for tomorrow's gifts

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) wants to thank today's donors for tomorrow's gifts.

Earlier this month, the CFSNM Board of Directors developed the Community Legacy Society with the sole purpose of honoring donors who make planned gifts – receivable when the donors or their heirs pass away – to the foundation. Examples of planned and deferred gifts include wills or bequests, trusts and insurance policies.

Over the next 50 years, Americans will witness the greatest transfer of wealth in history – perhaps as much as $41 trillion. Yet studies indicate that up to 70 percent of Americans have not made provisions for their estates. Most do not even have wills. The CFSNM recognized the potential transfer of wealth within the community and created the Community Legacy Society in an effort to encourage charitable giving through estate planning.

Hue McCoy has been actively involved in the community, serving as a board member on the former Memorial Medical Center Foundation Board and as a member of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club. McCoy has worked with Jardin de los Niños since its conception, when the group began within Peace Lutheran Church where McCoy is a member. Because McCoy wanted to have a lasting effect on Jardin de los Niños, he started an insurance policy he designated for the organization that focuses on childcare for homeless or near-homeless children. Each year, McCoy makes a tax-deductible contribution to the CFSNM and the foundation pays the premium on the insurance policy as the sole owner and beneficiary of the policy. When McCoy passes away, the proceeds from the insurance policy will move into an endowment for Jardin de los Niños.

"I believe in the long run many of our organizations are not going to survive unless they receive some type of long-term and permanent funding," said McCoy, who also started a small policy for the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico (HFSNM). "Especially in hard times like we see now."

Amy Buesing, a board member of the CFSNM, also started an insurance policy that is owned by the HFSNM. Each year Amy made a charitable contribution to the HFSNM and the HFSNM paid the premium. The HFSNM is the sole owner and beneficiary of the policy, and Buesing received a tax deduction for her gift.

"What appealed to me the most was the opportunity to leave a significant gift. A gift much bigger than I would have been able to leave otherwise," Buesing said. "This is an important way to give back to the community with a long-lasting gift."

McCoy and Buesing both believe making planned or deferred gifts is a win-win situation for everyone in the community.

"I'm hoping over time almost every member of the community will consider doing something like this," McCoy said.

The Community Legacy Society formally recognizes the charitable act of each donor like McCoy and Buesing. With the donor's permission, the recognition may include the announcement of the gift to the community, listing of the donor's name on the website and in publications and invitations to events and programs by the CFSNM. The purpose of the Community Legacy Society is synonymous with the mission of the CFSNM: linking donors with community needs and securing the community's future.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM uses knowledge to help connect people who care with causes that matter. Donors are encouraged to inquire about donating to an existing fund or creating a new fund. Call the CFSNM at 521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org for information about making a charitable contribution to your community.

Community Legacy Society

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico encourages every community member to become a part of the Community Legacy Society.

Purpose: honoring donors today who make planned gifts for tomorrow

How: planned or deferred gifts to the CFSNM including wills or bequests, trusts and insurance policies

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HouseHunt

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are slower now than they were in the last few years, but people are still trying to move here. This will be the best publication for those in the home sales and construction industries to reach people either relocating to the area or just moving across town," Graft said. She said it also will be a valuable tool for those who are thinking of listing their home, remodeling or refinancing.

Graft has been working with real estate companies, builders, mortgage lenders, home decorators and other ancillary businesses over the past several weeks as she gets HouseHunt rolling. "Homebuilders and real estate agents I have spoken with so far have been pretty excited," she said.

"Initially we will be inserting HouseHunt in the Bulletin to introduce it to key neighborhoods in Las Cruces," Graft said. HouseHunt also will be available for pick up from more than 200 racks and selected retail countertops around town. "And we will be placing HouseHunt in strategic locations to reach those traveling through Las Cruces," Graft said, adding that she is targeting hotels, motels, restaurants and visitors' centers.

Graft brought the first homes magazine to Las Cruces in 1979.

She was a Las Cruces Realtor in the early 70s. She moved with her family to Dothan, Ala., where she found their home in the local homes magazine. "I thought it was a good idea for Las Cruces, not knowing we would move back one day," Graft said.

After returning to Las Cruces, Graft found an Arizona-based partner and launched a homes guide, but over time felt she could take better care of her customers on her own. In 1986 she started her own company, Real Estate Press, and after several unsolicited offers, sold it in 1995.

Graft returned to the real estate industry working for Paul Curry when he chaired the Doña Ana County Commission in 2003. She then went to work for Mountain Dreams where she was responsible for the Real Estate Guide, Living in Las Cruces, Spring Showcase of Homes and Fall Parade of Homes magazines, and the Visitors Map & Guide. She recently served as interim association manager for the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, now the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico.

"We are delighted to have someone with Sid's credentials overseeing this important new marketing tool," said Jaki McCollum, president and business manager of FIG Publications and the Las Cruces Bulletin. "Like Sid, we think the market is ripe for this type and quality of magazine to serve our growing community."

"We are not afraid of the economy," Graft said. "I want to help people market their real estate products. It's fun, challenging and I like promoting the industry."

Sid Graft, general manager of Fig Publications' new HouseHunt, has been meeting with Realtors, builders and other businesses about the new home sales magazine.

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Ethics reform long overdue

Pay-to-play scandals illustrate need for new laws

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

Reports out of Santa Fe reveal that lobbyist spending is way down. Lobbyists are required to file within 48 hours any spending in excess of $500; that is, lobbyists are required to report when they throw a party. Filings are way down. Apparently, there isn't much partying going on in Santa Fe. The reason is obvious – budget shortfalls mean no money to spend so no need to influence lawmakers.

If one needed any more evidence that lobbyists believe pay-to-play is the rule in New Mexico, I don't know what it would be. And this is a sad comment on the state of our politics. New Mexico has the least effective public ethics laws in the country. We are the only state that doesn't compensate legislators. We are the only state without a campaign contribution cap. We are one of only 10 states without an independent ethics board.

The system is such that it is very difficult for even well-meaning legislators to resist taking payments from lobbyists. Legislators are not paid for expenses incurred in performing their public duties beyond a per diem when on legislative business. Under state law, they can use campaign donations to cover expenses reasonably related to legislative duties. This means that many legislators find themselves faced with financing their public service either out of their own pockets – something that only wealthy legislators can afford to do – or taking campaign donations from lobbyists. Faced with this dilemma, many choose to take contributions.

The lack of ethics reform seems to breed scandal. Two former state treasurers were convicted of pay-to-play crimes: A former Senate Pro Tem is in jail for construction kickbacks, and there's a cloud over Gov. Bill Richardson arising from a federal grand jury investigation into the letting of state contracts.

The fact is, New Mexico is developing a reputation for corruption. This is bad news for our state. Corruption adds to the cost of doing business and to the extent that corruption is unpredictable, it increases risk. Even if our state is no more corrupt than other states, it makes no difference. The whiff of corruption is enough to scare away business. This is why the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce is supporting ethics reform.

Richardson called for ethics reform in his State-of-the-State address. Indeed, the governor has pushed for reform over the last several years, having created an ethics task force in 2006. (The task force was co-chaired by my boss, Garrey Carruthers.) That task force made a number of recommendations, some of which were enacted – public funding of contested judicial elections and limits on gifts to public officials – but a number of recommendations remain to be enacted.

Common Cause New Mexico, the citizens' lobbying organization, is pushing three recommendations for the task force: imposition of caps on campaign donations, establishment of an independent ethics board with the power of investigation and reprimand, and the expansion of public financing of campaigns.

A number of local legislators have taken up the cause of ethics reform. Among these are Reps. Jeff Steinborn and Joe Cervantes. Let's wish them well and hope for their success.

Chris Erickson is an associate professor of economics and international business at NMSU. The views expressed here are his own and may not represent the views of the administration or Board of Regents of NMSU.

Building Las Cruces
Copperstone Villas

Crestline Building Corporation is developing Copperstone Villas at 2775 N. Roadrunner Parkway. The planned 410-unit apartment complex is being built in phases, with 140 phase I units to be available for leasing in July.

KRISTINE SANDRICK
The Las Cruces Bulletin

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report February 27, 2009

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20090982	Norman A. and Jean Carsey	Norman A. and Jean Carsey	Res/Add	2913 Karen Drive	$2,000	$46
20091008	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	Ken Thurston Development Corp.	Res/New	4957 Sherwood Road	$141,614	$3,309
20091001	Warren Construction	Daniel Koesters	Res/Add	4250 Canyon Ridge Arc	$53,250	$291
20091006	Guadalupe Garcia	Guadalupe and Norma Garcia	Res/Add	1116 Chapparro St.	$5,000	$57
20090980	Dimsha Construction	Miera Martin S and Merlene V Tr	Res/Add	765 Creed Ave.	$40,000	$239
20090941	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3572 Sierra Bonita Ave.	$159,736	$3,641
20091002	Summit Development	Sonoma Ranch Subdivision Ltd Co.	Res/New	4461 Ojo Caliente Circle	$271,912	$3,832
20090994	Del Rey Unlimited	EP GMP II LP	Comm/Alt	540 Walton Blvd.	$24,000	$169
20090974	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Thomas E. and Joni J. Harrison	Reroof	1261 Southridge Drive	$11,985	$98
20091019	GMJ Enterprises	David B. Coon and Jeannie Rose	Reroof	1010 Calle del Encanto	$3,250	$47
20090971	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3617 Sierra Bonita Ave.	$158,916	$3,639
20090900	Adrian R. and Cleofas Ogaz	Adrian R. and Cleofas Ogaz	Reroof	1977 Mahagony Drive	$1,500	$41
20090914	Expert Construction	Sylvia A. Romero	Reroof	1215 Third St.	$1,300	$39
20090918	Sun Vista Construciton Inc.	Binns Ltd Co. 1634047	Res/New	3063 Quannah Wild	$208,608	$3,423
20090979	A & A Roofing	Cesar C. and Maria P. Gonzalez	Reroof	1901 June Court	$4,400	$54
20090987	New West Homes	Curtis J. and Debbie L. Molyneaux	Res/New	3031 Cheyenne Drive	$234,848	$3,468
20091023	Mesa View Homes LLC	BPS LLC	Res/New	4656 Salado Creek	$152,520	$3,628
20090973	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Kathleen A. Aylsworth-Brooks	Reroof	1565 N. Solano Drive	$7,375	$71
20090944	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3568 Sierra Bonita Ave.	$159,736	$3,641
20091020	GMJ Enterprises	David B. Coon and Jeannie Rose	Reroof	1015 Calle del Encanto	$3,250	$47
20091080	Schueller Homes LLC	Sonoma Ranch Subdivision Ltd Co.	Res/New	4461 Miramar Arc	$244,442	$3,484
20090769	Victor M. and Ana M. Teran	Victor M. and Ana M. Teran	Res/Alt	2615 Huntington Drive	$12,000	$98
20090754	Desert Hills Roofing	David F. and Theresa K. Campbell	Reroof	3237 Jupiter Road	$9,225	$82
20090702	Buffalo Builders	A & R	Comm/Alt	213 N. Armijo St.	$100,000	$475
20091085	Debra Ahumada	Arlo D. and Susan Albers	Res/New	5607 Kiskadee Place	$184,828	$1,784
20091105	Wild West Construction	Earl F. and Margaret E. Mclaughlin	Reroof	210 Oxford Drive	$5,500	$60
20091106	G Bishop Roofing Inc.	Brewer Oil Co.	Reroof	1305 S. Solano Drive	$30,466	$191
20091055	Gilbert and Mary L. Perez	Isaac D. and Estella Duran	Reroof	185 N. Virginia St.	$1,700	$43

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34399	Escandon Roofing	Dorothy Lama	Reroof	141 Feathermoon Drive	Santa Teresa Subdivison Unit 4	$120
34400	Pioneer Roofing Inc.	Estate of Clyde Simpson	Reroof	5500-2 Shalem Colony Trail	NA	$280
34402	Kenneth Cohorn Construction .LLC	Carol A. Sutherland	Res/New	18475 E. Highway 70	NA	$736
34404	Self	Thomas and Ann Mobley	Res/Add	536 Alvillar Road	NA	$940

On the Agenda

Get U.S. Military contracts

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold its next small business workshop from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Ron Taft, WSMR small business contracting officer will cover how small businesses can work with White Sands Missile Range. Admission is $5 and includes a light lunch.

Date: Wednesday, March 11
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Emerick Real Estate
1730 Tierra de Mesilla
Contact: 524-1968

Domenici to speak at NMSU energy conference

New Mexico State University will host an Energy and Economic Development in New Mexico Conference Thursday, March 19, at NMSU's Corbett Center Senate Chambers. The event's keynote speaker, former Sen. Pete Domenici, will speak on New Mexico's energy future.

Date: Thursday, March 19
Time: To be announced
Location: New Mexico State University
Corbett Center Student Union
Senate Chambers
Contact: energyconference@business.nmsu.edu

Chamber's Quarterly Luncheon

Join the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon on Thursday, March 12, at the Days Inn & Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Minda Villarreal, of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, will speak about business opportunities with the military and Department of Defense.

Date: Thursday, March 12
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Days Inn & Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel
and Conference Center
901 Avenida de Mesilla
Contact: 524-1968

Social Security workshop

Toby S. Rue, financial advisor for Morgan Stanley, will host the workshop "Understanding Social Security Benefits," at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 17. Guest speaker Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security administration, will advise guests on how to get the most out of their Social Security benefits. Call Rocio Silva at 522-8500 to make a reservation.

Date: Tuesday, March 17
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Morgan Stanley Conference Office
3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway
Contact: 522-8500

PROFILE

Kari and Rod Mitchell: Couple's business fills industry gap

Las Cruces Machine owners share entrepreneurial vision

BY GABRIEL VASQUEZ
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Kari and Rod Mitchell fell in love with the idea of being entrepreneurs.

Then they married, started a family and bought their own business.

And since purchasing Las Cruces Machine, Mfg. & Engineering Inc. in 2000, they've embraced another family, the Las Cruces business community.

"We were looking for a good business with good opportunity," said Rod Mitchell, president of the company. "Something that both of us could use our experience for."

The gears were set in motion for the couple in the '90s, as both were enjoying successful careers in Houston, having moved there from Colorado to seek professional opportunities.

Before moving to Las Cruces, Kari was working in the health care industry and Rod was in his 10th year working for The Dow Chemical Company. It was there that Rod Mitchell keenly observed the manufacturing process, gained an interest in machining and began to romanticize the thought of becoming an entrepreneur.

"We were both blessed with good corporate careers," said Kari Mitchell, owner and CEO of the company. "We purchased Las Cruces Machine and found it was well suited to the technical aptitude and business interest that Rod held."

For Kari, she said the transition between medical processing to parts processing was almost seamless.

Now the two enjoy great success in a business community that supports their manufacturing efforts, and in return, the Mitchells give back through several business and community organizations.

Kari, who said she gained notoriety for "complaining" to the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) board of directors, said she was merely making observations as a new business owner in the Mesilla Valley.

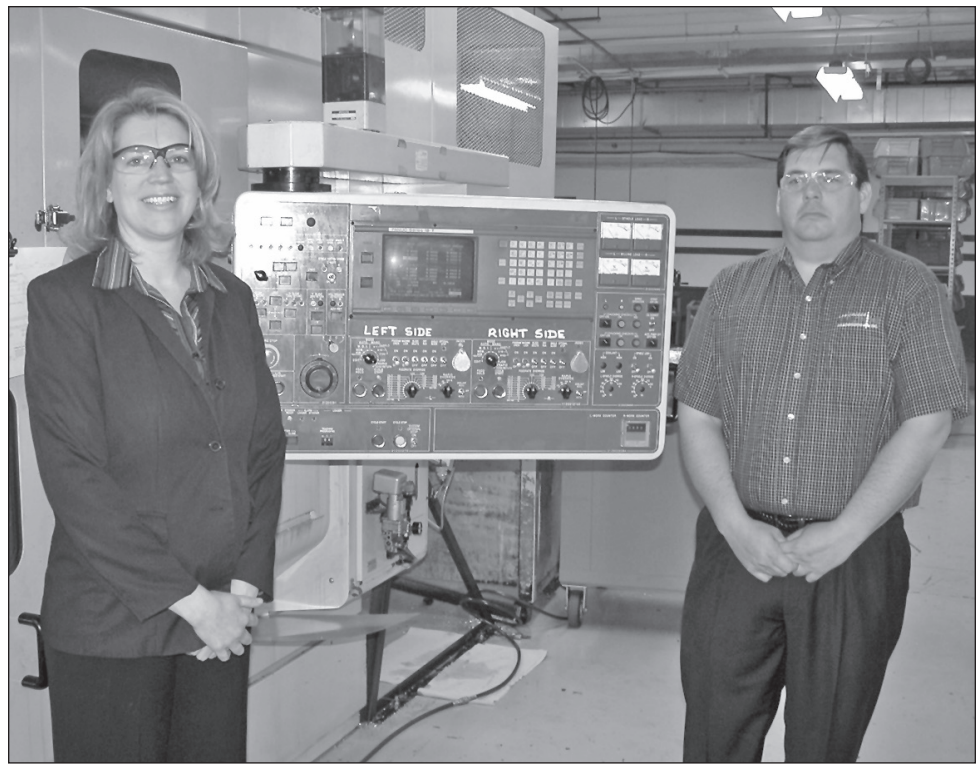
"At the time, I really felt that MVEDA was serving a need in the community, but it wasn't focused on the economic (sector)," she said. "I felt we really needed to grow the economic base in this community, and we needed strong development, so we retooled MVEDA."

Kari chaired the MVEDA board for two years and has been instrumental in bringing in leaders such as Steve Vierck and Davin Lopez.

"The most significant thing that (MVEDA) did is become performance-driven," she said. "It set goals on how many clients it would bring to town, how many deals it would turn and how many dollars it would generate to the economy. It's now a very strong, well-run organization, and I'm very proud of that."

The last thing Kari Mitchell wants to see, she said, is the community reverting back to no-growth principles and a shut-door approach to new business.

"Prosperity doesn't just come from protecting one self," she said. "It's about ensuring we are properly educating the community and creating prosperity and wealth for all citizens."



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Kari and Rod Mitchell have been instrumental in the development of several Las Cruces business organizations since first arriving in the Mesilla Valley in 2000.

For her efforts as a business owner, economic advocate and resident of the Mesilla Valley, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce named Kari its 2008 "Citizen of the Year."

"There is a long list of people deserving of that kind of recognition, and I was very humbled and honored," she said. "I don't really aspire for that, I was surprised."

Kari now serves on the MVEDA board as an ex-officio member and has chosen to focus more on her business as it struggles to turn a buck in a turbulent economy.

"We're in survival mode," she said. "We've had to do some layoffs, reduce our workforce and reduce our hours. We're down about 35 to 40 percent."

To counter the deep losses, Kari and Rod are positioning Las Cruces Machine for success when the manufacturing sector makes a rebound.

"We are moving aggressively to expand our capabilities and markets which we have a presence in but are not as dominant in. Future combat systems, solar and alternative energy and medical manufacturing; our focus is doing tremendous preparatory work to expand our capabilities in those three markets."

Las Cruces Machine currently does business with mostly Fortune 500 companies and maquiladoras across the border. The company holds itself to such high standards that it gets government contracts from the Department of Defense and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Their product line is diverse, anything from custom parts for aftermarket racecars and speedboats to state-of-the-art weapons systems being designed by the highest levels of the military.

"We are doing some major internal retooling and restructuring that is geared toward us coming out much stronger," Kari Mitchell said. "We're also taking advantage of the slower time to expose our workforce to more training opportunities."

Kari and Rod, who celebrate their 20th anniversary in August, said running a business together has been just as big a challenge as any other they've faced thus far.

"It's very challenging," Rod Mitchell said. "It will certainly reveal to you the strength of your marriage."

"The best things are also the hardest things," Kari Mitchell said. "You have to have clarity in levels of authority to make things function. Because of the synergy and honesty that exists in a marital relationship you could never find a business partner that you can more effectively achieve results with because of the incredible honesty and intimacy. It's our vision and it's our family's vision. It is a tremendous blessing."

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>
> Kari Mitchell

Kari Mitchell

CEO, Las Cruces Machine, Mfg. & Engineering Inc.

Family
- Sons Joshua, 10, Jeremiah, 6

Education
- Bachelor's of science in marketing and management, Adams State College
- Master's of business administration, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Organizations
- Co-chair, Regional Education Initiative
- Chair, Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition
- Ex-officio officer and former chairwoman, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
- Member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Education and Government Affairs Committee
- Graduate, Leadership New Mexico
- Founder, South/Southwest Manufacturing Consortium

Rod Mitchell

President, Las Cruces Machine, Mfg. & Engineering Inc.

Family
- Sons Joshua, 10, Jeremiah, 6

Education
- Bachelor's degree of science in mechanical engineering, Colorado State University
- Licensed professional engineer (P.E.)

Organizations
- Member, National Tooling and Machining Association, Government Affairs Committee
- Former member, Manufacturing and Extension Partnership Advisory Board

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

75 years ago 1934

• The Chamber of Commerce elected F.C. Womack and A.L. Means to its board of directors to replace Clark Spelling and Burton Fleming who had resigned.

• George Frenger was re-elected president of the Las Cruces Country Club.

• Tilmant's Barbershop, 126 N. Main St., was advertising a haircut for 25 cents, a shave for 20 cents, a neck trim for 10 cents and children's haircuts for 20 cents.

50 years ago 1959

• The 68 members of the newly organized Vado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association elected Thomas Conley, president; Edward Guzman, vice president; Mrs. Esther Guzman, secretary; Mrs. L.B. Braddy, assistant secretary; and Mrs. C.R. Fuller, treasurer. The association had $53.50 for corporation fees and was collecting more. Conley, Mrs. Guzman, Mrs. Fuller, Robert Boyer and Leroy Fuller were planning to go to Santa Fe to file corporation papers.

• The City Commission authorized the drilling of two more water wells to keep up with growth and annexed 89 acres on the city's northwestern edge.

• Newly elected Sheriff Alfredo Garcia was having the courthouse third-floor jail renovated with fresh paint, a new fire extinguisher replacing on old fire hose and new exhaust fans in the kitchen. He also limited visits to Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday for better control of visitor numbers.

• Henry Gustafson was elected president of the Las Cruces High School Parent-Teachers Association.

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

25 years ago 1984

• The National Park Service and the Department of Energy were restoring the George McDonald ranch house at White Sands Missile Range into a museum. Scientists had assembled the core for the first atomic bomb at the house before the bonb was detonated in July 1945 at the Trinity Site.

• The Aggie basketball team led all the way as it beat Cal State-Fullerton 82-81. But a couple days later, even with senior guard Steve Colter scoring 34 points, they fell to Santa Barbara 101-91 in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

• Cheyrl Doud, Miss Mesilla Valley, was crowned Miss New Mexico Teen USA. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Doud of Las Cruces.

10 years ago 1999

• Clara Vega celebrated her 100th birthday with her family in Hatch. She was born in El Colorado, now Rodey, to valley farmers Daniel and Emilia Benavidez. She recalled washing clothes on a washboard until the 1930s when El Paso Electric made power line connections. She had three daughters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. President Bill Clinton and Sen. Pete Domenici sent her messages.

• After trailing 10-3 in the seventh inning, the Aggie baseball team managed to stop Highlands 11-10 for their sixth-straight win.

• Raul Ramirez was named campus director for the Doña Ana Branch Community College.

• Oñate earned a trip to the District 3AAAA basketball semifinals by defeating Deming 93-71.

(Sources: New Mexico State University Library's Branson Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections)

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Among the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Fiesta performers in Tortugas years ago were Margarita Duran and Gena Gomez.

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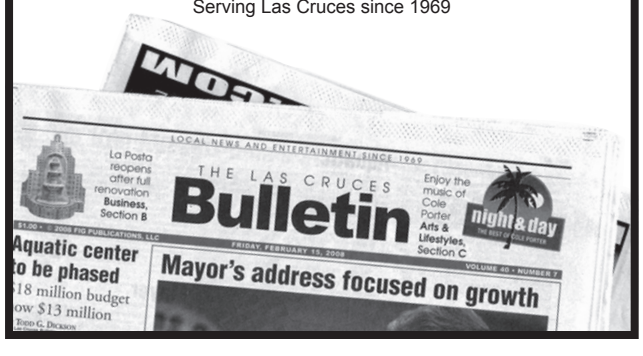

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March 8, 2009

Traditional Worship	8:15 am
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Oasis Praise Service	10:45 am
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CHURCH NEWS

■ CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CELEBRATION

Church Women United of the Mesilla Valley invites the public to join them in an ecumenical celebration held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. The celebration will include commemorations of the 2009 World Day of Prayer and World Community Day. Call 526-8528 for more information.

■ BETTER GOVERNMENT MEETING

Christians "United" for a Better Government will hold an educational gathering from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, March 7 and 14, at the Las Cruces Dream Center, 1400 N. Sixth St. The group will discuss Christian heritage as well as local government. For more information, call Ginny Robertson at 496-0686.

■ DARE TO BE UNCOMMON SEMINAR

Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd., will host a half-day simulcast from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, titled "Dare to be Uncommon: Find Your Path to Uncommon Significance." A recorded message from Tony Dungy, a former NFL head coach, among others, will be played during the event. Tickets are free. For more information, call 526-9535.

■ ACADEMY FOR JEWISH LEARNING CLASSES

The Academy for Jewish Learning at Temple Beth El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold its last classes for the academic year beginning Sunday, March 8. Each class meets for an hour during a period of six weeks. Each class will cost $36, plus some require text at additional costs. Classes are open to all that sign up on Sunday, March 8. For more information or for a list of classes offered, call Harvey Hilbert at 521-3711.

■ SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BAKE SALE

The Deacon's of Sonoma Springs Presbyterian Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21. The dinner will be $6 for adults and $3 for children 10 and younger. Plates to go also will be available. The proceeds of the dinner will be used to provide food baskets for 70

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Interested in being on our worship services page? Call Claire at 524-8061 for details.

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families in need during the Easter season. For more information, call Judy at 523-6528.

■ MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will sponsor a "Living in Love Workshop for Married Couples" from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Brotherton at 522-3072 or pbbrotherton@comcast.net.

■ LENT EVENTS HELD BY ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will host Stations of the Cross every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Friday at 7 p.m. until April. For more information, call 526-2389.

■ ALEGRE HEALTH HAVEN SUNDAY SERVICES

The Ministry of Thee Angelic Light will hold Sunday service from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 8 and 22 at the Alegre Health Haven, 920 N. Alameda Ave. Rev. Martha Turner will discuss "Our Relationship with Angels" during a planetary change of consciousness. For more information, call 523-0685.

■ RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

The Family Life office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, 1280 Med Park Drive, will sponsor a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat April 24 to 26, for those struggling with emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion. For more information, call Martha at 523-6923 or Elizabeth at 526-9225 or visit www.rachelsvinyard.org.

Moving back home brings new, yet familiar, challenges

Patience, understanding help families grow

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

I went away to college, and then came home to live. I'll admit there is tension between my parents and me, but we'd be OK if they would just accept me as a full-fledged adult. Why can't they see that I'm grown and let me live my own life?

Leaving home and then coming back is called "the elastic nest," and as you're finding, it can be very difficult. You've been on your own – you've made your decisions and controlled your own life. You've changed dramatically during your time away, but you returned to find that your parents have not. They are just like you left them. They want to tell you how to run your life – what to eat, what to wear, which friends to cultivate, etc. It is a formula for combat.

I understand your situation because I've been through it. My parents handled me wisely in my late teen years, and it was rare for them to stumble into common parental mistakes. That is, however, exactly what happened when I was 19 years old. We had been a very close-knit family, and it was difficult for my mother to shift gears when I graduated from high school.

During that summer, I traveled 1,500 miles from home and entered a college in California. I will never forget the exhilarating feeling of freedom that swept over me that fall. It was not that I wanted to do anything evil or forbidden. It was simply that I felt accountable for my own life and did not have to explain my actions to anyone. It was like a fresh, cool breeze on a spring morning. Young adults who have not been properly prepared for that moment sometimes go berserk, but I remained rather sane. I did, however, quickly become addicted to freedom and was not about to give it up.

The following summer, I came home to visit my folks. Immediately, I found myself in conflict with my mom. She was not intentionally insulting. She simply responded as she had done a year earlier when I was still in high school. But by then, I had journeyed down the road toward independence. She was asking me what time I would be coming in at night, urging me to drive the car safely and advising me about what I ate. No offense was intended. My mother had just failed to notice that I had changed, and she needed to get with the new program.

Finally, there was a flurry of words between us, and I left the house in a huff. A friend came by to pick me up, and I talked about my feelings as we rode in the car. "Darn it, Bill!" I said. "I don't need a mother anymore."

Then a wave of guilt swept over me. It was as though I had said, "I don't love my mother anymore." I meant no such thing. What I was feeling was a desire to be friends with my parents instead of accepting their authority over me. Freedom was granted very quickly thereafter.

I hope you will be a bit more patient with your parents than I was with mine. I was only 19 years old, and I wanted it all. I should have given them another year to adjust. Your mom and dad will also change their thinking if you give them a little time. They'll accept you as an adult much quicker if you'll get out on your own and establish an independent life for yourself.

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

Gospel Fest 2009

The gospel group David Milner & Co from El Paso, Texas, performed two selections during the Gospel Fest 2009.

Members of the Latter Rain Harvest Dancers, Kissa Dixon, Kennedy Dixon, Amanda Kuker and Darlene Garcia, performed during the Latter Rain Harvest Fellowship's Gospel Fest 2009 on Saturday, Feb. 28. The church, located at 401 N. Main St., and the NAACP sponsored the event.

PHOTOS BY BETH SITZLER

Gospel Fest 2009, featured several performances, including two selections by the St. John Church of God in Christ choir.

GRAND OPENING MARCH 8
Special Services start at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
All are welcome to join us for the celebration!

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs.

CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core floor exercise classes at the Munson Senior Center are now held five days a week. All exercises are done on a provided mat. Suggested donation is 50 cents. The schedule is:

- Mondays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with Lucille
- Tuesdays, 2:15 to 3 p.m., with Dawn
- Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with Lucille
- Thursdays, 2:15 to 3 p.m., with Dawn
- Fridays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with Lucille

AQUATICS CLASS

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

AEROBICS CLASS

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

YOGA CLASS

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

MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS

Exercise classes with certified instructors Dawn Patterson are at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi is held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

CANASTA

Canasta is played every Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Munson Senior Center. All are welcome.

Milagro Community Care
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Dr. Ernest Flores and the staff of Milagro Community Care are pleased to announce the addition of ***Dr. James Martin****, child psychiatrist, to our clinical practice. Dr. Martin brings over 28 years of experience, specializing in child and adolescent needs.*

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Beginning line dancing with Sherrill Patterson and Cheryl Lither is at the Munson Senior Center from 1:45 to 3 p.m. and intermediate line dancing class is from 1:45 to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

BINGO MANIA

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

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language classes area held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays in the Conference Room at Munson Senior Center.

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Doña Ana Room at Munson Center.

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played on Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Watercolor Painting Class meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the art/quilting room at Munson Senior Center.

PINOCHLE

Pinochle players will meet on Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. at Munson Center.

CHINA PAINTERS

China Painters meet every Monday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Munson Center art studio.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

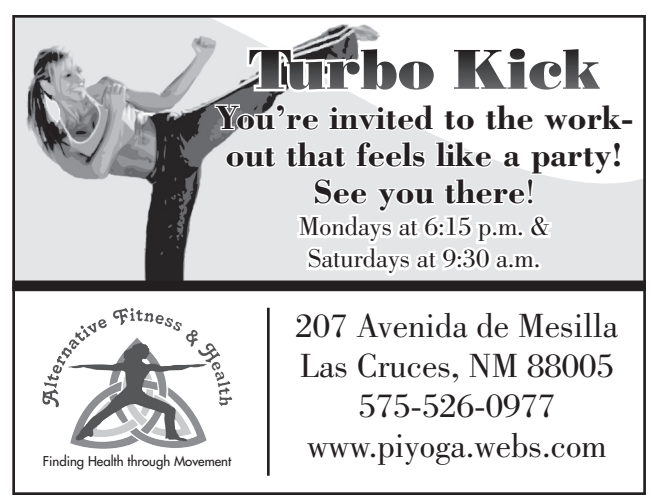
Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays behind Munson Center. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Senior Travel Club, located inside Munson Center, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information on upcoming trips, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club meets from 10 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Munson Senior Center. Join the club to read great book selections and meet new people.



BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a breakfast in the Cantina at Munson Senior Center, from 8 to 9 a.m. The menu includes fruit juice, cereal, milk, bread or muffin and peanut butter or jelly. Each Wednesday, hard-boiled eggs also will be served. A 50-cent donation is suggested for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, while 75 cents is suggested on Wednesday.

ART SHOW MARCH 28

The Fifth Annual Art Show will be held at Munson Senior Center on Saturday, March 28. Registration forms are available at the reception desk.

SENIOR GAMES

Anyone age 50 or older is eligible to participate in the upcoming Senior Games beginning March 14 and ending April 19. Entrants do not have to be residents of New Mexico to participate. For more information, call 541-5171 or email jleroy@q.com.

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

The AARP Driver Safety Program, formerly known as 55 Alive Defensive Driving, will be initiating some basic changes this year. This program is open to those drivers 50 years of age and over. Upon completion of the course – two half-day sessions – drivers will receive a certificate.

The fee for AARP members is $12 and the fee for non-members is $14, paid at the door the first day of class. Participants should bring their AARP membership card, a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. Participants do not have to be an AARP members.

The next class session will be from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday, March 11 and 12, at the Encantada Park Recreation Center, 1000 Coyote Trail.

TAX PREP PROGRAM

AARP Tax-Aid and the Community Action Agency is offering tax preparation at the following sites:

- Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 528-3000.
- Community Action Agency, 320 E. Wyatt Drive, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Evening sessions are from 5 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 527-8799.
- Anthony, New Mexico Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 882-5556.

The team specializes in simple returns and does not handle returns for business, real estate or investment income.

RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Seniors are encouraged to join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help the community grow. For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

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INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information or assistance on benefits for seniors is available at the Munson Senior Center as well as the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Assistance is also available from a state help center by calling 800-432-2080.

A different take on breast cancer

MMC implements new digital mammography system

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The digital revolution has reached one of the most important elements of breast cancer prevention in southern New Mexico. Beginning on Jan. 30, Memorial Medical Center's HealthPlex implemented the area's second digital mammography system.

Replacing the traditional analog or film mammography, this advanced form of breast cancer screening has raised excitement among women in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

"We went live on Jan. 30," said Susan Bubla, team leader of HealthPlex imaging. "People did wait (to get a mammography) because they knew we were coming out with this."

Though digital technology has reached almost every aspect of life, up until a month ago the HealthPlex staff was still utilizing a dark room to process mammography results.

The staff received on-site training in order to operate the new digital equipment, and according to Dennis Myers, director of imaging services, the system is "very straight forward" and has helped to speed up the process.

"The film or analog mammography is a film-based system. In other words, we had to expose a piece of film, and then we had to go to a dark room and actually process it," Myers said. Once the film was processed, a radiologist would then examine it and make an assessment.

"With digital, you produce a digital image and there is no film involved," Myers said. "You send it to a work station and the radiologist reads it off of a monitor."

According to Myers, not only does this digital system produce a clearer and more precise picture, it also helps physicians better prepare for surgery.

"The doctors have stated that they like the images much better than the film. It allows the physicians to manipulate the images and change the contrast and density," he said. "It allows them to focus in on a specific area of the breast."

For Lon Duncan, director of the HealthPlex, the switch to the digital system gives MMC a clear advantage as one of only a small percentage of hospitals in the country with the technology.

"It's the difference between having an old analog TV or a digital 1080P TV," Duncan said.

"This is the latest generation of digital mammo," Myers added. "It keeps Memorial Medical Center at the forefront of new technology."

While the actual screening procedure, which can be uncomfortable, has not been altered, it can now be done in less time and the satisfaction is visible among patients.

"The response from people leaving has been very positive. They say it is the most comfortable thing they have ever gone through. It's fast, and they really enjoy the service that we give them," Bubla said.

For hospitals around the country as well as MMC, the speedy new system has increased the number of patients that can be seen.

"When we get the process going a little faster, we might even possibly get the procedure down to 10 minutes," Bubla said. "That's my goal."

In contrast, she said it took about 20 to 30 minutes with film. Because the procedure takes less time, they will be able to see approximately 150 patients a week.

Since the screening is such an important part of breast cancer prevention, MMC officials are hoping that the shorter wait time will convince more women to come in for the procedure.

"One of the biggest problems we have with ladies getting their mammos is that it is not convenient. It takes too long," Duncan said. "With this new process, it's going to be easier, faster and you have less excuses."

It will also help to make the HealthPlex a "one-stop shop."

"They can do bone-density studies at the same time," Myers said. "Most of the time when a physician orders a mammogram they also want a bone-density test and a woman has to make two different appointments. Now, with the digital system, we hope to attract more women and they can get their bone density checked while they're here."

Breast cancer survivor Magellia Boston, wife of New Mexico State Athletic Director McKinley Boston and co-chair of the Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign, couldn't be happier with the advantages the system gives women in the area. She has been reading up on the new technology and is glad to hear that Memorial Medical Center is embracing this important advancement.

"It's good to have that technology because anything that would detect breast cancer early is wonderful," she said. "It's about time."

BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Susan Bubla, team leader of imaging at the Memorial Medical Center HealthPlex, stands next to the new digital mammography system that was implemented in early 2009.

Well Informed

presented by Memorial Medical Center

This education program is designed to provide you with useful information on wellness and overall health awareness. Here's what we'll be discussing this month.

WHAT'S NEW IN RADIATION THERAPY?

Monday, March 16, 2009
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
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Conference Room A

Speakers

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AROUND TOWN *health events and support groups*

YOGA CLASSES

The City of Las Cruces offers yoga classes taught by Olivia Solomon, a certified Kripalu instructor, from 9 to 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. All ages are welcome. Individual classes cost $1.50 or a season ticket can be purchased. For more information, call 541-2563.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS HELD WEEKLY

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held weekly in Las Cruces. The clinics are Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road; Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.; and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is suggested.

For more information, call 528-3000 or TTY number 528-3217.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholic and other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 3 p.m. on 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. They discover how childhood affected them in the past and influences them in the present. By practicing the 12 Steps, they find freedom from the past and a way to improve their lives today.

YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

WALKING FOR WELLNESS CLASS

The City of Las Cruces invites area residents to the Walking for Wellness class at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The classes are at 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The 50-minute instructional class includes power walking, aerobics, weight resistance and more. The cost is $1.50. Participants should bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing. Showers are available on site. For more information, contact Dorene Titus at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SUPPORT GROUP

The Independent Living Support 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.

FOOD ADDICT SUPPORT GROUP

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a free, 12-step program for people who are having trouble controlling the way they eat. Those who suffer from overeating, under eating or bulimia, can come to the FARA meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 3 p.m. Saturdays at 903 Piñon Ave., just off Solano Drive. For more information, call 521-4977.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. This friendly group takes the time to enjoy each other's way of losing pounds and sharing success. The group meets at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of every 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).

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.

For more information, contact Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

SIXTH-GRADE IMMUNIZATION FORMS SENT

Permission forms have been sent to the parents of Las Cruces Public Schools sixth-graders to allow the students to receive mandatory Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis (TDaP) immunizations.

Las Cruces Public Schools Health Services Director Beverly Hine requests that parents read and sign the forms so their children can return the forms to their schools as soon as possible. The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) mandates that all students have TDaP immunizations before they enter the seventh grade, she said.

In cooperation with NMDOH, LCPS will begin the immunizations at Lynn Middle School on Tuesday, March 10. They will continue on this schedule: Camino Real Middle School on Wednesday, March 11; Picacho Middle School on Thursday, March 12; Sierra Middle School on Friday, March 13; Vista Middle School on Tuesday, March 17; and Zia Middle School on Wednesday, March 18.

Sixth-graders at White Sands Middle School already have received the immunization.

Hine said the TDaP immunization is a single injection in the arm. It rarely makes those who receive it sick, although it may cause some soreness at the site of the injection.

For more information, contact Hine at 527-5884 or bhine@lcps.k12.nm.us.

ALZHEIMER'S SQUARE DANCING

Don Miles is giving free square dancing lessons in his Las Colinas home to seniors with Alzheimer's Disease . For more information, call Miles at 640-0749.

Observatory to capture moon plumes from rocket impact

NMSU project aims to find signs of water

An unmanned space probe is launched into the cosmos. At some point on its journey, a rocket detaches itself from the probe and hurtles on a collision course that will see it crash into the moon at a speed twice that of a bullet.

Sound like the plotline of an action-packed apocalyptic movie?

Yes.

Is it a work of fiction?

No.

Astronomers around the world are taking part in a NASA experiment this year to further man's exploration of outer space and all that it holds. Their ultimate goal is to discover if there is water on the moon.

New Mexico State University's Apache Point Observatory (APO) will play an integral part in capturing photographs of the plume of lunar debris expected to rise from the force of the rocket's impact.

Nancy Chanover, an assistant professor at NMSU and also the principal investigator of Apache Point's part in the project, said this observation is going to be a stepping-stone to eventually tapping into the natural resources astronomers hope are present on the moon.

"How much natural resources are really there that we might be able to tap into someday? This is sort of just a baby step in getting toward that question," she said.

The Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS) is a piggyback mission to the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) expected to launch in May from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The two components with the LCROSS mission, Shepherding Spacecraft and the Centaur upper stage rocket, will be launched together with the LRO. The orbiter will separate soon after the launch, and the spacecraft will guide the rocket on a separate path before they are separated as well and the rocket crashes into the moon.

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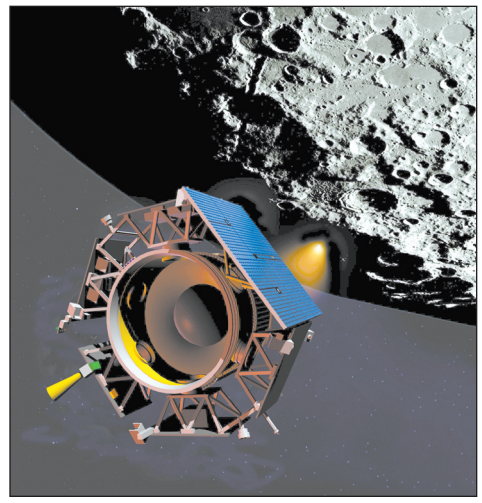
Chanover said some craters on the moon, near the north and south poles, never see the sun and are permanently shadowed.

Chas Miller, an NMSU graduate student involved in the project, said there is evidence that water ice might exist in or around these craters.

"The idea is to smash into the moon, throw up enough regolith (lunar debris) and when that goes above the shadowed craters, we could see that from Earth. The sun will shine on this plume of regolith and if there is ice or water vapor being thrown up … observatories may be able to see the spectral signature of water," Miller said.

Instrumentation aboard the spacecraft is designed to search for evidence of water ice on the moon as the rocket crashes.

Chanover said their objective at APO will be to study the evolution and shape of the plume when the rocket hits and measure how high the plume rises. These factors might help them determine if there is actually water on the moon. NMSU researchers will use the APO Astrophysical Research Consortium 3.5-meter telescope and the 1-meter NMSU telescope to study the plume caused by the LCROSS impact.



NASA

NMSU scientists will measure a rocket's impact plume to help determine if there is water on the moon.

The rocket is expected to reach the moon about two-and-a-half months after the May launch, reaching its destination in August.

Chanover said after the orbiter is launched, they will know to the second when the rocket will hit the moon.

"I think it's pretty exciting," she said. "The idea is to time the impact so that it's optimally visible from locations on Earth where there are lots of large telescopes."

Observatories, mostly in Hawaii and the western part of the United States, will have their telescopes trained on the moon to capture the momentous, one-shot event. Chanover said many observatories are involved in the project to take into account that weather may not be ideal for all observatories on the chosen night.

The NMSU team is already practicing for the big day so everything goes as smoothly as possible.

If water is found to exist in some form on the moon, it could greatly ease a burden on astronauts if future missions are planned. The last manned mission to the moon was with Apollo 17 in 1972.

In the past, Chanover said, astronauts had to carry everything they needed with them on the journey – including water. The more water needed, the less room there was for other supplies as there is a finite weight limit allowed on a spacecraft.

Because of this, trips were relatively short to accommodate for the limited supplies. If water is found on the moon, astronauts would not have to sacrifice supplies or time on their journey, but could build a base near the source of water and use that natural resource to their advantage.

Other members of the APO team include: Ryan Hamilton, an NMSU Astronomy graduate student; Russet McMillan, an observer at APO; and Rob Suggs, a 1982 alumnus of the NMSU Astronomy Department who works at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. Suggs, Chanover said, spearheaded the APO project.

This event is not only for professional astronomers and observatories that have high-powered telescopes. Amateur astronomers with telescopes at least 10 inches in diameter may also be able to see the plume of debris.

The tentative date for the launch is May 7, with the date of impact occurring sometime in the last week of August.

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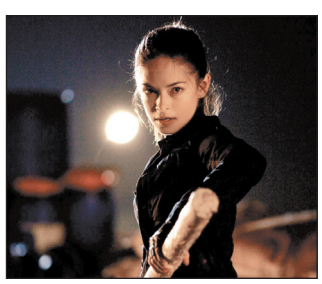

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Cineport 10 opens to public March 6

New facility features state-of-the-art equipment, features

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The wait is over to experience the newest addition to the Allen Theatres empire – the Cineport 10 on the west side of the Mesilla Valley Mall. The new 10-screen multiplex will open Friday, March 6, to the public.

With more than 36,000 square feet of space, the theater has more options than just movie watching – it can also host presentations, motivational speakers and continuing education seminars, with wireless sound and desktops for each participant.

"This is going to be a really nice place to have lunch or a meeting in the Launch Pad Café," says Russell Allen, vice president of operations for Allen Theatres Inc.

The theater also has small, private rooms for birthday parties or meetings that can be catered by the in-house restaurant, the Launch Pad Café.

The Cineport 10 replaces the Mesilla Valley Mall Cinema 4, which showed its last movie on Sunday, March 1. Allen says some of the Cinema 4 equipment will be used to renovate other Allen-owned theaters in New Mexico.

Allen Theatres currently operates three theaters in Las Cruces and 13 statewide.

Launch Pad Café

The Launch Pad Café will tower over the theater's lobby on the upper-level mezzanine and feature bar, booth and cafe-style seating. Allen says the restaurant has an "upscale" feel.

"We'll have a full menu with pizzas, burgers, salads, sandwiches, desserts, coffee and smoothies," Allen says. "We felt that Las Cruces could sustain more and needed more so we said 'Why not?'"

The restaurant will include flat-screen TVs showing movies and sporting events, as well as free Wi-Fi for students looking to get some homework done while grabbing a bite, Allen says.

While the restaurant is an "order at the counter" establishment, trained wait staff will deliver food and serve patrons drinks.

One of the most popular menu items, according to Allen, will be the pizza, including a veggie, meat and build your own variety.

Technological Revolution

Each auditorium in the new theater is equipped with Dolby Digital 5.1 projectors and sound systems, and two of the auditoriums are 3-D capable. Allen says in the United States, there are 1,300 3-D projectors and three of those are in Las Cruces.

"We have all of the newest things you can put in a theater, with full digital projection screens, state-of-the-art sound and stadium rocking chairs," Allen says. "There's nothing missing in this theater that you couldn't get at any other theater in the country."

Each of the auditoriums have wireless projection capabilities, which can be used to present content for continuing education classes, business meetings or conferences.

The theater includes two screens that are 3-D capable, using Dolby 3-D technology, which requires specialty reusable 3-D glasses. Allen says a special dishwasher was purchased for this reason.

Allen says that the theater will offer overnight gaming tournaments three or four times a year, where participants will be able to play against each other on a network using the Xbox wireless controllers with the large projection screens.

Allen says in the state of New Mexico, there are 70 digital projectors and Albuquerque has only two.

Location, Location, Location

Moviegoers can enter the theater in one of two ways – through an entrance in the Mesilla Valley Mall or from outside, through a roundabout driveway. Ticket booths are located at the mall entrance, and there is plenty of space to allow for long lines.

An automated ticket machine will offer customers the opportunity to buy their tickets online and pick them up at the ticket machine. They can also bypass the ticket window altogether and buy tickets in advance from the ticket machine.

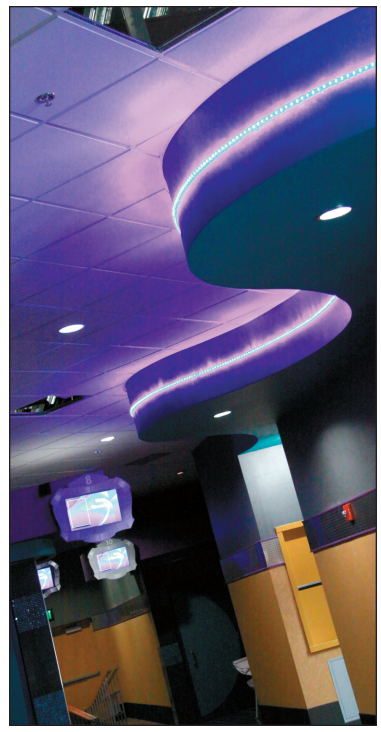
The lobby features an eight-station snack bar, which will offer customers traditional movie snacks and an adjacent self-serve condiments bar.

Allen said he hopes the new theater will create approximately 40 to 70 jobs, depending on the restaurant's needs.

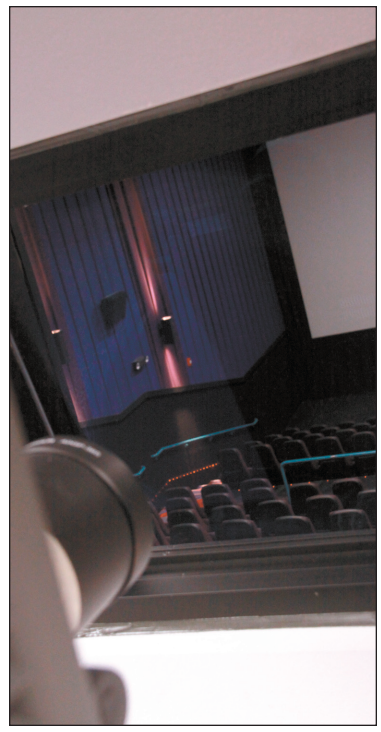
"This new location will give moviegoers more selection, more show times – we just are adding different things, making it good for the community," Allen says.

Ticket prices will remain the same at the new location – $8 for adults for movies after 6 p.m. and $6 for movies before 6 p.m., kids and seniors over 60. The 3-D movies are $12 and include a $2 charge for special glasses.

Visit the Allen Theatres website for show times and more information at www.allentheatresinc.com.



Dolby 3-D capability will be available on two screens in the new theater.



Neon lights, digital screens and chic design add to the theater atmosphere.

Sitting in stools at the Launch Pad Café, patrons can view the lobby below.

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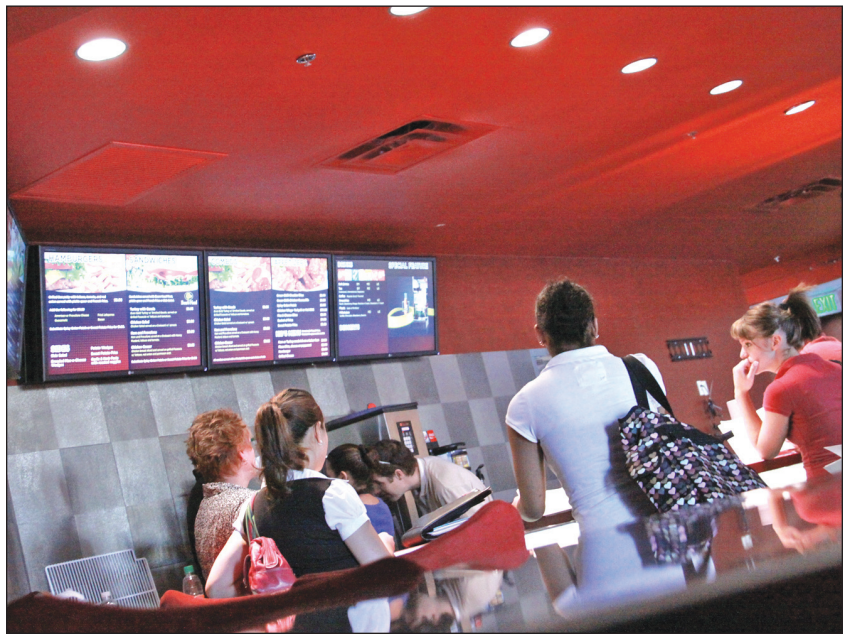

Patrons will enjoy flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi while eating lunch or dinner in the Launch Pad Café.

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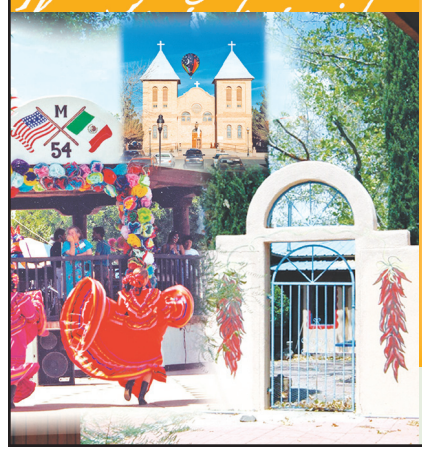

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Look Who's Dancing

District Attorney Susana Martinez dances the foxtrot with partner John Guisto of the New Mexico State University DanceSport Company at the Look Who's Dancing fundraiser Friday, Feb. 27. The pair won the competition after judges made a tie-breaking decision. Each Las Cruces celebrity was paired with a member of the DanceSport Company, which benefited from the event's proceeds.

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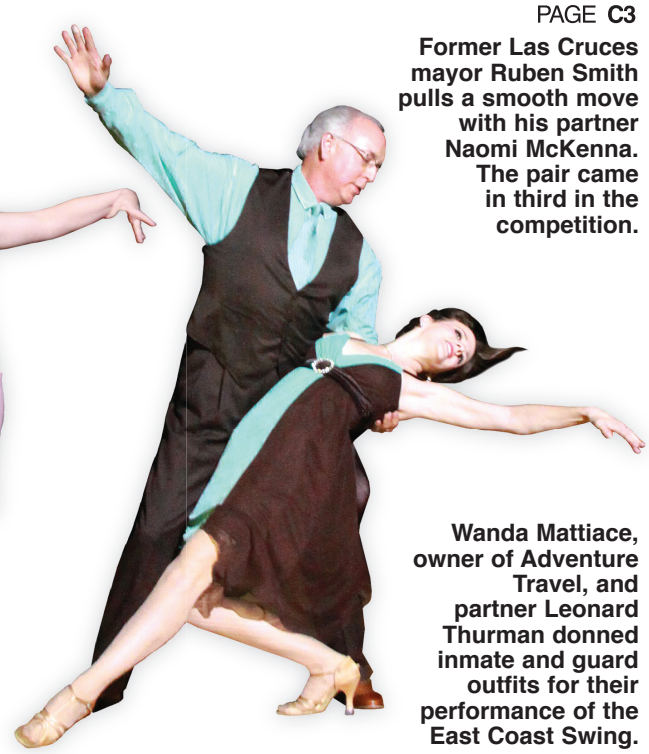
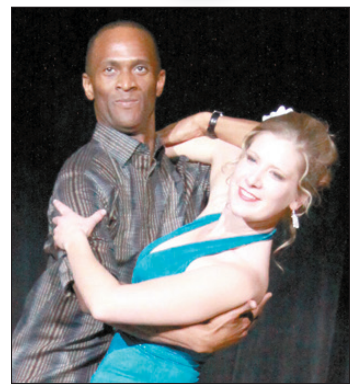
"Your Morning Show" co-host KC Counts and her partner Joseph Wellhouse placed second after dancing a striking bolero.



Former Las Cruces mayor Ruben Smith pulls a smooth move with his partner Naomi McKenna. The pair came in third in the competition.

Wanda Mattiace, owner of Adventure Travel, and partner Leonard Thurman donned inmate and guard outfits for their performance of the East Coast Swing.



Even while dancing the cha-cha with his partner Meghan Pierson, City Manager Terrence Moore maintains his professional demeanor.

District Court Judge Jim T. Martin and partner Rachel Diehl dance the Samba.

Superbowl champion Bob Talamini, formerly of the New York Jets, does a foxtrot with partner Kayla Whitworth.

Karen Trujillo, principal of Las Cruces Catholic Schools, dances the paso doble with Gregg McPherson.

NMSU Rodeo Coach Jim Dewey Brown surprised the crowd with his elegant steps dancing alongside partner Kelcy Wilcox.

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No Strings Theatre Company presents "Quilters" through March 29 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

No Strings Theatre Company presents period play 'Quilters'

Musical runs throughout Women's History Month in March

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Quilters," written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek and directed by Jim Eckman. "Quilters" runs from March 6 through March 29 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The musical opened on Broadway in September 1984. It is the story of Sarah, a pioneer woman of the homestead era, and her six daughters, told through music and dance. The play describes the life of pioneer women and their families homesteading on the prairies of the United States – the joys and sorrows, the good times and bad.

Each song, or "story," is introduced by a quilt block that represents or describes women's lives on the plains. The play culminates in a legacy quilt that tells the story of the life of Sarah and her daughters. The beautiful songs are sometimes joyous and sometimes sad but will always leave the audience with the thoughts of the hardships and joys in the life of America's pioneer women.

Sarah is played by Caryl Kotulak. The daughters are: Connie Welch, Chandra Payne, Megan Walker, Marsha Short, Jessica Hernandez and Terri Conatore. The cast is rounded out by Wil Moore who depicts the men in the story. Many of the cast have been seen in other productions in the Las Cruces theater scene. Tom and Karen Warren, most recently seen in No Strings Theatre Company's production of "Always, Patsy Cline," provide the musical accompaniment with musical direction by Ruthann Hanlin.

The magnificent legacy quilt and its individual blocks appearing in the production were designed and constructed by the La Colcheras Quilt Guild of Las Cruces. The quilts used in the play will be raffled off at the end of the final production. All those attending will have an opportunity to purchase tickets.

"Quilters" runs throughout Women's History Month and will play all four weekends in March.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays through March 29. Tickets are $10 for regular admission and $9 for students and seniors over 65. A $7 student rush ticket is available for high school students 10 minutes before the performances on a space available basis. Reservations can be made by calling 523-1223 or online at http://no-strings.org/.

Patron of the arts gives $260,000 for NMSU Center for the Arts Complex

Playwright Mark Medoff endorses performing arts

New Mexico State University's most well-known theater advocates, Mark Medoff and his wife Stephanie, have generously given the NMSU Foundation a gift of property that, when sold, will help with the funding of NMSU's Center for the Arts, Phase I. The land, located near Farmington, is valued at approximately $260,000.

"The Center for the Arts is really going to transform the theater world as we currently know it in Las Cruces and the region," Mark Medoff said. "In my years of working with theater at NMSU, the new Center for the Arts takes top billing. I am very excited about this project and the tremendous impact it will have on this community. Once the Center for the Arts is built, people will be able to enjoy plays and dance performances in a state-of-the-art venue."

Medoff is a playwright, screenwriter, film and theater director, actor and professor. In 1984, he co-founded the American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at the NMSU Department of Theatre Arts. Medoff also headed the Department of Theatre Arts for nine years. In addition, Medoff has been the artistic director of NMSU's Creative Media Institute since its inception in 2006.

His most famous work was the 1980s "Children of a Lesser God," which won him a Tony, Drama Desk and the Laurence Olivier Awards for Best Play. In addition to his accolades for "Children of a Lesser God," he received an Obie award for his play "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder."

"The Center for the Arts is one of the most exciting and ambitious projects ever envisioned for NMSU and the region. It will only strengthen NMSU's proud history of excellence in the fine and performing arts," said Jill Grammer, director of development for the Center for the Arts. "We are very grateful for such a generous gift."

Phase I of the multi-phased Center for the Arts will provide a 500-seat dance and drama performance space, along with support areas such as a green room, sound room, equipment room, dressing rooms and more. In addition, the lobby will be available for fine art to be displayed. Phases II and III while still in the design stages may consist of an art gallery, classrooms/labs and the museum conservation program expansion. A large performance hall with approximately 800 to 1,200 seats and a studio or "black box" theater are also part of the plan.

In the November 2008 General Election, voters passed General Obligation Bond D, which provides $19 million for construction of Phase I of the Center for the Arts. NMSU needs to raise an additional $12 million in private donations to help support Phase I of the project.

To learn more about NMSU's Center for the Arts and how to support this project, contact Grammer at 646-3587 or jgrammer@nmsu.edu.

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Quilters
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430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
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Through March 29

White Sands International Film Festival will have Las Cruces venues

Films to feature Organ Mountains as a backdrop

The Fifth Annual White Sands International Film Festival, which will be held April 23 through 26, will expand into Las Cruces because of its previous years' success.

With venues at Allen Theatres, New Mexico State University and Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, the expansion into a larger market will enable the festival to retain its commitment to bring high-quality festival programming while intensifying arts education in the region. The festival promises to attract numerous visitors from around the world with its enigmatic films, informative panels and special events. A joint festival with an opening night film and event will take place in Alamogordo on Thursday, April 23.

WSIFF began in Alamogordo after a group of art industry supporters felt that it would benefit southern New Mexico to have more of a film presence in its region. By building the arts through film within the south, it would aid and build the film industry in New Mexico as a whole.

WSIFF brings the artistic insight of eminent filmmakers to New Mexico in order to heighten audiences' appreciation for the art of cinema. WSIFF screens outstanding short and feature-length documentaries and narratives of all genres from around the world. WSIFF also has a special focus on Latino and New Mexican filmmakers and other filmmakers who choose the scenic backdrop of New Mexico for its locations.

Some noted past guests include the legendary Mexican filmmaker Arturo Ripstein; director of the award-winning "Bella," Alejandro Monteverde; and actor Wes Studi of "Last of the Mohicans."

NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado

Elizabeth Nielsen, a graduate student in the NMSU Department of Art, speaks during the "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet" exhibit and reception Monday, March 2. Her graphic design class created the posters featuring female environmentalists.

Connie Falk, a Consumer and Environmental Sciences professor at NMSU, also spoke during the exhibit and reception. She was one of seven speakers at the event designed to celebrate Women's History Month.

New art exhibit begins Women's History Month

NMSU celebrates with exciting roster of lectures, poetry, film

By Jenna Frosch
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

For all the women of the world, there is a whole month honoring you. March is that month and this year, New Mexico State University will focus its events on "Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet."

The events began with the opening of an art exhibit in the Branson Library Stras Reading Room Lobby, at which Interim President Waded Cruzado talked about NMSU's Year of Sustainability initiative. The exhibit features more than 20 screen prints of leading women environmentalists created by NMSU art students. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of March.

"In general, in the last half of the 20th Century, we began to notice that something was missing out of our K-12 history books – women's history," says Mary Benanti, assistant professor in the Women's Studies Program. "We must begin to incorporate the other half of the population. This will be considered a success when we no longer have to have a month to recognize women's efforts throughout history."

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> MARY BENANTI, assistant professor

Benanti says Women's History Month stemmed from a group of women in California who began celebrating Women's History Week. It slowly grew and became what it is today.

The Women's Studies Program will sponsor events throughout the month to honor the nation's women.

Other events include:

- Poetry reading by Don Mee Choi from her book "Contemporary Korean Women Poets," on March 13
- Film "A Single Woman," at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla
- Lecture: Dena Goodman, "Freedom and Happiness: Rethinking Love and Marriage in 18th-century France," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, in the Science Hall, Room 107, on the NMSU campus
- Women's Studies hosts Coffee with the Deans, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Women's Studies Offices Science Hall, Room 289, on the NMSU campus

Women's Studies classes teach analytic and critical thinking through a focus on women's experiences, which are often neglected in traditional academic inquiry, and on the social construction of gender in relation to factors such as race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, disability and age. Feminist pedagogy is innovative and decentralized, encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning and to think critically and creatively in dialogue with others.

For more information about the Women's Studies Program or Women's History Month, call 646-3448 or visit www.nmsu.edu/~wstudies.

From left: NMSU's Women's Studies Program Director Lisa Bond-Maupin, Women's Studies Program professor Catherine Jonet and Women's Studies Program assistant professor Mary Benanti stand next to art work at the exhibit and reception.

PHOTOS BY BETH SITZLER

NMSU student J.J. Huarte admires a poster in the exhibit.

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UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Cowboy Days	Sat.-Sun., March 14-15	New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
White Sands International Film Festival	Thu.-Sun., April 23-26	Las Cruces and Alamogordo locations

Friday, MARCH 6

DOWNTOWN RAMBLE ART WALK

The Downtown Ramble art walk will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at various locations in and around the Downtown Mall. The Downtown Ramble hosted by art galleries and other venues in the vicinity of the Las Cruces Downtown Mall the first Friday of every month. Refreshments are served and special events, such as the opening of an art show with a reception for the artists, are scheduled.

A map showing the location of the galleries along with contact information is available at most of the galleries as well as from the M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery website at http://mphillipsgallery.com/.

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM'

The Las Cruces High School Theatre Department will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $5 and are available at the door.

'QUILTERS' AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Quilters," a musical in honor of Women's History Month, from March 6 through March 29 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

"Quilters" was written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek and is directed by Jim Eckman. It is the story of Sarah and her six daughters, a pioneer woman of the homestead era, told through music and dance. Each song, or "story," is introduced by a quilt block that represents or describes the story. The play describes the life of the pioneer woman on the prairies – the joys and sorrows, the good times and bad – and culminates in a legacy quilt that tells the story of the life of Sarah and her daughters.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees on March 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for regular admission and $9 for students and seniors over 65. For reservations, call 523-1223 or visit http://www.no-strings.org.

EARTHSCOPE PROJECT PROGRAM

At 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, John W. Geissman, professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of New Mexico, will present a program about his work on the EarthScope Project.

EarthScope is a decade-long national geoscience program and its purpose is to better understand the structure and evolution of the North American continent. EarthScope uses a multidisciplinary approach to address fundamental questions such as how continents form, how movement takes shape along faults, and how volcanoes behave. It is funded by the National Science Foundation and conducted in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey. Geissman will provide information on specific research in New Mexico including Rio Grande Rift, Basin and Range Province and volcanoes.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. For more information, call 541-2154 or 522-3120. Additional information is posted at www.las-cruces.org/museums.

NMSU DANCE PRESENTS DANZA SIN FRONTERAS

The New Mexico State University Dance Program presents "Danza sin Fronteras," a flamenco and contemporary dance concert at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students. Call 646-2070 for more information.

Saturday, MARCH 7

MARIACHI CONCERT

Gomez de Maria and family will host a mariachi concert called "Celebration of Life" by Mariachi Corazon del Desierto from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The concert is free and open to the public. Space is limited.

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

The Storytellers of Las Cruces will host family storytelling at COAS Bookstore from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7. The storyteller at the Downtown Mall location will be Loni Todoroki and the Solano Drive location will be Judith Ames. A free book is given to all children who attend.

ROCK THE WALK AT YOUNG PARK

Rock the Walk benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Young Park. Las Cruces native Chad Cavanaugh will return to the area to perform for the first JDRF Rock the Walk and will be performing songs from his debut album, "CoffeehousE RebellioN." Cavanaugh will be selling his album and proceeds from each sale will benefit JDRF. For additional information, contact Amy Kord at southernnm@jdrf.org.

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Sunday, MARCH 8

NMSU DANCE PRESENTS DANZA SIN FRONTERAS

The New Mexico State University Dance Program presents "Danza sin Fronteras," a flamenco and contemporary dance concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students. Call 646-2070 for more information.

NEW MEXICO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEETING

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, will hold its March meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Good Sam's, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the arts and crafts room in the Administrative Wing. After a brief business meeting, Jo-An Smith will share inspirations, favorite techniques and examples of her work and discuss "Free Flowing into Intricate Detail" for watercolorists. For more information, contact Jan Addy at 526-5374.

BILL ENGVALL AT INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS

Bill Engvall will bring his uproarious act to Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

Engvall stars in his self-titled sitcom, "The Bill Engvall Show" on TBS and was recently featured in the film "Bait Shop." He has enjoyed success as a platinum comedy-recording artist, and his first album, "Here's Your Sign," held the number one position on the Billboard Comedy Chart for 15 consecutive weeks. Engvall is also known for the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour," which featured an ensemble of well-known comedians, including Jeff Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy.

Tickets start at $25. Guests must be 21 years or older to attend the show. Tickets for the performance can be purchased by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or calling the Inn of the Mountain Gods box office at 888-324-0348.

Tuesday, MARCH 10

SALMAN RUSHDIE TO SPEAK AT NMSU

Salman Rushdie, an award-winning author who survived a death threat for one of his works, will speak at New Mexico State University's Pan American Center at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. The event is free and open to the public as part of the University Speaker series sponsored by the Honors College at NMSU.

Rushdie's most famous novel is "The Satanic Verses," which was at the center of protests by Muslims in several countries in the late 1980s.

For more information, call 646-2005.

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR TEEN TECH WEEK

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's Young Adult Department will be celebrating Teen Tech Week 2009 with an Internet Scavenger Hunt from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the Dresp Room. There

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will be prizes. Join them to learn skills on how to access resources necessary to compete in today's job market. Students in grades six through 12 must pre-register as space is limited. Pre-register at the Young Adult desk or by phone at 528-4102.

Contact the Young Adult Department at 528-4102 for more information. If accommodations are needed due to a disability, call 48 hours in advance at 528-4000 or 528-4008 (TTY).

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers, the "popular music" mixed chorus of Las Cruces, have begun rehearsals for their June concert. Interested persons can attend a 7 p.m. rehearsal each Tuesday night, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, on the corner of Griggs Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. Call 650-4417 for more information.

STITCH 'N' VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. To participate bring a portable craft, such as, knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. The focus of the group is good conversation and sharing creative ideas. The group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Unravel Yarn Shop and Gallery, 300 N. Downtown Mall. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Susan Armstrong at 522-2984 or email susana50@juno.com.

Wednesday, MARCH 11

STITCH 'N' VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. To participate bring a portable craft, such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. The focus of the group is good conversation and sharing creative ideas. The group meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Dresp Room at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. This month Jim McKinney will conduct an online demonstration for using the society website. Email dacgslc@gmail.com for more information.

RAIL READERS BOOK CLUB

The Rail Readers Book Club meets at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. On March 11, the club will discuss "The Great Train Robbery," by Michael Crichton.

Call 647-4480 to RSVP and for more information.

READING ART BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Reading Art Book Club will hold its next meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The meeting will focus on the nonfiction work "In the Land of the Temple Caves: From St. Emilion to Paris's St. Sulpice: Notes on Art and the Human Spirit" by New Mexico author Frederick Turner.

In this book, Turner explores the power of art to revitalize humanity by traveling to France and studying ancient cave paintings. Upcoming selections include "The Madonna's of Leningrad" by Debra Dean for April 8.

The Reading Art Book Club is dedicated to exploring the connections between art and literature by reading and discussing books. As much as possible, books selected will relate, echo or enhance the museum's varied exhibitions. The club plans to meet the second Wednesday of every month.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. on the Downtown Mall. For more information, call 541-2137 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org.

Thursday, MARCH 12

LECTURE SERIES AT THE FARM AND RANCH

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will continue its lecture series with "The Story of a Peon in New Mexico" by Gabriel Sahd at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

In a Chautauqua performance, Sahd will portray Jose Librado Gurulé, a 16-year-old peon from Placitas, who became a wool drover for a wealthy patron of Bernalillo in an 1867 expedition from Santa Fe to Kansas City. His backbreaking labor, the hunger, danger and servitude bring to light the horrors of peonage. The presentation is co-sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council and admission is a suggested donation of $2. Call 522-4100 for more information.

BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

The Big Band Dance Club will dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of the High Society Orchestra from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. There will be a free dance lesson at 7 p.m. with Eric Fierro of Dance Universe, who will teach the Rumba.

At 9 p.m., enjoy a performance by the New Mexico State University DanceSport team. Event is for those 21 and older. Admission is $9 for guests. There is a dress code. Call 496-1010 for more information.

Saturday, MARCH 14

COWBOY DAYS AT THE NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will host its 10th annual Cowboy Days celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15.

The Museum pays tribute to New Mexico's ranching heritage in this two-day festival that features horseback and stagecoach rides, cowboy cooking, many demonstrations, living history, cowboy music, an arts and crafts show and children's activities. Admission is $2. The weekend also features a plant sale in conjunction with the opening of the new Greenhouse. The festivities begin each day with a cowboy breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Tickets are $9 in advance and $10 at the gate and includes Cowboy Days admission. Call 522-4100 for more information.

UNRAVELERS KNITTING GUILD WORKSHOP

The Las Cruces Unravelers Knitting Guild will host Moebius Mysteries Undone, a knitting workshop presented by Becky Simon from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Learn how to knit a true Moebius strip, a one-sided loop, and why one would ever knit one. The possibilities are fun and creative, challenging and endless. There will be samples, ideas and projects. The cost of the workshop is $30. Registration is limited. Call 522-0603 for more information.

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

The Storytellers of Las Cruces will host family storytelling at COAS Bookstore from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14. The storyteller at the Downtown Mall location will be Nancy Jenkins and at the Solano Drive location will be Judith Ames. A free book is given to all children who attend.

BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION

Rus Bradburd will discuss and sign his memoir, "Paddy on the Hardwood: A Journey in Irish Hoops" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Why would a successful college basketball coach walk away from a lucrative job in America's most glamorous sport? The burned out Bradburd, enamored with Ireland and its music, took a job coaching in the lowly Irish Super League, but was unprepared for what he found. Perplexed by the small town Tralee's Frosties Tigers – a cast of misfits and underachievers more concerned with their day jobs, Gaelic Football and Guinness – he turned to traditional Irish music for wisdom and solace.

"Paddy on the Hardwood" is partly Rus Bradburd's story of his struggle to transform Tralee's Tigers. But it is also the tale of a man making peace with his own life and career.

Call 522-4499 for more information.

ROTARY CLUB TALENT SHOW

The Mesilla Valley Rotary Club Talent Show will begin at 12 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 311 N. Downtown Mall. Entries for the talent show are welcome from individuals and groups in two divisions: senior, ages 13-18, and junior, ages 6-12. More $1,500 will be awarded in prizes. Call 640-5916 or email ddinsmore@pioneerbank.com for more information.

MARTHA REICH TO PERFORM AT THE BEAN IN MESILLA

Martha Reich, a folk singer from Santa Fe will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at The Bean, 2011 Avenida de Mesilla. She tours throughout the country with cellist Michael Kott.

She was chosen to play at the Outpost Performance Space for All Star Open Mic Night in 2000, and was selected as a finalist at the 2006 New Mexico State Fair Talent Showcase. Her most recent CD, Evidence of Life, was nominated for best album by the New Mexico Music Awards. Call 523-0560 for more information.

SAN JOSE CEMETERY TOUR

"Visit Our Ancestors" Cemetery Tours organized by Branigan Cultural Center will start off the 2009 series at San José Cemetery in Las Cruces on Saturday, March 14. The tours are held the second Saturday of every other month and there are five tours scheduled for this year. The goal of the program is to increase awareness for the various cultures, traditions and history of the people who have gone before us.

The San José tour meets at the parking lot at 100 N. Espina St. at 10 a.m. Participants should allow for a two-hour walking tour, little or no seating, over often uneven terrain, where trip hazards may exist. In addition, participants are strongly encouraged to wear sturdy walking shoes, long sleeved shirts, hats, sunscreen and carry bottled water. There is no fee to participate. No registration is required.

For more information about tours and other programs, call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Opening this Week

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery will feature two events during the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6.

First, a show featuring five new artists will open and exhibit until the end of the month. The featured artists are all contemporary European or Russian: Tatyana Klevenskiy (Russian, b. 1961), Patrick Reault (French, b. 1955), Peter van Berkel (Dutch, b. 1956), José Miguel Román Francés (Spanish, b. 1950) and Fernando Ibañez Alcaraz (Spanish, b. 1969).

Second, the music of Lauren Michaels and the NighTrain will be presented during the Ramble. Lyricist, songwriter and vocalist Lauren Michaels and tenor saxophonist, keyboardist, composer and vocalist Peter "NighTrain" Michie are the duo and bring a wide range of musical theater, liturgical, smooth jazz and rhythm and blues.

Call 525-1367 for more information.

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Kurt Van Wagner will display his digital creations of New Mexico scenes and landscapes at the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau, 211 N. Water St., through March 30. Van Wagner has emerged as an accomplished self-taught photo-based digital artist. He uses his computer to create collectable works of art by digitally painting and placing texture over his photographs of local scenes and landscapes. The past several years, Van Wagner's art has been published in more than 20 international magazines and books. Van Wagner is a member of the Las Cruces Arts Association, City of Artists Promotional Association, ArtForms and the El Paso Arts Association, and has won numerous awards the past nine years of his arts career.

The Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 211 N. Water St. and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Van Wagner's art work also is on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 240 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla and on his website at www.digitalartbykurt.com.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

The Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, welcomes back Benjamin Parker as the guest artist for March and April. Parker is an award-winning and published photographer and his landscape photography is not something to be missed. This exhibition includes images from the scenic desert Southwest including remote locations in New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, California and Mexico.

The Main Street Gallery also will be introducing new works by some of Las Cruces' finest artists including the etchings and pastels of Winfrey Hearst, the impressionisms of Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht's brilliant dyes on silk, Daphne Wirthlin's whimsical fantasy scenes, Lois Wilson's fused and dichroic glasswork, Lynn Unangst's Spirit Minders, Margaret Berríer's detailed rock-art jewelry, Joanna Bradley's flamboyant gourd artworks and signed limited editions of Robert Highsmith's splendid watercolors.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The exhibit will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, as part of the Downtown Ramble art walk. Call 647-0508 for more information.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY

Like an iceberg, the "We Are the World" art show at the Cottonwood Gallery Friday, March 6, is only the tip of the arts community. The program is being supported by two area elementary schools. The winning artwork by Jornada and Valley View Elementary School students Casey Garcia and Marcela Moran will be joined by that of their fellow students in the Cottonwood Gallery at the Southwest Environmental Center on the Downtown Mall.

The City of Artists Promotional Association (CAPA) show opening will coincide with the Downtown Ramble art walk from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, and will run for the remainder of the month. Mari Blacker, the art teacher for the 900 students at both schools, challenged her students to create work based on a theme of "green" living, and their images focus on the environment, including recycling, watershed concerns for the Rio Grande and care for wild animals.

The show's environmental theme dovetails with SWEC's mission, "To restore and protect the unique natural heritage of the Southwest." Working to create links between science and art and foster an art community at each school, the art contest was judged by cafeteria workers, librarians, secretaries, principals and other school staff members. Each student was asked to create a self-portrait, which will be on display around the Cottonwood Gallery.

Postcards from each school's winning artwork will be sent to all the students' families, school staff and community members. Come and support these budding artists as they explore their responsibility for caring for the earth they will inherit.

BLACK BOX THEATRE

There will be a quilt exhibit in thetheatregallery in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, running through March in conjunction with the play "Quilters." A wine and cheese reception will be held for the artists from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The exhibit is open an hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Three Las Cruces artists – Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst and Laurel Weathersbee – have joined their talent, energy and skills to present a special artistic event at the Branigan Cultural Center, from March 6 through 28. "Colors and Textures of Southern New Mexico" will feature a wide variety of two- and three-dimensional works interpreting the artists' visions of this area's flora, culture and landscape. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the Richardson Gallery.

Each of the three artists works in different media and have different interpretations of our region. Licht's canvas is silk and her paints are special dyes that brilliantly depict her vision of local flora. Unangst creates her "Spirit Minders" – three-dimensional constructions of found objects and fibers incorporating Southwest colors and icons in a fascinating mix. Weathersbee's torn- and cut-paper collages illustrate her own response to our rich and colorful Southern New Mexico landscape.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit and reception is free and open to the public. Galleries are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about exhibits, call 541-2154 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Black Range Artists Inc. presents its 2009 Spring Show at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The show offers a mix of works in seven categories: oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, mixed media, graphics and three-dimensional. An artist's reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The show will be on display through March 28.

Black Range Artists Inc. was established in 1962 to promote and encourage art in the Southwest by providing quality exhibitions, information and beneficial programs to artists and their communities. The artists are from southern New Mexico and West Texas.

The exhibit and reception is free and open to the public. Galleries are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 541-2154 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Every photograph tells a story. Some are personal, others resound with universal themes. All are documentations of our pilgrimage through life. Throughout the month of March, New Mexico native David Salcido will celebrate his return to the land of his birth with an exhibition of 16 photographs documenting his journey back, titled "Pilgrim's Progress."

Exploring roads both familiar and exotic, the exhibition is a retrospective study of form, function and a fascination for relics of the past, both man-made and organic. The exhibition will open with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, as part of the Downtown Ramble art walk, in the El Paso Electric Gallery at the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall.

Born in Ruidoso, raised in Tularosa and a graduate of New Mexico State University, Salcido has spent the last 25 years exploring other states and states of mind. Making his living primarily as a writer, he has published more than 1,000 articles, poems and short stories in national and regional magazines, newspapers, journals and anthologies. Art and photography, however, have always been driving interests. His very first art exhibit was at the now-defunct Las Cruces Community Center for the Arts at 207 Avenida de Mesilla (now Mesilla Pointe) and he has since taken part in group and solo shows in diverse cities such as El Paso, San Francisco and Phoenix.

Among his many other accomplishments are a stint in the movie industry with Paramount Pictures; the creation and publication of a series of children's books exploring ecology; founder and publisher of a critically-acclaimed literary arts journal; founder of two alternative theater companies; founder and co-owner of a Los Angeles-based public relations company catering to the independent film industry; founder and proprietor of a popular gallery and performance space in Phoenix; and writer of three produced plays. He currently finds himself back in Las Cruces. Where he goes from here is anybody's guess.

"Pilgrim's Progress" is open to the public throughout March. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the artist at 602-384-7756 or email MythCreant@gmail.com. For information on the Rio Grande Theatre, call 523-6403.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature artists Lucia Wilcox and Bert Gammil throughout March. Wilcox works primarily on Yupo paper as a watercolorist producing vivid images. Gammil is a multimedia watercolorist and oil painter whose work depicts farm animals and landscapes. In addition, 30 local artists of the gallery offer many media that include original paintings, stained glass, photography, encaustics, infused glass art jewelry, affordable prints, handmade cards, giclee prints and miniature paintings.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

LAUGHING AT THE SUN GALLERY

Katharine Lark Chrisley will be the artist of the month at Laughing at the Sun, 1910 Calle Principal, in Mesilla. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

Chrisley grew up the daughter and granddaughter of art instructors. A student of Tibetan and Soto Zen Buddhism, her early thoughts and tendancies were toward nature and compassion. Working now in acrylics, she spent a year in her own studio in Tubac, Ariz., and now lives in Mesilla. Her work is about the natural world and the love of her life – horses.

Gallery hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 12:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 523-1890 for more information.

Continuing this Week

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Acclaimed local artist Stephen Hansen presents a retrospective of his work titled "Now

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NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

LOOK what's happening at your museum in MARCH

Lecture Series: "The Story of a Peon in New Mexico"
March 12, 7 p.m.

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Exhibit opening: "A Most Terrible Wonder: Firearms from 1600-1900"
March 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In conjunction with Cowboy Days, the museum will unveil a new exhibition featuring a variety of firearms from its collections that span three centuries. Refreshments and a lecture will be part of the evening. Presenting the lecture is Tad Vanderhye, a firearms expert from Lincoln County. His talk will focus on military firearms from 1855-1896. Admission is free.

10th Annual Cowboy Days
March 14-15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Museum's biggest event of the year returns. The Museum pays tribute to New Mexico's ranching heritage in this two-day festival that features horseback and stagecoach rides, cowboy cooking, many demonstrations, living history, cowboy music, an Arts & Crafts Show, and children's activities. Admission is only $2. The weekend also features a plant sale in conjunction with the opening of our new Greenhouse. The festivities begin each day with a cowboy breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast are $9 in advance and $10 at the gate and includes Cowboy Days admission.

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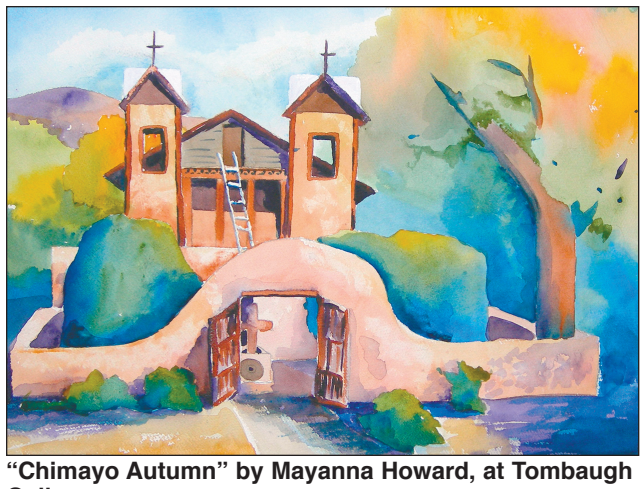

"Chimayo Autumn" by Mayanna Howard, at Tombaugh Gallery

"Nighthawks at Sunset" by Laurel Weathersbee, at the Branigan Cultural Center

"Spirit Dance" by Kurt Van Wagner, at the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau

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and Then" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, April 4. The exhibit includes works in a variety of media, including whimsical papier-mâché sculptures, prints and jewelry. The pieces on display range from recent creations to artworks created in the past two decades. A self-taught artist, Hansen's work is represented in collections worldwide, including the Smithsonian Institute and the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BRANSON LIBRARY

This March, New Mexico State University will honor women dedicated to saving the planet starting with an art show outside the Stras Research Room at the Branson Library. The event is a collaboration between NMSU's Women's Studies Program and the Branson Library. Among the women who will be featured in the art show is Professor Connie Falk from the College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Falk has been an outspoken activist on issues of sustainability and the environment.

Stras Research Room was dedicated in the name of an outstanding woman, Caroline E. Stras, and so is a fitting site for the show.

The event kicks off NMSU's participation in the nationwide Women's History Month celebration themed "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet."

For more information, visit www.nmsu.edu/~wstudies or call 646-3448.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections Department has mounted an exhibit of historical letters titled "The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War 1941-1945." The letters were written by former students of NMSU Engineering Dean Daniel Jett from every corner of the world and every branch of the armed services. The exhibit may be viewed in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of the Branson Library through October.

The exhibit, which complements the library's recently published book by the same title, includes photographs from the U.S. Navy collected and donated to the archives by Paul Forsberg. Visitors to the exhibit may also listen to an audio stream of former State College president and Army Brigadier Gen. Hugh M. Milton, describing the experience during the Battle of Bougainville that earned him a silver star.

For more information, contact Martha Andrews at 646-5028 or mandrews@lib.nmsu.edu.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

Bev Denney and Mayanna Howard will exhibit their paintings at the Tombaugh Gallery, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, through March 27.

Denney works in acrylic and oil, using old world techniques to render old world and Latin scenes. She also loves the colors and textures of the desert. She studied with Joseph Ireland and Earline Barnes and has had a few one-woman shows, shown in galleries and been accepted into juried exhibits. Her paintings are in private collections in New Mexico and several other states.

Howard uses watercolor to paint New Mexican and Mexican buildings and landscapes. Her paintings reflect her love of adobe, terracota accented with blues and greens. She has studied with several well-known artists including Judi Wagner, Betty Carr, Ken Hosmer, Bill Bissell and Fred Chilton. Her paintings are in collections from Canada, Connecticut, California, Germany and Russia. She is the executive director of Mesilla Fine Arts Gallery across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

Both artists are members of Artamants, a group of artists who meet on Wednesdays at the Fine Arts Museum Studio.

Gallery hours are from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281 for more information.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The LCPS annual high school art exhibition continues through May in the LCPS Administration Building gallery lobby, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The exhibit includes works by students from Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate high schools in a variety of media. For more information, contact Bonnie Hosie at 527-5860 or bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Crescendo," an exhibit of collaborative artwork by sisters Dana Lynn Kleinman and Ruth Avra Kleinman will be on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, April 4.

Ruth Kleinman studied metal and jewelry at the University of Wisconsin, while Dana Kleinman studied painting at Carnegie Mellon and the University of New Mexico. Together they create mixed media works with aluminum and painted raw canvas.

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LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The exhibition "Unidentified Flowering Objects," collaborative drawings by Chuck Dunbar and Edna Casman, will be on display through Saturday, April 4, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Dunbar and Casman have been drawing together for three years, creating spontaneous pastel drawings. Their process is a series of moves and counter moves, like playing a game, to create an improvised floral image.

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PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

The Preston Contemporary Art Center will showcase nine artists of various media in the 2009 Winter Exhibition through Sunday, March 29.

Included in the exhibition are works by Mary Bookwalter, printmaking; Ben Carpenter, wood sculpture; Ellen Kochansky, fiber art; Anthony Lazorko, printmaking; Thomas Schiff, photography; Cole Thompson, photography; Larry Vogel, photography; and Susan Venable, relief sculpture.

The Preston Cotemporary Art Center includes three interior galleries and an outdoor sculpture gallery located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com for more information.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The spirit of living in the rural southwest is reflected in the "Western Heritage" art show presented at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through March 28. Paintings, sculpture, wood crafting, gourd art and photography created by members of the City of Artists Promotional Association inspire a deeper appreciation of New Mexico's rich heritage and can be viewed during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ONO GRINDZ

Kurt Van Wagner's digitally exotic display of the Hawaiian Islands will be on exhibit at the restaurant Ono Grindz (Hawaiian restaurant), 300 N. Downtown Mall. Van Wagner's tropical-theme show features his Aloha creations depicting luscious swaying palms, magnificent coastlines and the delights that make Hawaii a wondrous place.

Van Wagner has traveled numerous times to the islands of Maui, Kauai and the Big Island to capture these vibrant and colorful scenes that make you want to pack your bags and fly today. After Van Wagner discovers and photographs the magical tropical scene, then the fun and creative work begin. He digitally hand paints and textures over his photographs using the computer and pen tablet. The results are works of art that are a blend of the realism of photography and the paintbrush of the painter. Van Wagner describes this new digital art as the best of two great art mediums.

Ono Grindz owner Rachel Faulkner said she is excited to add another art venue to the Downtown area. Call 541-7492 for more information. Ono Grindz is open during the lunch and dinner hours Monday through Friday and on Saturday for lunch.

Send in your gallery listings

The Las Cruces Bulletin welcomes gallery listing submissions within the Las Cruces area. Send information about a gallery or event to arts@lascrucesbulletin.com or deliver to the Bulletin office at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include the gallery's hours of operation and address and high-resolution photos of the artwork to be displayed, as well as a phone number and/or email address for those with questions.

Special Announcement

ARTIST'S DIALOGUE AT PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

Metal sculptor Frank Morbillo will be featured in an Artist's Dialogue presentation at the Preston Contemporary Art Center at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7. There is no admission charge for this latest in a series in which artists talk about their art and hold conversations with their audience.

Morbillo of Tesuque, N.M., is a master of his materials, which is apparent in his steel or stainless steel, bronze and glasswork, where he often combines patinaed fabricated steel with cast bronze in an original process. The resulting parabolas of smooth, earth-toned, steel surfaces juxtaposed against reticulated cast bronze in a contrasting green patina are unique to his work. Molten bronze poured into spaces between the steel elements hardens, cracks and sinks into naturalistic patterns, simulating the larger natural forces of erosion and gravity found in a natural environment.

In addition to discussing his works on display in the sculpture gallery at the Preston Contemporary Art Center, Morbillo's presentation will include information and visuals about the making of "Partners," a 22-foot stainless steel fountain commissioned work he completed last summer, explaining the studio fabrication, water testing, transportation and final installation of the piece.

Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado (at the end of Calle de Mercado) in Mesilla. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com for more information.

FEATURED ARTIST

Robyn Nelson: A passion for the arts

Doña Ana Arts Council's new leader to focus on arts education

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It isn't a career in painting she's interested in, and she's not an artist per se, but Robyn Nelson lives and breathes the arts, and as the Doña Ana Arts Council's new executive director, Nelson is here to help promote the thriving art community in southern New Mexico.

Nelson comes from a background where arts were prevalent. Her appreciation for the fine arts began to grow when she was a young girl.

"I used to listen to the classical music station when I was scrubbing the floor at 10 years old," she says. "I remember being absolutely floored by the two-story high art piece that was installed in the library of my hometown. When I walked in, my jaw dropped and I was speechless."

From there, Nelson's interest grew, but she didn't enter the arts field right away. For 10 years, she worked for the telephone company in Salt Lake City, Utah, and after that, she decided corporate American wasn't for her. She became involved in arts advocacy as the director of volunteers for the Utah Arts Festival in Salt Lake City, and then became assistant director and executive director, serving a total of 18 years there.

Most recently, she served as the executive director of the Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville, Tenn. The south, however, didn't feel quite like home for Nelson.

"I was never going to assimilate to the south and even though it was beautiful, at times the trees made me feel claustrophobic," Nelson says. "It feels so good to be in the New Mexico air. I realized I missed the vistas, the cold desert air in the morning and being able to see the sunset. There's something about the sky in New Mexico."

Nelson likens coming to New Mexico to walking into a new house that feels like home, "It's like I just knew this was a good place to be."

The DAAC began its search for a new executive director last year while Heather Pollard served as interim director. Nelson began her post on Monday, March 2, bringing with her more than 20 years of experience in nonprofit arts administration, arts advocacy, arts festival programming and development.

"Some people call it a short attention span – but I like to call it an eclectic sense of interests across the board," Nelson says. "The festival format was kind of perfect for that."

Nelson worked her way up through the ranks within the Utah Arts Festival, developing her skills in volunteer coordination. She learned how the community can get involved in the arts.

"I learned the most about the volunteer effort and how much the community benefits from the time and skills the people and the volunteers give to the organization," she says. "Organizations can't survive without them."

As the assistant director, she learned the operations part of the festival – how to get it up and running – then spent the remainder of her time as the executive director.

"I worked with the most wonderful people. I got up every morning and said to myself, 'You've got the greatest job in Salt Lake City,'" she says.

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Robyn Nelson is the new executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council, whose office is housed inside the historic Rio Grande Theatre.

As for the challenges she faces in her new role, Nelson says it's important for the council to focus on listening to the voices in the arts community on what they would like to see.

"I've worked with artists in the community and they can come to me and share their ideas to make an event better or create a new event," Nelson says. "By doing this, we can try to come to some sort of agreement and be able to pull off those new ideas."

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> executive director,
> Doña Ana Arts Council

Coming from a festival background into the DAAC is a natural transition for Nelson, who says the two find a correlation in working across lines to promote arts in the community.

"It is absolutely vital for a community to have the arts – a different way of looking at the world – and it's important to keep artists actively involved at different levels in the process," she says.

One area that needs far more attention, she says, is arts education in any community.

"Often, it's the arts that see cuts in a bad economy, even though it has been proven time and time again that arts education helps with comprehension across the board and helps retain focus in kids," she says. "The council and the efforts that have been presented in past programs have really been positive."

Nelson brings with her a wealth of information about all aspects of the art world. She has booked performing artists, developed arts education programs and had a hand in coordinating literary art events, connecting orchestral, jazz and concert music, organizing a film festival and a marketplace.

"I think I've been so involved because I'm a frustrated artist myself," Nelson says. "I've spent most of my time in an environment where I was allowed to hone my skills with my work."

Nelson says among the challenges she faces in her new position, is the task of learning names and about the role the DAAC plays within the community.

"I am really going to work on listening and really trying to get a sense of what role the council needs to look at for the future," she says. "With the excitement of the Rio Grande Theatre project settling down, as a council, we need to look at our role in the community and how we will project that role in the coming months, years."

Nelson says the full potential of the theater still hasn't been realized and she would like to expand on the events it offers. She would like to look at how to develop the theater into a place for lecture series, continuing education opportunities and as a go-to place for any number of events.

"It's not an easy thing to find cohesion, but that's going to be important," Nelson says. "The council can help with that – getting more people involved in working with the community and having fun in the process."

Still, Nelson works day-to-day under the same mottos.

"If it's not fun, don't do it because it's too much hard work," she says. "The other one is to do everything to the best of my abilities. Doing the very best is important because it's personal and a reflection of the council – we need to have the best quality smaller and larger programs. No matter what we do, putting our best foot forward is the most important."

On a more personal level, Nelson says she loves to cook, sleep and dabble in some art herself, constructing things in boxes.

"In reality, I'm kind of a homebody," she says. "Fortunately for me, I get to participate in so many events that when I get some time off, I like to spend it at home, relaxing.

"It's a great opportunity that Las Cruces has with its wealth of art and the promising economic forecast. Las Cruces is going to be good after all of this. It shows wonderful promise and I'm thrilled to be here."

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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Going 'beyond ordinary' is the goal of Red Brick Pizza

There's more to this franchise than making dough

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Unlike some other franchises, Red Brick Pizza offers customers the opportunity to indulge in gourmet pizza made by combining traditional Italian techniques and new world technology.

Founded by James Dean Minidis, Red Brick Pizza bakes its pizza in brick ovens, which heat to 1,000 degrees in about three minutes, on a traditional terra cotta stone. With about 158 franchises nationwide, Red Brick Pizza is quickly growing in popularity.

On July 24, 2008, Paresh Bhakta opened a Red Brick Pizza at 2808 N. Telshor Blvd., across from Sam's Club, bringing quality food and fresh ingredients to Las Cruces.

"We really strive to meet and exceed customer expectations when they come to our restaurant," said Daniel Smead, manager of Red Brick Pizza.

Red Brick Pizza has 17 gourmet pizzas, all of which are free of MSG, artificial flavors or coloring, or fillers. The dough is made daily using cholesterol free olive oil. The pepperoni is smoked with real wood chips and the cheese is specially aged.

Pizzas include a Greek – with feta cheese and kalamata olives, a prosciutto, mushroom and arugula pizza, a bacon cheeseburger – with ground beef and three different kinds of cheese, a four-cheese pizza and much more.

Other items include a fire-roasted fhazani sandwich, which Smead described as "half pizza and half salad," bread sticks and chopped salads.

For dessert, Red Brick offers 12 different flavors of gelato – an Italian ice cream – an three sorbet flavors that are rotated daily. For those who want a hot-and-cold treat, try the bhrazani, which is a brownie topped with gelato.

Along with creating gourmet dishes, Red Brick Pizza is giving back to the community through its Charity Café.

"We try to do a lot of community awareness type of stuff," Smead said.

Each week the franchise helps raise funds for schools, teams, church groups and special events by donating a portion of that week's proceeds to the organization. Charity Café fundraisers can be scheduled at the Red Brick Pizza website, www.redbrickpizza.com.

The restaurant also holds monthly specials. For March, Smead said a large one-topping pizza will be $12, medium one-topping will be $8 and a small one-topping will be $5.

Smead encourages everyone to try their pizza and said they will soon offer wine by the glass and bottled beer, which should help the already popular restaurant grow its customer base.

"We're doing excellent here in this location," he said. "We do phenomenal during lunch and on Fridays and Saturdays its standing room only."

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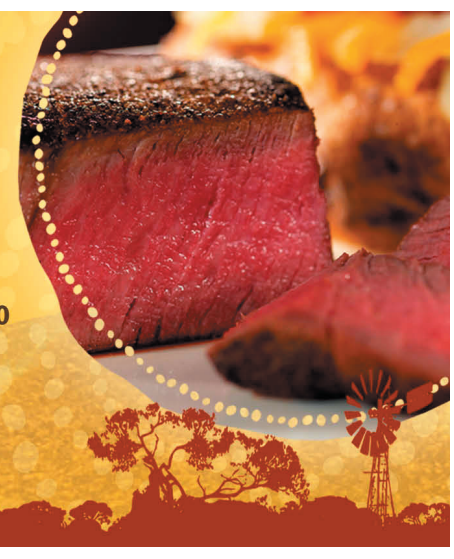

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President, Foundation for the Las Cruces Museums

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum has recently been the recipient of a groundswell of community support. Perhaps the wildly successful 2008 Railroad Days and Old Fashioned Holiday Display have helped to bring it more public attention. Thousands attended these two events, many for the first time. Thousands more will attend the 2009 Railroad Days May 7 through 9.

All this attention has garnered some much-needed support. A recent Railroad Museum Challenge Grant, which had a goal of raising $1,000 that would then be matched by an anonymous donor, actually brought in more than $2,000, plus the $1,000 additional from the challenger. These funds will be used to remake the model train layout, which represents historic Las Cruces and the surrounding area.

Collaboration with Doña Ana Community College's Building Construction Technology program is also benefiting the museum. A total of 32 students from six classes in this year-old program are working to finish rebuilding the observation platform and ramp outside the museum. Lead instructor Ron Taylor and technician Richard Mele are guiding the students in learning to work with the composite plastic "boards" that should provide the museum with a safe deck for up to 30 years.

Taylor said that the greatest part of working on this project is teaching the students about giving back to the community.

"It teaches them the importance of leadership and community should they go to work for themselves or another company," he said.

The students, who last semester helped frame a Habitat for Humanity house and are working on a top-tier playhouse they plan to raffle to raise funds for their program, have also helped with houses that are later sold as HUD homes.

Esteban Salgado, an 18-year-old dual-credit student who attends Oñate High School, enrolled in the program to learn more about the construction trade.

"My goal for a career is to have a small construction business that would provide personal satisfaction and allow me to support myself and my family," Salgado said. The fact that he has already gained the respect of his instructors as a hard-working student bodes well for his future goals.

Another craft that also benefited the Railroad Museum was when local stained glass artist Laura Hawkins donated a window featuring a train engine that she created for the museum.

One major special event volunteers are working on is the upcoming second Annual Railroad Days. Last year, more than 2,200 people attended this first Railroad Days. The schedule for 2009 includes a special Senior Citizen Day on May 7, School Day on May 8 and a Community Open House on May 9, although the public is welcome to come any of the three days.

Last year, the Rail Runner Express train made a special trip south for this event. A return visit has been requested, but there is no word yet on whether it will be able to come. BNSF will be providing an engine to tour (not for rides, though). The Doña Ana Modular Railroad Club will have special model train layouts all three days.

On Saturday, there will be food booths and vendors with railroad-related items, entertainment from local schools and the Railroad and Transportation Museum of El Paso will provide Harvey Girl re-enactors.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is actively seeking artists and craftspeople to sell their wares that day. Items must be created by the vendor and represent railroading. For further information, email ekosciolek@comcast.net.

The museum has been the recipient of many donations of late, including actual railroad signs and lights, along with model train materials. It has some special needs on its potential donation list, including rolling stock – that's train cars and engines to you and me – that have been used on the local line, old photographs of the interior of the depot and the surrounding yard when it was in use, and original furniture or items that were used in the depot.

"We don't need any more spikes, though," Slaughter laughed.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is located at the intersection of Las Cruces Avenue and Mesilla Street. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Along with its annual special events, it also host a number of children's programs, tours, both adult and children's book clubs, regular brown bag lunches on railroading topics, railroad-themed films and more. For more information about its programs, visit www.museums.las-cruces.org or call 647-4480.

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FRIDAY EVENING — MARCH 6, 2009

		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	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	3 Mo' Divas (In Stereo) CC			Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (N) CC		NUMB3RS CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap (N)		20/20 (N) CC		20/20 CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		News (N)	Two Men	Sarah Connor		(:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Howie Do	Howie Do	Friday Night Lights		Dateline NBC CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	America's Next Top Model CC				Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith. CC					News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	RENO
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Celtics					NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (Live)					SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	High School Basketball			Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				Baseball World Classic -- Teams TBA. (Live)						NASCAR
USA	31	NCIS CC		House CC		Monk CC		Law & Order: SVU		House CC		★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.			
TNT	32	Law & Order		★★ "Step Up" (2006) Channing Tatum.				★★ "Step Up" (2006) Channing Tatum.				★★ "National Security" (2003) CC			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Nacho Libre" (2006) Jack Black.				★★ "Nacho Libre" (2006) Jack Black.				Sex &	Sex &
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		DEA (In Stereo)		Real Vice	Real Vice	Disorderly Con.		MAN	MAN	Game	Game
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Martin	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Martin	"Team America"	
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	"Love's Deadly Triangle"				Medium CC		Frasier	Frasier	Housewives	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Unwrapped		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Unwrapped	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Divine Basements		House	To Sell	House	Unsella	Get Sold	First	Divine Basements		House	To Sell
A&E	43	CSI: Miami "Shock"		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		'70s Fever CC				Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		'70s Fever CC	
TLC	45	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
DISC	47	Assembly	Made	Dirty Jobs		American Loggers		American Loggers		Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		American Loggers	
ANPL	50	Close-Danger		Untamed and Uncut		Jockeys (N)		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Jockeys		Untamed and Uncut		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
FAM	51	70s Show	★★★ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe.							The 700 Club CC		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	"Camp Rock" (2008) Joe Jonas. CC				Suite Life	Phineas
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	★★ "Road House"		Breaking Bad CC		Breaking Bad CC		Breaking Bad CC		Breaking Bad CC		Breaking Bad CC		Breaking Bad CC	
SCIFI	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Moonlight CC		Battlestar Galactica		Stargate SG-1		Battlestar Galactica		Stargate Atlantis	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Deal or No Deal		On the Money		Fast Mny	Options	Mad Money		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	

SATURDAY MORNING — MARCH 7, 2009

		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)				Rodney Yee: Power of Yoga			Brain Fitness 2: Sight and Sound			Dr Wayne Dyer:	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	College Basketball	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend
NBC	9 9	Consumer	Homes	Today (N) (In Stereo) CC				Jane	Zula Patrol	Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend
CW	14	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Chaotic	Sonic X	GoGoRiki	Dinosaur	Teenage	Chaotic	Huntik
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		College GameDay (Live)		College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	Baseball: World Classic		On Lake	Fishing	Bassmasters CC		Baseball Tonight CC		Baseball: World Classic			
USA	31	Houses For	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	Psych CC		★★ "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) Johnny Knoxville. CC					Miami Vice
TNT	32	Charmed "Cat House"		Charmed CC		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		The Closer "Live Wire"		"Thin Line-Love"	
TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	Harvey	(:40) ★★ "A Lot Like Love" (2005) CC				(:40) ★★ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003)				
SPIKE	34	Paid Prog.	Houses For	P90X	Paid Prog.	TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo) CC				Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM	35	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Scrubs	Scrubs	Stuck
LIFE	39	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	★★ "It Must Be Love"	
FOOD	40	Italian	Jamie	Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Sandra Lee	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ask Aida
HGTV	41	Weekend	Sweat	House	Amazing	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Shatner	Shatner	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Business	Sell House	Flip This House CC		Flip This House CC	
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Profits	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Home Made Simple (N)	
DISC	47	Baby Read	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Dive to Shark Volcano		Dirty Jobs CC		Wreck. Nation		Time Warp	Time Warp
ANPL	50	Dog Show: Tournament of Champions				Faithful	Breed	Pet Star CC		Season of the Grizzly		Big Sting CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Grounded	Grounded	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Harry Pttr
DISN	52	Tru	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einsteins	Tigger	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	"Bend of the River"		(:15) ★★★★ "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter. CC					★★ "Broken Trail" (2006) Robert Duvall. CC				
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Millions	The Twilight Zone		Twilight Z.	"Boogeyman 2" (2007, Horror) Tobin Bell. CC				Crazy Eigh
CNN	62	Saturday	House Call	CNN Saturday Morning		Saturday	Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	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)		MSNBC Reports	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 7, 2009

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Dr. Wayne Dyer: Change Your Thoughts, Change				You: Steps for Extending			Moveable Feast Chefs			Celtic Woman: Greatest	
CBS	3 3	College Basketball		College Basketball California at Arizona State.				College Basketball Texas at Kansas. (Live) CC				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Madness		College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Houses For	3rd Rock	Profits	★★ "White Fang" (1991) Ethan Hawke				★★ "Goal! The Dream Begins" (2005, Drama)			
NBC	9 9	Island	3 Wide Life	Snowboarding		PGA Tour Golf Honda Classic -- Third Round. (In Stereo Live) CC						Consumer	Raymond
CW	14	Yu Gi Oh	Kamen	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15	The Bob & Tom Show		Legend of the Seeker		MLB Preseason Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers. CC						Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN	26	College Basketball		Baseball World Classic -- Canada vs. United States. (Live)						Baseball: World Classic			
ESPN2	27	Baseball: World Classic		College Basketball Missouri at Texas A&M. (Live)				College Basketball: Big South Final				College Basketball	
USA	31	(10:30) ★★ "Miami Vice" (2006) Colin Farrell, Gong Li. CC					★★ "The Scorpion King" (2002) The Rock. CC				★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002)		
TNT	32	"Thin Line-Love"		★★ "I Spy" (2002, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. CC				★★ "National Security" (2003) Martin Lawrence.				★ "Blue Streak" (1999)	
TBS	33	(10:55) ★★★ "Clueless" (1995, Comedy) CC				Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
SPIKE	34	DEA (In Stereo)		DEA (In Stereo)		Real Vice	Real Vice	DEA (In Stereo)		DEA (In Stereo)		UFC 96 Countdown	
COM	35	(10:30) ★★ "Stuck on You" (2003) Matt Damon.				★★★ "Thank You for Smoking" (2005) CC				★★ "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) CC			
LIFE	39	★★ "It Must Be Love"		★★★ "Tin Cup" (1996) Kevin Costner, Rene Russo. Premiere. CC						★★ "Mini's First Time" (2006) Alec Baldwin.			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		Chopped		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Secret Life	Heavy
HGTV	41	Save Bath	Red Hot	Dime	Myles	Find Style	Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	To Sell
A&E	43	Paranormal	Paranormal	(:14) ★★★ "The Shining" (1980, Horror) Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall. CC							"Die Hard With a Vengeance" CC		
HIST	44	UFO Files CC		UFO Files CC		UFO Files CC		UFO Hunters CC		UFO Hunters CC		UFO Hunters CC	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Frst Home	Frst Home	Deals Bus	Deals Bus	Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	Tattoo Hunter		Treasure Quest "Malta"		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Mexico"		Dirty Jobs CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops		Tarantula-King		Weird, True & Freaky		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	(10:30) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) CC						★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe.					
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Up, Up and Away" (2000) CC			Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	So Raven	So Raven
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	SpongeBob	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(9:00) ★★ "Broken Trail" (2006) Robert Duvall.				★★ "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. CC					"Terminator 3: Machines"		
SCIFI	59	(10:30) "Crazy Eights" (2006)			★★ "Cabin Fever" (2002, Horror) Jordan Ladd.				★★ "Saw" (2004, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover.				
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hair Club	Slim Jeans	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Unlocking the Past		MSNBC Special		Spy Who Love		The Marrying Kind		The Stranger		A Shot in the Dark	

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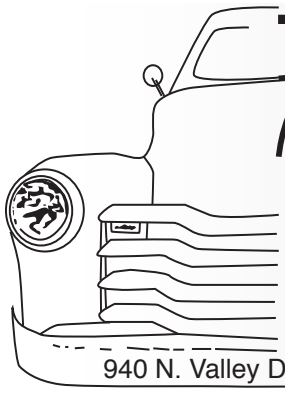
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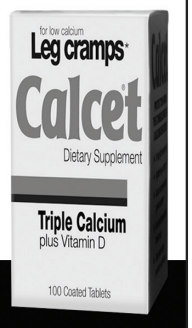

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PBS	2 22	Celtic Woman		Make 'em Laugh: Funny			Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop (In Stereo) CC						YOU: Inner and Outer Beauty		
CBS	3 3	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	Home Videos		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters"				News (N)	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired
FOX	8 14	Legend of		House CC		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv (N) CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	Con	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Celebrity Apprentice CC				Law & Order CC		News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live (N)		
CW	14	★★★ "Great Balls of Fire!" (1989)				Bananas CC		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		Stellar Gospel Music Awards CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Honeym	★★ "Mighty Joe Young" CC		
ESPN	26	Baseball		College GameDay		College Basketball				SportsCenter CC		Midnight	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball		College Basketball: OVC Final				College Basketball				Baseball Tonight		Baseball	
USA	31	"Bourne Identity"		"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" CC						Burn Notice CC		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	(4:00) "Blue Streak"		★ "In the Mix" (2005) Usher. Premiere.				★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon. CC					★ "Underclassman" (2005)		
TBS	33	★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.					★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994) CC				★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) (PA) Tobey Maguire.				
SPIKE	34	Ways Die	Ways Die	★★★★ "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" (1977) Mark Hamill.						Real Vice	Real Vice	Real Vice	Real Vice	Real Vice	Wolf
COM	35	★★ "Just Friends" (2005) CC				★★ "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson. CC				★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004) CC				★★ "Clerks II"	
LIFE	39	★★ "I Want to Marry Ryan Banks" CC				★★★ "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003) CC				★★★ "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003) CC				Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Paula's Party		Desserts Un.		Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Divine	Dime	Color	House	House	Property	Rate	Kitchen	Divine	Dime	Color	House
A&E	43	"Die Hard-Veng."		★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck. Premiere. CC						CSI: Miami CC		★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck.			
HIST	44	UFO Hunters CC		Einstein CC				The Universe The formation of galaxies.				Einstein CC			
TLC	45	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Frst	Frst	Deals	Deals	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Frst	Frst	Deals	Deals
DISC	47	MythBust	De	The Science of Sex Appeal CC				Anatomy of Sex		Made	Made	The Science of Sex Appeal CC			
ANPL	50	Hero Phoenix		Underdog		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		Underdog		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51	"Harry Potter"		★★★ "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) CC						★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) CC				Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Sky High" (2005) CC			Phineas	Suite Life	Cory
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly (N)	Jackson	H2O (N)	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im
AMC	57	"Terminator 3"		★★★ "First Blood" (1982, Action) CC				★★ "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985)				★ "Death Wish 3" (1985) Ed Lauter CC			
SCIFI	59	★★ "Saw II" (2005) Donnie Wahlberg.				★ "See No Evil" (2006) Kane. Premiere.				"Lake Dead" (2007) Tara Gerard. CC				★ "The Shaft" CC	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC	63	Deal or No Deal		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Deal or No Deal		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	64	Justice 101		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw	

SUNDAY MORNING — MARCH 8, 2009

		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)				Heart Healthy		Achieving Your Dreams		Legislators	Eckhart Tolle		Secret Law
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	College Basketball	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Storms	Storms	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Hip Hop	FOX News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faithful	Paid Prog.
NBC	9 9	(:02) Poker After Dark		Today (N) CC		Consumer	Reel Talk	Consumer	Home	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Hockey
CW	14	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NASCAR
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Facts	Key-David	Graham	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Children	Paid Prog.	Sports	Boston Legal CC		Enemy
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC					
ESPN2	27	Baseball: World Classic			Fishing	Coastal	Spanish Fl	NASCAR Now (Live)		On the Auction Block		Cheerleading	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	★★★ "The Mummy" (1999, Adventure) Brendan Fraser. CC					★★ "The Scorpion King" (2002)		
TNT	32	(4:30) ★★ "The Fighting Temptations" (2003)				★★ "Take the Lead" (2006) Antonio Banderas.				★★★ "Selena" (1997) Jennifer Lopez. CC			
TBS	33	★ "Son of the Mask" (2005) Jamie Kennedy.				★★ "Kicking & Screaming" (2005) Will Ferrell.				★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) (PA) Tobey Maguire.			
SPIKE	34	P90X	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married...	Married...	Married...	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM	35	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Presents	Presents	★★ "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) CC				Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Get Thin	Health	"In God's Country" (2007) Kelly Rowan. CC				"True Confessions"	
FOOD	40	Cooking	Quick Fix	Emeril	Italian	Boy Grill	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Cooking
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Landscape	Get Out	Yard	Super	Curb	Unsellable	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Potential
A&E	43	Paul McCartney: Space		Paul McCartney: Live		Private Sessions (N)		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		Exterm	Exterm
HIST	44	Lost Treasures		Gangland CC		Gangland: Brotherhood		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland MS-13. CC	
TLC	45	Designing	Ten-Trainer	Baby Read	P90X	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	KODAK	Millions	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	The Detonators CC		MythBusters CC		Hudson Plane Crash		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Pet Star CC		K-9 to 5	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Funniest Animals		Growing Up... "Camel"	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton. CC				Harry P
DISN	52	Ring Light	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einsteins	Tigger	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(4:45) ★★★ "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967, Western) Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach. CC								★★★ "Death Wish" (1974) Charles Bronson.			
SCIFI	59	Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Hip Hop	KODAK	"The Beast of Bray Road" (2005) Jeff Denton.				"Hybrid" (2007, Suspense) Justine Bateman. CC			
CNN	62	Newsroom	House Call	Newsroom		State of the Union		Reliable Sources CC		State of the Union		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Thrill Ride	Rescues

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 8, 2009

		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	Secret Law	Be Well Now! With Nancy			YOU: Inner and Outer Beauty			Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) CC				Perform.
CBS	3 3	College Basketball		College Basketball: MVC Final -- Teams TBA				College Basketball Duke at North Carolina. CC				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NBA Count	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at San Antonio Spurs. CC					Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	Wild World	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Kobalt Tools 500. From Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. CC									Munsters	Munsters
NBC	9 9	NHL Hockey: Bruins at Rangers				PGA Tour Golf Honda Classic -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live) CC						Consumer	Consumer
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★★ "The Principal" (1987) James Belushi.				Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	(10:30) ★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998) CC				★★ "Live Wire" (1992) Pierce Brosnan. CC				Cosby	Cosby	ALF CC	ALF CC
ESPN	26	PBA Bowling: Buckeye State			Billiards		Baseball Tonight CC		Baseball World Classic -- Teams TBA. (Live)				
ESPN2	27	Cheerleading		Women's College Gymnastics			Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball		
USA	31	Scorpion	★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon. CC					★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003)					
TNT	32	Selena	★ "Underclassman" (2005) Nick Cannon. CC				★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. CC					★ "In the Mix" (2005)	
TBS	33	Spider-Man	★★★ "The Mask" (1994) (PA) Jim Carrey. CC				★★ "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002)				★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003)		
SPIKE	34	Good Pets-Bad		Good Pets-Bad		★★★★ "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" (1977) Mark Hamill. (In Stereo)						UFC Unleashed	
COM	35	★★★ "Thank You for Smoking" (2005) CC				★★ "Just Friends" (2005) Ryan Reynolds. CC				★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004) Jon Heder.			
LIFE	39	"True Confessions"		"Saving Sarah Cain" (2007) Lisa Pepper. CC				"What Matters Most" (2001) Chad Allen. CC				"Augusta, Gone" (2006)	
FOOD	40	Home	Big Daddy	Rachael	Road	Diners	Diners	Food	Food	Cakes	Cakes	Guy's Big Night	
HGTV	41	First Place	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Dime	Color	Divine	Genevieve	HGTV Showdown		To Sell	To Sell
A&E	43	Exterm	★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis.					★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. CC					
HIST	44	Gangland Miami. CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland The Outlaws.		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC	45	The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives	
DISC	47	Wreck. Nation		Verminators CC		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild "Siberia"		MythBusters CC		Dirty Jobs "Bell Maker"	
ANPL	50	Miami Animal Police		Untamed and Uncut		Jockeys CC		Jockeys CC		Jockeys CC		Jockeys	
FAM	51	(10:30) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe. CC							★★★ "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004)				
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★ "Sky High" (2005) (In Stereo)			Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory
NICK	54	Jimmy Neutron: Gen.		Barnyard	Barnyard	Zoey 101 CC		iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake
AMC	57	★ "Death Wish 3" (1985) Charles Bronson. CC				★★★ "First Blood" (1982) Sylvester Stallone.				★★ "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985) CC			
SCIFI	59	★★★ "Dog Soldiers" (2002) Sean Pertwee.				★★ "Cursed" (2005, Horror) Christina Ricci.				★★ "Ginger Snaps Back: The Beginning" CC			
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Comfort	Paid Prog.	Meals	Paid Prog.	Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Remrkble Cook		Closing Time		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Meet the Press CC		Secrets and Lies	

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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	Great Performances		Daniel O'Donnell: Hope and Praise				Johnny Mathis: Wonderful			Rick Steves' Romantics' Europe CC				(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News (N)	60 Minutes CC		Amazing Race		Cold Case (N) CC		The Unit "Hero" (N)		News (N)	CSI: NY CC		Baby
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Extreme-Home		Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Hole in the Wall (N)		Simpsons	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Amer	News (N) CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC	9 9	NBC	News	SNL Game		Commercials		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) CC				News (N)	Lopez	Con	CSI Mi
CW	14	Drew	Drew	Jericho CC		★★ "Easy Money" (1983) Joe Pesci				Desperate House		Bananas CC		Star Trek CC	
WGN	15	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	Honeym	Honeym	News	Replay	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie	Hillbillies	Hillbillies
ESPN	26	Baseball	Baseball	Baseball World Classic -- Teams TBA. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC		
ESPN2	27	Basket	Women's College Basketball: SEC Final				College Basketball				College Basketball: West Coast Conf. Semifinal				
USA	31	House CC		House CC		House CC		House CC		Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "The Mummy" (1999) CC			
TNT	32	(4:00) "In the Mix"		★★ "Step Up" (2006) Channing Tatum.				★★ "Step Up" (2006) Channing Tatum.				★★★ "Selena" (1997) Jennifer Lopez.			
TBS	33	"School of Rock"		★★ "Nacho Libre" (2006) Jack Black.				★★ "Nacho Libre" (2006) Jack Black.				★★★ "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey.			
SPIKE	34	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Ways Die	Ways Die	MAN	MAN	MAN	MAN	Married...	Married...
COM	35	★★ "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson.				Dane Cook		Russell Brand		Martin	S. Park	Russell Brand		Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	"Augusta, Gone"		"Mom, Dad and Her" (2008, Drama) CC				Army Wives CC		Grey's Anatomy		Frasier	Frasier	Rita	Rita
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Chopped	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	RV 2009 (N)		House	House	First	Property	Renovatn	Stagers	RV 2009		House	House
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Gangland CC		Ancient Aliens (N) CC				Ax Men CC		UFO Files CC		Ancient Aliens CC			
TLC	45	Born Boy-Girl		Half-Ton Mom		Half-Ton Dad CC		Half Ton Teen		Half-Ton Mom		Half-Ton Dad CC		Half Ton Teen	
DISC	47	Rampage! CC		Rampage! (N)		Rampage! (N)		Tornado Rampage		Rampage! CC		Rampage!		Rampage!	
ANPL	50	The Big Squeeze		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	51	Harry	★★★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) Daniel Radcliffe. CC							Home Videos		J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	Sonny	Wizards	★★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003) (In Stereo)			
NICK	54	iCarly	Jackson	H2O	Zoey 101	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Cosby	Cosby
AMC	57	★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale. Premiere. CC						Breaking Bad CC		Breaking Bad CC		Mad Men CC		Breaking Bad CC	
SCIFI	59	"Ginger Snaps: Unleashed" (2004, Horror)				"War Wolves" (2009) John Saxon.				"Never Cry Werewolf" (2008) CC				"BloodMonkey"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley-News		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St	Made in China		Big Mac: Inside		Marijuana Inc.		American Greed		Originals: Bud		The Billionaire	
MSNBC	64	From Glory to Gone		Pr. Next Door		MSNBC Reports		Al Roker Reporting		Pr. Next Door		MSNBC Reports		Al Roker Reporting	

MONDAY EVENING — MARCH 9, 2009

		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	News-Lehrer		Legisla	Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Company-Voice		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami (N)		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Dancing With the Stars (In Stereo) CC				(:02) Castle CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	House (N) CC		24 (N) CC		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) CC		Heroes (N) CC		Medium (N) CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl CC		One Tree Hill CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Bob & Tom		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Home Videos	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter CC		Final	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				College Basketball: MAAC Final				Who's Number 1?		Baseball Tonight		NASCAR Now (N)	
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS CC		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				(:05) Burn Notice		Law Order: CI		(:07) Monk CC	
TNT	32	Law & Order		The Closer CC		The Closer CC		Saving Grace CC		Bones CC		Saving Grace CC		Cold Case CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	★★ "Captain Ron" (1992)		
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray. (In Stereo)					MAN	CSI: NY "The Deep"		Disorderly Con.	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Presents	Presents	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Rita	Reba	Wife Swap CC		Wife Swap CC		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Housewives	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Food	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Food	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Property	Gene	House	First	House	Bought	Desper	First	Property	Gene	House	First
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Cristy"		Para	Para	Para	Para	Intervention CC		Intervention "Cristy"	
HIST	44	Ax Men CC		Modern Marvels		Battles BC CC		Ax Men (N) CC		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Battles BC CC	
TLC	45	Little	Little	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8	
DISC	47	Made	Made	De	De	Hard Time "Indiana"		Hard Time "Alaska"		Made	Made	De	De	Hard Time "Indiana"	
ANPL	50	The Natural World		It's Me or the Dog		Cats 101 CC		Animal Cops		It's Me or the Dog		Cats 101 CC		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Secret-Teen		Kyle XY (N) CC		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club CC		Secret-Teen		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) CC					
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	Pets	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"The Untouchables"		★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale. CC						★★ "Commando" (1985, Action) CC				"The Untouchables"	
SCIFI	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		★★★ "Ninja Scroll" (1993, Adventure)				Lost CC	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Auto Show		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		Auto Show	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — MARCH 10, 2009

		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	News-Lehrer		News	Highland Heartbeat			Cantors: A Faith in Song CC			Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "Heartland"		The Mentalist CC		Without a Trace		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Homeland-USA		Scrubs	Scrubs	Primetime: You		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	American Idol Top 12 finalists perform.				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo) CC				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Reaper (N) CC		90210 "By Accident"		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	Women's College Basketball				College Basketball: Horizon League Final				SportsCenter CC		Final	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Baseball		College Basketball: Summit League Final				College Basketball: Sun Belt Final				NASCAR	Strongest	Baseball	Baseball
USA	31	NCIS "Sea Dog"		House CC		House "Autopsy"		House CC		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "Casanova"	
TNT	32	Good Will	★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney.					Trust Me (N) CC		Saving Grace CC		Trust Me CC		"Ocean's Eleven"	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Sex &	Sex &	★★★ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989) (PA)			
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Ult. Knockouts		DEA (N) (In Stereo)		Real Vice	Real Vice	CSI: NY "Boo"		Disorderly Con.	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Lisa Lampanelli		Daily	Colbert	Lisa Lampanelli		Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	"A Friend of the Family" (2005) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Housewives	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Good	Food	Cakes	Chopped (N)		Good	Unwrap	Food	Cakes	Chopped	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Property	Potential	House	Unsella	House	House	Income	First	Property	Potential	House	Unsella
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Earth's Black Hole		Earth-Made		The Universe CC		Superhuman CC		Earth's Black Hole		Earth-Made	
TLC	45	Kids by the Dozen		17 Kids	17 Kids	17 Kids-Count		Toddlers & Tiaras		17 Kids	17 Kids	17 Kids-Count		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs		Wreck. Nation		Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	50	Natural World CC		Animals Strike		Lost Tapes CC		Hero Phoenix		Lost Tapes CC		Animals Strike		Hero Phoenix	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Kyle XY CC		Paid	Jeans
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	"Dadnapped" (2009) (In Stereo)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK	54	iCarly	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"For a Few Dol."		★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985, Western) Clint Eastwood.					★★★ "Joe Kidd" (1972) Clint Eastwood.				★★★ "A Fistful of Dollars"		
SCIFI	59	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		ECW (Live)		Ultimate Game		Estate of Panic		Cha$e CC		Lost "Numbers"	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Saving GM		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		Saving GM	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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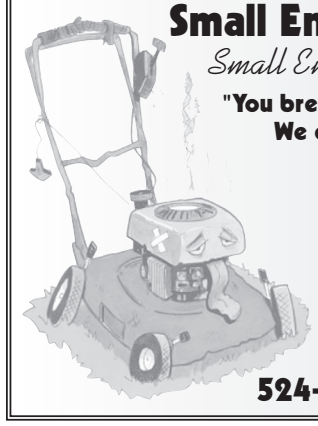

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — MARCH 11, 2009

	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	News-Lehrer		News	Paul Simon: Library			Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Charlie Rose (N)		Smiley
CBS 3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY (N) CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Scrubs	Scrubs	Lost "LaFleur"		(:02) Life on Mars		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Lie to Me (N) CC		American Idol CC		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Chopping Block		Life "Shelf Life" (N)		Law & Order CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Next Top Model		90210 "By Accident"		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN 15	Home Videos		Coach	Coach	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		ALF	ALF
ESPN 26	College Basketball				College Basketball: Big East Second Round					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Final	Fast
ESPN2 27	Baseball		College Basketball: NEC Final				College Basketball: Big Sky Final				Baseball	NASCAR	UEFA Soccer	
USA 31	NCIS CC		House CC		NCIS "Vanished"		NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		★★ "The Break-Up" (2006) CC				"Cold Mountain"	
TNT 32	Law & Order		★★ "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill.				Star	Star	Trust Me CC		★★ "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill.			
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	★★★ "The Last Boy Scout"		
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Fight Night (In Stereo)				Toughest Cowboy		CSI: NY CC		Disorderly Con.	
COM 35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Martin	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Martin	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	"Christie's Revenge" (2007) Danielle Kind.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Housewives	
FOOD 40	Challenge		Good	Good	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV 41	Curb	House	Property	Rate	House	Income	House	Renovatn	Amazing	First	Property	Rate	House	Income
A&E 43	CSI: Miami "Rio"		Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Dog	Exterm	Exterm	Exterm	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest (N)		UFO Hunters CC		UFO Hunters CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC 45	Untold Stories		My Shocking Story		33 000 Calories		Mystery Diagnosis		My Shocking Story		33 000 Calories		Mystery Diagnosis	
DISC 47	The Detonators		The Detonators (N)		MythBusters CC		Earth: The Sequel		Made	Made	The Detonators		MythBusters CC	
ANPL 50	Man-Moose		Animal Witness		Human Prey Hippo.		Animal Cops		Animal Witness		Human Prey Hippo.		Animal Cops	
FAM 51	70s Show	70s Show	★★★ "The Family Man" (2000) Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni. CC						The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Life De	Life De	So Raven	So Raven	Suite Life	Montana	"An Extremely Goofy Movie"			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK 54	Jackson	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	(3:30) "Pale Rider"		★★★ "In the Line of Fire" (1993) Clint Eastwood.					(:45) ★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy"				(:45) Breaking Bad		Saturday
SCIFI 59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places		Lost CC	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC 63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		American Greed		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed	
MSNBC 64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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PBS 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Great Scenic Railway Journeys			Great Scenic Railway Journeys			Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS 3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Tocantins		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Private Practice (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Bones (N) CC		Hell's Kitchen (N)		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Name	Kath-Kim	Office	30 Rock	ER (N) CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville (N) CC		Supernatural (N)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN 15	Home Videos		★★ "Sleepover" (2004) Alexa Vega. CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	RENO
ESPN 26	College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal				College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Final	Fast
ESPN2 27	College Basketball: ACC First Round				Score	College Basketball: Big 12 Quarterfinal				Score	Baseball Tonight		College Basketball	
USA 31	NCIS "The Curse"		House CC		House "Spin" CC		NCIS CC		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		★★ "King Arthur"	
TNT 32	Law & Order		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Spurs					NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Phoenix Suns.					Inside the NBA	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "Doom" (2005) (PA) The Rock. CC				Sex &	Sex &	(:10) ★★ "Doom"	
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) CC				Ways Die	Ways Die	MAN	MAN	Married...	Married...
COM 35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	RENO	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	★★★ "Tin Cup" (1996) Kevin Costner, Rene Russo. CC						Frasier	Frasier	Housewives	
FOOD 40	Challenge		Good	Good	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV 41	Curb	House	Property	Gene	House	House	House	Property	Property	First	Property	Gene	House	House
A&E 43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 (N)		The Beast (N) CC		The Beast CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland (N) CC		Warriors CC		Underworld		Modern Marvels		Gangland CC	
TLC 45	Reckless Driver		Overhaulin' CC		Street Customs (N)		Stop Shouting		Street Customs		Stop Shouting		Overhaulin' CC	
DISC 47	Made	Made	Rampage! CC		De	De	Treasure Quest (N)		Made	Made	Rampage! CC		De	De
ANPL 50	Rogue Nature CC		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops	
FAM 51	70s Show	★★★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta. CC					Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Cory	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Smart House" (1999)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK 54	Drake	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	"In the Line of Fire"		★★★ "48 HRS." (1982) Nick Nolte. CC				(:15) ★★ "Caddyshack" (1980, Comedy)				(:15) ★★★ "Big" (1988) Tom Hanks.			
SCIFI 59	Battlestar Galactica		Battlestar Galactica		Battlestar Galactica		Battlestar Galactica		"Gryphon" (2007) Jonathan LaPaglia.				Lost "Do No Harm"	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
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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

	4	7		2		1	9	
8			5	7				3
	6	1		3			2	
	2				3			1
		3	4		8	5		
9			6				7	
	5			4		2	1	
1				6	9			8
	7	9		8		4	3	

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

8	3	9	1					2
	2				7		9	1
								3
	7		3		2			8
5			8		9		7	
3								
1	9		5				8	
4					3	5	2	9

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

		9		6		2		5
	3	7						
		5	7	8				
3							4	
5		2				9		8
	6							1
				1	8	5		
						8	3	
8		6		5		4		

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

9	4	6	2	7	5	3	8	1
3	5	8	9	1	4	7	6	2
1	2	7	6	8	3	9	4	5
5	1	2	7	6	8	4	3	9
4	7	3	1	5	9	6	2	8
6	8	9	3	4	2	1	5	7
8	3	5	4	9	7	2	1	6
2	9	1	5	3	6	8	7	4
7	6	4	8	2	1	5	9	3

CHALLENGER

2	8	4	5	7	6	1	9	3
9	7	3	1	4	2	6	5	8
5	1	6	3	9	8	7	2	4
4	5	2	8	1	9	3	7	6
1	9	8	7	6	3	5	4	2
6	3	7	4	2	5	9	8	1
8	2	1	6	5	7	4	3	9
7	6	9	2	3	4	8	1	5
3	4	5	9	8	1	2	6	7

EXPERT

6	2	1	7	4	3	8	5	9
7	3	5	8	6	9	2	4	1
4	8	9	5	2	1	6	3	7
2	6	4	3	7	8	1	9	5
1	9	3	6	5	2	4	7	8
5	7	8	1	9	4	3	2	6
9	4	6	2	1	5	7	8	3
8	5	7	4	3	6	9	1	2
3	1	2	9	8	7	5	6	4

THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

GEOLOGY

ENGLISH	SPANISH
CAVE	CUEVA
FOSSIL	FÓSIL
HILL	COLINA
MARBLE	MÁRMOL
MINERAL	MINERAL
MOUNTAIN	MONTAÑA
PEBBLE	GUIJARRO
QUARTZ	CUARZO
ROCK	ROCA
STONE	PIEDRA
VALLEY	VALLE
VOLCANO	VOLCÁN

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A	Ñ	A	T	H	N	Z	T	R	A	E	Q	S	Ó	F
C	U	E	V	E	P	Q	U	Y	E	L	L	A	V	J
M	A	R	B	L	E	A	R	Z	O	Z	R	A	U	C
O	M	Á	R	S	B	A	R	O	P	Ñ	L	C	Ñ	A
U	L	A	Ñ	A	B	Ñ	M	N	I	L	L	A	T	H
N	A	T	Z	Q	L	A	C	U	E	Ñ	I	V	C	A
T	R	V	L	Y	E	T	V	L	D	K	H	E	Y	V
A	E	C	A	N	F	N	C	A	R	C	N	A	O	A
I	N	F	V	Q	V	O	Q	V	A	O	F	Ó	S	N
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L	C	L	I	T	M	Á	R	M	O	L	F	Ó	S	C
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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 Title word from 2008 Clint movie
5 Matterhorn, e.g.
8 Festive time
9 Swell place
10 Brinks
11 Expression to indicate contempt
14 Art able to
15 Family dog, for short
17 Sylvester, to Tweety
18 Mentalist Geller
19 Ham holder
20 Shells, e.g.
21 Title word from 2008 Pitt movie
26 It may be glossed over
27 Park, for one
28 Provide with cover overhead
30 Depends (on)
31 Away from the bow
34 LA player from the '80s
35 The French sing it a lot: "La ___"
40 Mantel piece
41 Fake
44 Gov.health org.
45 Earliest type of power diggers
51 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
52 Bewail
53 Cream cheese container
54 Work units
55 Serbian province
56 Late-night host name
57 Fine-toothed cutter
58 Philistine
60 Island ring
61 Night hooter
62 Cry of success
63 Chinese river
64 Leaf-like part
67 Children's doctor?
71 Bang-up
72 "Them"
73 1984 Peace Nobelist
74 Horatian work
75 Check

DOWN
1 Spiral
2 Archaeological site
3 Charity
4 Home, informally
5 Silvery gray
6 Romanian mint product
7 One of the Ewings on "Dallas"
12 Chubby
13 Wrong
14 Low islands
16 Job-seeker's posting
17 Loyal
20 Feel awful
21 Pacific
22 Iris holder
23 Back
24 Holiday ___
25 Northern England river
26 Paint
28 Star of a WW II film in 2008
29 Apollo 17 took the "Blue Marble" photograph of it
31 Warm welcomes
32 Kind of shot
33 Light brown
36 Cupcake topper
37 Part of T.G.I.F.
38 Band performance
39 Bard's preposition
42 Away's partner
43 Cassowary look alike
44 Not
46 Instrument in a wind quintet
47 Infinite
48 Freudian topics
49 Sofia coins
50 Not bright
54 It has a canal
55 Barbara's "A Star Is Born" co-star
56 "Changeling" star
57 Some are corny
58 Fiddle stick
59 Has a mortgage
60 Lecture hall
64 Bonkers
65 Drubbing
66 Feed the kitty
68 Sky craft
69 Groundskeeper's supply
70 Consult

ALL THIS TIME

ACROSS
1 Former
8 Trash
15 Mature insect
20 Attack by bombers
21 Awakening
22 Hurler Ryan
23 Philosopher Langer
24 Drag in
25 Oar holder
26 Abound
27 Sturm __ Drang
29 Football break
31 Med. procedure
33 Hydroxyl compound
35 Half of the UAR
36 Parseghian of football
37 Strikeout victim
44 Irish playwright Sean
46 Cede
47 Pirate in "Peter Pan"
48 60-min. units
49 Assn.
50 Feeling no need for apology
52 Free-lance work
57 Potent hallucinogen
58 Snaky shape
59 Merry spree
61 Forthcoming
62 CD alternative
63 Founder of Stoicism
64 Bog
66 Latin handle
67 Classic Ken Kesey novel
74 Karras of "Webster"
75 Years, to Yves
76 Jacob's twin
77 Exist
78 Plant similar to verbena
81 Trunk bulge
82 Friend on the Left Bank
83 Bikini top
86 Cash incentive
89 Mid-range golf club
92 Winter Games grp.
93 Patriotic org.
94 Burrowing garden pest
95 Nymph of mythology
96 Feinstein or Wiest
99 Guinness concerns
102 CPA's approximation
103 Annapolis grad.
105 Hgt.
106 Charged atom
107 A need for speed
112 Slippery one
114 Thompson of "Family"
118 NH compound
119 Partial concurrence
121 Does some cobbling
123 Brief look-see
124 Put on a theatrical revival
125 Transfers some power
126 Praying figure
127 Parliament of Israel
128 Whenever

DOWN
1 Tobacco kiln
2 New Zealand island territory
3 Old Gaelic
4 Layered nets
5 Singer Janis
6 Manhattan buyer
7 Place of bliss
8 Go, in Glasgow
9 One end of a sleeve
10 Snook
11 Folksinger Ives
12 From
13 Canter or trot
14 Havelock or Perry
15 Office speakers
16 Scale for minerals
17 Island salutations
18 Aplenty
19 Half a round trip
28 "Philadelphia" director
30 Commonest protein in muscle
32 Glowing temperature
34 Uncalled-for
37 Wyomia of track
38 Tip
39 Harvest
40 Doctrines
41 Bard of Avon: abbr.
42 Do it wrong
43 Alphabet trio
45 Film material
51 Spumante source
52 Offspring
53 Hue
54 Singer Mitchell
55 Approximately
56 Three-__ salad
60 Literary bits
62 Gum substitute
63 Meditative discipline
64 Awe-inspiring
65 Nice water?
67 Pasolini movie
68 Norwegian saint
69 Writing-on-the-wall word
70 Queen's address
71 Mandela's nat.
72 Call
73 Venezuelan river
79 Ian McEwan novel
80 Christian Creed
81 Economist Marx
82 State emphatically
83 Fox's title
84 Way to go
85 Added stipulations
87 Author LeShan
88 Pen partner?
90 Ecole student
91 Resolves, as a disagreement
94 Travel allowance
96 "Casino" star
97 Atom with a variable nucleus
98 New York prison
100 Magnetic flux density units
101 "My Sister __"
104 Delivery bird
108 Fully versed about
109 Baker's need
110 __-majesty
111 Scraps for Fido
113 "The Ring of the Nibelung" role
115 Graph starter?
116 Judge worthy
117 African fox
120 Indulged one
122 Undercover agent

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

O	N	A	I	P	E	N	O	H	P	A	R	B	I	V
O	R	Q	U	E	S	T	A	D	E	J	A	Z	Z	I
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Diagramless

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Verbatim

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‘Forget Your Troubles’ at Boba Café

Musical revue to feature songs for a tough economy

Over the years, the nation’s tough economic times have inspired much singing and dancing, this time accompanied by a slice of pie as Boba Café presents “Forget Your Troubles” Friday and Saturday nights from March 6 through 21.

This uplifting revue of memorable songs written during the Great Depression includes a cast of five. Director and cast member Megan McQueen explains, “(Boba owner) Chris (Waggoner) and I were discussing how tough times are right now, and how fun it would be to lift people’s spirits with a special show. We thought of these classic Gershwin, Berlin, Rodgers and Arlen tunes – all these songs that told us that things would get better soon, and we knew the time was right.”

“Since we’re all watching our money a little closer these days,” Waggoner says, “I thought it would be nice to offer a slice of pie to everyone at each performance. It’s a sweet deal.”

McQueen has frequently utilized her experience as a director and performer on Boba’s stage. In the last few months, she’s appeared in three of their revues, directed three others and mounted “One Night Only” at the Rio Grande Theatre with Marco Jimenez and Isaac Quiroga. Her songs in this show include “Pennies from Heaven” and “It’s Only a Paper Moon.”

The show will also feature three of the members of Boba’s “Dreamcatcher” revue, directed by McQueen in September. Ila McCoy has appeared in musical comedy and variety shows in Europe and on the East Coast. She currently sings with the Mesilla Valley Chorale. Her numbers include “Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries” and “Summertime.”

Mike Cook, veteran of most Las Cruces theater companies, will again offer bits of historical information through the show. He will join McQueen “On the Sunny Side of the Street” and present the hobo song “Big Rock Candy Mountain.”

Ginny May, pianist for “Dreamcatcher” and accompanist for the Mesilla Valley Chorale, has accompanied countless revues and other musical performances in Las Cruces and her home state of Nebraska. She will not only play throughout the show, but will also sing the catchy “I Got Rhythm.”

A newcomer to Boba, Clint Bellows will round out the cast. He has considerable experience as a performer, having appeared in numerous musicals and worked in radio and television for 25 years. He will offer “As Time Goes By” and the quintessential song of the Depression “Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?”

The cast of “Forget Your Troubles” will entertain guests during shows at the Boba Café opening March 6.

Dinner seats at 6 p.m. with show time at 7 p.m. Cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m. with show time at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner shows are $25, which includes hors d’oeuvres, dinner entree and beverage (beer and wine included). The 8:30 p.m. cocktail performance tickets are $8 per person. Students and seniors are $6 per person. All tickets will come with a slice of pie. For reservations or more information, call 647-5900. Boba Café is located at 1900 S. Espina St.

CALL TO ARTISTS

CITY OF ARTISTS PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION

City of Artists Promotional Association was formed to promote the arts in the Las Cruces, Mesilla and surrounding areas. Through their website, local venues, association with galleries and other business groups who are actively building an interest in the arts, CAPA is working to create a nationally-known arts community in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in joining City of Artists should log on to www.CityofArtists.org, for a membership form.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Las Cruces Museum of Art is currently accepting proposals for solo and group exhibitions by artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas to exhibit work in 2010. The prospectus is available online at the Museum of Art website http://museums.las-cruces.org and includes more information on proposal requirements. The deadline for submissions is June 19, 2009.

Artist proposals must include a brief statement on the proposed exhibit including media, general content of the show and proposed use of floor space. The proposal package should also include artist résumé, artist statement and 10 to 20 thumbnail images of works for each of the artists included in the proposal.

Past exhibitions have included installations, sculpture, large-scale drawings and a variety of other media.

Call 541-2221 or email jmiller@las-cruces.org for more information.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre has immediate openings for local artists of all media and styles, including contemporary and abstract. For further information, call 522-2933, drop by the gallery or visit www.zianet.com/mvartgallery.

WHITE SANDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The White Sands International Film Festival is now accepting entries into the 2009 competitive program being held April 23-26, 2009. Four categories for entry include Narrative, Documentary, Latino Film Showcase and New Mexico Film Showcase. The entry fee will be waived for films shot in New Mexico. Cash prizes or special jury awards will be given in each category. In particular, the festival is interested in: films that deal with contemporary issues, that celebrate the human spirit, that deal with the Latino or Hispanic world, that have been made in New Mexico or those with good story telling, acting, writing and direction. For submission information, visit www.wsiff.com.

SEND OUT YOUR OWN CALL TO ARTISTS

The Las Cruces Bulletin welcomes all calls for artist submissions within the Las Cruces area. Send information about a gallery or event to arts@lascrucesbulletin.com or deliver to the Bulletin office at 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E. Please include submission guidelines and deadlines, as well as a phone number and/or email address for those with questions.

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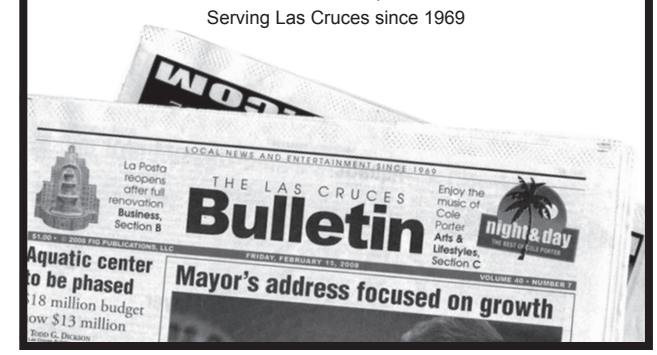

Stuck in the middle with 'Rachel Getting Married'

Movie about impending nuptials is iffy at best

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
The Las Cruces Bulletin

There are two things that make the sometimes interesting, dramatic and darkly comic film "Rachel Getting Married" less than it could have been. One is the scene that shows the rehearsal dinner for Rachel's impending marriage, and the other is the scene with the actual wedding.

The rehearsal scene goes on and on and becomes so trite and boring that I could not sit still. Too many people blather on for far too long about nothing. And even if that was the intent of the filmmaker, since such affairs can be excruciating – even at all of my own weddings – this one is really hard to watch.

The other is the actually wedding, were the viewer becomes an unwitting guest to the (again) overlong ceremony and ensuing events, which feel leaden. Trim these two scenes and you have an interesting story of Kym and her return to her family after yet another stint in rehab. For initially undefined reasons, the controlling Kym has been punishing herself with chemicals and other things that bleed the soul over the years, and her latest debut, at her sister's wedding, is difficult for all involved.

Most of her family is tired of her and make no bones about it. At first, only her passive sister welcomes her with any kind of real human warmth and dignity to which Kym is barely able to respond. As the self-absorbed Kym slowly comes to terms with her family and the events at hand, everyone slowly but surely warms up to her. Her father does his best to rally the family, even with the presence of his ex-wife (well-played by Debra Winger, who I still have a crush on), as the family continues to lean precariously close to the edge.

Director Jonathan Demme, whose résumé includes "Philadelphia" and "Silence of the Lambs," does a pretty good job of portraying what might be more accurately called a "typical" family, rather than those that we witness on television or in other movies. Perhaps the film will mirror your own family.

The performance of Anne Hathaway as Kym gives the picture an air of accountability and realism that is perfect for a woman as confused and dislodged from many forms of reality as she is. She consciously or unconsciously spars with her sister for attention, even on the eve of this most important day. I found Kym to be narcissistic to the max, and not at all likable.

Her stint(s) in rehab have done nothing to help repair her emotionally – she is also responsible for a past family tragedy that remains fresh in the memory of many of her family members. Her selfishness is apparent in almost every uncomfortable scene, and she even has a one-night stand with the best man prior to the wedding – more revenge or just an unfulfilled hedonism that no one can understand?

Debra Winger as Abby, RoseMarie DeWitt as Rachel and Anne Hathaway as Kym in "Rachel Getting Married" at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla

All in all, this is a picture that you will either gravitate to or grind your teeth while watching. Reviews from real film critics – the few that remain – range from the heights (Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun Times) to the depths (Richard Schickel of Time Magazine).

Me? Well, I'm stuck in the middle. If I watch this picture again and can avoid those two overdone scenes and remember that Kym doesn't want to be liked, I'll be much better off.

Jeff Berg continues to marry. Find out why at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only – and not of anyone else connected with the film society.

Peter Fonda skillfully acts in CineMatinee film

'Ulee's Gold' is the story of a struggling beekeeper and his family

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, March 7, is "Ulee's Gold" (1997, 113 minutes, rated R). Part-time New Mexico resident Peter Fonda received a richly deserved Oscar nomination for his superb performance as Ulysses "Ulee" Jackson, a Florida beekeeper forced to put his splintered family back together. Ulee is a Vietnam veteran whose wife died several years ago, a blow he's still learning to live with. His son, Jimmy, is in prison, and his daughter-in-law, Helen, ran away, leaving Ulee to raise their two daughters by himself.

Ulee is a quiet man who has a difficult time displaying warmth and does not always deal well with the rebellious children put in his care. But he possesses an intense inner strength and a firm sense of loyalty and responsibility.

One, day Ulee gets a call from Jimmy – he has received word that Helen has fallen in with a pair of drug dealers and is in sad shape. While he doesn't much care for the idea, Ulee heads out to rescue her, only to discover the men who have her were Jimmy's partners in the robbery that put him behind bars. They threaten Ulee by saying if they're not given the $100,000 Jimmy has stashed away they'll come after his daughters. Meanwhile, Ulee is forced to deal with Helen's painful withdrawal from drugs – he gets some help from Connie, a divorced nurse who has recently moved into the neighborhood and seems to understand Ulee's lonely stoicism.

Written and directed with subtle intelligence by Victor Nunez, "Ulee's Gold" is a moving story about the trials and responsibilities of family ties, with Fonda leading a fine cast that delivers uniformly impressive work.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is at 1:30 p.m., and admission is $4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for $1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287.

CALL TO ARTISTS

5,000 FLOWERS AND MORE

"5,000 Flowers and More" is an art exhibit that commemorates those who were lost on September 11, 2001. This year, the eighth annual show will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center and will feature the work of one local artist whose work best reflects the theme. Although flowers are generally used to signify commemoration, other subjects will be considered; but political statements will not be accepted. The winning image will be placed on the brochures, posters and news releases related to the show.

Paintings, photographs, sculpture, porcelains, etc. will be considered. Digital images in jpg or tif can be sent to mlcourtney@comcast.net, and 4- by 6-inch photographs can be sent to Vera Schwartz, 4449 Falcon Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Artists are asked to submit an image of their original work before the March 27 deadline for judging. Applications for the show will follow in April.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY

All local artists from Doña Ana County are invited to submit examples of their work for the May show at Cottonwood Gallery, located in the Southwest Environmental Center. Art must be multimedia and created within the last two years. The theme is "The Ancient Ones." There are no size restrictions. Larger pieces will be eligible on a space available basis and really small pieces may need to include a display case. There will be a $10 charge for each piece accepted in the show and three cash prizes will be awarded. Send pictures and questions to Susan Frary at marketing@cityofartists.org or at 202-2420.

CALL FOR POSTCARDS

There will be an Art Postcard Exhibition and Sale to benefit New Mexico Women's Foundation May 7 through 14. Artists are invited to donate a small artwork, 4- by 6-inches, the size of a standard postcard, interpreting the theme "Wish You Were Here," in images, marks and/or words for a week-long exhibition and sale in Santa Fe to be shown on the web and across several venues in and around downtown Santa Fe.

Art from more than 100 artists around the world will be on display. The proceeds will benefit NMWF's Women's Cottage Industries program, a community-based economic development program that includes an educational component called Women Entrepreneurs Learn

Entries are due on or before April 1.

Contact Lynda Rodolitz at lyndarodolitz@earthlink.net or 212-712-9191, or Jill Heppenheimer at rusee@aol.com.

CRAFTSPEOPLE AND ARTISTS NEEDED FOR RAILROAD DAY

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums seeks proposals from craftspeople and artists whose work, services or products include a railroad theme.

On May 9, the City of Las Cruces Railroad Museum will celebrate the second annual Railroad Day. The museum will host an open house and will offer numerous activities associated with railroading. Approximately 2,500 visitors are expected during the open house, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artist's work is expected to be original items created by the artist and associated with railroading. Artists who wish to participate will be provided one 10-by-10-foot booth space on museum property in return for a $25 donation to the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. Artists will be expected to provide their own tables, display cases or other relevant display materials.

Proposals are to include the following: a 100-word or less explanation of your work/service and how it is associated with railroading, accompanied by digital images of items to be offered. Include your name and/or business name, mailing address, email address and phone number.

Submit your proposal to: Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., Las Cruces, NM 88005 or email to ekosciolek@comcast.net. Deadline is March 31.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is a chartered 501(c)3 organization which exists to support the City of Las Cruces museum system. For more information on the Foundation, go to www.flcm.blogspot.com. Awarded artists will be contacted by the Foundation and contractual details finalized at time of award.

'Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li'

Can you fight off falling asleep in this movie?

REVIEW BY J. SHERMAN
For The Las Cruces Bulletin

If you are a diehard fan of fighting video games and their big screen movie adaptations, this film is most definitely not for you.

In this recent theatrical rendition of the popular "Street Fighter" video game, audiences are left to ponder why exactly this film is marketed as an action movie instead of the more appropriate nomenclature of slow-paced drama. It is evident from the opening scenes that this film aims at telling the story of the life of Chun-Li (Kristin Kreuk). What the audience doesn't realize, however, is that this is the story of her life that led up to her becoming a Street Fighter; in other words, it is the dramatic and gradual tale of a Chinese-American girl growing up.

Action can be found in this movie, but the fighting scenes are vastly outnumbered by scenes of random dialog in an attempt at establishing a plot and building tension. We are given insight into the life of the daughter of a wealthy businessman who learned to fight by performing meditational Kung-Fu with her father as a small child.

Early on in her life, Chun-Li's father is kidnapped by the notorious videogame villain M. Bison (Neal McDonough, using one of the most unrealistic accents of modern times). It is this dramatic event the perpetually motivates Chun-Li to seek revenge against the man who effectively caused her to become an orphan.

In her journey into adulthood, Chun-Li is faced with the oppression of her people by the criminal world and eventually comes to realize that she must stand up and fight to defend society's impoverished and defenseless. It is this realization, which occurs after an hour into the movie that ignites a string of drawn-out fight sequences. The fighting does appear as fairly realistic throughout the film with the one major exception being Chun-Li's ability to conjure a kinetic fireball.

I entered the movie theater with minimal expectations and an open mind, but I left the theater utterly disappointed and wishing for a refund of money and time spent. It seemed as though the only thing worse than the movie itself, was the horrific acting of Chris Klein.

I realize that this movie is most likely aimed at children and adolescents, but I cannot imagine even a child being entertained or impressed by it. This newest cinematic installment of "Street Fighter" can be labeled as the drama inspired prequel to the fighting that is so enthusiastically enjoyed by all in the video games.

The movie seemed to have all of the punch lines, but none of the actual punches. This film serves as a great movie to watch before a breakup or one to take your kids to watch if you need a quick nap.

This grade is for ruining my day and for trying to ruin the legacy of a cherished childhood video game.

Kristin Kreuk as Chun-Li, stars in the video game-based movie "Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li."

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AT THE MOVIES

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes To Jail

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Mischievous grandma Madea finds herself behind bars, where she comes to the rescue of a fellow inmate.
Starring: Tyler Perry, Derek Luke
Director: Tyler Perry

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A mild-mannered security guard is thrust into action when highly organized thieves take over his mall.
Starring: Kevin James
Director: Steve Carr

Taken

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Liam Neeson is an unstoppable force in this adrenaline-fueled thriller from director Pierre Morel.
Starring: Liam Neeson
Director: Pierre Morel

Fired Up

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Dreading another summer at football camp, a couple of high school football stars scheme their way into the school's cheerleaders camp instead.
Starring: Nicholas D'Agosto
Director: Will Gluck

Slumdog Millionaire

Rated: R
Plot Overview: The story of Jamal Malik, an 18-year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai, who is about to experience the biggest day of his life.
Starring: Dev Patel
Director: Danny Boyle

Gran Torino

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A disgruntled Korean War vet sets out to reform his neighbor, a young Hmong teenager who tried to steal his prized 1972 Gran Torino.
Starring: Clint Eastwood
Director: Clint Eastwood

Pink Panther 2

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: In this sequel to the 2006 hit, Steve Martin is back as the less-than-smooth Inspector Clouseau.
Starring: Steve Martin, Jean Reno
Director: Harald Zwart

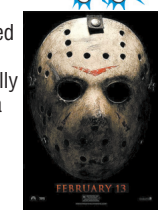
He's Just Not That Into You

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Following the stories of a group of interconnected, Baltimore-based 20- and 30-somethings as they navigate their various relationships.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston
Director: Ken Kwapis

The International

Rated: R
Plot Overview: An Interpol agent and a Manhattan assistant district attorney put their lives at risk when they uncover a myriad of reprehensible illegal activities.
Starring: Clive Owen
Director: Tom Tykwer

Friday the 13th

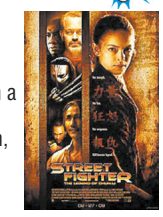


Rated: R
Plot Overview: In this re-envisioned version of the story that started it all, a mysterious killer systematically slaughters teenage counselors at a summer camp.
Starring: Jared Padalecki
Director: Marcus Nispel

Coraline (3-D)

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young girl walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life – only much better.
Starring: Dakota Fanning
Director: Henry Selick

Street Fighter



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Based on the popular video game franchise, female fighter Chun Li embarks on a quest for justice.
Starring: Kristin Kreuk, Chris Klein, Neal McDonough
Director: Andrzej Bartkowiak

Watchmen

Rated: R
Plot Overview: When an ex-superhero is murdered, a vigilante named Rorschach starts an investigation into the murder, which begins to lead to a much more terrifying conclusion.
Starring: Malin Akerman
Director: Zack Snyder

Opening March. 6

Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A 3-D concert film of the 2008 Jonas Brothers' "Burning Up" concert tour.
Starring: Kevin, Joe and Nick Jonas
Director: Bruce Hendricks

Confessions of a Shopaholic

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A sweet and charming New York City girl has a tiny problem that rapidly has her drowning in a sea of debt.
Starring: Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy
Director: P.J. Hogan

New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, March. 10 •

Role Models
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd
Director: David Wain

Transporter 3
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action
Starring: Jason Statham, Robert Knepper
Director: Olivier Megaton

Milk
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Sean Penn, Emile Hirsch, James Franco, Josh Brolin
Director: Gus Van Sant

TOP GROSSING

• February 27–March 1 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.)	Weekend Gross
1	Madea Goes to Jail (2)	$16,500,000
2	Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (1)	$12,700,000
3	Slumdog Millionaire (16)	$12,150,000
4	Taken (5)	$9,950,000
5	He's Just Not That Into You (4)	$5,875,000
6	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (7)	$5,600,000
7	Coraline (4)	$5,252,000
8	Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (1)	$4,650,000
9	Confessions of a Shopaholic (3)	$4,490,000
10	Fired Up (2)	$3,800,000

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FRIDAY THE 13TH	DAILY 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50 SAT-SUN 12:25 (R)
FIRED UP	DAILY 2:25, 4:50, 7:00, 9:15 SAT-SUN 12:00 (PG13)
MADEA GOES TO JAIL	NIGHTLY 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00 SAT-SUN 11:45 (PG13)
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC	DAILY 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35 SAT-SUN 11:30 (PG)
THE PINK PANTHER 2	DAILY 2:15, 4:55 SAT-SUN 12:05 (PG)
GRAN TORINO	DAILY 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45 SAT-SUN 11:30 (R)
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A 50-year celebration

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

I didn't know you could teach a basketball team the zone defense in five-and-a-half hours, but Lou Henson did.

And used three parking lots in the process. Lou was in a hurry. He delivered his crash course on the zone on game day. Championship game day.

The day Henson's 1959 Las Cruces High School team (24-6) upset Clayton, 49-42, for the state title. Thanks largely to the Bulldawgs' 1-2-2 and 2-3 zone defenses they had learned with little rehearsal time.

Joe Lopez, retired athletic administrator and a '59 team member, recalls the moment. Clayton had upset Roswell, one of the tournament favorites, in the semi-finals the day before. On the day of the championship game, Henson, aware that Clayton had two players his team could not cover with the man-for-man defense they had used all season, took his squad to a restaurant parking lot after breakfast. "He said for us to win the game, we'd have to learn how to play the zone defense, both the 1-2-2 and the 2-3," Lopez said. "We went to work right there.

"Later that morning, after a team meeting at the hotel, we went out to the hotel parking lot and rehearsed some more. That evening when we arrived at Johnson Gym (for the championship game), Lou stopped us in the parking lot there and made us go through the zone one last time. There we were, practicing in our street clothes in the parking lot outside Johnson Gym, the fans on their way into the game looking at us in disbelief – it was something."

Henson's outdoor workouts paid off. The Bulldawgs, ranked No. 5 in the state, were the surprise of the tournament. "We weren't surprised at all," Lopez said. "We knew coach Henson was a great coach. Las Cruces High went on to win the next two state championships after ours."

Lou and members of the '59 team will receive a 50th anniversary honor at halftime of this year's state 5-A boys championship game at the Pit in Albuquerque on March 14 .

Bobby Banegas, another '59 team member, said that four other teammates still live in Las Cruces. They are Lopez, Larry Pickett, Benny Garcia and E.W. Wright.

Henson lives here occasionally. Or when he's not traveling the country, honoring speaking engagements, receiving awards, shaking hands and talking basketball.

If it didn't take more than five-and a-half hours, he'd probably give you lessons on running the zone defense.

NMSU

Jahmar Young, the Aggies' sophomore guard and the leading scorer in the WAC with an 18.5 scoring average, will lead the Aggies into Saturday night's regular-season finale at Hawai'i and the WAC tournament March 10 through 14.

Sophomore Danisha Corbett was averaging 12 points, second best on the team before Wednesday's game at Fresno State.

NMSU

Aggie men, women look for silver lining

WAC basketball tournament nears

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

He was upbeat and encouraged, but still disappointed the Aggies flamed out against Boise State in men's basketball here Monday.

"I'm disappointed for the fans," coach Marvin Menzies said. "It was our last opportunity to perform in front of the home crowd this season. And we didn't do a very good job of it.

"But, hey, I never said this was a one-year project. In time, we'll be OK. None of the talent on this team has left town."

Menzies' plan is to build NMSU's program with four-year players. He's not sold on transfer and junior college athletes. And this year's roster features one junior, the rest freshmen and sophomores.

The Broncos' 104-92 victory Monday destroyed NMSU's chances to carry momentum into their last regular-season game at Hawai'i (13-15, 5-19) on Saturday. Not to mention the WAC tournament (March 10-14) in Reno, Nev.

The Ags, 15-14, 8-7 in the WAC, will fly directly from Honolulu to Reno on Sunday.

"I can't begin to guess who we'll play in the first round," Menzies said. "But if I

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Five local teams in state playoffs

Girls play Friday, boys on Saturday

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The state high school basketball playoffs are here and five teams are representing Las Cruces.

On the boys side, Las Cruces High and Mesilla Valley Christian Schools will host games on Saturday night, while Oñate plays a road game. The Mayfield and Las Cruces High girls teams host games Friday night.

The Bulldawg boys are seeded No. 7 in the tournament and take on No. 10 Rio Grande. Las Cruces carries a 21-5 record into the tournament, while the Ravens are 16-11.

The Bulldawgs, who edged Oñate in overtime to capture the District 3-5A title last Saturday night, are led by seniors Lucio Luttrell, Fabian Vigil, Charles Chavez and Javier Montoya.

The Knights are 16-12 heading into the tournament and head coach Adrian Ortega is pleased with his team's performance in his first year at the school.

"I'm impressed with our kids," said Ortega. "None of our kids could start for Las Cruces High, and we took them to overtime. We're obviously disappointed that we lost. We're probably one of the least-talented teams in the state tournament, but we have a great group of overachievers."

The Knights, seeded 11th, are led by seniors Steve Melendrez, Isaac Bonnett, Alex Wright and Jared Bielcik. They travel to Albuquerque to take on a 20-8 Valley team, the No. 6 seed.

"They've got probably the best guard in the state in Michael Maya," Ortega said. "He's averaging 25 points per game. No team has been able to stop him, so it's important for us to stop the rest of the team. We have to contain their dribble penetration."

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools (25-2) is one of the favorites in Class 2A and will play host to Estancia at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The talented SonBlazers are paced by all-state guard Zach Adams, guards Cody Correa and Greg Patti and inside players Tommy and Scott Adler and Ryan Diaz.

On the girls side, district champion Mayfield earned the No. 4 seed in the playoffs and will take on No. 13 Gallup at 6 p.m. The 20-6 Trojans are a balanced, athletic team, led by Elena Holguin, Jenna Franzoy, Justina Adams, Justina Apodaca, Catheryne Chavarria and Jeneca Maya.

Mayfield defeated LCHS in the district title game last Saturday and head coach George Maya said his squad is playing its best basketball of the season right now. The Trojans have won 10 out of their last 11 games.

"We played well against Las Cruces in the district championship game," said Maya. "Defensively, we can play with anybody."

Maya said the 5A bracket is wide open, with just about any of the 16 teams having a chance to win it all.

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Las Cruces High's Terrell De Rouen will help lead the Bulldawgs into the state tournament Saturday.

"We'll know a lot more after Friday," Maya said. "Gallup is a very tough draw for us."

Las Cruces, 21-6 on the season, plays host to No. 11 Cibola (16-12) at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Bulldawgs, who, like Mayfield, played their best basketball of the season in district play, are a dangerous team that can score inside and out. Devon Mulheron is the team's top inside threat, and guards Andrea Aragon and Samantha Espana are outstanding players as well. The team also has one of the top wings in Ashley Godfrey.

High School Events Schedule

NMAA Basketball Tournament – March 7-14

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball (7)	Saturday, March 7	Rio Grande (10)	7 p.m.
Boys Baseball	Saturday, March 7	Rio Grande	2 p.m., 4 p.m. (AP)
Girls Basketball (6)	Friday, March 6	Cibola (11)	6 p.m.
Girls Softball	Saturday, March 7	at Sandia	2 p.m., 4 p.m.
Tennis	March 6-7	at Andress/Jefferson Tourn.	TBA
Track	Saturday, March 7	at Gadsden Inv.	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Girls Basketball (4)	Friday, March 6	Gallup (13)	6 p.m.
Boys Baseball	Saturday, March 7	at Valley..	2 p.m., 4 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 10	at Silver	5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Tennis	March 6-7	at Andress/Jefferson Tourn.	TBA
Track & Field	March 6-7	at Fred Loya Tournament	TBA

Oñate High School

Boys Basketball (11)	Saturday, March 7	at Valley (6)	7 p.m.
Boys Baseball	Saturday, March 7	at Cibola	noon, 2 p.m.
Girls Softball	Saturday, March 7	at Cibola	noon, 2 p.m.
Tennis	March 6-7	at Andress/Jefferson Tourn.	TBA
Track	Saturday, March 7	at Gadsden Inv.	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MV Christian Schools

Boys Basketball	Saturday, March 7	Estancia	6 p.m.
Boys Baseball	Tuesday, March 10	Hatch Valley	3 p.m., 5 p.m.

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Off-school locations: (AP) – Apodaca Park

Equestrian team loses two

Aggie riders fall to SMU and TCU

The New Mexico State University equestrian team lost to both Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University, last weekend, lowering its record to 2-5 on the season.

"It was a tough weekend, but I thought overall we rode very well as a team," head coach Andrea Hanson said. "Anytime you are on the road it is a challenge because you have to ride horses you aren't familiar with. I'm pleased with the effort, just not the final score. I thought our fences team rode really well and our flat team struggled but I think they are improving each week.

"On the western team, I thought the horsemanship competition went well. We put down good patterns and had some impressive rides. The weather was a little challenging in the reining competition, but I feel like we fought through it. I'm happy with our progress."

Against SMU, the Aggies' hunter seat was the only team to compete. NMSU fought hard but fell to SMU 7-3. In the equitation on the flat the Aggies were shutout. Freshman Amy Lang was the top scorer for NMSU in the flat competition. NMSU then rallied in the equitation over fences competition, beating SMU 3-2. The Aggies were led by junior Sarah Suazo, who captured Most Valuble Player honors by beating Jordyn Pettersen 73-43. Freshman Marisa Bernal defeated Mallory Olson 74 to 35, while freshman Brianna Raab handled Erica Buie 76 to 70. Against TCU on the hunter seat side, the Aggies fell 6-4 to the Horned Frogs. In the flat competition sophomore Jennifer Friend was the lone Aggie to win her head-to-head match-up as she beat Lauren Quiroz 72.5 to 67. The Aggie then won the fences competition 3-2 over TCU as Lang lead the way with an 80 to 79 win over Taylor Frederick. Bernal would defeat Tassie Munroe 76 to 65, while Raab beat Carrie von Uhlit 83 to 71.

In the western competition, the Aggie lost the horsemanship competition 2-1 as Kate Chesley defeated Kelsey Huffman 74.5 to 71.5. Tonna Brooks and Codi Binkerd would both tie in their head-to-head match-ups. The reining competition saw much the same as the Aggie were defeated 3-2. Brooks would beat Chloe Baker 70 to 64, while Chelsey recorded her second win of the day against von Uhlit 70 to 68.5.

Ags host pancake breakfast

Football team and coaches to serve meal

New Mexico State University football fans are invited to the first annual Aggie Football Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 15.

The breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Beverly Hills Hall, 150 Hermosa Drive. Cost for the event is $5.

"A pancake breakfast is a way for us Aggies to meet the many Aggie faithful in Las Cruces," head football coach DeWayne Walker said. "We are looking forward to meeting many of our fans. Bring everyone you know to come meet us. We want to meet you. We want Las Cruces to know who the Aggie football team is. "

The team and coaches will be serving food. For more information, email Juan Lozano at jclozano@nmsu.edu.

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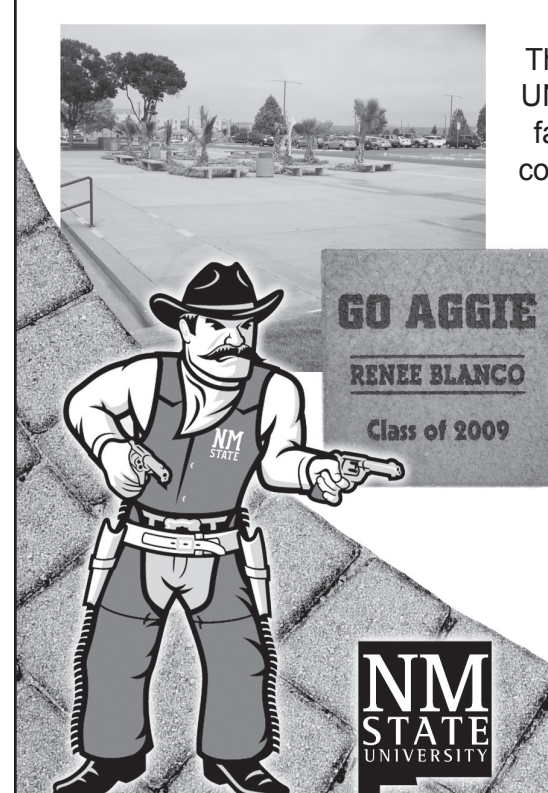

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On the green

Mistakes will happen

Learn to minimize them on the golf course

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

From my point of view, playing golf the way you would like to play means minimizing your mistakes. A "mistake" on the golf course can mean many things to many different people. But fundamentally, a mistake represents a result you would like to erase if you could do over again.

From the point of view of coaching, when I see high-handicappers play, I notice several typical mistakes that they make. Note that these tend to be different errors from an accomplished golfer, or scratch golfer or pro would make. The pros tend to make their mistakes in the areas of decision and judgment, rather than skill or technique.

I see a lot of dedicated, high-handicap golfers (18 to 30 handicap, for example) who can move the ball off the tee with some degree of skill. Of course, with the ball on the tee, there is a boost in confidence. A full swing with a long driver mostly demands large muscle coordination and is not a finesse play. The mistakes seem to come the closer our high-handicapper (who used to be called a "duffer" in the forties and fifties) gets to the green. Inside a hundred yards the problems with finesse play begin; this is not disrespect, mind you, it's observation. Let's say our 24-handicapper has 80 yards to an elevated shallow green with a deep bunker guarding the hole location. Chances are he will aim at the pin, and either hit it "fat," advancing the ball only a few yards, or "blade" it over the green so he is left with an impossible chip back downhill toward the same bunker. On-course coaching would advise our novice to run the ball along the ground to the left of the gaping bunker onto the green and give himself a chance for a two putt.

One of the easiest failings to correct for the 24-handicap golf addict is the business of playing the short holes poorly. A golf hole less than 400 yards should be a welcome sight to our friend. So often I see our player hitting the wrong club off the tee,trying to make up for the mental lapse with a miracle second shot and then getting in deep trouble. Then making an eight.

Most golfers who don't score well don't know how to position their ball in such a place that will make their next shot as easy as possible. Don't hit it where it will get into a bunker. Keep it on the ground when possible. Accept a bogey when it is rational. These are the things to keep in mind. Eliminate the "snowmen" from the scorecard.

It's almost a truism, agreed upon by nearly all golf instructors, that high-handicappers make most of their glaring mistakes next to and on the greens. Once on the green, it seems that putting speed is something that escapes notice. The most glaring omission seems to be failing to appreciate the proper speed of putts inside of 10 feet. Folks with decent eyesight are pretty good at seeing the line of the average putt, and understanding that it will fall to the right or the left of the hole. But there is often a disconnect when it comes to stroking the putt firmly and letting the ball follow the intended line.

Our desert greens are not like Augusta or Oakland Hills. Out here, anything that is approaching the cup and seriously dying in pace will likely veer abruptly away from the hole. It's the nature of grass with a lot of grain, two-day-old cups and footprints. Solution? Once you know the basic line, focus more on the speed and pace, giving yourself a much greater chance. After barely squeaking in a two-footer by a single blade of grass, one student recently said to me, "Well, I don't want to leave it way past the hole," while sharing that he struggles with the short putts. I replied, "If you aim your putt at a point on the line one foot in front of your ball, and then stroke it with authority you'll make 'em all."

The five mistake categories

I reduce mistakes to a matter of five global categories. The first is the decision. Decision-making involves club and shot selection, strategy and tactics, such as risk-reward calculations. It's the factor of whether you should go for the green or lay up. It's the decision about hitting a draw into the wind or a shot that rides the wind.

The second factor is judgment. This comes into play, I would say, on almost every shot you attempt, whether you think it's automatic or not. You are asked by the golf course to factor in your judgment of the lie, the distance, the wind, the slope, the bounce, the situation and maybe even your adrenalin and nerves at the very time you're hitting the shot. Judgment is a biggie.

Then there is the business of technique. A lot of mistakes boil down to a golfer simply not having the skill or technique to pull off the necessary shot. I'm a 3.8 handicap, and I confess it even happens to me more than it should. Uphill flop shots are one of my skill challenges.

Imagine how often our 24-handicap is likely to run into these. His difficulty is recognizing them at the time, and avoiding trying to make a play that is not in his skill set. Within the general category of skill is "execution." You may know how to hit a particular shot, but then doing it when it counts is a different matter. That's where practice comes in. The more you practice, and the more you are comfortable with a certain technique, you're almost certain to be able to execute the shot in competition.

My fourth mistake factor is the delicateness of touch and feel. I like to think of "feel" as a golfer's estimation of what will happen with a ball hit from a particular shot in a particular situation. It's a sensory thing and mostly a matter of estimation. Distinctly different than feel, touch concerns the actual execution of the shot you have estimated. Phil Mickelson has both excellent feel and unbelievable touch, especially with soft shots that need soft hands. Imagine (metaphorically) that "feel" means seeing and reading the music, and "touch" is playing the music with emotion and sensitivity.

Oh, and nerves

Even really good golfers, those with near-scratch handicaps and professionals make mistakes. So often those mistakes end up in the final category of nerves. When golfers tell me about how they seem to be struggling with their "mental game," I instantly try to compartmentalize the troubles into one or two of the aforementioned factors: decisons, judgment, technique, touch-feel or nerves. (There really are more bedrock "mistakes," which involve failure to set goals, failure to practice, failure to get coaching, failure to have a game plan, failure to prepare properly and a lot more. These will be addressed in future writings.) Even the pros fall victim to nerves, which can be frayed when you play for a living, with so much on the line in tournaments. Persisting "demons" come into the picture. Confidence waxes and wanes. Doubt. Fear. Panic. Even tour pros occasionally fall victim to the yips.

Here are three things you can do immediately to reduce the mistakes you tend to make on the golf course. First, spend five minutes on short putts (inside of six feet) on the practice green before you tee off. This will familiarize you with the speed, and boost your confidence. Secondly, play away from the hazzards, whether they be sand, desert or water. With the GPS and laser yardage devices, you should be able to see and estimate exactly where and how far to position your ball for an easier next shot. Thirdly, ask a pro or an expert to go out with you on a playing lesson where he can help identify and pinpoint where you, personally, are prone to make mistakes.

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Jorgi Hobson

Jorgi Hobson is a 16-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. She is on the Dawgs' swim team and placed third in the 200 yard individual medley. She swam backstroke as part of the school's record-breaking 200 medley relay and anchored the record-breaking 400 freestyle relay. Hobson broke the school record in the 100 yard butterfly. She is a very dedicated individual with a 3.0 GPA and wants to become a physical therapist. Hobson also likes to go hunting and fishing, and loves to go to football games.

Samantha Harding

Samantha Harding is a 16-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. She is on the Dawgs' swim team and placed third in the 200 yard freestyle and swam the breaststroke leg on the school's record-breaking 200 medley relay. Hardning broke the school record in her first-place swim in the 500 freestyle at state. Harding is a hard worker with a 3.5 GPA. She participates in theater at Las Cruces High School and wants to study psychology in college.

AGGIE INSIDER

Ags to honor three in women's hoops

Ceremony will be Saturday

This Saturday at Pan American Center there will be another Ring of Honor ceremony that ole Pete loves so much. The latest inductees are the truest recipients of the honor for their sport. Ann McReynolds, Anita Maxwell and Chris Veatch are the incarnation of the evolution of women's basketball at New Mexico State through the past 33 years. When Karen Fey started the women's programs it was because of a shove from the federal government called Title IX. It meant that gals had to have the same chance as guys to play at the top level of their game in the NCAA arenas.

In 1976 when McReynolds started her hoops career, the teams weren't much more than intramural teams that played within a 200-mile radius, since that was all there was back then. She was a dominant player, even though sports were funded at a primitive level in high school and didn't exist in grades lower than that.

McReynolds led the team in scoring and rebounding and was the workhorse that led her team to 24 victories in 1977, winning 70 percent of her games through her three years of eligibility. She is still tops in rebounding average and second in blocked shots, even though she only played for three years. Her natural athletic ability made her head and shoulders above those who tried, but failed, to contain her on the court.

Maxwell was the first modern age "Super Star" for women's teams at NMSU. She was a basketball player as opposed to an athlete who chose to play basketball. She was hands down the best player in the Big West from 1993-96. Maxwell was freshman of the Year and then three-time all conference and Player of the Year. She was also named to the postseason conference tournament team each year. Her coach, Mike Petersen, was one smart hombre. He designed an offense to take advantage of Maxwell's strengths and it paid off in the win column. Maxwell was the homecoming queen her senior year and played for the WNBA Cleveland Rockers in their inaugural season.

Veatch was recruited by one coach, but came into her own under Joe McKeown. The feisty McKeown has the distinction of being the only women's hoops coach to make it to the NCAA playoffs. He did it with Veatch leading the team in rebounding and sharing scoring honors with Vicki Evans. Veatch was the first Roadrunner hoopster to excel in a transition offense.

Ole Pete will be welcoming these three ladies back to the campfire this weekend for their induction into the Women's Basketball Ring of Honor. They truly are the foundation of the sport here at NMSU.

PETE

The Menzies blueprint

Aggie coach plans to fill roster using only four-year players

This year's Aggie basketball team is an anomaly. In many ways it is something that fans have never had before them on the Pan American Center parquet.

Head coach Marvin Menzies is solely looking at freshmen to build the program. No junior college transfers, no four-year fugitives, just fuzzy-cheeked first-year players who are sold on being the mainstays for their time in Las Cruces. Not that there is anything wrong with Juco's or other D-I transfers, the record books at New Mexico State are littered with those who came from somewhere else and had personal and team success.

Menzies pointed out recently to me that bringing in a transfer of any kind would send a negative message to the players who are on scholarship already. He feels that bringing in someone over those who are developing would hurt those players' trust in him. For this reason, his approach is something that is brand new to any fans that started following the Aggies in the Pan Am Center.

The strengths? A solid core of players who learn the system and know their hard work can pay off as they mature on the court. A downside? Making a basketball stew this way takes a little longer.

Neil McCarthy electrified fans with his exciting teams of two-year players who were the finished product on the court. Lou Henson, Ken Hayes and Weldon Drew would add a Juco here or there to fill in a need that was immediate. I mention this to show that everyone has his own philosophy but the one being unveiled in the Menzies era is a different breed of cat to NMSU. The team has the leading scorer (Jahmar Young) and rebounder (Wendell McKines) in the WAC and they are only sophomores.

This is a crew that will be around for at least two more years solidifying their chemistry and learning how to smooth the bumps that road games and hostile crowds can bring. I had heard fans moan that Menzies has not done the things that Reggie Theus did. If you feel that is hurting the program I think you are missing the forest for the trees. Theus captivated people by capturing lightning in a bottle with the five D-I transfers and Hatila Passos from Arkansas-Fort Smith junior college. That lightning is fun to watch, but is gone from the sky in an instant.

A team that is built consistently with freshmen who grow up in the system and know they will have a chance to show their merits will be in the winner's circle on a regular basis. The waiting is the hardest part, but the reward of a program that has a consistent stream of young talent that blends and matures will satisfy you in the long run.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Jeff Farnham
Senior
Baseball

Senior Jeff Farnham had a career-weekend against Chicago State, as he finished the four-game series with a .786 batting average. He went 11-for-14 at the plate with 11 RBIs and a career-high six RBIs in a 13-6 win in game one of a doubleheader, Feb. 28. Farnham also hit a home run in that game and followed it with another bomb in the second game of the day, which were his first two home runs of the year. He was 3-for-3 in stolen bases and is second in the WAC in stolen bases, behind fellow Aggie Richard Stout. Farnham also led the team this past weekend in slugging percentage (1.286) and on-base percentage (.850).

Stacey Lien
Senior
Softball

Senior designated player Stacey Lien posted a team-high .429 batting average at the Arizona State Invitational. She had a pair of doubles, scored a single run, two RBIs, a slugging percentage of .500 and an on-base percentage of .571.

Paulina Zuniga
Senior
Women's Tennis

Senior Paulina Zuniga won both of her singles matches last weekend for the Aggie women's tennis team, helping them to two road victories. She won in three sets at No. 6 over Air Forces' Samantha Sarkis, Feb. 27, and then only gave up two games in a win over Colorado State's Rui Xu at No. 5, Feb. 28. Zuniga has won her last five singles matches for the Aggies, who are now 5-3 on the year.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, March 6
Men's Tennis
Arizona
Tucson, Ariz.
1 p.m.

Baseball
Hartford
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Saturday, March 7
Men's Basketball
Hawai'i
Honolulu
10 p.m.

Men's Tennis
UC Irvine
Tucson, Ariz.
1 p.m.

Baseball
Hartford
Las Cruces
3/6 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 8
Women's Tennis
New Mexico
Albuquerque
11 a.m.

Baseball
Hartford
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10
Baseball
New Mexico
Albuquerque
3 p.m.

Basketball
WAC Tournament
Reno, Nev.
TBA

Wednesday, March 11
Basketball
WAC Tournament
Reno, Nev.
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Thursday, March 12
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At the Aggies vs. Boise State game

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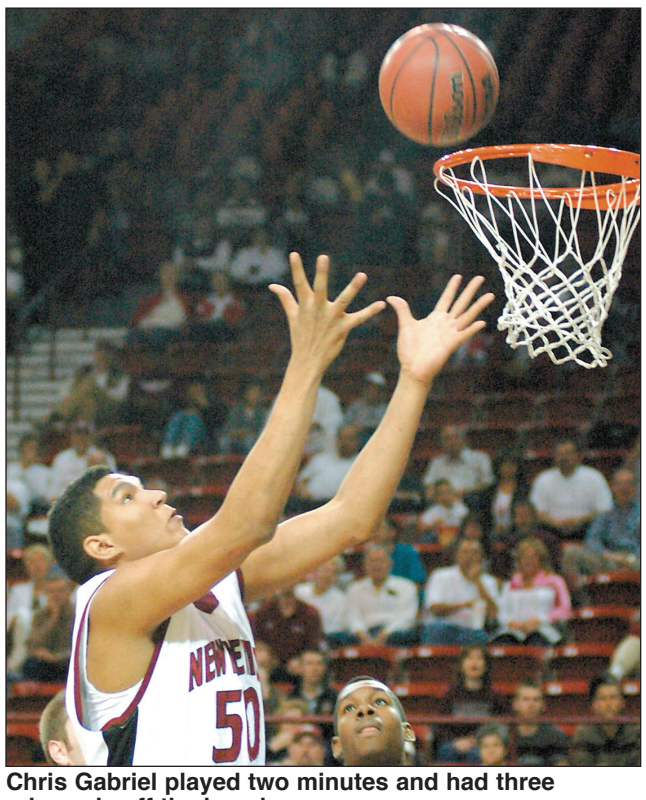
Jahmar Young, the WAC's leading scorer, goes up for two of his 24 points in Monday's game.

Jonathan Gibson scored 21 points, hitting seven of 10 field-goal attempts, but the Aggies fell to the Boise State Broncos Monday by a score of 104-92. The loss dropped the Aggies out of third place in the WAC standings.

Wendell McKines stuffs the ball in the hoop. McKines had 10 boards on the night and scored seven points.



Chris Gabriel played two minutes and had three rebounds off the bench.

Freshman Terrance Joyner makes a pass during his appearance on the court.

The Aggies' starting center Hamidu Rahman scored nine points on three-of-three shooting from the field and three-of-four shooting from the foul line.

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Aggies

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had to say, I'd pick Idaho."

The Aggie women's team will also be seeking momentum against league-leading Louisiana Tech (18-11, 11-4 WAC) here Saturday. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. and it will be senior night.

Coach Darin Spence's team is struggling at 9-19 and 5-9 in the WAC. "We're beat up," he said. "Niki Holt (knee injury) is not at full speed, Danisha Corbett is hurting, Tyshae Walton is nursing a hand injury and Brittany Palmer is trying to play with a sprained finger."

Spence, like Menzies, still feels confident, despite his team's 77-51 loss at Louisiana Tech, Jan. 30. It's the conference tournament that Spence feels good about. "It looks like we'll be seeded seventh," he said. "That's where we were seeded when we got to the tournament finals in 2006 and in '07."

"We're going to have to clear our heads and just play better than we have been."

On the men's side, Menzies is pleased with his team's offense. With guard Jahmar Young's team-high 24 points, plus 21 from Jonathan Gibson and 19 from Troy Gillenwater, NMSU shot 50 percent against Boise State. Young still leads the conference in scoring at 18.5 points and sophomore forward Wendell McKines is No. 1 in the WAC with an average of 9.9 rebounds.

The Aggies, Menzies said, will work hard on defense and rebounded in practice before the tournament. "And we'll just try and find a silver lining someplace."

Ag swimmers 3rd at WAC meet

NMSU achieves its best league finish

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team finished third with 572 points at the WAC Championships, Saturday, Feb. 28, in San Antonio, Texas.

This marks the best finish and highest point total in school history at the WAC meet.

Freshman Maria Spies won the 200 breaststroke (2:12.02), her second individual victory of the conference meet. She established a new school record after crushing the previous one in the preliminaries. Her showing was an NCAA "B" cut time. The Aggies dominated the event with sophomore Kelly Runestrand taking sixth and sophomore Alannah Lawrence earning eighth.

NMSU

Liz Thomson and the New Mexico State swim team finished third at the WAC championships last week, the school's highest finish since joining the WAC.

In the 1,650 free, freshman Ana Smith earned runner-up honors en route to breaking a school record (16:51.00). Junior Liz Thomson, the former record holder, finished fourth (17:00.11) and also improved on her previous mark. Freshman Rachelle Bassen scored for the Aggies with an eight-place showing (17:18.35).

"The girls did a great job," head coach Rick Pratt said. "It was exciting to be so close to first place. This is very motivating for the future."

The Aggies broke the school record in the 400-free relay with a fifth-place finish (3:26.12) from sophomore Kelly Conrad, junior Tessa Bain, junior Meghann Percy and senior Stephanie Peacock. And in the 100 free, Peacock claimed sixth and Conrad was seventh after she broke the school record in the prelims. Bain also contributed to the team in 14th.

Percy led the team with fifth place (2:01.96) in the 200 backstroke, and junior Bonnie Taylor followed in seventh. In addition, junior Victoria Eickerman claimed 13th (2:06.43). The Aggies had four swimmers score in the 200 butterfly with Eickerman posting a team-best 11th place. Bassen followed in 12th while senior Brittany Barr and Smith assisted with 14th and 16th, respectively.

Sophomore Mariesa Cloud recorded her best finish of the meet with a third-place showing on the platform (210.25). In addition, sophomore Kirstin Pickett scored in 12th and freshman Alyse Strampel followed in 15th.

WAC Championship Team Standings

1. Nevada ..... 639 points
2. Northern Arizona ..... 623 points
3. New Mexico State ..... 572 points
4. San Jose State ..... 511.5 points
5. Hawai'i ..... 463.5 points
6. Boise State ..... 391 points
7. San Diego ..... 248 points
8. Idaho ..... 170 points
9. Fresno State ..... 121 points

Ags slate football clinic

Steelers coach will be special guest

New Mexico State University head football coach DeWayne Walker has announced that the Aggies coaching staff will host a coaching clinic on Friday, April 17, for all middle school and high school coaches.

Coach Walker will be bringing long-time friend Kirby Wilson, running backs coach for the World Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, as a special guest coach for the clinic.

The registration fee for the clinic is $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Food and beverage will be provided. Please contact Juan Lozano at jclozano@nmsu.edu to RSVP or for more information.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.CV-2008-2833
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD STANTON, OLGA LEYVA, JOHN DOE 1, JANE DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JANE DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3 AND JANE DOE 3 (unknown occupants), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 26, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 22, PALMERS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 7, 1912, in Book 4 Page(s) 44 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 1040 W. Brownlee, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 2, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $86,751.12 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.
Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.
DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 9, 2009.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Submitted by:

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2175

INDYMAC MORTGAGE F.S.B., Plaintiff,

vs.

NANCY QUIMSON-BOOTH and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 11, 2009, 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 2770 Monte Bello Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 7 in Block numbered A of Rancho Lomas Subdivision, Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rancho Lomas Subdivision, Phase 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 27, 2004 in Plat Book 20, Folio 639-641.

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, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $542,184.53 and the same bears interest at 7.37500% per annum from January 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $6,025.30. 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ROSEANNA VALENZUELA Petitioner,

vs.

ANTHONY W. BUSTAMANTE Respondent

No. DM-2008-1707
Judge: MIKE MURPHY

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: Anthony W. Bustamante

You are hereby notified that a Civil Action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, in and for Doña Ana County, wherein ROSEANNA VALENZUELA is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general objects of said action are to obtain a decree of said Court dissolving the marriage now existing between you and Petitioner.

Unless you file an answer to this action on or before the time allowed by law, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for by the Petitioner will be granted.

The address of the Petitioner is 999 North 9th Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court, this 3rd day of February, 2009

Elizabeth Vasquez
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

Pub #8500
Dates 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 2009

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

FOR SALE OF LAND BY SEALED BID

Sale No.5974, Otero County, New Mexico

The Commissioner of Public Lands gives notice that pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), N.M.S.A. 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, Rule 19.2.14 NMAC, and the public auction process described in this Notice, he is offering for sale, by sealed bid, the surface estate of the following state trust land (the "Land"): Pt. Lot 4, Pt. SW¼NW¼, Pt. NW¼SW¼, Pt. SW¼SW¼ of Section 2; Lot 1, Pt. Lot 2, Pt. SW¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼; NE¼SE¼, Pt. NW¼SE¼, SE¼SE¼, Pt. SW¼SE¼ of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 6 East, N.M.P.M, Otero County, New Mexico, containing 325.263 acres, more or less. The Land is located approximately one mile west of Highway 54 and south of the paved road which parallels the southern boundary of Ft. Bliss Military Reservation.

1. The Land is offered "AS IS"; the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its condition or fitness for any purpose. The Land is offered as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered.

2. Details of this offer, applicable rules, instructions for submitting a sealed bid, and the required form on which a sealed bid must be submitted are in the Bid Information Packet, which may be obtained by written request, in person, by telephone or emailing. Contact the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501, Attention: Dallas Rippy, Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Resources Division, phone (505)-827-5760 or emailing dbearden@slo.state.nm.us. The Bid Information Packet is incorporated in this Notice by reference and should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid. Sealed bids not complying with the requirements set forth in the Bid Information Packet are subject to disqualification. Conforming bids received will be evaluated by the Commissioner. The Commissioner reserves the right to withdraw the bid or reject all bids submitted and to re-offer the Land for sale and/or exchange on the same or different terms.

3. The Minimum Bid is $736,000.00. Bidders are encouraged to offer amounts greater than the Minimum Bid.

4. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction and Performance Deposits in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the forms specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable $30 Sale Application Fee, the Performance and Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Deposits.

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Total Transaction Deposit
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2. Performance Deposit
(10% of Minimum Bid)
$73,600.00

3. Total of Deposits -
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5. Transfer of the Land will be subject to all valid leases, easements and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in the records of the State Land Office and the Otero County Clerk's Office. Authorized improvements associated with the encumbrances are not included. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land.

6. The Land will be conveyed by a single patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

7. Bids, including one (1) paper copy of required information and materials as well as any transmittal letter and supplemental materials, and the required Deposits, must be submitted in a sealed container, clearly marked Sealed Bid for Sale No. 5974, addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Assistant Commissioner, Dallas Rippy, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. April 30, 2009.

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX (505) 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 10th day of February, 2009.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub #8502
Dates 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200802508

HSBC BANK USA N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST AND FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-HE1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,

vs.

KLAUS SCHUERMANN; CECILIA RIVAS SCHUERMANN; RAGIDA (ROCKY) GALASSINI TRUSTEE OF THE LIVING TRUST OF SAMI HADDAD; PATRICE NEBET, Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Patrice Nebet. 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 680 Carver Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: See Exhibit A Exhibit "A" A tract of land situate in Section 32, Township 23 South, Range2 East, N.M.P.M.. U.S.R.S. Surveys, South of Las Cruces. Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being and comprising U.S.R.S. Tract 13-2AI, Tract 1and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest comer of the tract herein described, being a point on the northerly right of way line of Doña Ana County Road C016,also known as Carver Road, whence the original Southwest comer of said U.S.R.S. Tract 13-2, marked by a steel grader blade, bears S.60 degrees 03'30"W., along said northerly line of Carver Road for a distance of 537.03 feet; thence leaving said Carver Road from said Southwest beginning comer of the tract herein described and running N.29 degrees 56'30"W., 15.00 feet along the easterly line of a 30 foot wide entrance to a 1.000 acre tract to a point; Thence N.60 degrees 03'30"E., 129.58 feet along the southerly line of said 1.000 acre tract to the Southeast corner thereof; Thence N.31 degrees 31'41"W., 247.32 feet along the easterly line of said 1.000 acre tract to the Northeast corner thereof; Thence S.60 degrees 03'30"W., 120.32 feet along the northerly line of said 1.000 acre tract to a point thereof; Thence leaving said 1.000 acre tract and running N.33 degrees 59'47"W., 579.90 feet along the easterly line of a 10.0000 acre tract to the Northeast corner thereof; Thence leaving said 10.0000 acre tract and running N.31 degrees 09'24"W., 296.99 feet to the most northerly corner of said U.S.R.S. Tract 13-2 which is the Identical most northerly comer of the tract herein described; Thence S.78°32'50"E.,415.06 feet along the northeasterly line of said U.S.R.S. Tract 13-2 to a point; Thence S.81 degrees 48'48"E, 469.59 feet continuing along said northeasterly line of U.S.R.S. Tract 13-2 to a point; Thence S.12 degrees 20'00"E., 57.91 feet continuing along said northeasterly line of said Tract 13-2 to a point; Thence S.68°11'12"E., 20.33 feet continuing along said northeasterly line of said Tract 13-2 to a point thereon being the most northerly corner of a 2.2400 acre tract; Thence S.30 degrees 30'00"E., 502.07 feet along the westerly line of said 2.2400 acre tract to the Southwest corner thereof and the identical Southeast corner of the tract herein described, being a point on said northerly line of Carver Road; Thence S.60 degrees 03'30"W., 635.83 feet along northerly line of Carver Road to the Southwest and beginning corner of the tract herein described, containing an area of 11.8335 acres of land, more or less. Exhibit A Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before April 6, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
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Denver, CO 80202
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Attorney 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 3rd day of February, 2009.

Nadine A Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Melissa A Lundien Deputy

07-1298/ Schuermann, Klaus; P534467

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Dates 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2178

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Indenture Trustee of the Fieldstone Mortgage Investment Trust, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

CYNTHIA M. ITURRALDE and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 18, 2009, 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 1533 Sacramento Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 22, Block 37, COUNTRY CLUB MESA ADDITION, 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. 419 on 10/29/1953 in Book 7 Page(s) 46 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 12, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $93,356.93 and the same bears interest at 8.45% per annum from January 16, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,339.99. The 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

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Dates 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2009

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 09-0030

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTO GARCIA, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court

FORECLOSURE SALE

208 Tierra del Sol, San Miguel, NM
3BR, 2Bath, 1405 Sq. Ft. Government Bid: $68138
As-is appraisal value: $80,000
DATE: March 17, 2009
TIME: 1:00 PM

Sale Location: Main Entrance, 3rd Judicial Dist. Courthouse 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM Legal: Lot 8, Block B, Alto De Las Flores Subdivision, Dona Ana Co., NM. Property is not available for normal inspection as they are still owned by private individuals. However, if the property is abandoned, interested parties can contact the local Rural Development office to see if an inspection of the property can be made. Foreclosure is still pending in the NM District Court. Under some circumstances the sale may be canceled. Rural Development will not pay brokers or finders commission for successful bidders.

Terms Of Sale: Bid amount to be paid by the end of the day of sale payable to the Public Trustee. Payment must be made in U.S. currency by cashiers check or certified check. All Taxes plus interest due are the responsibility of the Buyer.

FOR MORE INFO: 575-522-8775, ext 4 or visit www.resales.usda.gov www.resales.usda.gov

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of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Signature of personal representative
Kathayn F. Black

Street Addresss
905 Conway #22
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Telephone
575-524-1863

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Dates 2/27, 3/6, 2009

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 10, 2009, J.L. Gonzalez, P.O. BOX 199, Mesquite, NM 88048-0199, filed application numbered LRG-30-POD7 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-30-S3 located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 25 South, Range 2 East NMPM, and drilling replacement well LRG-30-POD7 with 16" casing to an approximate depth of 240 ft. on land owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 14 at approximately 32 degrees, 7 minutes, 34.86 seconds N latitude, 106 degrees, 42 minutes, 20.07 seconds W longitude, for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation, supplemental to surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, of 137.39 acres of land owned by the applicant and located in the Pt. SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 14. Well LRG-30-S3 is located approximately 215 ft. east of the intersection of San Jose Rd. and Lister Ave. Proposed well LRG-30-POD7 is located approximately 315 ft. east of said intersection, north of La Mesa, 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 protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/13, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-58
Judge Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE OF NAME OF ALBERT RODRIGUEZ, JR.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF NAME CHANGE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

NOTICE is hereby given the petitioner is requesting a name change to Albert Canal. Unless an appearance and objection is filed, a name change will be entered as requested in the Petition on the 25th day of March 2009, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Jerald A. Valentine, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

NADINE SANCHEZ
Clerk of District Court

By Linda Brown
Deputy Clerk

Pub #8521
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-3206

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHEN J. MONTES, if living; if deceased, THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN J. MONTES, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF STEPHEN J. MONTES, Deceased; JANE DOE MONTES (true name unknown), spouse of Stephen J. Montes, deceased; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
TO: Defendant(s) Stephen J. Montes, If Living; If Deceased, the Estate of Stephen J. Montes, Deceased; the Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Stephen J. Montes, Deceased; Jane Doe Montes (True Name Unknown), Spouse of Stephen J. Montes, Deceased

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 7160 Jack Rabbit Rd, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:
A tract of land being the SW 1/4, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 33, T. 21 S., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, lying Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract, whence a brass cap found at the East 1/4 corner of Section 33, T. 21 S., R. 3 E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distances:
S. 0 deg. 18' 11" W., 992.36 feet to an iron rod;

THENCE S. 89 deg. 56' 56" E., a distance of 1327.76 feet;

THENCE from the PLACE OF BEGINNING S. 89 deg. 59' 39" E., 332.34 feet to an iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 0 deg. 19' 33" W., 330.87 feet to an iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 89 deg. 58' 45" W., 332.20 feet to an iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract and at the West side of a 15 foot wide road and utility easement;

THENCE along the West side of the before mentioned easement N. 0 deg. 18' 11" E., 330.78 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 2.5235 acre of land, more or less.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES A. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 11th day of February , 2009.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Mary E. Apodaca
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #8522
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 08 2813
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL S. SIERRA, KIMBERLY M. SIERRA, CITIFINANCIAL, INC. AND ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 7, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 2, MESA HEIGHTS REPLAT NO. TWO, Block 17, 24 and the E ½ of Block 27, Country Club Mesa Addition, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on January 19, 1978, recorded in Book 12, at Page 158, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real estate is 1042 Ash Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $39,205.25 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 18, 2009.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Submitted by:

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1649

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for the Holders of Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-BAR1 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Plaintiff,

vs.

NHUNG MY LE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; FIRST HORIZON HOME LOANS, a Division of First Tennessee Bank National Association; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 25, 2009, 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 2532 Tuscan Hills Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered 6 in Block numbered G of Sedona Hills Subdivision 4 at Sonoma Ranch East, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sedona Hills Subdivision 4 at Sonoma Ranch East, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 01/10/05 in Plat Book 21, Folio 102-105.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above_entitled and numbered cause on February 17, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above_described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $226,848.74 and the same bears interest at 8.25% per annum from November 29, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $5,999.07. 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
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Pub #8527
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2822

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD SALAZAR; JOHN DOE I and JANE DOE I, JOHN DOE II and JANE DOE II, JOHN DOE III and JANE DOE III, JOHN DOE IV and JANE DOE IV, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 25, 2009, 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 228 Desert Rose Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 17 IN BLOCK 1 OF ROSE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, 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 SEPTEMBER 25, 1978 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 92 AT PAGES 219-220 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 12, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $150,728.38 and the same bears interest at 8.375% per annum from January 14, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,455.53. The 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

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Pub #8528
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-3034

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of December 1, 2005, Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-E, Plaintiff,

vs.

ALICIA M. GONZALEZ; MARIO J. GONZALEZ; CHRIS FROST; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 25, 2009, 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 1132 Highway 192, La Mesa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Description of a 0.638 Acre Tract

A tract of land situate East of San Miguel, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 2, T.25S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. tract 17-101B2, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a river pipe found at the Northeast intersection of New Mexico State Highway 192 and the Rio Grande Canalization Project for the Southwest corner of this tract; IDENTICAL to the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 17-101B2;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, along the Easterly line of the Rio Grande Canalization Project, N.00deg00'00"W., a distance of 111.78 feet to a river pipe found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, leaving the Rio Grande Canalization Project, S.82deg07'14"E., a distance of 306.14 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the Westerly line of the Brazito River Lateral for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the Westerly line of the Brazito River Lateral, S.05deg55'44"E., a distance of 70.19 feet to a ½" iron rod set on the Northerly line of New Mexico State Highway 192 for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, leaving the Brazito River Lateral, and along the Northerly line of New Mexico State Highway 192, N.90deg00'00"W., a distance of 310.50 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.638 acre of land, more or less. Subject to all easements and reservations of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed recorded in Book 230, page 405, of the Doña Ana County Records. A plat was prepared under Job No. 05-08-0736. Field Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC., License No. 9433.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 17, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $125,522.24 and the same bears interest at 7.00% per annum from February 16, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $914.76. The 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
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Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2440

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

PAUL TOMICEK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 25, 2009, 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 6595 Rio Dorado Drive, La Mesa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 1 BLOCK 5, VALLE DEL RIO SUBDIVISION NO. 2, 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 NOVEMBER 12, 1987, IN BOOK 15 PAGE(S) 84-85 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 17, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above_described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $277,609.38 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from January 31, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,618.28. 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.

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 fore-

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closed 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. Camody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8530
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200800628

CITIFINANCIAL, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

RUBEN ROJAS; CIRILA SALAZAR; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUBEN ROJAS, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CIRILA SALAZAR, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 22, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., 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: LOTS 16, 17 AND THE WEST EIGHT (8) FEET OF LOT 18, BLOCK 5, MESQUITE TOWNSITE, 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. 203 ON NOVEMBER 20, 1916, IN BOOK 5 PAGE 17 OF PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 220 Emerson, Mesquite, NM 88048. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 18, 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 $64,722.97 plus interest from November 21, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.29% 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: 2/23/2009

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
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(303) 285-2222

07-1829/Rojas & Salazar; P538923

Pub #8531
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200801239

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

BERNICE CHAVEZ; LANE D. SHERAM; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERNICE CHAVEZ, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LANE D. SHERAM, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 22, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., 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 10, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION, 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 JULY 24, 1956, IN BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 73 OF PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 545 Monte Vista Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 11, 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 $134,230.76 plus interest from November 06, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.525% 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: 2/23/2009.

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08-0088/Chavez, Bernice/ P538928

Pub #8532
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

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

Cause No. D-307-CV2oo801559

BEATRIZ V. FERREIRA, Plaintiff,

Vs.

FOREMOST INSURANCE GROUP and JON FISHER; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

To the Defendant, Jon Fisher. 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 a Complaint for Monetary Damages arising from an auto accident caused by Defendant Jon Fisher on July 17, 2005, at the intersection of Taylor Road and State Road 185, in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to recover damages for personal injury, pain and suffering and other related damages caused to Plaintiff. Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 19, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you. The name and address of the Plaintiff Pro Se is Beatriz V. Ferreira, 1018 South Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 575-524-1140.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, this 23rd day of February, 2009

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY Genevieve Bauer
Deputy

Pub #8533
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 2009

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

No. DM-2009-103
Judge Murphy

CARLOS JIMENEZ, Petitioner,

vs.

ALLMA ALEJONDRA ORTEGA, 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.

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 a,nd the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

CARLOS JIMENEZ
c/o Camunez Law Firm, P.C.
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 532-8270

Witness the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 10th day of February, 2009.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Jodie Castillo
Deputy

Pub #8534
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 2009

Stull Storage Units #1
1546 Missouri Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Mike Swink
2050 Jordan Road
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) #84 at Stull Storage Units #1 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $455.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Camper shell, mini refrigerator, fish tank, engine carts, boxes, misc.

Date of Auction:
On or after April 13, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Stull Storage Units #1
1546 Missouri Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #1 – Agent
Nancy Abeyta, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub # 8535
Dates 2/27, 3/6, 2009

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 24, 2009, Arturo & Pedro Jurado, 300 S Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-1909-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-1909 located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 1 East NMPM, where X=1,467,898 feet Y=469,846 feet NM State Plain Coordinate System and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplenlental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 200 feet and fitted with 18 inch casing and located in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 23, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 27.75 acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. SE 1/4 and Pt. SW 1/4 of said projected Section 23 located on map LRN-12 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subtile No. LRN-280120039.

Proposed change location of well LRG-1909-POD2 can be found behind Porter Oil on Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The old well will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J. Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) 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.

Pub #8536
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of LILLIE MAE FIELDS, Deceased.

No. PB 2008-143
Judge Martin

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gwendolyn JoAnn Moultrie McKeller has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hossford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2009.

Gwendolyn JoAnn Moultrie McKeller
Personal Representative
1736 Spence Avenue, S.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87106-4208

Pub #8537
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 2009

PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 09-0027
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT COFFELT COX, DECEASED.

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 at 817 Camino de Paz, El Paso, TX 79922 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

MARK DAVID COX
Personal Representative
817 Camino de Paz
EI Paso, TX 79922

JOHN E. KEITHLY
Attorney for Estate
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Pub #8538
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANNESA LIZETTE BUSTAMANTE FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF SAVANNAH RAYE BUSTAMANTE MARTINEZ

No. CV-2009-40
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Annesa Lizette Bustamante has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child from Savannah Raye Bustamante Martinez to Savannah Raye Bustamante. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Jerald Valentine, District Judge, on the 25th day of 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

BATES LAW FIRM
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

Jill Johnson Vigil
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8540
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 2009

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOMMY EUGENE ESSEX, Deceased.

No. PB-09-12 (Valentine)

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 Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 25, 2009.

Cheryl Lynn Essex
Personal Representative of the Estate of Tommy Eugene Essex., 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 #8541
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 2009

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Doña Ana County Labor Management Relations Board will hold a public hearing on March 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. to consider a petition for initial certification of a new bargaining unit filed by IBEW Local Union 611. The public hearing will be held in the County Commission Chambers, located at Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM. ADA Access Note: Should you require special accommodations as a result of a disability, please contact the County ADA Compliance Coordinator at 525-5884 (voice), 525-5591 (TTY), or 1-877-827-7200 (toll free), or write to 845 N. Motel Blvd Suite 2-190, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

A Copy of the Petition may be viewed at: The Office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM during regular business hours, commencing with the date of publication and continuing through the date of public hearing. A copy may also be obtained, upon payment of .50 cents per page fee.

Pub #8542
Dates 3/6, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-3166
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINE Y. CHAVEZ, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot numbered 8 in Block numbered 2 of Valley Gardens Subdivision Unit No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Valley Gardens Subdivision Unit No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 19, 1985 in Plat Book 13, Folio 380-381.

The address of the real estate is 2062 Windsor Place, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 23, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $159,319.05 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right

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NM STATE UNIVERSITY

The College of Education at New Mexico State University is scheduled for a Fall 2009 accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation. The visit is scheduled for Nov. 14-18, 2009.

Both NCATE and NMSU recognize graduates, parents, schools and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the NMSU College of Education to:

Board of Examiners
NCATE
2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036-1023
Or by e-mail to callforcomments@ncate.org

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at NMSU, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to NMSU for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

Letters of comment should be received by NCATE no later than Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009.

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to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 26, 2009.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:

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Pub #8544
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 2009

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

No. CV-08-2828
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

OTHAN ZAMARIPPA AKA OTHON C. ZAMARRIPA AKA OTHON ZAMARRIPA AKA OTHON ZAMARIPPA, MARIA MARGARITA ZAMARIPPA AKA MARIA MARGARITA ZAMARRIPA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 4B, VALLE DE ORO SUBDIVISION, NO. 1, REPLAT NO. 2, in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on November 22, 1989, recorded in Book 16, at Page 167, of Plat Records, New Mexico.

The address of the real estate is 14 Sierra Madre Drive, Mesquite, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 23, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $37,439.93 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and 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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DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 26, 2009.

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Submitted by:

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Pub #8545
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 2009

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting Held on March 2, 2009:

1. Council Bill No. 09-045; Ordinance No. 2508: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 11-256, Unlawful Parking and Section 27-12-6-6.16, Parking in Fire Lanes Prohibited, for the Purpose of Establishing an Exception for City Buses Stopping Briefly for the Purpose of Dropping Off or Picking Up Passengers.
2. Council Bill No. 09-046; Ordinance No. 2509: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-6-17, Parking Adjacent to Public Buildings, so That It is Numbered 27-12-6-6.17 for the Purpose of Making a Stylistic Change to the Number of the Section.

3. Council Bill No. 09-047; Ordinance No. 2510: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-14-2, Penalty Assessment Misdemeanor; Option; Effect, for the Purpose of Changing the Time Period in Which a Penalty Assessment Must be Paid from Fifteen (15) Days to Thirty (30) Days in Order to Conform to State Law.

4. Council Bill No. 09-048; Ordinance No. 2511: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 19-53, Duty of Property Owner to Remove Graffiti Vandalism, to Reduce the Time Allowed for Property Owners to Remove or Effectively Hide Graffiti.

5. Council Bill No. 09-049; Ordinance No. 2512: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Sections 2-975 Through 2-981, Veterans Affairs Advisory Board, to More Accurately Reflect the Requirements, Events, Duties, and Activities of the Board.

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 3rd day of March, 2009

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 8546
Dates 3/6, 2009

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

No. CV-08-2973

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs.

PAULA L. PELKEY and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 1, 2009, 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 3572 Evy Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 3, Block B, NORTHPOINTE SUBDIVISION NO. 5, 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 18, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 589-590 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 27, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $222,452.43 and the same bears interest at 7.000% per annum from March 1, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,365.19. The 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

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Pub # 8547
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 2009

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

No. CV-08-1977

LASALLE BANK NA as Trustee for Washington Mutual Asset-Backed Certificates WMABS Series 2007-HE2 Trust, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT PRICE; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot numbered 26 in Block numbered A of El Presidio - Phase 3B Final Plat, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said El Presidio - Phase 3B Final Plat, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 23, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 421-422.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $246,787.95 and the same bears interest at 9.625% per annum from February 16, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,928.49. The 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. 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
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No. CV-2008-3139

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM DEWAYNE EDGAR; LUCIA EDGAR; CITIFINANCIAL, INC.; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 12, VALLE HERMOSO PHASE 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. 4371 on 05/10/2006 in Book 21 Page(s) 617-18 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 27, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $429,232.35 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from February 16, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,307.44. The 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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No. CV-2008-3006

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

TODD EMERSON SCARBROUGH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot numbered 7 in Block numbered H of Sandhill Center Heights, Phase 6, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sandhill Center Heights, Phase 6, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 16, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 13-14.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 25, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $175,378.93 and the same bears interest at 7.85% per annum from February 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,697.33. 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**

No. CV-2008-1019

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF CAROL A. ALBA aka CAROL ANN CHAVEZ, Deceased; MELISA ANN PUENTES, Individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol A. Alba aka Carol Ann Chavez, Deceased; AARON PUENTES; ALBERT CHAVEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF CAROL A. ALBA aka CAROL ANN CHAVEZ, Deceased; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

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Lot 31, Block 4, THE PINES, UNIT TWO, 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. 2694 on 08/01/1995 in Book 18 Page(s) 303-04 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 27, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $107,343.17 and the same bears interest at 6.25% per annum from October 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,087.95. The 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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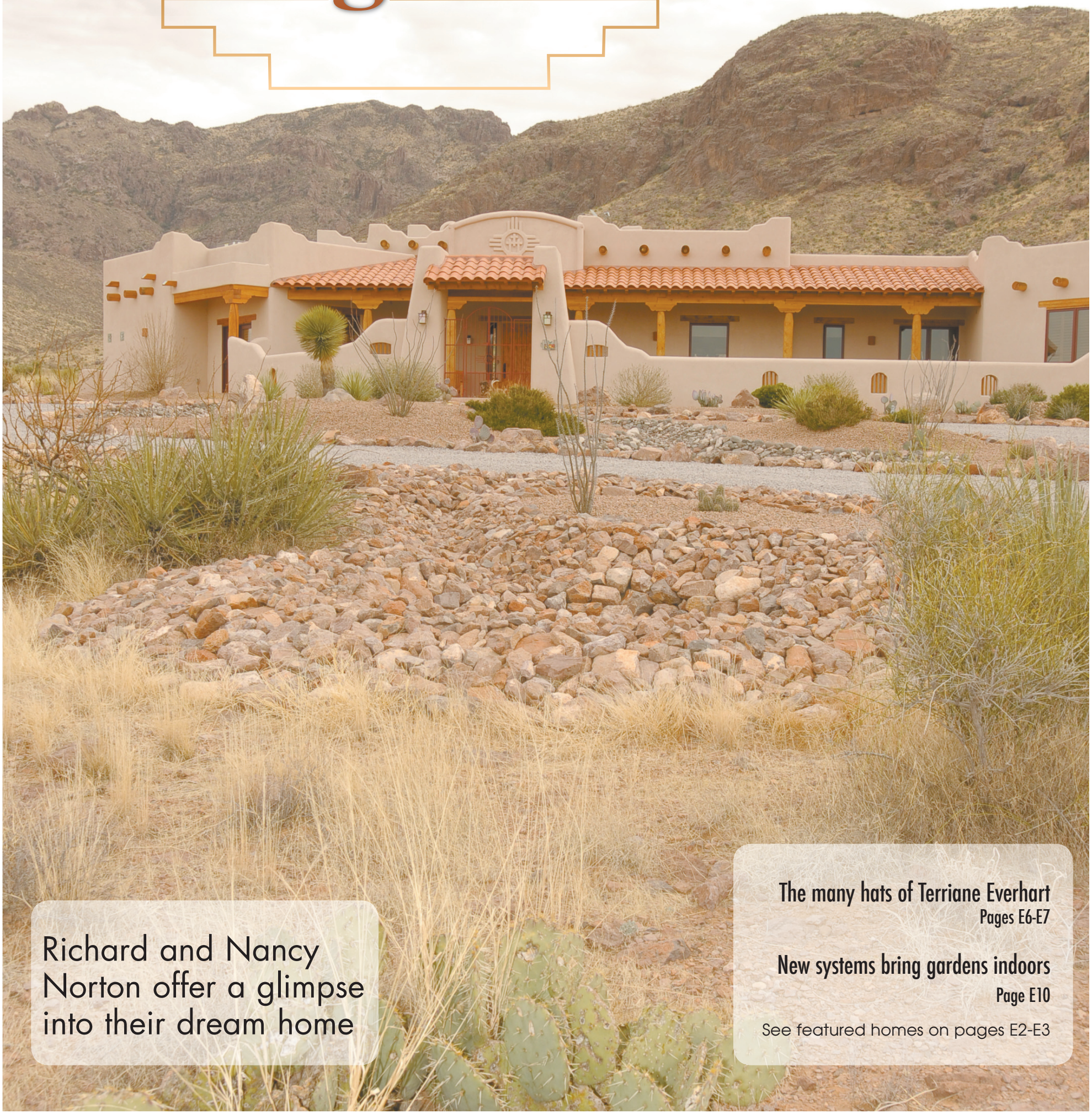

Richard and Nancy Norton offer a glimpse into their dream home

The many hats of Terriane Everhart
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New systems bring gardens indoors
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Featured home: 564 Pena Blanca Loop

First and foremost, the Nortons wanted a large great room with striking views of the mountains.

When Nancy and Richard Norton moved to Las Cruces from Connecticut they were in search of authentic Southwest style.

One of Richard Norton's favorite spaces is a 2,000-square-foot garage where he works on his many Ford Model As.

An antique gas pumps fits in perfectly with Richard Norton's classic cars.

Details

Address
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Square footage
3,700 along with a 2,000-square-foot garage

Bedrooms
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Fireplaces
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After researching the components of Southwest architecture, Nancy and Richard Norton built their retirement residence right on the mountainside.

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'Transplants' find appeal in local style

Enjoying the good life does not come without its hardships

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After building their retirement home, Richard and Nancy Norton "are living the good life."

For years, Richard and Nancy Norton imagined what their future home would be like standing amidst the Organ Mountain foothills.

Originally from Connecticut, the couple always had an affinity for Southwest-style architecture and would frequently visit the area, especially during the Las Cruces Home Builders Association Showcase of Homes.

It was in 1998 that the Nortons took the first step toward their dream when they purchased 10 acres on the eastern-most edge of Talavera.

"Our Realtor Elaine Johnson brought us up here, and we thought we had died and gone to heaven," Nancy Norton said of their view of the Organ Mountains.

Over the course of 11 years, Richard Norton subscribed to Su Casa, Ventanas and other magazines in New Mexico so he could gain ideas for the creation of their Southwest-style home. Later, with the help of William and Maxine Webber of Copper Canyon Homes, he would turn his ideas into a reality.

"I designed the house, and they put it on paper," Richard Norton said. "Maxine and Will were outstanding to work with in designing the house. We became really good friends with them."

Along with the Webbers, Johnson, owner and broker of RE/MAX Classic Realty, also put them in touch with homebuilder Michael Floyd.

"She helped us with everything and let us know who we should contact about anything," Richard Norton said.

They watched and waited as their home began to take shape, living in an RV Park in town for 12 months and then in their newly finished garage as Floyd put on the home's final touches.

"It tested our marriage," Nancy Norton said laughing as she recalled their months in the RV.

Though they saw some tough times during its construction, today, the Nortons live in their ideal retirement residence and were even willing to give Las Cruces a glimpse.

"Now we are enjoying the good life," Richard Norton said looking out his front windows.

> "We are used to completely different architecture, so I just love all this."
>
> RICHARD NORTON

Finished in July of 2006, the home includes a large, centrally located great room, dining room and kitchen, which share the same views of the rugged Organ Mountains through 10-foot windows, each 50 square feet in size.

"This is what we wanted when we came in the front door – to walk in and have a great view of the mountains," Richard Norton said.

Demanding all the classic Southwest accents – heavy wooden beams, nichos, bancos and kiva fireplaces – the former machinist made sure to surround himself with the features he couldn't live without.

"We are used to completely different architecture, so I just loved all this. All of the design – the fireplaces and the curves," he said. "I found a lot of little touches that really made a difference in the house."

With two master suites located on either side of the home's open floor plan, not only are the Nortons comfortable, but so are their out-of-town guests.

"Some people don't like to leave," Richard Norton said. When friends come from the East Coast, he said their favorite thing to do is wake up and watch the sunrise as they adjust to the time change.

While his office is located on the north side of the house, Nancy Norton's library is located on the south side, giving them both places to enjoy the peace and quiet. As a former teacher, Nancy Norton said the library was a must.

While they spend the majority of their time together in the great room, Richard Norton also has his own favorite space – a 2,000-square-foot garage where he works on his numerous Ford Model As. Previously, he kept his cars in storage facilities all over town, and he knew he wanted somewhere he could keep them all.

"When we came out here, we had two 53-foot moving vans," said Norton, who is a member of the Borderland As.

"We had 10 feet of household stuff and the rest was filled with cars," Nancy Norton added.

Since moving into their home, the Nortons have found that one of their favorite things is visiting with neighbors.

"Once a month all the neighbors up here have a full-moon party when the moon comes up over the mountains, which is spectacular," Richard Norton said. The Nortons have hosted several of the gatherings from their back patio, which is complete with a kiva fireplace.

"We have great neighbors out here, and we get together for a lot of things and rotate houses," Nancy Norton said. "There are a lot of us transplants here that don't have family."

Now that they are settled in the Southwest, the Nortons enjoy the scenery, solitude and of course, "love the Mexican food."

"I do miss my seafood, though," Richard Norton said.

"Well, you have to give up something," Nancy Norton said laughing.

A light and bright kitchen with cherry wood cabinets has plenty of space to entertain.

Guests can enjoy the home's second master suite, complete with a kiva fireplace.

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THE NEW MEXICO PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING

The New Mexico Pecan Growers Association is notifying the citizens of the Mesilla Valley of planned increases in agricultural burning between the months of January and June of 2009. During this time of year, the pecan growers of New Mexico burn agricultural waste from their operations, which can result in increased levels of smoke. If you have any questions regarding smoke from agricultural burning, please call the New Mexico Environment Department of Air Quality Bureau at 1-800-224-7009.

There's nothing like a rubber band

From holding paper to creating art, this item does it all

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the second most useful item out there, the rubber band goes beyond simply holding a rolled newspaper. For artist Antoon Versteegde, the rubber band is an important element to his life-sized outdoor installations. And while it may seem like a modern marvel, rubber has been used for centuries.

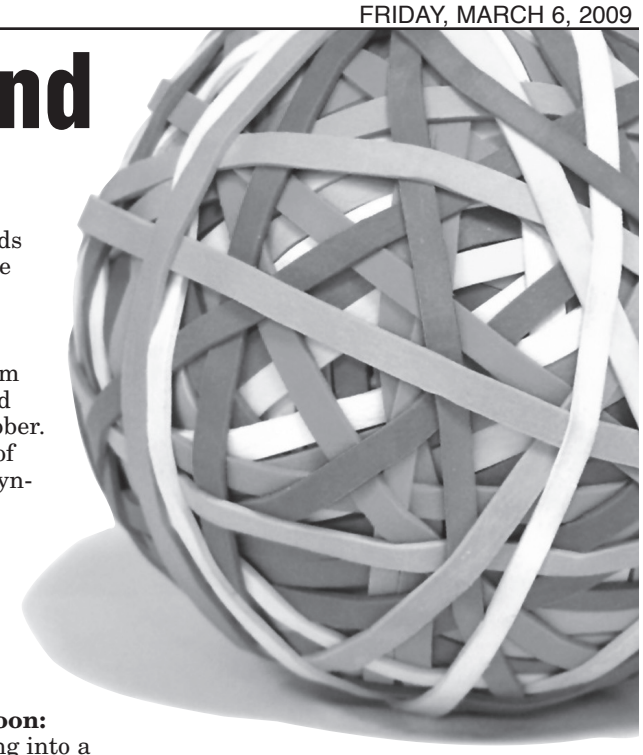
The ancient Mayan civilization would use sap from the rubber tree plant – which hardened into a springy mass when exposed to air – to create latex. They would then use it to make rubber balls, hollow human figures and bindings for axe heads and handles.

The uses of rubber began to expand in 1845 when scientist Stephen Perry patented the first rubber bands made of vulcanized rubber. He did so to hold papers or envelopes together.

During World War II, the United States was cut off from the world's rubber supply and began to create synthetic rubber. Today, about three-quarters of the rubber in production is synthetic.

While fun uses for rubber bands include shooting them across the room at a target or using them as a slingshot – Bart Simpson fans would agree – they can also be put to more productive uses.

Rubber bands, patented by scientist Stephen Perry in 1845, can be used for more than holding papers together or shooting things at your little sister.



1. Control a slipping spoon: To prevent a spoon from falling into a mixing bowl full of messy goodness, wrap a rubber band around the top of the handle. This will catch the spoon and avoid a mess.

2. Secure a casserole lid: Transporting a prepared casserole dish in the car can be nerve-racking and usually ends in disaster. By securing the lid and base together with a wide rubber band, taking dishes to and fro will be a breeze.

3. Get a grip on a drinking glass: To help make holding a drinking glass easier for a child or someone with arthritis, wrap a couple of rubber bands around it.

4. Reshape a broom: After being used several times, the bristles of a broom tend to spread out. Instead of tossing the broom, try wrapping a rubber band around it a few inches from the bottom and let it sit for a day or until the bristles get back in line.

5. Childproof the cabinets: Rubber bands work great as a way to temporarily childproof kitchen and bath cabinets by simply wrapping the bands tightly around a pair of cabinet handles.

6. Make a car visor holder: Snap a couple of rubber bands around a car's sun visor in a car to create a handy spot to slip receipts, directions and CDs.

7. Thumb through papers with ease: Wrap a rubber band around the index finger to make quick work of flipping through papers. Don't wrap the rubber band too tightly, because it will cut off circulation.

8. Extend a button: Pants, skirt or buttoned-up shirt feeling too tight? Extend them an inch or so by sticking a small rubber band through the buttonhole and looping the ends over the button.

9. Create a bookmark: Instead of using a paper bookmark, which can slip out of a book, wrap a rubber band from the top to bottom, around the part of the book that has already been read.

10. Wipe a paintbrush: Wrap a rubber band around a paint can from the top to the bottom, going across the middle of the can opening. The next time a paintbrush needs to be wiped of excess paint, just run it against the rubber band to avoid a dripping mess.

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Talavera pottery has its place in history

MARIANN NOVACK
Design Styles

In the Southwest, we are challenged to "get the look" of the Mexican-hacienda. Tile work is perhaps one of the most recognizable features of the Mexican home, and can be found adorning the interior and exterior.

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While the exact origin of Talavera can be debated, the belief is that a Dominican monk brought the process from Spain to Mexico during the 1500s. The name stems from the Spanish town Talavera de la Reina, where the technique's closest roots have been traced.

Each piece of Talavera tile or pottery, regardless of its shape or function, takes approximately 100 days to create and goes through an in-depth process that includes hand-dipping each item into a glaze. The Talavera is shaped, dried, fired, glazed, painted and then fired again. Some Talavera pieces will display both Asian and European influences. Blue is one of the original colors used because it is considered the color of royalty.

Talavera can feature traditional, contemporary designs or a combination of the two. Whether brightly hued or more subdued, it does not fade, so colors on authentic pieces will remain vibrant.

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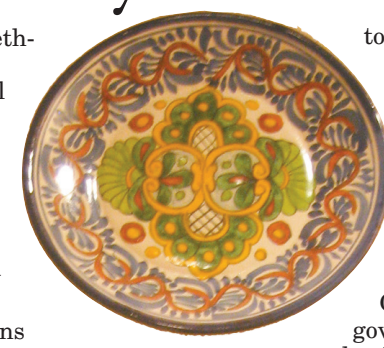
If you are traveling to Mexico, visit Puebla to see the influence that this ceramic ware has on the city's culture, architecture and history. Pretty handmade tiles decorate buildings, façades, fountains and kitchen walls. Clay pieces including dinnerware, vases and urns are sold in myriad shops around the town.

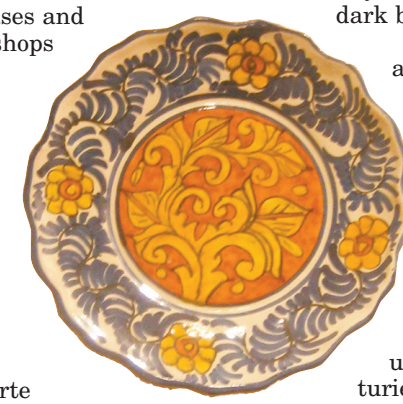
In 1997, the Mexican government began regulating authentic Talavera productions, which now must be certified. There are two government-certified Talavera factories – Uriarte Talavera and Talavera de la Reina.

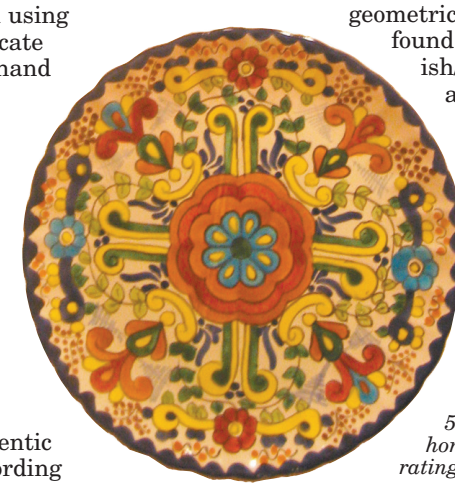
Uriarte Talavera is the oldest Talavera factory in Puebla, Mexico. The Uriarte showroom once was a family home and dates back to 1850. All Talavera tile is decorated using traditional techniques, including intricate patterns that are painted entirely by hand with donkey-hair brushes.

What makes the Talavera unique is the clay used to make the Talavera, which contains a combination of black and white clay from the Puebla region. The clay turns red after firing and no modern tools are used.

Talavera is often referred to as a style and similar pottery and tiles are produced throughout Mexico, but they are made using different techniques and types of clay and are not Talavera. If the price is relatively inexpensive, it is most likely not authentic Talavera and not made in Puebla according to the DO4-certification process. Some imitation Talavera-style ceramics are even made in China, so be clear on what you are buying.







If you would like to purchase a piece of Talavera one thing to consider is the Mexican Government certification. Look for the DO4-certification number and a reference to "Puebla, MX" on the back of the piece. Color palettes may vary, but usually the government-certificated manufacturer uses only six colors on its Talavera – light blue, dark blue, green, yellow, red and black.

Once fired, the base coat of glaze turns a milky off-white and a genuine piece will never show pure white. Also, the red color of the fired clay will show through the glaze somewhere on the piece.

Design and shapes are not limited, and some authentic pieces are quite contemporary.

The craft of making authentic Talavera has been handed down over generations and remains largely unchanged. Fascinatingly, over the centuries Talavera has transitioned through several historical phases. The Arabic use of geometric shapes and knots and lines can be found dating back to 1575. The Spanish/Talavera style depicting humans, animals, flowers and religious themes were produced around 1600 to 1780. The Chinese had their influence with flowers and foliage displayed with rabbits and birds from 1650 to 1790, and the Mexican Puebla style, which was influence by the ceramics from Spain and Italy, was from 1800 to 1860 and resulted in what we recognize today.

Mariann Novack is a design consultant and welcomes your comments at 541-9484 or marnvck@aol.com. Building a home, remodeling or considering interior decorating? Give Novack a call.

New to the Market
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$400,000 - $499,999

$499,950 - Soledad Canyon - 4005 Red Canyon Sage Court, Private cul-de-sac location plus protected views of the Organ Mountains from the backyard pool and spa area. Top-of-the-line gourmet kitchen. Great floor plan with 2 living and dining areas, large great room and more. In-floor heating throughout the home. Appraised for $650,000 September 2008. MLS # 806343 Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$429,000 - High Range - 557 Corona del Campo, Mint condition, custom built home- 2 master suites. One suite ADA compliant with 5' roll in shower, separate tub, walk-in closet, access to private patio. Great room w/ Kiva FP, tongue and groove ceiling, built-in bookshelves. Kolbe windows, solid wood doors, 2-zone heat/cooling systems. Custom kitchen, oversized pantry, island seating. MLS # 806693 Cecelia Levatino - 644-6763, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main 523-2850

$406,065 - E. Mesa-Weaver Rd. - 5067 Vista Chico Loop, Very nice southwest home on over 3/4 of an acre. Kitchen is very bright with views of the Organs, opens to eating area and family room with Kiva fireplace. Pass through lighted hall to the "party area" complete with the coolest cantina/bar and large game-room. Definitely worth a look. MLS # 806236 Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$300,000 - $399,999

$329,900 - Mesilla Area - 2002 Avenida de Antigua, Fourth bedroom/office with private entrance; courtyard entrance with fountain; heated pool, auto cover; latilla covered extended patio; open deck for patio furniture; gracious master suite has walk-in curved shower, double vanities, jetted tub, large walk-in closet; beautifully designed kitchen cabinetry, well accented tiled countertops, walk-in pantry; large utility room with workstation. MLS #806434 Laurel A. Coyle - 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$200,000 - $299,999

$298,900 - Picahills-Laqui - 1555 Fairway Village, Top of line home - Fairway Village gated community. Solid surface counters. Travertine tile, except in bedrooms. Great room built-in entertainment center, fireplace. Open kitchen, custom hickory cabinets. Gas available at stove island and for dryer hookup. Reverse osmosis water system with recirculating hot water. Enclosed patio, natural gas

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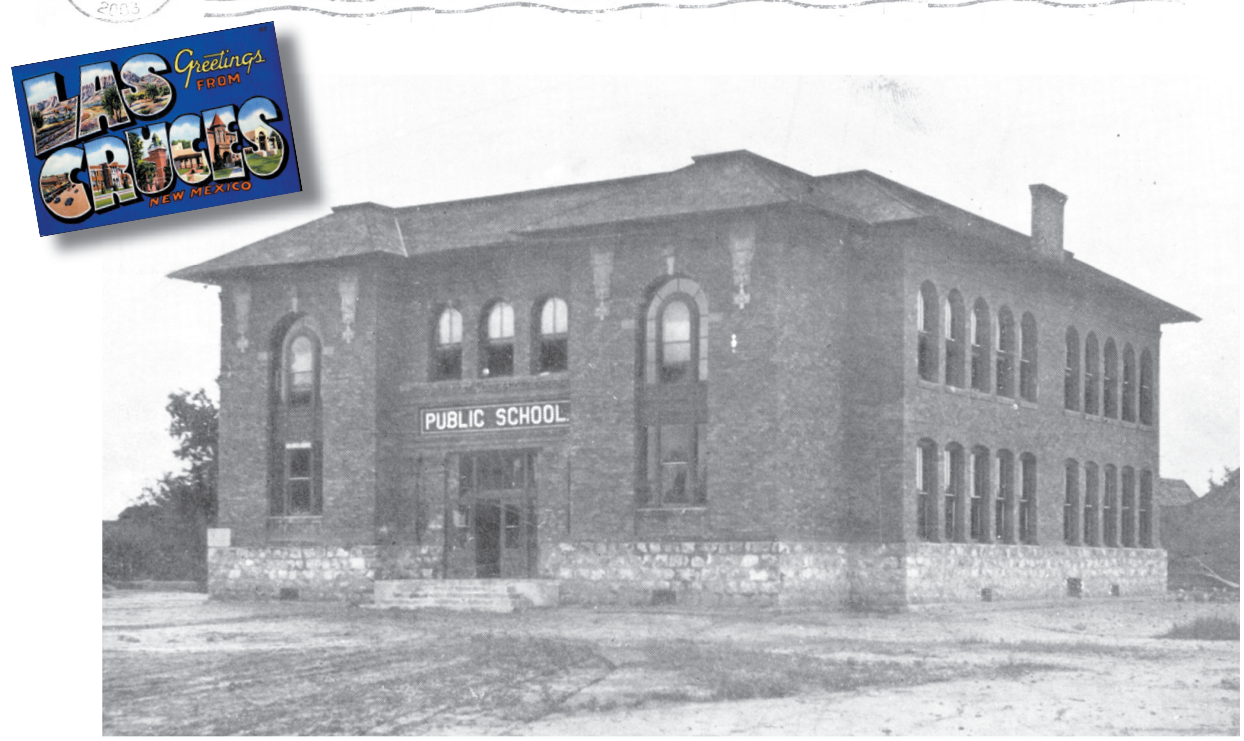

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Enough hats to fill a rack

Everhart shows her love for the community through real estate, community service

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Realtor Terriane Everhart always knew she was destined to be her own boss. Her days as an entrepreneur started before she even finished her undergraduate degree when she opened Judge Me Not Café in Downtown Las Cruces.

It was there that she met Jack Pickle, a well-known Las Cruces developer, who had a great suggestion for Everhart.

"He befriended me and encouraged me to think about real estate. He thought I would enjoy real estate and do it well," she said. Though she didn't know it at the time, eventually, she would open Property Consultants LLC.

The story began years earlier when she was a youngster living in Venezuela. It was there that her parents met and fell in love, and it was there that she was first introduced to the differences of the world.

As she grew older and moved to the United States, it became more and more apparent to Everhart that she wanted to be politically involved, and she went on to achieve her bachelor's degree in government from New Mexico State University.

"At the time, my interest was law school," she said, "but I decided to stay in New Mexico, and I am glad I did."

After closing her café, which she described as "a fun thing to try," she began her real estate career at Southwest Abstract and Title, where she rose to the position of escrow officer working under Daryl Voss.

"He is a very intelligent man and instilled in me true professionalism," she said of Voss, the company's former owner.

By the time she left Southwest Abstract and Title, Everhart said she felt as if she had "gone to college again."

While at the title company, she also volunteered with the Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation, a regional housing and community development corporation with a goal of improving the quality of life for its clients through the construction of affordable housing.

> "I am a cheerleader for Las Cruces."
>
> TERRIANE EVERHART, Realtor

"That is a neat program," she said. "It really helped me grow."

And grow she did. In late 2002, when her son Mahlon was only 9 months old, she and partner Jennifer Sandoval opened Property Consultants LLC, a full-service firm specializing in commercial, residential and farm-and-ranch properties.

"I chose to open my own real estate company because I wasn't ready to get back into the corporate world format," said Everhart, who serves as qualifying broker.

According to Everhart, professionalism, strong marketing and a focus on the community sets her company apart from others in Las Cruces.

"Jennifer and I are very particular. If we take any agents, we want them to be experienced, professional and hard workers," she said of her team. "All of them have experience in the professional world and have great work ethics. That brings a lot to the table."

Her company also has taken on entire developments such as the Poco Lomas subdivision.

"We understand the needs of developers and builders," she said.

Some of the struggles she sees in the current market are a lack of trust and a great deal of fear among those looking to buy or sell a house. Her greatest challenge is getting past this fear by offering her expertise and helping clients navigate the process.

"I think home ownership is important," she said. "I personally want to help clients work through the unknown."

On top of her work as a Realtor, Everhart is also involved in the development and construction side of the industry through EPIC Builders, which she and her husband Tatt Everhart own along with partners Harold and Barbara Denton.

"We love fun projects," she said. "But I keep everything very separate. I am very mindful of that."

As if wearing the hat of a Realtor, developer and builder is not time consuming enough, she has been involved with many community nonprofit organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters and La Casa.

"My main focus has always been the First Step Center," she said. "It's heath care for women, and children, which

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Featured Realtor: Terriane Everhart

Details

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Terriane Everhart

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Property Consultants LLC

Address
606 W. Amador Ave.

Phone
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Education
Bachelor's degree in government from New Mexico State University

Family
- Husband Tatt, works for Chisholm's LLC
- Son Mahlon, 7
- Son Asher, 4

Organizations
- Vice chair, First Step Center Board of Directors
- Advisory board member, Citizens Bank
- Member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Las Cruces Home Builders Association (Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico)
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in turn helps the family as a whole."

After living in a Third World country, she said she knows how important it is for people and their communities to receive quality health care.

"I see the return," she said. "I take my children there, and the care they receive is phenomenal. I know people who do not have insurance and they receive the same phenomenal care."

She is once again serving on the committee of the annual First Step Golf Tournament, which will take place Sept. 11 and 12 at the Picacho Hills Country Club.

"Every year we try to take it to a higher level," she said.

Aside from offering a helping hand to nonprofits, she said she has never let go of her drive to be politically involved.

"I am very political," she said. "I understand the impact that our government has on me as a business owner and United States citizen."

Everhart said she sees a "grand future" ahead for her company and its agents.

"We are going to stay at the pace we are now. I like the size of our company, because I am able to maintain such a close relationship with my agents," she said. "I do see us affiliated with some sort of franchise as Las Cruces grows."

Though her life began in South America, Everhart said she has no doubt that Las Cruces is her future.

"I am a cheerleader for Las Cruces," Everhart said. "I've lived in Houston and Venezuela, but I call Las Cruces my home."

Modern lighting gives Everhart's listing on Lone Tree Lane a sophisticated Southwest look.

PHOTOS BY BETHANY CONWAY

Terriane Everhart's listing at 1941 Lone Tree Lane features 2,383 square feet and is only a short walk from the Sonoma Ranch Country Club and Golf Course.

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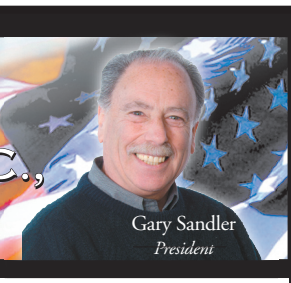

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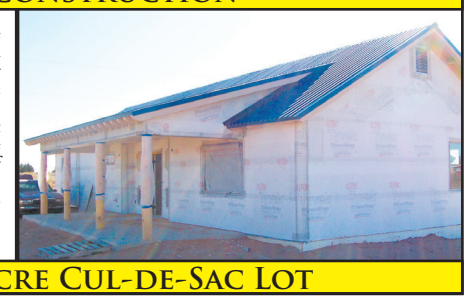

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$274,900 - High Range - 2744 Custer Way, Convenience and Privacy – .35 acre park-like setting in the middle of Las Cruces. 3 bedroom, 3.5 baths, 2 living areas, dining room, elegant foyer and updated appliances. Isolated master bedroom with sitting area, fireplace, private deck, jet tub and walk-in closet. Private sundeck, patio and in-ground pool. Minutes away from shopping, dining and medical facilities. MLS #806344 Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$208,000 - Mesilla Park South - 816 Raleigh Road, Well maintained home in desirable Mesilla Park area. Newly painted inside and out. Newer roof and covered patio. Fenced backyard. Great location. MLS # 806764 Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc.- Main 523-2850

$100,000 - $199,999

$199,999 - Sonoma Ranch - 2506 Tierra Grande, This is a beautiful home that has been upgraded, includes full landscaping, large deck, window blinds. Backs up to community common area. You will only have one immediate neighbor to the left. End of cul-de-sac, low traffic. Priced below builder's price, includes all upgrades. Ten year structural warranty by builder. MLS #806648 Billie Haynie - 635-8921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc.- Main 523-2850

$197,325 - Telshor Area - 1725 Pomona Drive, 2096 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 car garage. Large pantry (pre-plumbed for a commode). Private backyard with mature perennials, Newer Morgan storage shed. 37 by 12 covered rear patio. Breezeway from garage to dining room. Separate den with brick fascia fireplace. Fourth bedroom possible office. Only $94.00/sq. ft., MLS #806445 Ronald Leone - 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$178,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4361 Levante Drive, Great location, great Organ Mountain views. This end-unit town home has lots to offer. Tiled courtyard plus nice desert landscaping. Enjoy the gas fireplace in the living room as well as the nice open floor plan. Granite counters and great appliances are just a few features this home offers! MLS #806417 Quint Lears - 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$190,750 - Mesilla Area - 2117 Via Tesoro, Refrigerated air, 2 by 6 construction, great insulation, security doors. Large living room. Utility room has extra space with work station sink and storage. Large master bedroom with ceiling fan. Great covered patio with fountain, vegetable garden, shade trees and numerous roses. Wood laminate floors are just lovely. Very well maintained home. MLS # 806433 Laurel A. Coyle - 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$173,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4401 Levante Drive, Great location. Nestled in the gated Pueblos at Alameda Ranch Community. Combining the talent and expertise, John Curry and Brian Hurd have constructed a captivating southwestern home with fabulous views. Many features are typically seen in homes ranging from $500,000 to $1 million. Community pool and workout room coming soon. MLS # 806333 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$169,900 - Telshor Area - 2329 Terrace Court, Beautifully remodeled inside. 2 living areas, French doors, pueblo fireplace, tiled entry courtyard. Currently tenant-occupied. Large lot, new lawn in back and covered patio. Huge sandbox for the kids. Close to Memorial Medical Center and NMSU. MLS # 806239 Gregory D. Sherman - 642-8500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$167,825 - Elks Club - 2714 Winston Avenue, 1,856 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 living areas and separate dining areas. Den brick fascia wood burning fireplace with slider to large covered patio. Master bedroom access to patio/backyard (.30 ac). Two evaporative coolers. Walk-in closets in bedrooms. Seller will consider all fair offers. MLS #806563, Ronald Leone - 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

$162,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 4856 Calle Bella Ave., Absolutely Charming. Split bedroom plan. Fourth bedroom can be an office. Must see upgrades and special touches this home offers. Pergola covered back patio has been extended and perfect for admiring the beautiful view of mountains. Ceiling fans in every room. Beautiful tile. Large, efficient kitchen and so much more. MLS #806337 Renee Peterson - 640-7228, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$158,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4381 Levante Drive, Courtyard entrance invites you into this 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Nice open floor plan. Beautiful tile in living room, kitchen, baths and hallway. Granite counters. Carpet in bedrooms. Covered patio out back. Desert Landscape. MLS #806528, Quint Lears 365-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

$158,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4385 Levante Drive, Nestled in the lovely Pueblos at Alameda Ranch Community, you'll love this one... Granite counters in kitchen and baths, nice open floor plan. The laundry room has lots of shelving for storage. Great mountain views. Covered patio out back. Desert landscaping. MLS #806525, Quint Lears 365-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

$158,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4365 Levante Drive, This townhouse is nestled in the lovely Pueblos at Alameda Ranch Community. Features include granite counters, nice light fixtures, utility room with shelving, great views and more. Out back you will find a nice covered patio and desert landscape. MLS # 806416, Quint Lears - 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$145,000 - High Range - 2512 Los Alamos Court, Owner/Agent. Lot sits approx. 25' above street grade, can accommodate 2-story home. Vacant lot across street restricted single-story, leaving west view protected. Back boundary borders 2.5 acres of "designated open space", cannot be developed. Current lots from approximately

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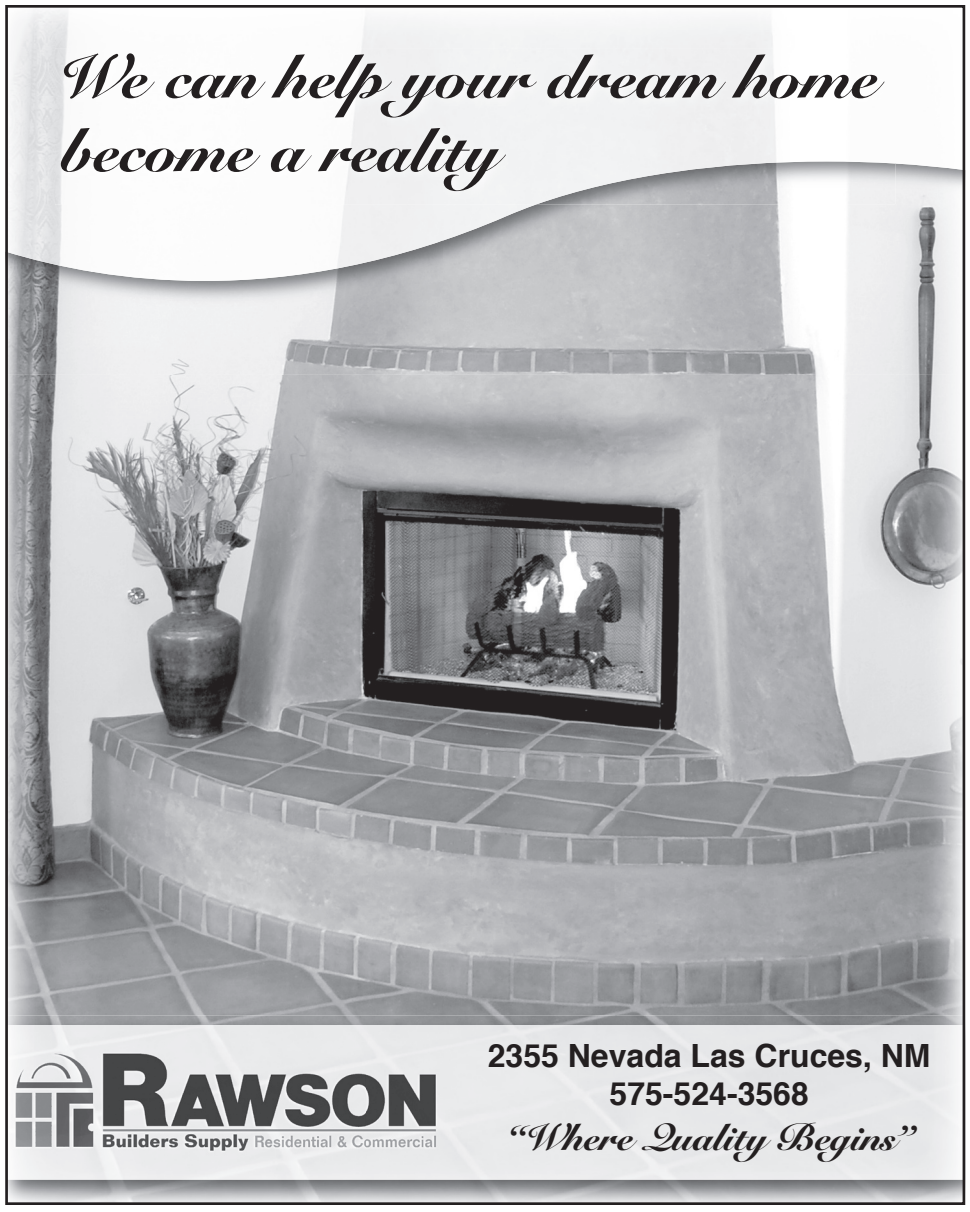

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Buck up apartment dwellers

You can have a spring garden and eat it, too

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Though spring doesn't officially start until March 20, this week in the City of the Crosses temperatures reached the 80-degree mark and gardening fever was in the air. Grocery stores, home improvement stores and nurseries had all those gardening essentials in plain view, some even setting up shop in the parking lot.

But what about those who live in apartments, condos or residences where gardening just isn't possible? Fresh herbs can be a great addition to recipes, but when they are store bought they sometimes come at a hefty price.

In order to solve this, manufacturers came up with indoor home gardening systems, which can produce everything from colorful flowers to intoxicating herbs.

What is it?

An indoor gardening system is a great way to add greenery and atmosphere to a room. Those who own an indoor system can harvest their own vegetables, herbs and flowers year round.

Using a process known as "hydroponics," they provide plants with everything needed to achieve maximum levels of plant growth. Plants grown using this system are said to grow faster and more efficiently than conventional soil methods. With indoor gardening systems such as the AeroGarden, not only can those without backyards or gardening areas plant their own herbs, veggies and flowers, but they will grown with the greatest of ease.

Some of the main advantages of hydroponics systems as opposed to soil-based gardening include:

- Daylight is replaced by energy-efficient sun spectrum grow lights
- Plants roots are not compacted by soil but rather surrounded by oxygen
- Watering periods can be consistently controlled
- Temperatures can be better controlled

How does it work?

Though many of the indoor gardening systems come with seed packets, consumers can plant their favorite herbs and veggies from cherry tomatoes to peas and green beans in approximately 10 minutes. With the larger systems, up to seven different plant varieties can be grown at a time and harvested within three to 10 weeks. Afterward, plants can normally be continually harvested for three to seven months, depending on the plant species.

These gardening systems require very low maintenance, usually five to 15 minutes per month. With automatic timing systems for light, water and nutrients, they are literally self-sustaining.

They are also sized to fit conveniently in kitchen cabinets or shelves. A battery backup system even retains the gadget's settings in the event of a power failure. Most use less than 60 watts of power when the water pump is operating.

Featured gadget: indoor gardening system

How much does it cost?

The only downside to this convenient gardening system is the cost. Indoor gardens can cost anywhere from $100 to $200. Over time, they can pay for themselves if the plants they produce are used on a daily basis. The sweet smell of flowers isn't bad either. Plus, what's better than those favorite herbs and veggies without any chemicals or weeds?

Where can it be found?

These handy systems can be found at kitchen supply stores, gardening stores and even the local Wal-Mart. Of course there is always the good ol' Internet.

Helpful hint:

These systems can make great educational tools for a family project. Kids can learn how plants grow and even view plant roots with those models that come with an observation door.

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$120,000 to $180,000. MLS #806570, Carl Topley - 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

$144,947 - San Andres - 2827 La Union Court, Wood cabinets and Formica counters in kitchen. Tile in kitchen, dining room, hallway, living room and bathrooms. The light fixtures accent the tile. Master bedroom has large walk-in closet. Ceiling fans in both the living room and master. Nice, open floor plan. MLS #806659 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main 523-2850

$139,990 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 4942 Sherwood Road, Maple cabinets, crown molding. Master bath dual sinks. Kholer cast-iron tub with tile surrounds in both master bath and guest bath. Tiled entry, living room, kitchen, dining room, hallway, utility room and bathroom. Upgraded carpet in bedrooms. Vinyl Low-E windows. Front landscape has drip system and timer. MLS # 806336 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$123,900 - E. Mesa-Weaver Road - 5219 Creek Trail, Priced to sell and move-in ready. Charming home located in quiet suburban neighborhood. Excellent first time home buyer or investment property! Nice curb appeal situated on .25 acre lot. Home reflects pride of ownership, must see inside. Master-Cool air conditioner just installed. Extended driveway great for RV Access. MLS # 806305 Renee Peterson - 640-7228, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	8	5	6
Homes Sold Existing	15	11	9
Pending Home Sales (All)	169	179	197
Average Days on Market (All)	113	204	171

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$162,500	$180,000	$223,000
Median Price Existing	$149,900	$165,000	$170,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,316	1,325	1,651
Real Estate Agents	537	537	610

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 02/23/09 - 03/01/09
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Get ready for St. Patrick's Day

Take this opportunity to use the area's favorite green food

These things I warmly wish to you -
Someone to love
Some work to do
A bit o' sun
A bit o' cheer
A lot o' chile
And a guardian angel always near.

- Old Irish Blessing Tweaked a Wee Bit by Sunny

I bid you the top o' the morning, Las Cruces. This St. Pat's column comes to you a wee bit early so you can plan an O'Saint Patrick's Day celebration a wee bit sooner. Saint Pat's Day is a hot and lucky day for green chile aficionados. Use it as an excuse – as if you needed one – to serve each meal jam-packed with hot-and-spicy green chile.

Begin the morn with a tater-stuffed O'Omelet! topped with a sweet heat salsa. At midday, perhaps savor a bite of Irish Jig Shamrock Squash and a bowl of Pot of Gold Green Chile and Cheese Soup. Reserve dinnertime for Merry Leprechaun Casserole or Luck of the Irish Shredded Chicken Taquitos lavished with more sweet heat salsa. When Irish tummies are happy, the entire world seems bright and pepper green. Happy Saint Patrick's Day lads and lassies!

Wee Bit of Sweet Heat Salsa

2 large navel oranges
1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, juice drained
1/4 cup minced red onions
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely minced
1 tablespoon lime juice
Salt to taste

Peel the oranges and remove all the white pith. Separate the orange sections from the membranes and cut each section into 1/4-inch pieces. In a large bowl, mix the oranges, pineapple, onion, jalapeño, lime juice and salt, using a large spoon. Refrigerate or serve at room temperature with tortilla chips. This treat can also be used as a topper for an omelet, grilled or baked chicken breasts and as a dipper for taquitos.

O'Omelet!

6 small or 4 large eggs (separate the yolks from the egg whites)
4 medium-sized, cooked potatoes (russet or Idaho), mashed
1 lime, freshly squeezed
1 or 2 minced jalapeños or serranos, stems removed and seeded
1 tablespoon scallions, chopped roughly
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon butter

Turn oven on to broil setting.

In a medium-sized bowl, mash potatoes. Add beaten egg yolks and mix thoroughly. Add the lime juice, scallions, jalapeños, salt and pepper to the mixture. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and then fold into the potato mixture. Heat butter in an omelet pan. Add the potato and egg mixture and cook over medium-high heat until it turns golden brown. Place under the broiler until the mixture puffs up.

Pot of Gold Green Chile and Cheese Soup

1/2 cup finely chopped onions
4 tablespoon butter
4 tablespoon flour
1-1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
4 cups chicken broth
4 cups milk
1 cup chopped carrots, cooked
1 cup chopped celery, cooked
1/8 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup chopped green chile, roasted, peeled and deveined
1/2 pound cheddar cheese, finely shredded
Chopped cilantro (optional)

Sauté the onions in butter until tender and transparent. Add flour and cornstarch, blending well. Add stock and milk gradually, stirring constantly. When boiling, add carrots, celery, paprika, green chile and cheese. Cook over low heat until the cheese is melted. Add salt, if necessary. Serve hot with finely chopped cilantro.

Irish Jig Shamrock Squash

2 cups whole-kernel corn
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons shortening
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 chopped onion
1/2 cup water
2 cups chopped green chile, roasted, peeled and seeded (as hot as you like)
3/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese or Pepper Jack, grated
1 clove garlic, minced
4 medium zucchini squash, cleaned and diced

Combine all ingredients, except cheese, in a large saucepan. Cook at medium heat until squash is tender. Garnish with cheese before serving.

You need not be a leprechaun or even an Irish lad or lass to enjoy a hot-and-spicy Saint Patrick's Day.

Merry Leprechaun Casserole

1 pound processed cheese, cubed
1 (13-ounce) can evaporated milk
1 pound lean ground beef
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon garlic salt
Shortening
12 corn tortillas
1/2 cup to 1-cup chopped, roasted green chile
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups canned black beans, drained

Melt cheese in evaporated milk in a heavy saucepan at low heat. In a medium-sized skillet, brown beef over medium heat. Drain. Season beef mixture with salt and garlic salt. Heat 1/2 inch of shortening in a heavy pan at medium-high heat. Quickly dip each tortilla into the shortening to soften. Drain on absorbent towels. Layer all ingredients except cheese sauce in a greased, 2-quart casserole dish, beginning with a tortilla. Pour cheese sauce over layered ingredients and cover. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

Luck of the Irish Green Chile and Cheese Chicken Taquitos

12 corn tortillas
Oil
1 pound baked or cooked skinless, chicken breast, shredded
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1 (4-ounce) can green hot green chiles
1/4 cup diced onions
1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper
1/2 clove garlic

Shred chicken with fork. Add remaining ingredients and mix together. Heat oil in an iron skillet just until warm. Dip tortillas in oil to soften. Spread a heaping tablespoon of chicken mixture in the center of a tortilla and roll up. Secure with a toothpick and fry in 2 inches of oil or melted shortening. Serve with a Wee Bit of Heat Salsa or other toppings such as guacamole and sour cream. Lazy leprechauns can use store-bought taquitos. Follow package directions and serve with the salsa.

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Ladybugs, one of the most helpful and harmless bugs around, can be found in the folklore of cultures around the world.

Ladybugs: The insect ambassadors

These pest-control superheroes protect your plants

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

Bugs aren't always bad. Hard to believe, I know. The ladybug is not only good for the garden, but is also a creative inspiration and an ambassador for the insect world.

This little lady of a bug has won our hearts to the extent that we have no qualms about releasing thousands of them at a time, setting them in flight to protect crops and ornamental plants alike. With spring approaching, it's time to think about adding these pest-control superheroes to your garden.

More than 5,000 species of ladybugs populate the world with more than 400 native to North America. The ladybug is a farmer's and gardener's friend because it eats pests – up to 75 plant-destroying aphids a day. Ladybugs also eat fruit flies and mites. It protects itself from birds and other would-be predators with an unappetizing secretion and by playing dead. The male ladybug is smaller than the female, which apparently isn't an affront to its machismo.

The ladybug is considered lucky in more than gardening. In the folklore of various cultures around the world, if one lands on you it is thought to bring you luck or take away illness. If you kill one, misfortune is yours.

> "Ladybugs have even traveled to space as part of an experiment on Nasa's space shuttle mission in 1999."

Some say that by counting a ladybug's spots you can find out how much money you'll receive or how many children you'll have. Lore tied closer to reality suggests the presence of a ladybug predicts a good harvest.

The round, black-spotted red body of the ladybug is a familiar image in the United States. It's a popular topic for nursery rhymes and children's books. The symbol of spring, it's depicted in fabric prints and artwork. It's the state bug for Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio and Tennessee. Ladybugs have even traveled to space – as part of an experiment on NASA's space shuttle mission in 1999.

Come spring, you can buy ladybugs at local garden shops, nurseries and online. A package of about 1,500 ladybugs will serve a home-sized garden.

Sprinkle water in the vicinity of your garden before releasing the ladybugs, because they are thirsty from their shipping journey. The best time to release them is late in the day or early morning – make sure not to let them loose in the heat of the day.

Here's hoping generations of ladybugs will bring you good fortune – and that they won't heed the familiar words, "Ladybug, ladybug, fly away."

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 brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Arizona-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.

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