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## Walker named Aggies 33rd football coach

Says 'destiny' brought him here

By JOHN KEITH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Was it destiny? DeWayne Walker, New Mexico State's new football coach, thinks so. It took time, but the 48-year-old former UCLA defensive coordinator is finally on board, here, where he said he feels destiny brought him.

First, he interviewed for the head coaching job at Utah State. The Utags hired someone else. He was a finalist at San Diego State. No deal. "They wanted someone with

head coaching experience," he said.

So here Walker is, the Aggies' 33rd head football coach. Anxious to try and get the school's struggling program off of life support.

Walker, slightly built with a soft, but firm voice, brings an impressive résumé that includes defensive coaching positions in both the NFL and at the college level. He was UCLA's interim head coach for one game, the 2007 Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl.

"I appreciate Dr. Boston (NMSU's athletic director) for being patient," Walker said during an interview at the Aggie-Lobo basketball game Tuesday. "He told me to take my time. To go ahead and talk to these other schools. He said he had several candidates he was going to interview before making his decision."

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## A year for the record books

### 2008 hit historic highs and lows

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

From politics to sports and from the economy to education, 2008 was definitely a year of change for Las Cruces that spanned the presidential election and local governments trying to make due with less.

The political landscape of New Mexico was in the process of changing just before 2008 when U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici decided to retire. Every sitting congressional representative – Democrat Tom Udall and Republicans Heather Wilson and Steve Pearce – all entered the race. That left a scramble to fill those seats, including Pearce's Second District seat.

The year began with state Rep. Joseph Cerantes calling off his bid for the opening in Congress, citing the need to maintain a reasonable family life. The moderate Democrat from an agricultural family was seen as a perfect fit for the district that reaches up to the "Little Texas" portion of the state. Hailing from oil country was Harry Teague, a self-made businessman who was able to outspend Doña Ana County Commissioner Bill McCamley and go on to defeat Republican restaurateur Ed Tinsley to become the first Democrat to represent the Second District since 1981.

Meanwhile, Udall would also persevere over Pearce, who won the primary election over Wilson by rallying his conservative base. As a matter of fact, New Mexico's delegation is now "true blue" with nothing but Democrats.

The shirttails from Barack Obama's intense campaign was also felt locally, resulting in the ousting of longtime Las Cruces Republican legislator Lee Rawson, who was the state Senate's minority whip, and of first-term Republican

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# At the Mesilla Candlelight Vigil

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Sharon Sevachko plays the organ to accompany the Mesilla Singers group.



Simon Sagal, 5, keeps warm with his mom Courtney Cutter.



David Baron, Beth Chowing and Barbara Baron sing Christmas music on the Mesilla Plaza on Christmas Eve.



Tatum Bernola, 10, holds a candle and lyrics to songs that were sang by a large crowd that gathered in the Mesilla Plaza on Christmas Eve.



Sylvia Corona (right) sings Christmas music with the Mesilla Singers group.



Sandy Schwab (right) holds a candle during a moment of silence led by a Las Cruces firefighter.

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# Opinions

## Happy New Year

It's time to set resolutions for 2009, but what about last year's promises?

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Once again, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over. The New Year is typically the time we assemble our annual list of "resolutions." Last year, I shared my resolutions for 2008 and promised to let readers know how well I fared in accomplishing those personal goals.

**How did I do?**

Jaki, and several of our staff members, have already pointed out that I did not do too well. Once again, here are the grim facts:

**Resolution No. 1 – Plan a vacation getaway with Jaki and promise not to discuss business during the time away.** Last summer we spent a few days on the East Coast and attended a friend's wedding in Baltimore. So, this should count as a partial success.

**Resolution No. 2 – Visit our children and grandchildren and our moms at their homes at least once during the year, noting that family visits are not vacations.** I totally blew this one. Shame on me. This is a big zero. (Jaki, on the other hand, took the time to fulfill this resolution.)

**Resolution No. 3 – Spend time with friends playing cards, conversing and theoretically solving world problems.** No card playing, and world problems are still unaffected by our conversations. (This is another one that Jaki accomplished.)

**Resolution No. 4 – Meet more of our neighbors.** During the spring and summer, I met several neighbors during my early morning strolls. I've probably met about five percent of the neighborhood. This leaves 95 percent to go.

**Resolution No. 5 – Return to a regular, daily exercise routine.** Through September, I averaged more than three trips to the gym each week. Felt great. But now, after the holiday feasts, it looks like it's time to start over again.

**Resolution No. 6 – Find my way back to the tennis courts to play my favorite recreational game.** Now, where did I put my newly restrung tennis racquets? My tennis buddies have quit calling. They have obviously given up on me.

**Resolution No. 7 – Attend Dr. Blanchard's weekend golf academy to learn to play golf without embarrassing myself.** I figured out that my best chance at golf is to play only in scrambles and to recruit three great scramble players. Our Bulletin teams won a couple of tournaments and placed in a couple more. Thanks to Charlie Blanchard, Steve Macy, Russell Allen, Ken Hoeksema and Bill Flores for carrying me through the summer golf season.

**Resolution No. 8 – Eat sensibly and specifically avoid buffets.** Here is one area where I did pretty well. Sorry Double Eagle Sunday buffet, Furrs and Golden Corral.

**Resolution No. 9 – Send more Christmas cards with a goal of sending them before Christmas.** Sent 100 before Christmas, but still have a hundred or more to go.

**Resolution No. 10 – Spend more time saying "Thank you," and "I love you."** I really tried on this one. But I am sure the Bulletin staff and Jaki will agree that I can handle this resolution better and more consistently.

So, this year my grade is a 4.0 on a 10-point scale. This is only slightly better than my 2.5 score last year. However, if I can improve my score each year, I should be able come close to a double digit rating by five years from now. Please wish me luck in 2009.

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# End of the year a good time to reflect on the past

## Jay Miller thankful for many childhood memories

The end of the year is a time for reflection in our family. Recently the subject of favorite childhood memories arose and I realized how fortunate I was to have so many.

One of my earliest memories was of visiting my god-parents, Dr. C. Banks Austin and his wife Helen, in Lordsburg. It was the nicest house I had ever seen, with white carpet in the living room and smoked glass on the walls and ceiling of the bathroom. He could even open the garage door by rolling down his window and sticking his key in a switch beside the driveway. I vowed I was going to have one of those when I grew up.

Then there was my grandparents' house at the corner of Melendres Street and Hadley Avenue in Las Cruces. It had a huge backyard with pecan and fruit trees and a chicken coop where we gathered eggs every day. My grandfather got to irrigate once a week with water from the Rio Grande. I loved the engineering that went into getting the water to the right places.

My grandfather Miller was a country doctor. But he really was a farmer at heart so he never minded driving out to a farmhouse to tend to a sore throat and he never objected to taking a chicken or whatever the family had to trade for his services. And he never objected to me tagging along.

We sat there watching the captured German V-2 rockets being tested beyond the Organ Mountains to the east.

The two steps leading up to their front door were a favorite place. My grandmother and I sat there one August afternoon in 1945 and listened to the sirens proclaiming the end of World War II. The next summer, we sat there watching the captured German V-2 rockets being tested beyond the Organ Mountains to the east. Then their trails would get crooked as they arced over and headed to a crash landing.

As my sister and I got older, our parents began taking us on their summer trips to education conferences, instead of leaving us with our grandparents. We visited all 48 states except the Dakotas. And whenever we hit a city with a major league baseball team, my father and I would see a game. I got to see just about all the old baseball parks.

We also got to the White House on one of those trips. Rep. Clinton Anderson gave us a tour and I got to play with President Roosevelt's dog Fala. A summer later, I discovered fireflies, on a warm night in Bloomington, Ind. I had such fun catching them and putting them in a jar and doing all those things that little boys do.

Then there was our fourth-grade Sunday School class at the Methodist Church in Deming. We met in the boiler room, where Walter Donaldson told us stories of the

**JAY MILLER**  
*Inside the Capitol*



Bataan Death March and the hell ships that took them to the horrible prison camps in Japan. I'm sure there was always a religious moral and that it did me some good, but what I remember were the gripping war stories.

In 1948, President Harry Truman came to Deming on his famed whistlestop campaign tour of the nation. As a Boy Scout, I got to stand close to the front holding a flag as Harry railed about the "do-nothing 80th Congress" and men yelled "Give 'em hell, Harry."

My father was an avid baseball fan. We used to sit by the radio and listen to major league games. And whenever he got the opportunity in a group of people, he would recite "Casey at the Bat." My son surprised me at my father's funeral a few years ago when he performed an excellent recreation of those recitations.

When I was in high school in Silver City, few of us had cars. So Herb Toy's father let us use his grocery delivery van. There were usually at least a half-dozen of us hanging out in the back as Herb cruised around town. It was quite a social gathering place. And we didn't get into too much mischief.

One of the great pleasures of this job is having an audience for such musings. Thanks for staying to the end.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### In defense of Dobson

I am writing in response to a letter to the editor "Do without Dobson" written by Max Mastellone.

It was with great sadness that I read this letter as the letter itself contains misunderstandings and false statements about who James Dobson is and what Focus on the Family stands for.

Since 1977, Dobson has been defending, supporting and trying to help heal the family unit. It is well known that a nation is only as strong as the basic family unit. Over the past few decades, we have seen skyrocketing divorce rates, broken homes, broken children and a weakening nation.

Dobson has been trying to educate anyone that would listen that marriage and family are the most fundamental foundations of society and that these need support and strengthening in order to survive against a culture trying to destroy these basic foundations. To see what Focus on the Family really advocates, please visit [www.family.org](http://www.family.org).

GREG GOLDBLATT

#### Battle for our freedoms

This morning I reached into my purse, opened my wallet and looked at my voter registration card. I shook my head in agreement with its statement, "Republican." That single word says it all. My principles, my ethics and my love of country and belief in the American Constitution. It is clear where I stand with my great country. I will not surrender my country to the global community and no other loving citizen – adopted, naturalized or native-born – would give up our freedoms of our Constitution to be ruled by any world body. I am calling on all loving citizens to band together in a common goal. Keep our country free.

Let all people clear their hearts of hate and dump the very idea of spreading the wealth of those who slaved to move

forward into middle class America. Create and promote the core ethics of the center political view for freedom, liberty and justice. Nationalization of factories, banks and businesses kills our true way of life. Nationalizing as a wave of the future tends to wipe out liberty and freedom. It creates a ruling class and submissive citizens. I call again for all citizens to join hands and return to our forefathers' intent of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Let us demand a center line political approach for our country and prepare to battle for the real return of our freedoms and rights.

God bless America.

ELSE I. FRY

#### Thanks from KRWG

I want to take this special time to thank you so much for your friendship and for your incredible support of our annual KRWG-FM benefit. Somehow in this very, very difficult time, we actually achieved our goals and in the process we were able to bring in just under \$5,000. It sure was better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick.

Next year, we'll be back and we hope you will join us then too ... there is simply no way that a project or this sort, or for that matter any of our shows, could be a success without you. Thank you!

VIRGINIA NESS

#### La Casa grateful

On behalf of La Casa's staff, board of directors and the individuals we serve, I would like to thank the Jornada Elementary after school program for bringing public awareness to something most people take for granted – socks. Many families fleeing violence arrive at the shelter with only the clothes on their backs. La Casa is always in short supply of new socks and underwear. When these community oriented students organized a sock drive, they inspired many people throughout

the community to do the same and as the result, we received 800 pairs of socks.

Thank you students of Jornada for your act of kindness this holiday season!

GINA ORONA-RUIZ  
Executive Director, La Casa

#### Would our forefathers be proud of us?

The Constitution of the United States of America is our supreme law. It took 12 years after the end of the American Revolution for it to be adopted.

It took another year to be ratified. It took two more years to be fully ratified by all of the states that were then the United States of America.

Fourteen years to write, adopt and accept the most powerful document ever written by people, for people. Additional changes were made almost immediately by amendment. These were called the Bill of Rights.

The Constitution established a bicameral legislature, House and Senate, an executive branch (chosen at first by the legislature) and a judiciary branch whose powers were vague. It intended separation of powers.

Today we have elections fought over the ability to stuff the Supreme Court with judges that will violate their oath by interpreting the Constitution instead of protecting it. We have political parties who will swim in mud and slime and throw the same on their opponents and

our Constitution.

Would the patriots of our American Revolution be proud of what they sacrificed their lives and fortune on?

RONALD KEITH

#### Let's all play the Stock Market Game

Many people today need a more comprehensive understanding of the stock market and how it works and how you can make it work for you despite present conditions.

In New Mexico we have a wonderful instrument called the Stock Market Game, which was developed to help people understand the market and use it for their purposes. A local participation in such a game would give many adults the understanding they need to get themselves out of a financial mire and into a more successful way of dealing with money.

I think this is the secret weapon in getting the public to stop spending mindlessly on anything available and begin to spend mindfully on an investment that can help them for life.

Participation costs very little and is a wonderful experience in understanding the market. Can we have a public participation in this game with, perhaps, a public prize for the best portfolio? It would require a daily access to the market, but many companies provide that information on a website.

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# Grad student earns award at conference

A graduate research assistant at New Mexico State University won first place recently at a national conference for her research into how salinity can affect moisture readings in soils.

Elena Sevostianova, with the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, won for her poster presentation in the turfgrass category on the "Accuracy of Moisture Sensors in Saline Soils" at the recent National Agronomy Meeting in Houston, Texas.

For the project, a study was conducted at the university to compare the accuracy of five soil moisture sensors at a wide range of salinity in two types of soils. The study was funded through the Rio Grande Basin Initiative and through a grant from the Water Resources Research Institute.

The objective of the yearlong project was to determine if salinity affects moisture readings of soil sensors in two different types of soil. The researchers tried to determine the salinity threshold at which the sensors failed to measure the moisture accurately.

In the experiment, the soil sensors accurately measured moisture in loamy, or fertile, sand and silt loam soil at salinity levels ranging between 3 and 24 deciSiemens per meter, the measurement used to determine soil salinity. However, all of the sensors needed salinity-specific calibration. It was found that some sensors could also be used to determine soil bulk electrical conductivity.

Sevostianova said she was happy for her win and that her hard work paid off.

Sevostianova received a \$300 prize for her winning poster presentation. Of about 260 presentations, 50 percent were poster presentations.

The winning research was all done in a lab. The next step, Sevostianova said, is to now take the experiment out into the field.



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# In the company of rodeo kings

It was one of those weeks when I felt like Forrest Gump. In the movie, he frequently found himself in the company of presidents, hall of famers and kings. In my week at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, I found myself shaking hands with rodeo royalty; Roy Cooper, Ty Murray, Lewis Feild, Larry Mahan and Trevor Brazile. Each an All Around World Champion with enough buckles between them to sink Bob Tallman to the bottom of the pool.

There is something about the kind of people who achieve greatness. They have a presence. When they walk into a room or ride into the arena, it's like putting a big frog in the aquarium — the water level changes for everybody.

There is mental toughness in these champions that allows them to play through pain, to push the envelope, to deal with adversity — be it a bad draw, a strained knee or a muddy track. They have the practiced ability to concentrate on the job they're doing even when the

canvas is flappin', the reins are tangled and the wheel's comin' off the wagon!

Ty Murray, seven times All Around World Champion, was asked about Trevor Brazile's sixth All Around World Championship win after the 2008 National Finals Rodeo. Ty said he expected Trevor would surpass his seven wins and set a new record. He credited Trevor's youth, but he emphasized his determination, work ethic and drive.

Ty made an observation that I have noticed in many fields of endeavor. There is only one guy who can beat the most naturally gifted competitor ... that is the guy who works the hardest. However, if you are naturally talented and work the hardest, you are unbeatable. That describes all these World Champions.

When Ty won his seventh All Around World Championship in 1998, he broke Larry Mahan's record of six. Larry had held it for 25 years after besting Jim Shoulders's record of five. All three of these champi-



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ons worked the rough stock events; saddle broncs, bareback and bulls. At the time Ty broke Larry's record, Larry had graciously congratulated Ty and crowned him King of the Cowboys. Which meant, of course, that Larry acknowledged he, himself, was the Queen.

Now with Trevor Brazile barking at Ty's heels, Ty asked Larry, "What happens if Trevor beats my seven championships?" Would Ty, himself, then become Queen? And Larry be moved down the ladder to become the Prince of the Cowboys?

Larry gave it a flicker of thought and said, "Nah, he's just a roper."

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# Ag college now named College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES)

The New Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics will now be known as the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES).

The NMSU Board of Regents approved the change Dec. 12 and the name went into effect the same day. Events will be held to advertise and celebrate the name change after the university's holiday break.

"The new name of the college more adequately reflects the college's continuously evolving activities, such as the Family and Consumer Sciences Department, the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management and the Plant and Environmental Sciences Department," said Lowell Catlett, dean of ACES.

Since the 1980s, changing the name of the college has been studied and considered. Faculty and staff have long indicated the name did not reflect the college's vast and

diverse research and outreach activities.

"It's important that the name reflects a comprehensive view of our work. Through our college, NMSU faculty are in every county in the state, serving with the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station. For most New Mexico citizens, this college is the face of NMSU," said Jeanne Gleason, professor in the college and director of media productions at NMSU.

In 2007, alumni, stakeholders, faculty, staff and students voted on several choices for the new name. The name "College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences" won with 65 percent of the vote.

The name then went on to the Department Heads Council, College Cabinet, Associate Dean's Academic Council and the Academic Dean's Council before being approved by the Board of Regents.

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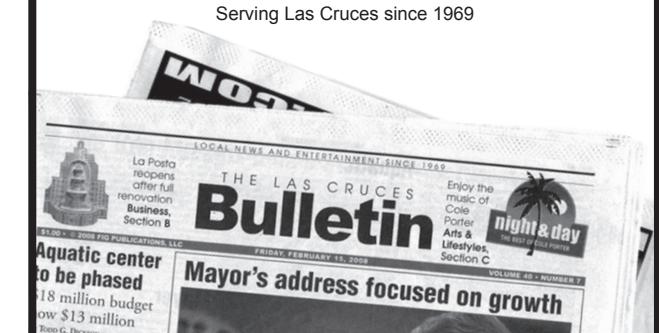
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Nick Rodriguez, 9, anticipates the cold shower he got last May from the bucket feature at the new Laabs Pool that had just opened.



Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, the new executive of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, talks about the crowded conditions at the animal shelter.

## 2008

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County Treasurer Jim Schoonover. The only Doña Ana County elected Republican left in office is District Attorney Susana Martinez, who had no opposition this election cycle.

This heated election season dominated the news through most of 2008 with not only the spirited local and statewide races, but with New Mexico seen as a battleground state for the presidential election. Las Cruces became a frequent stop, including single visits by both Barack and Michelle Obama, as well as running mate Joe Biden, and two visits by John McCain, but without a visit from his running mate Sarah Palin.

But it wasn't just politics that drove change. The year also started with the city at an impasse with the Doña Ana County Humane Society over its running of the animal shelter. The city canceled that contract and began a process of working with the county to set up a joint authority to run the shelter, renamed the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. That was followed by the hiring of Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock as the center's new executive director, who will answer to a joint board that will begin meeting this month.

Another change was driven more by the lure of new challenges elsewhere when New Mexico State University President Michael Martin acknowledged he was being sought to head the Baton Rouge campus of Louisiana State University. Calling it the most agonizing decision of his life, Martin took the LSU job. At first, a former financial administrator, James McDonough, was going to be the interim president, but health problems kept him from stepping in, so regents asked NMSU Provost Waded Cruzado to step up into the interim position for the duration of a quick presidential search. Cruzado remains the interim president as the presidential search failed and Gov. Bill Richardson decided to name new regents.

NMSU regents originally desired to find a new president in time to lobby the upcoming Legislature. The need for that became less urgent, however, with state government getting hit by a one-two punch of lost investments in the stock market crash and dropping oil and gas prices. After a series of flush years – especially from high oil and gas prices – lawmakers are now looking for ways to make cuts as the state tries to avoid a \$500 million budget deficit by the end of this fiscal year.

With the housing market no longer robust and the economic crisis reducing spending overall, Las Cruces and Mesilla municipal governments have been forced to make mid-fiscal year cuts. So far, Las Cruces has been able to absorb dropping gross receipts taxes by making a 5-percent cut in its spending, while Mesilla was forced to cut its employee work hours by eight hours a week.

But there is economic hope on the horizon.

After winning GRT support in Sierra County, Spaceport America successfully finished its Environmental

Impact Statement process to gain its spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration. Though it didn't win a lesser GRT request in Otero County, Doña Ana County's passage of a GRT increase now forms a spaceport tax authority with Sierra County, and all that's left is getting Virgin Galactic to sign a 20-year lease by year's end for money to flow to begin constructing the spaceport 45 miles north of Las Cruces, which is expected to cost around \$190 million.

Meanwhile, the city's West Mesa Industrial Park was able to land Sapphire Energy, a leading company in developing "green crude" from algae that can be processed into gasoline, diesel and other fuels made from traditional oil. Interestingly enough, Virgin Galactic wants the jet engines on its rocket carrier to run on biofuel.

Also, White Sands Missile Range is growing with the addition of a new engineering battalion and the probable future addition of a combat team. As well, plans are still going forward for Union Pacific to build a new rail yard near Santa Teresa, bringing hundreds of new jobs.

Though some charities are struggling in the new

economic reality, Cowboys for Cancer Research and the Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaigns again broke records in their fundraising efforts to support breast cancer research and awareness. The city in April hosted its first St. Baldrick's headshaving event in April to raise money in the fight against childhood cancer.

The community also rallied behind the first Honor Flight to send a group of World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the memorial in their honor. Unfortunately, WWII veteran Sam Lopez didn't live long enough to make the first flight.

The community also lost Caroline Kiser Gustafson, who was active in civic and charitable activities, as well as Common Cause's James Kadlecik and local restaurateur Peter Schaefer.

Despite a setback on creating a new civic plaza, the Downtown revitalization effort continues to be buoyed by work on the federal courthouse and the start of construction on a new city hall. Work will soon begin on a regional aquatic recreation center, the city's first dog park and a city civic convention center on the NMSU campus.

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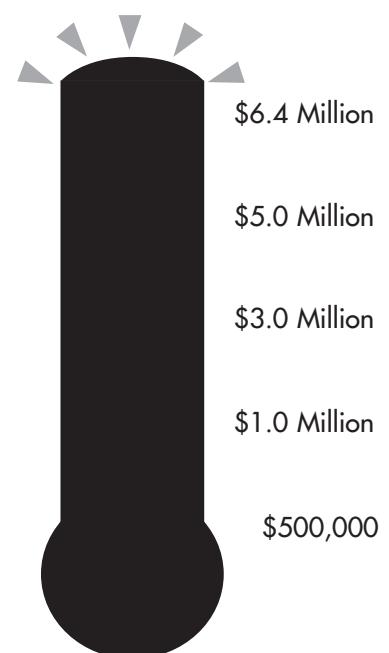
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## January 2008



Cervantes ends run for Congress; Richardson ends run for president

Animal shelter at impasse; Thomas elected to city council

Virgin Galactic unveils new spaceliner



Spaceport America gets new director

## February 2008

Michelle Obama visits



Legislature meets and adjourns in frustration

Childress is new boss of Las Cruces BLM

Aquatic Center budget drops to \$13 million

Richardson questions veteran museum location

## March 2008

WAC Basketball Tournament returns to NMSU

Work begins on new City Hall construction

Missile range's Brig. Gen. McCabe to retire

Local officials plan for military expansion

Drippings Springs Road picked for high school



Karina Mitchell practices hurdles at Oñate High School last March. Mitchell, who was one of the Mayor's Top Teens, is now attending the state School for the Deaf in Santa Fe out of frustration with not getting enough playing time on the basketball court at Oñate.

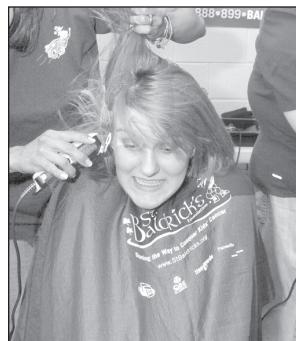
## April 2008

Bataan Death March remembered at WSMR

Sierra County approves spaceport GRT increase

City, county meet to save animal shelter

St. Baldrick's shaves heads to fight cancer



## May 2008

New Laabs pool opens

Downtown's Dutch's Meat Market closes

Martin eyes LSU job

Barack Obama visits

Honor Flight starts raising funds to send first group of veterans to D.C. WWII memorial

NPR's Prairie Home Companion puts on show at Pan Am



Neal Wilkinson, holding his Chihuahua, Chiquita, looks over knickknacks at the Rio Grande Rotary Club annual yard sale held May 3.



New Mexico State University President Michael Martin, center, talks to Kevin McGrath at the Burger Time Golf Tournament banquet July 11. Listening is NMSU Provost Waded Cruzado who that week was named interim president when Martin announced in June he would leave in July to become chancellor at Louisiana State University.

## June 2008

Harry Teague of Hobbs wins Democratic bid for 2nd District race to face GOP's Ed Tinsley of Capitan



Peter Schaefer dies after long illness

Pluto dissed again by new nonplanetary status

Pearce introduces rancher-friendly wilderness bill; proponents of standard wilderness rally



A fire raged in the area of Soledad Canyon in the Organ Mountains for two days in June. Nearby residents were evacuated for the weekend, but returned to find their homes safe.

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The Vatican in July announced that San Albino in Mesilla would be elevated to the status of minor basilica to acknowledge its historical value. The new status became official with an outdoor Mass held Nov. 1.

## July 2008

Doña Ana County spends first July 4 under new fireworks restrictions

Only neurosurgeon threatens to leave because of Medicare payment problems

McDonough unable to fill NMSU interim slot; Cruzado accepts job

Senior Olympics return

Open government loses champion Kadlecik



Former NMSU President Gerald Thomas talks about Frank DuBois at a ceremony honoring him as the Cowboy of the Year by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.



Brothers Josh (front) and Mark Norris paddle down the Sand Hill Arroyo July 28 as water from Hurricane Dolly is released into the arroyo. Heavy rainfall from the hurricane also damaged old adobe homes in the village of Doña Ana, prompting state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia to make an appeal for donations in order to get matching state restoration dollars.

## August 2008

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools gets new leadership

Political players come to NMSU for Domenici conference

Prehistoric jellyfish found in Robledos rock imprints

Ball raises money for area foundation

Group gives pitch to task force about why Las Cruces should have a state veterans museum

Ball raises money for area foundation



U.S. Sen. John McCain, the Republican candidate for president, made two visits to southern New Mexico. His first was in August at the Pan Am Center. He also came to Mesilla in October for this rally in the plaza.

## September 2008

NMSU hits record enrollment

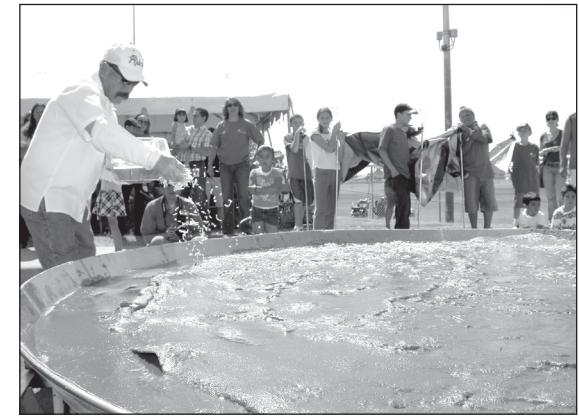
Red light cameras get OK'd by Las Cruces City Council

Federal judges rule in favor of City of the Crosses logo

East Mesa residents object to future transmission line

Local elections heat up, especially in state Senate seat held by Lee Rawson

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Roberto Estrada adds cheese to the world's largest enchilada at The Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

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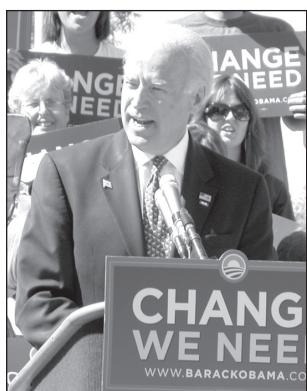
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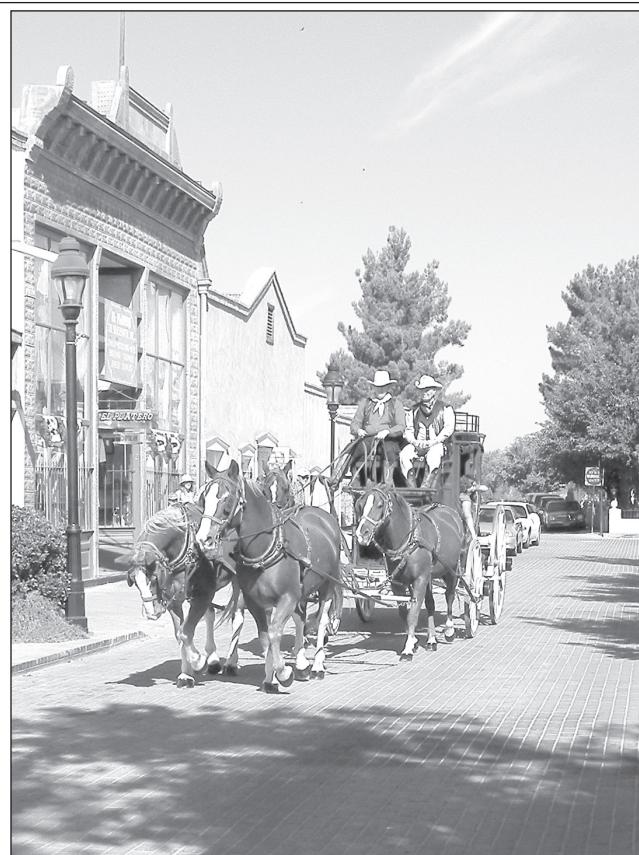
Richardson announces veterans museum for Las Cruces after all

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Biden visits Mesilla



The Wells Fargo stagecoach gives fourth- and fifth-grade students from Mesilla Elementary School a ride around the plaza in Mesilla on Sept. 30. The visit was part of the bank's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Overland Mail Company's stage route, which had a stop at what is now La Posta de Mesilla restaurant. The 24-day commemorative tour began in St. Louis, Mo.



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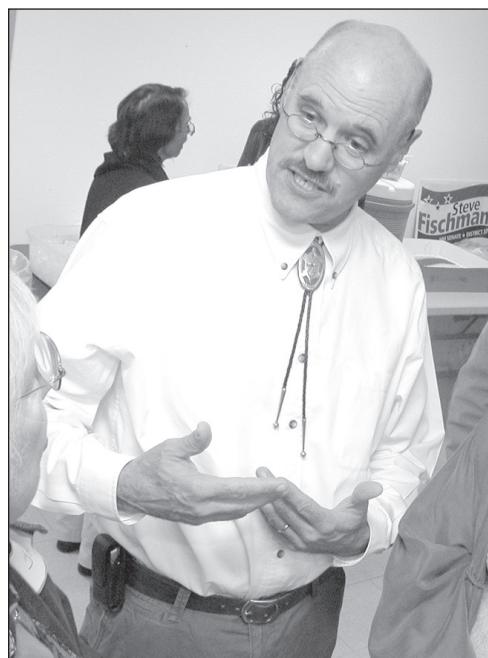
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## November 2008



Steve Fischmann



Tears roll down Natisha Hales' cheeks as she listens to Barack Obama's election night speech that was shown on a Downtown Mall building wall.

Election results: Obama wins and helps carry Democrats into office

Steve Fischmann unseats Rawson



Newly elected members of the New Mexico delegation met in U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman's Capitol Hill office to discuss issues. Seated on couch: Ben Ray Lujan (CD-3), Martin Heinrich (CD-1) Sen.-elect Tom Udall. Seated in chairs from left, Harry Teague (CD-2) and Bingaman.

Spaceport America successfully completes environmental impact study  
U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici closes local offices, including in Las Cruces

## December 2008



Dancers at the annual Tortugas festival

Las Cruces City Council approves 5-percent budget reduction

Mesilla trustees move to cut worker hours

Bulldawgs win state football championship

New bosque state park opens to the public

Second MVD opens for Las Cruces residents

Virgin Galactic to sign final spaceport lease

UCLA's Walker is new NMSU football coach



Coats for Kids program distributes winter coats to children

# DACC touts progress, growth

New training includes aerospace technician

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana Community College continues to grow and add new programs to meet the local job market, said Margie Huerta, college president.

During her recent annual report to the community, Huerta said the college's main campus and system of satellite campuses throughout the county make DACC "the training hub for southern New Mexico."

Add basic educational classes such as the General Educational Development program to the college's workforce train-

ing programs and DACC is serving close to 17,000 students, Huerta said.

To meet changing workforce needs, she said, DACC is adding aerospace technician training in anticipation of the needs for Spaceport America.

Due to growth and demand, DACC plans to add satellite campuses to Chaparral and Hatch alongside its system of six campuses throughout the county, Huerta said. These new additions plus accommodating growth in existing facilities make up the bulk of a \$20 million bond election coming before voter Feb. 3. The bond also will fund repairs and buy equipment.

# Spaceport lease gets signed

Virgin Galactic agrees to 20-year lease

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The final requirement for Spaceport America funding was met Wednesday, Dec. 31, as Virgin Galactic and the state agreed to terms and signed a 20-year lease for using the spaceport 45 miles north of Las Cruces.

Spaceport America Executive Director Steve Landeene said this week that the state and Virgin Galactic will "execute" the 20-year lease, which will include Virgin Galactic locating its global headquarters in New Mexico.

Funded by English billionaire Richard Branson, Virgin Galactic is using a fleet of spaceliners based on a system created by Burt Rutan that won the first \$10 million X PRIZE for a private company to reach suborbital space in back-to-back trips.

Rutan's system has a carrier aircraft to take a rocketship into flight for a mid-air drop and launch to suborbital space. This past year, Branson hired Rutan and his Mojave-based Scaled Composites company to expand the system. So far, the new, larger carrier mothership dubbed "Eve" has completed its first short-period flights. The new rocket craft will be able to carry six passengers in each flight.

Branson hopes to begin taking customers into short suborbital flights by 2010 from Spaceport America. The lease agreement follows this first purpose-built, multi-use spaceport completing an Environmental Impact Statement process and getting its federal spaceport operator's license.

The main feature of Spaceport America will be Virgin Galactic's hangar-terminal and runway.

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Evelyn Hobbs, director of Doña Ana Community College's dental hygienist program, tells about this lab on the main campus that is attracting students and filling a need in the local job market. Listening during a recent tour are, from left, Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher-editor David McCollum and Jorge May, member of the DACC Development Advisory Council.

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## Grocery shopping tour

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, and personal fitness instructor Steve Epperson, will team up to present "Grocery Shopping for Health," a free grocery-shopping tour from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13.

For more information, call the market at 523-0436.

## Bridge club card party

Anyone who likes to play Bridge, or any other games, is invited to the GFWC Progress Club's 18th annual Card Party on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Las Cruces Country Club. Refreshments, finger foods and dessert will be served and there will be door prizes and raffle items, including two \$50 money trees. Funds from this event are used to support the club's many community activities including three New

Mexico State University scholarships, HOBY, Girl's Ranch, the Becky Fund (for school children in Peru) Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, the Sister Cities Program, Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, La Casa and numerous others.

Tickets are \$7 and are available by calling 532-1207. A few tickets will be available at the door but reservations are preferred.

For more information on the party or on visiting one of the club's monthly meetings, call Mary Kammann at 522-8792.

## Computer classes at library

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will offer a series of computer classes in January including: Know Your PC, Internet for Beginners, Know Your Library Online, Word 2007, Power Point 2007 and

Excel 2007. Registration is required for all classes.

Registration will be in person from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, or by phone at 528-4005 after 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, or online by visiting the library Events Calendar at <http://library.las-cruces.org>.

Class size is limited to six people. Patrons are allowed to register for two classes per person.

For more information, visit the reference desk at Branigan Library or the library website calendar at <http://library.las-cruces.org> for a complete schedule of classes.

Anyone who will require accommodation for a disability to attend, notify the library 48 hours in advance at 528-4005 or 528-4008 TTY.

## DACSAR to meet Jan. 5

Doña Ana County Search and Rescue's monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in the conference room, main building, Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. DACSAR is a volunteer team active in New Mexico search and rescue operations, specializing in ground searches and tracking. New members welcomed and interested persons are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 523-1317.

## New telescope clinic Saturday

Anyone who received a new telescope for Christmas, or has one sitting around that's rarely used, may need help to get it working. The Astronomy Club can help. They are sponsoring a "New Scope Owners Clinic" to assist stargazers with set-up, operation and repair of telescopes, new or old. Club members have the expertise and skills necessary to solve telescope problems. Come to this free annual clinic on Saturday Jan. 3, at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Pkwy, between 2 and 5 p.m. All are welcome. Afterward, join the club for some real stargazing as darkness falls. Be sure to dress accordingly.

For more information, call Nils Allen at 522-1456.

## High Tech Consortium meets

A High Tech Consortium forum will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16, at the Community Action Agency, 320 Wyatt Drive. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission charge, but space is limited.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, area residents will be asked to renew the current 1-mill tax levy for capital community college improvements. Dr. Margie Huerta, President of Doña Ana Community College and the head of Lt. Gov. Denish's Education Transition Team, will be present to provide insight into the planned usage of funds and how it will impact the community.

Spaceport America made major strides during 2008 and expectations for 2009 are high. Key accomplishments of 2008 included selecting the construction management firm to oversee the construction of the nation's first purpose-built spaceport and December's issuance by the FAA of a Launch Site Operators License. David Wilson, managing partner of Wilson Binkley Advertising and Marketing will review the past year's accomplishments and present the spaceport's plans for 2009. The construction and commercialization of Spaceport America is a major opportunity to expand the business base and visibility of our region.

For reservations or more information, contact HTC at 524-4659 or [info@htcnm.com](mailto:info@htcnm.com).

## Crime Stoppers: March 2008 homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$2,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a homicide that occurred in March 2008.



On Tuesday, March 11, 72-year-old James Francis Wilson was found dead in his home at 1800 Camino Del Rex. Las Cruces Police are investigating Wilson's death as a homicide.

If you have any information regarding Wilson's death, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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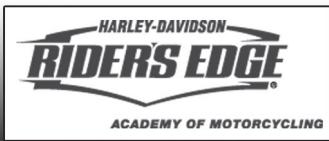
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# Coach

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Walker arrived in Las Cruces Sunday. He met with McKinley Boston, toured the campus and NMSU's football facilities, dined with Boston and his search advisory committee, then explored the city on his own. "I was impressed with everything I heard and saw," Walker said. "The football facilities here are as good as UCLA's. They really are."

NMSU's new coach has a formula for success here. "First," he said, "you have to hire a solid staff. They've given me what I need to do that. You have to work hard. No short cuts. Our players must do what's right."

Timm Rosenbach, who played and worked at Washington State, will be Walker's offensive coordinator. "We coached against each other for years," Walker said. "He drove us crazy. He was tough to coach against. When we played them, it was always a chess game between us."

Walker said the Aggies will run a quarterback-friendly

offense. "One I-back, one tight end and three wide receivers," he said. "The tight end will catch 50 passes or more."

Walker said he will meet soon with Joe Lee Dunn, NMSU's defensive coordinator who has one year left on his contract. "Outside of that, I can't say," Walker said, in reference to Dunn's future. "We'll just have to sit down and see. But we will run our own defense, the one we ran at UCLA."

The Aggies' coach said he will sit down Monday and watch tapes of last year's games "to evaluate our players and the other teams in the WAC."

Money, Walker said, has never been an issue in his decisions to move from one job to another. "I want to learn," he said.

Last season, Walker's UCLA defense ranked 48th nationally in total defense, allowing only 337 yards per game. The Bruins' passing defense was 11th nationally and second in the PAC 10. They held opponents to only 167.6 yards a game.

He has coached at Utah State, Brigham Young, Oklahoma State and California.

Walker was the secondary coach for the Washington Redskins for two seasons (2004-05) under Joe Gibbs. Of the 32 NFL teams, the Redskins ranked No. 1 in lowest opponent passing percentage (54.4 percent). They tied for second in fewest touchdown passes allowed (15).

Walker was the secondary coach for the New York Giants (2002-03). In 2001, he was associate head coach and secondary coach at Southern Cal under Pete Carroll. He was Carroll's secondary coach for the New England Patriots (1998-99) and Bill Belichick (2000).

He was a former cornerback during his playing days. He played professionally for the Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football League, the Oakland Invaders and the Arizona Outlaws in the USFL.

He was a two-year starter at the University of Minnesota (1980-81).

In a press release from NMSU's media relations office, Boston said that Walker's "coaching pedigree and his experience speaks for itself. He is well connected and has successfully recruited California and Texas, which we all agree is a critical need for a successful program at NMSU."



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DeWayne Walker, the Aggies' new football coach, pauses for a photo before the Aggie-Lobo basketball game Tuesday night.

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# Business

# 2008

## Las Cruces dodges downturn

### Despite national economy, local businesses flourishing

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin



The Las Cruces Bulletin was one of several locally owned businesses that enjoyed expansion during 2008.

tin also announced the promotion of sales managers Claire Frohs and Jaylene Watkins, art director Theresa Montoya Basaldua and homes editor Bethany Conway.

Despite news of a looming recession in early 2008, the Mesilla Valley seemed isolated from the negative effects of the national economy.

While businesses were closing nationwide and others were looking to the government to keep them afloat, locally owned businesses have expanded, and new businesses are sprouting up throughout the county.

Early in the year, commercial real estate experts said Las Cruces's commercial market is poised to be very solid in the years to come.

### Local business expansion

The Las Cruces Bulletin is one of several businesses that saw recent expansion, and owners Jaki and David McCollum celebrated their success with an open house in September, inviting key leaders of the community and the public to tour the expanded facilities on Telshor Boulevard. The Bul-

Banks also expanded greatly throughout 2008. Citizens Bank of Las Cruces opened a full-service branch on Picacho Avenue and a loan production office was opened in Truth or Consequences in June 2008.

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## Pecan yields 'good' for off year

### Growers wait for market growth

By MARVIN TESSNEER  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Pecan farmer Dickie Salopek is hoping for a good pecan harvest and looking forward to his first meeting with the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

Gov. Bill Richardson recently appointed Salopek to the board, and he said: "I'm excited about it. This is going to be a good board of regents."

Salopek and his brothers, Bill, Michael and Louie, run the family partnership Tom Salopek Farms, named after their father, the late Tom "Yankee" Salopek, and Salopek MP Pecan Plant north of Las Cruces. They also sell fertilizer, Western Blend.

"Bill and I handle the farming," Dickie Salopek said. "We started harvesting pecans before Thanksgiving and should finish in about a week, and we'll be cleaning pecans for

a couple more weeks. It's been perfect weather for harvesting. Last year, we couldn't start until Christmas because we had rain at the wrong time.

"The yield has been very good for an off-year. I know now that on our farm we'll average about 2,000 pounds an acre. And the quality is excellent. We had rain during July, August and September, and I believe that helped the quality."

The Salopeks received about 20 inches of rain on their valley orchard and 27 inches on their Akela Flats orchard in Luna County, 115 acres.

Pecans are alternate-bearing trees – high yields one year and reduced yields the next as the trees rebuild their energy.

The Salopeks grow pecans on 655 acres and have another 480 acres of young trees that are maturing into production.

Their main variety is Western Schley, but they also grow



Dickie Salopek explains that an electric eye scans pecans as they drop down a bank of 10 conduits and kicks out the darker, stick-tights. The litter has been removed earlier, but this final step provides a cleaner product for pecan farmers.

Wichita and Bradley varieties to ensure cross-pollination.

Their father, Tom Salopek, started the orchard in 1950 with 300 acres. The farm had been purchased by their grand-

father, David Salopek.

Dickie and Bill also custom-harvest and clean pecans for other growers. Last year, they cleaned more than 5 million

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## And the gas war begins ...

Pump owners 'fight' for more customers

**NATISHA HALES**

Bulletin Business

There's a new gas station in town. In the location of the former Dairy Queen at the intersection of Avenida de Mesilla and Valley Drive, a Murphy's USA gas station has opened up. It was a race for the store to open, as construction continued through the evening hours. Once the pumps were open, the place was swarming with business – with lines two or three cars long at each pump, selling unleaded gasoline for just \$1.29. Wow.

Down the street, closer to I-10, is Pic Quik, which usually had the highest price of gas in town, floating at \$1.69. Not anymore. Murphy's has dropped to \$1.13 per gallon of unleaded, and Pic Quik is sitting at \$1.19. For a while, Bradley's and its Diamond Shamrock neighbor across the street had been fighting in the \$1.40 range. Not anymore. Murphy's prices have apparently lured their customers away as well, and they are now priced just as low. The rest of the stations around town seem to remain at around \$1.49 or so. The prices could go even lower, proven by a price war in South Carolina that started at around \$1.20 and is currently under \$1. However, the stations still need to make money, and Pic Quik has now returned to about \$1.39.

Now, I'm no mathematician, but let's estimate the savings Las Cruces are getting by waiting in line for 20 minutes at the gas station with the lowest price.

The national average, approximately \$1.63 and dropping, would fill a 15-gallon gas tank for \$24.45. Here in Las Cruces, with the average of around \$1.49, that person is saving an estimated \$2.10 when they spend \$22.35 for 15 gallons. The lowest price – which I've seen at \$1.13 last weekend – would save \$7.50 from the local average. The price may be drastic, but the savings are nominal. But for many of us, every penny counts, right?

At \$4.11 per gallon less than a year ago, everyone is saving at least \$30 from that time, and I value that at a much higher level than \$7.50.

Whether we save \$1 or \$100, one thing is very clear – there is absolutely no price fixing in this town when it comes to gas prices. If you weren't sure before, the owners of gas stations set their own prices as high – or as low – as they want. And just like any other business, competition has a lot to do with it.

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PROFILE

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# Mary Beth Reinhart:

## Building bridges in the community

### Retired WSMR executive has traveled the world

BY NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Though she's served the people of White Sands Missile Range for more than 20 years, Mary Beth Reinhart is not done yet.

Retired from WSMR's Recreation Division in 2005, Reinhart continues to stay involved on base, but has also made it a point to participate more on the other side of the mountain.

"I was very busy with my job, so my focal point was White Sands – it was my job and my social life," she said. "It was only normal for me to stay active after I retired." Reinhart has spent the last three years on the board of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, serving as chair of the Member Services Division. Within that capacity, she oversees the organization of the chamber's annual banquet, Signature Professional Development Event, Business After Hours and quarterly luncheons.

## Mary Beth Reinhart

### Recreation Division Chief, retired

### White Sands Missile Range

#### Family

- Late husband William J. Reinhart, married for 22 years
- Stepdaughter D'Nece Dilbeck
- Stepson William J. Reinhart III
- Two grandsons, Joe Soulé and Matt Soulé

#### Education

- Bachelor's degrees in history and engineering with a minor in education, University of Colorado-Boulder
- Graduate Work at Queens College (N.Y.)

#### Organizations

- Board member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Member, White Sands Club
- Volunteer, Friends of the Corps
- Member, Association of the United States Army
- Treasurer, Desert Daubers Garden Club

#### Awards

- TECOM Professional Award, 1990
- Commander's Award for Civilian Service, 1994
- Armed Forces Recreation Society Executive Fellow Award, 1995
- Department of Army Award for Civilian Service, 2000
- New Mexico Medal of Merit, 2000
- Meritorious Service Award, 2002
- First Runner-Up, Most Influential Woman at WSMR, 2004
- White Plume Award, 2005
- Friend of the Corps Medal, 2007

"I had never really worked with the chamber except for the Army Soldier Show," she said. "That was a big event, and we would contact them every year."

When she did become involved with the chamber as a volunteer in 2006, Reinhart made it a point to create a relationship between the two entities. Reinhart was the bridge between the chamber and WSMR when it came to the Bataan Memorial Death March.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is working on the Bataan Memorial Death March," she said. "In 1992, it was moved to White Sands Missile Range, and I took on more responsibility. I became the action officer in '94, and stayed on until I retired in 2005."

"I never participated in the march, but I knew that route all too well. I always rode in it in the combat Durango."

More recently, the chamber took over the organizational responsibilities of Thanks Team WSMR, which is held to recognize the staff and families of WSMR for their contributions to the community.

Despite her heavy involvement with the chamber, Reinhart still spends most of her time at WSMR. For the past 20 years, she has been a member of the board of the White Sands Club and has served as scholarship chair, parliamentarian, correspondence secretary and second vice president. The organization provides "friendship through helping others" and provides four scholarships.

She is a past president of the Association of the United States Army and is a member of the New Mexico Recreation and Parks Association.

Reinhart also serves as treasurer of the Desert Daubers Garden Club, which includes residents from all over town and participates in the annual Tour of Gardens.

The Las Cruces community is fortunate to have Reinhart involved in the area, especially considering she has selected the Mesilla Valley as her home despite many around the world.

Born on a southern plantation outside of Ripley, Tenn., Reinhart began traveling at an early age. Her father served in the military and was soon called to duty in northern California, Oregon, Georgia, Louisiana and west Texas.

Her father's career even took Reinhart and her family all the way to Casablanca, Morocco.

"They were in the middle of their civil war, so we were restricted to the base," she said. "There was no traveling during that time, but I was there when the sultan returned from Madagascar."

Graduating from high school in Morocco, Reinhart and her family then moved to Germany and went to college in Switzerland and attended a University of Maryland campus in Munich, Germany.

From there, Reinhart traveled back to the United States and finished her schooling at the University of Colorado-Boulder, earning bachelor's degrees in history and engineering with a minor in education.

Having already traveled the world, even more opportunities lied ahead for Reinhart, and she started her teaching career on Long Island, N.Y.

"I made up my mind and decided I wanted to live on the East Coast," she said.

While Reinhart taught for five years, her parents moved back to Germany, and Reinhart decided to stay with them for a year. She got a job with the Army Special Services, and one year turned to three. Three turned to five, and five quickly became 15. She also married



STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

**Mary Beth Reinhart has been involved with White Sands Missile Range and the Las Cruces community for more than 20 years.**

William J. Reinhart, a retired Air Force officer.

"I spent 16 years out of the country," she said. "Rather than reading about these places, I got to experience them. You meet people from all different cultures, and I got to know about the different customs."

Her career abroad came to an end when Reinhart was stationed at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

"I had been in this area when we lived in west Texas, and my family would go to Cloudcroft and Ruidoso in the summertime," she said. "I knew that I could live here, and that it was much smaller."

Reinhart and her husband were only supposed to stay for two years, but it lasted a tad longer.

"It was always one more project, one more renovation, one more building," she said, "but I loved my job, and I loved the people I worked with."

"Once we got here, my husband fell in love with the desert more than I," she said. "When we would go to (big cities) to visit family, we would get claustrophobic."

The Reinharts made Las Cruces their home, but Reinhart said she still loves to travel.

"I've done a lot of traveling around the world and places in the States with family," she said. "I was fluent in French at one point, and spoke and understood a little bit of German. But I can travel, eat and shop in just about any language. It's amazing how a big smile will help you out in foreign countries."

Since she first came to Las Cruces, the community was much more different and much smaller than the growing city it is today.

"In '82, I would come over the pass (on my way home), and it was completely dark," Reinhart said. "Now, you come over the pass, and everything is lit up – Organ, Las Cruces and all the way to the West Mesa."

**"It was only normal for me to stay active after I retired."**

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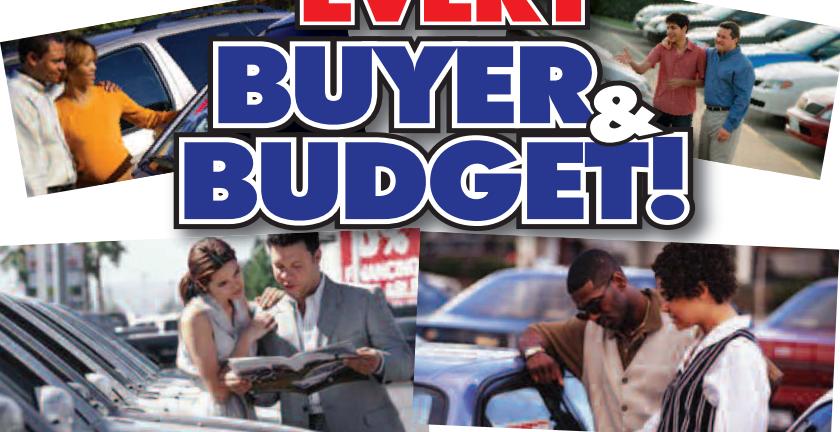
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# A future of teaching: the Asombro Institute

## Nature park encourages outdoor, hands-on learning

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Within the community, the Asombro Institute for Science Education is a program that brings a hands-on, inquiry-based approach to teaching with the intent of showing people how to think – rather than what to think – about the natural world around them.

Asombro, the Spanish word for wonder, fit well as the institute's name when it was created, and wonder is exactly what it inspires. The institute reaches more than 12,000 students, 1,400 teachers and 3,000 adults each year by showing an outside world often unexplored. The teaching occurs in the classrooms, schoolyards and the 960-acre Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park north of Las Cruces. Using a hands-on approach and the natural



Out in the field at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, kids teach kids through hands-on experiences.



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surroundings as guides, the programs within the institute have won national, state and local awards for effectiveness in teaching science.

The Asombro Institute has a secure future with the help of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) and an endowment created in the institute's name.

"Most funding sources for non-profit organizations are short-term, but endowments provide long-term funding that allows us to sustain the success-

ful programs we are creating now well into the future," said Stephanie Bestelmeyer, executive director of the Asombro Institute for Science Education. "The changes we are trying to achieve, like increased understanding of science and a better appreciation of the environment in which we all live, are long-term goals that require a long-term funding source like an endowment."

Within the Asombro Institute, 90 percent of all income goes directly into programs, and Bestelmeyer said the endowments are a good option for donors who want to give money now that will help long into the future.

An endowment is a permanent fund that is created through a legal agreement, and then professionally managed by the CFSNM. Once an endowment is created, the principal from the funds lasts forever and continues to produce earnings. A portion of the earnings can be used for grants, scholarships, programs and specific community needs. In addition to the portion of the funds used for the program, a portion of earnings is returned to the principal of the endowment and a portion is earmarked for management of the endowment. An endowment can be named as the donor wishes, for example, some endowments are created in memory or honor of an individual or with a family or corporate name.

The CFSNM provides their expertise associated with managing and holding endowments, which allows staff members within supported organizations the time to



The entrance to the Asombro Institute, home of the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park

do what they do best, and in the case of the Asombro Institute, those staff members spend their time teaching about science and the natural world.

"It is easy to be overwhelmed by all of the good organizations in need of funding to sustain their operations. In an economic down-turn, it is also easy to think that your contribution won't make a difference," Bestelmeyer said. "However, in the hands of well-run organizations like the Asombro Institute for Science Education, every donation, large and small, makes such a difference. A donation to the Asombro Institute's endowment will ensure that our organization is able to continue bringing the excitement of science to thousands of children and adults for years to come."

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# Madoff scandal is endlessly fascinating

## Illustrate need for regulation but also for caution in regulating



**CHRIS ERICKSON**  
State of the Economy

I have a secret vice – a morbid fascination in the Bernard Madoff, who allegedly ran a multi-billion dollar Ponzi scheme. Each day brings new installments in this financial soap opera. The cast of characters include billionaire clients, suckered banks and supposedly savvy investors bilked by Madoff.

For those who haven't been following along, Madoff is a long time Wall Street mover and shaker who is said to have admitted to bilking as much as \$50 billion from various investors. As it turned out, Madoff was running a Ponzi scheme in which the principle contributed by later investors was used to payoff earlier investors.

Ponzi schemes require attracting ever more and more new money. To do this Madoff traded on his reputation as a pillar of the financial community. Madoff had been a chair of NASDAQ and was a former member of at least one SEC advisory board. A particularly interesting twist on Madoff's con was the air of exclusivity surrounding him. Investment was on an invitation-only basis, turning Madoff's fund into an exclusive club for the rich. Being a member was not only supposedly a path to riches but also a status symbol. Many fell for this con including Hollywood moguls, prominent business people, supposedly sophisticated bankers and blue bloods from both the U.S. and Europe. Sadly several charities and Universities are also listed among the victims.

Does the Madoff scandal have a bigger message? Is it the final nail in the coffin of laissez-faire capitalism? Coming on the heels of the financial meltdown,

the scandal's timing couldn't have been worse. The scandal has called into question the soundness of the U.S. financial system. Certainly the scandal was driven by greed – greed on the part of Madoff and greed on the part of his victims who were seduced by Madoff's promises.

But greed is a human trait. The advantage of capitalism, especially U.S. style capitalism, is precisely that it harnesses greed to productive uses. It takes that most venial of human faults and twists it to the social good. What the Madoff scandal really illustrates is not the failure of the capitalist system but failure of regulation. It illustrates again a point well understood for many decades – markets need to be regulated if they are to function properly. The best function financial markets are the best regulated. And by best regulated, I don't mean most regulated.

For capitalism to work, investors need

confidence in the system. Participants need to know with reasonable certainty that they are being truthfully informed as to what they are buying. By promoting trust, government regulation is not an alternative to capitalism but a necessary requirement if capitalism is to succeed.

The Madoff scandal and on a larger scale, the financial meltdown last September both illustrate a break down in the U.S. regulatory system. People's trust in the financial system is shaken, and regulatory reform is needed to restore that trust, but be careful. The U.S. financial system, despite its faults, is a modern wonder of the world. The Internet, cell phones, the economies of China and India and global growth, in general, has all been financed via the U.S. financial system. Care needs to be taken to eliminate the access without also eliminating the dynamism. Fixing the system will be no easy task but it is a necessary one.

## Pecans

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pounds of pecans that had been harvested off 1,900 acres, Dickie Salopek said.

The Salopeks built their cleaning plant in 1997, and they were able to build a more efficient operation by studying older plants.

One innovation is an electric eye unit that scans shell colors and kicks out the darker stick-tights, which are nuts that still have the darker hulls attached, Salopek said.

Pecan growers are waiting to see how the market, which is bogged down like

the rest of the national economy, will move, Phil Arnold of San Saba Pecans said.

"This has been the most expensive pecan year growers have ever had because of operation costs, fuel and fertilizers," said Arnold, who brokers pecans for San Saba. "The national economy problems have cast a gray shadow over the pecan industry. Growers are hoping that prices will go up because they are not willing to sell at break-even prices."

During this off-year, the growers' harvests are down, and they have fewer pecans to sell. But they still had to pay the same high production costs that they spend for larger harvests.

"Normally, at this time of year the big

shellers buy and speculate at what they can sell," Arnold said. "But this year, they're not willing to buy lots of inventory at the current prices. They're not sure that they'll get their money back."

Shellers shell the pecans and sell the meats to retailers, bakeries and candy makers.

The prices have been in the \$1.30 to \$1.50 a pound range, but they are fluctuating and causing shellers to hesitate before building inventories.

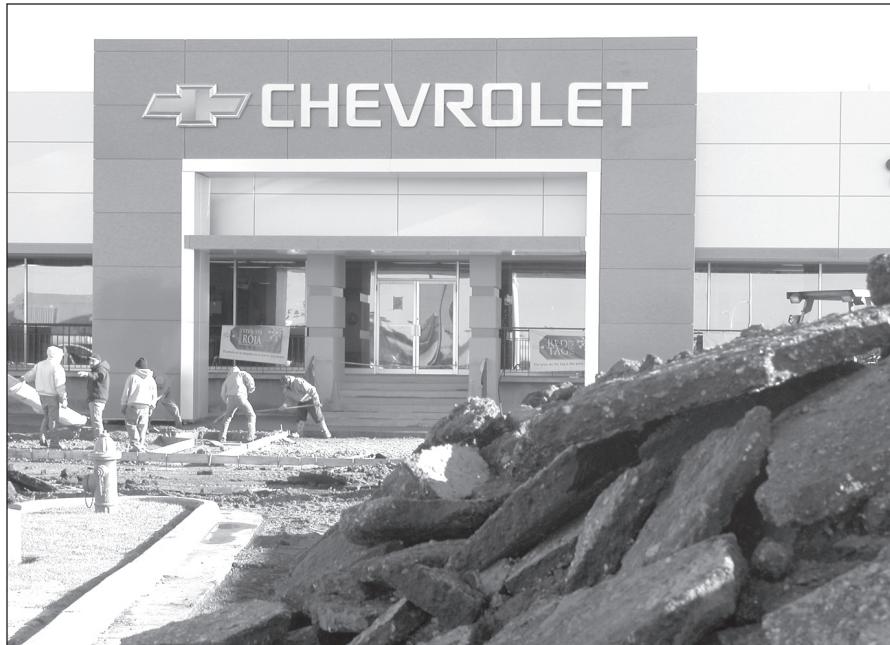
"The commodity market is influenced by the end user, the consumer and the way the economy is going, there is no way for the shellers to know how much the consumers are willing to pay," Arnold said. "Consumers are being careful now

how they're spending their money."

Next year's Western Pecan Conference will be held the weekend of March 1 at the Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The conference will include orchard management and market reports, exhibitions of orchard equipment and the Pecan Food Fantasy, a food recipes contest to help promote the use of pecans.

The USDA Agricultural Statistics Board projected the pecan production for 2008 for New Mexico and its competing states: New Mexico, 45 million pounds, a decrease from 74 million last year; Georgia, 65 million pounds compared with 150 million in 2007; and Texas, 30 million pounds, down from 70 million the previous year.

## Building Las Cruces Bravo Chevrolet



GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

After giving the outside of the showroom a more modern look, construction workers at Bravo Chevrolet-Cadillac on Main Street continue working on the car dealership's new facelift. Renovations include a new facade and a repaved front entrance.

## Building Las Cruces DEA office



STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Office space for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency is being constructed at 2290 E. Griggs Ave. Making use of the grade changes on the lot, the building will be approximately 20,000 square feet of office space and should be completed by summer 2009.

Earlier in the year, chile growers were watching their crops closely for diseases due to erratic rains in the Mesilla Valley.

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# More changes coming to ag industry in 2009

New opportunities await cotton growers

By GABRIEL VASQUEZ  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite heavy, sporadic rains that came in July and threatened to flood crops, the erratic monsoon season did not dampen the spirits of many Doña Ana County growers in 2008.

Promising developments at New Mexico State University could net chile growers higher profits in the coming years by significantly reducing labor costs.

Other seasoned growers continued to turn to the international market to net good profits.

And some cotton growers are slowly finding a way to claw themselves out of a sluggish "cotton bear-market" with organic techniques and by growing new strains.

## Pecans

Although 2008 was what growers refer to as an "off-year" in pecan harvesting, many still managed to produce tasty, high-quality nuts.

The Chinese certainly seemed to think so.

The New Mexico Pecan Co., who exported its entire production in 2007 – 800,000 pounds to China – was named "Marketer of the Year" by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

"The Chinese say that they like the high quality of New Mexico pecans and the consistency in sizes," local pecan grower Greg Salopek said.

The Salopeks have 500 acres producing pecans and their own cleaning and bagging plant off Snow Road in Mesilla.

Because international demand is increasing and New Mexico continues to be one of the top-three pecan producing states in the country (along with Georgia and Texas), Phillip Arnold of San Saba Pecan said, "If we don't see a decline, in the next 10 years we could see a pecan production approaching 100 million pounds in New Mexico."

## Rain

Forecasters expected a good snow runoff in early June, but could not predict the untimely rains that caused field saturation for many growers.

It was reported that standing water, which threatens many crops with possible root and leaf diseases, affected only a small portion of growers. NMSU reported chile root rot in some fields in Doña Ana County.

"Growers will have to stay on their toes to make sure that there's no standing water before diseases develop," NMSU chile breeder Paul Bosland said.

But some growers anticipated the heavy precipitation.

"Everybody was well prepared and took care of excess water," reported Biad Chili Co. field man Vince Hernandez.

Local pecan grower Greg Daviet said the heavy rains even saved him irrigations. He said he checked with the CoCoRahs online reporting to keep him informed on precipitation and adjusted his watering schedule accordingly.

The heavy rains gave many growers an opportunity to tweak their watering schedule with the help of new software and the Internet.

Continued rains did however cause some problems for alfalfa and corn silage.

On the range, rancher Tom Cooper said

the heavy rain left his grazing grounds "rejuvenated" and "fantastic," adding grass and covering up bald spots in the land.

## Cotton

Cotton was in danger last year due to low daytime temperatures. Most cotton requires growing conditions to be hot and dry, with the best growth coming in temperatures around 95 degrees.

Fears that cotton would frost over and not fully mature and produce lint were reported around the county.

The lower temperatures and even lower demand for cotton made many growers pessimistic about the future of the crop in the Mesilla Valley.

"I believe in the next 10 years there will be very little cotton grown here," Witt Harvey of the former B.E. Harvey Gin Co. said. The gin closed in 2006 after 80 years of ginning cotton.

"You can't make any money growing 50-cent cotton," Harvey said.

A more coveted breed of cotton, however, could save the cotton industry in the valley, according to David Hand, director of Calcot Cotton Marketing.

"Pima cotton may be the future of the cotton industry in the Mesilla Valley," he said.

Pima cotton is a very strong, high-grade cotton of medium staple developed from Egyptian cottons. The Southwest is the home of Pima cotton, which thrives on its ideal climate. It goes for almost twice the price of typical cotton.

Also in high demand, organic cotton grown in Mesilla Valley was highly desired by the Japanese in 2008.

Japanese textile professionals made a visit to Ramon "Dose" Alvarez's organic cotton farm and Calcot Cotton marketing to trace the origin of their much-coveted fabric.

It is reported that Japanese prefer organic cotton because it is environmentally safe, clean and soft.

"They've been loyal customers and I try to fill their needs," Alvarez said, who has been exporting organic cotton to Japan for seven years.

## Chile

In late November, the New Mexico Chile Association petitioned the state legislature for a growers tax relief to help them survive an "agricultural economic crisis." The NMCA asked for a \$200 tax credit per-acre of planted chile against the grower's personal income.

The NMCA expects a decision to come after the legislature's 60-day session on Jan. 20. If approved, the relief would extend from January 2009 to January 2011.

The association cited increasing labor costs, production investments, unfair foreign competition and cheaper imports as causes for the needed tax relief.

NMSU is working hard to increase growers' profits and lower their harvesting costs. It is developing a field harvester and chile de-stemmer to help cut labor costs in the future, but finalized designs of the new machines may not be available for a few years.

In New Mexico, chile growers have to pay from \$70 to \$80 a day for chile pickers. In China and India that rate is \$2 a day and in Mexico it is \$17.



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Gov. Bill Richardson was on hand to congratulate the Southwest Environmental Center for installing the first commercial solar energy system.

## 2008

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First New Mexico Bank, while constructing a branch location on Idaho Avenue, held a grand-opening ceremony of their new location in Anthony, N.M., and First National Bank broke ground in May for its Chaparral Banking Center. Bank of the Rio Grande and First Community Bank also opened new locations in Las Cruces.

The Convergys call center opened this year on Del Rey Boulevard, planning to employ 500 employees. The majority of the new jobs created in Las Cruces are for customer service associates. Wages started at \$9.50 with a potential to earn \$12 an hour. The Convergys call center is one of three that have recently made a home in Las Cruces.

Allstate opened an express claims-handling model at 170 N. Roadrunner Parkway, employing approximately 220 people.

VMC/Volt opened its headquarters in Las Cruces and hired several hundred employees, which assist in providing technical support for Apple.

Sitel has almost reached its capacity of 600 employees at its call center on Summit Court. While the company had a concern for adequate parking space for its employees, a new parking lot was built to accommodate the staff. A civil suit is now under way, filed by hotel owners who say access to the parking lot breached covenants of the Northrise Business Park.

## Industrial expansion

The Rocket Racing League broke ground in January at the Las Cruces International Airport for two of the league's hangars, which will house aircraft, teams and related operations. The hangars are part of the Rocket Racing League's 20-year lease with the City of Las Cruces for six 100,000-square-foot parcels at the airport.

The RRL Aerospace Business Park, which will be located adjacent to the airport's southern end, will be the league's headquarters and provide facilities for associated aerospace- and aviation-related industries.

The Rocket Racing League announced that the organization will be partnering with Armadillo Aerospace when it comes to offering commercial spaceflights from Spaceport America.

On the south side of the West Mesa Industrial Park, F&A Dairy Products is continuing its expansion within the park to purchase another 6.2 acres for its Wisconsin associate, D.R. Tech, to open finances. D.R. Tech services the food and dairy industry with process flow systems and stainless-steel fabrication.

Sapphire Energy, a "green crude" manufacturer, announced it would buy 10 acres in the West Mesa Industrial park just south of F&A Dairy for \$150,000. Its main facility should be constructed within a year, along with



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Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta celebrated the renovation of the Workforce Center.



The Bridge, a nonprofit workforce development organization, brought together leaders of education, business and government.

30 jobs paying an average of \$35,000 a year. If that happens, the city will allow the company to acquire another 90 acres at no additional cost. The company will cultivate algae as a renewable energy source.

A 10-year tenant of the park, Rea Magnet Wire, announced it would be closing its Las Cruces facility early in 2009. The closure will affect 75 employees.

Though the Southwest Environmental Center didn't necessarily expand, the center became the home of the first commercial solar energy system in Las Cruces.

## Job market

While the average job wage has more than doubled in five years to \$12.82, unemployment hit a record low during 2008 and was hovering just under 3 percent at the beginning of the year, causing employers to begin offering incentives to certain employees. Though it has risen to approximately 4 percent, the rate is still below the national average.

A contributor to the economy's success for the past six years, Steve Vierck, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, announced in July that he would be leaving his post to work for Angelou Economics in Austin, Texas. In his six years with MVEDA, Vierck has had a hand in bringing nearly 3,000 jobs to the area. Five years ago, MVEDA worked with just 20 prospects, and the average wage was \$6.50. As of 2008, the organization was working with 62 prospects.

## Workforce development

Created in early 2007, the Regional Education Initiative combined business, government and education to create a goal of graduating all students and preparing them to compete in a global workforce. After months of meetings to establish goals, members of the initiative introduced The Bridge, a nonprofit program to execute the goals of the task force. The next step is hiring an executive director, which is currently under way.

Workforce development continues to be a priority for organizations like Doña Ana Community College, which held a grand opening ceremony for its Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. More than 30,000 square feet was remodeled at the facility, which houses the Small Business Development Center, the Workforce and Continuing Education Division and classrooms for the dual-credit program.

## Chamber growth

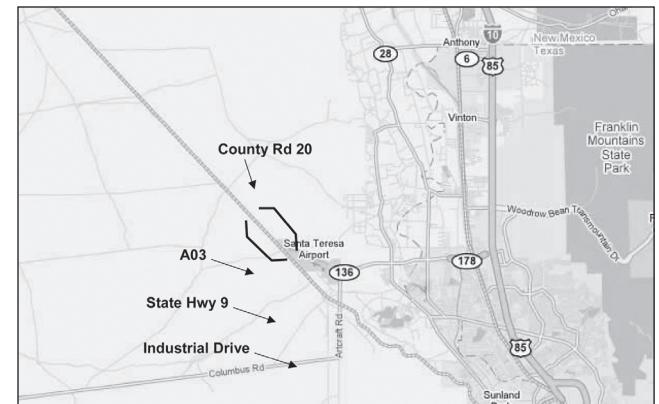
The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce welcomed new growth, as the organization brought in more



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Nikki MacDonald and Richard Haas volunteered to round up more than 150 members during the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive.



The Hilton Garden Inn will be constructed near the intersection of Telshor Boulevard and University Avenue.



Union Pacific announced its plans to construct an intermodal facility in Strauss, N.M., near Santa Teresa.

than 150 new members during a three-day membership drive, bringing the chamber's membership to more than 1,000.

The chamber also welcomed former Las Cruces Mayor Bill Mattiace to its staff as vice president of governmental affairs. The position was designed to work on creating a partnership between the chamber, its members and governmental entities.

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces also made several improvements throughout 2008. With an expanded board, the chamber hired its first executive director, Rachel Garcia-Banegas, and in July launched El Próspero, the official publication of the chamber. The eight-page magazine is distributed throughout Las Cruces, in addition to Anthony, Chaparral, Vado, San Miguel, La Mesa, Mesquite, La Union, Chamberino, Sunland Park, Santa Teresa, Radium Springs, Fort Selden and Hatch.

The Hispano Chamber also launched member spotlights during the summer, which provided networking opportunities and highlighted several member businesses at each meeting.

## Retail sales

Though there was a slowdown reported in housing toward the end of 2007, retailers began to feel the downturn after lower-than-usual back-to-school sales during New Mexico's weekend tax holiday. Despite extended hours and more sales, some retailers reported less traffic than in previous years and didn't meet last year's totals. High gas prices and less discretionary income were contributing factors, and the back-to-school sales were meant to be a precursor of holiday sales.

Despite several forecasts that sales would be down, Black Friday totals were higher than last year. According to the National Retail Federation, more than 172 million shoppers visited stores and websites during the weekend after Thanksgiving, which was more than the 147 million consumers last year. Las Crucens contributed to an estimated \$41 billion spent nationwide.

## BRIEFS

### Kaufman, Dukes earn specialist designation



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buyers on a worldwide basis."

Kaufman has been affiliated with Coldwell Banker deWetter Hovious Inc. for more than 14 years. She is an award-winning associate broker who has earned many honors, including International Sterling Society and Top 10 Listing and Sales Agent. A native of the New York/New Jersey area and a graduate of City College of New York and the Academy of Real Estate, Kaufman resides in Las Cruces and is an active member of Las Cruces Association of Realtors and New Mexico Association of Realtors.

Dukes has been affiliated with Coldwell Banker deWetter Hovious Inc. for more than seven years. He is an associate broker who has earned several awards, including the Presidential Award and a Top 10 Listing and Sales Agent for several years. A native of Kansas City and a graduate of the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Dukes resides in Las Cruces and is an active member of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors and the New Mexico Association of Realtors.

### Fitness studio opens

The New Alternative Fitness Studio & Health Boutique, 207 Avenida De Mesilla, announces the arrival of the evolutionary mind body format: Creative Cardio and PiYo. PiYo brings the perfect blend of Pilates and yoga. This unique fusion of Pilates and yoga includes modifications for the group exercise environment, yet offers exercise progressions to challenge all levels of participants. Creative Cardio is a holistic approach to fitness with an expressive fusion of dance, kickboxing, Pilates, tai chi and Celtic dance moves set to new age music that moves your spirit and your body. Scottish Highland is a high impact workout, great for youngsters. Ellen Thompson Schwartz, manager of Alternative Fitness & Health Boutique, teaches competitive

highland dance, including the Highland Fling, Sword Dance and many more.

PiYo and Creative Cardio classes stand out from other more traditional mind/body formats because they are dynamic, fluid approach to mind/body teaching that encompasses many formats including Pilates, yoga and dance. Their focus is on the "Fusion" style, which incorporates dynamic balance, strength and functional training and emphasizes the athleticism of Pilates, yoga and dance conditioning. The classes generate heat in the body through continuous movement and create a sweat. They also offer gentle yoga and gentle Pilates classes.

### U.S. Customs meets hiring goal

U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) met the goal to hire 6,000 Border Patrol agents across the U.S. by year's end. CBP reached its target weeks ahead of schedule and now employs more than 18,000 agents.

In May 2006, President Bush set the goal of increasing the Border Patrol by 50 percent from its then 12,000 agents. Today, more than 18,000 agents are part of the Border Patrol, which guards the southwestern, northern and coastal borders of the U.S. between the official ports of entry.

"I'm tremendously proud of all the hard work and determination put into recruiting, vetting, hiring and training these agents who will secure the nation's borders," said CBP Commissioner W. Ralph

Basham. "I welcome all those who've joined our ranks and accepted the challenge of protecting the homeland by securing our nation's borders."

The Border Patrol made measurable personnel and operational gains at both the northern and southern borders as a result of the enhanced number of agents in the field, along with implementing better technology and training and increased infrastructure.

### Davison celebrates 25 years at Double Eagle

Twenty-five years ago, a beautiful red-haired woman knocked at the door of Buddy Ritter's office at the Double Eagle Restaurant. Bobbi Davison said, "I need a job. I'm a hard worker. You won't be sorry you hired me!"

Ritter said, "I hired her and, after all these years, she's still beautiful, she still works hard and I've never regretted bringing her on board."

Ritter laughs as he tells the story and begins calling up memories of some of Bobbi's favorite exploits over the years.

The memory Ritter will never forget doesn't involve the Double Eagle directly. He recalls that, when first employed, Davison, being a single mother, worked several jobs. Davison soon gained a regular clientele at the Double Eagle, made more money and was able to quit her other jobs.

Davison was recognized at a ceremony in Mr. Ritter's office and received special recognition at the annual employee Christmas party on Dec. 21.

## ON THE AGENDA

### Synergy meeting

The Synergy Network Group will meet from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the SCORE office, 505 S. Main St., Suite 125. The Synergy Network meetings are a great place to network businesses and get referrals while learning about how businesses grow and succeed. The benefits of the Synergy meetings include getting the word out about your business, gaining a team of referral partners, meeting new prospects and getting business leads.

Members of the business community are invited to attend these meetings, and there is no charge for admission. For more information, call 680-6515.

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 7  
**Time:** 8 to 9 a.m.  
**Location:** SCORE  
 505 S. Main St.,  
 Suite 125  
**Contact:** 680-6515

### SHRM meeting

The Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resource Management will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave.

Featured presenter Kari Mitchell will educate attendees on the status of The Bridge (Regional Education Initiative), which began as a grass-roots community effort between educators, employers and parents to address the immediate need to provide life skills for students to prepare them for the workforce.

The cost to attend is \$12. RSVP no later than Monday, Jan. 5, to Meg Haines at haines@nmsu.edu.

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 8  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** DACC Workforce Center

2345 E. Nevada Ave.  
**Contact:** mhaines@nmsu.edu  
**Cost:** \$12

### Social Security seminar

Morgan Stanley financial advisor Toby Rue will host a Social Security seminar at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Morgan Stanley Conference Office, 3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, will present "Understanding Social Security Benefit." Seating is limited, and those interested should RSVP to Rue or Rocio Silva at 522-8500.

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 20  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Morgan Stanley  
 3050 N. Roadrunner  
 Parkway  
**Contact:** 522-8500

### NAWBO meeting

The Southwest Borderland Las Cruces-El Paso chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Great American Land and Cattle Company, 600 Valley Chile Road, in Anthony, Texas. A panel of experts will discuss small business strategies for a profitable 200. The meeting is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. RSVP to Mary Iadicicco at 522-4350 or Cynthia Trejo at 915-852-3002.

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 14  
**Time:** 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Great American Land  
 and Cattle Company  
 600 Valley Chile Road,  
 Anthony, Texas  
**Contact:** 522-4350 or 915-852-3002  
**Cost:** \$15, members  
\$20, non-members

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# At the GLCCC— Business After Hours

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Jim Berry, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, and GLCCC Communications and Leadership Director Joel Courtney greet guests during Business After Hours Monday, Dec. 29, at Brigid's Cross Irish Pub, 1338 Picacho Hills Drive.



Richard Stegall, Conquistadore Tony Martinez and Sarah Stegall of Surefire Promotional Products



Ron  
Camuñez and  
Kent Evans



Wilba Duggan  
and Anna Mae  
Evans



Larry Wyche of Deb's Dogs & More, Mary Iadicicco of Allstate and George Pintar of A Perfect Fit



D.I. Babbeay and Josie  
James of EXIT Realty  
Horizons



## CHURCH NEWS

### ■ MASS AT ST. GENEVIEVE'S

On Saturday, Jan. 3, the parish of St. Genevieve's Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of their patron saint, St. Genevieve of Paris. A special mass will be held at noon at the church, 100 S. Espina St. This will also mark the beginning of the 150-year anniversary of the establishment of the church in 1859.

Members of the St. Genevieve Historical Society, as well as other members of parish ministries are helping to plan a festive service followed by a reception with refreshments. A highlight of this event will be the use of some artifacts from the old church previously located on Main Street. There will also be a display of a variety of such artifacts. On this special day, the bells of St. Genevieve will ring out to mark the occasion.

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will celebrate a special mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and will bless the new church pews, which are expected to be installed by that time.

The St. Genevieve community is very proud of its long history in the Mesilla Valley. Many members can trace generations of their families back to the original church. Their memories associated with the church are being documented in an oral history project currently underway.

### ■ SPECIAL SPEAKER AT THE UU CHURCH

Brooks McIntyre, President of Hey, Mozart! New Mexico – the Child Composer Project – will speak on "The Healing Power of Music" at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, on Sunday, Jan. 4. Also on the program, the 2008 winners of this competition for children 12 years old and under will perform their compositions.

Sunday Services at the UU Church are held at 9 and 10:30 a.m., with Children's Religious Education and the Roundtable Discussion Group at 10:30 a.m.

The church's theme for the January and February worship season is "Together We Will Create the World of our Dreams," acknowledging the ups and downs of our history, celebrating our diversity, appreciating each other's gifts and talents, risking change and trusting our vision, we move into the future with assurance. The Worship Team for these two months is Jane Asche, Judy Licht, Jan Thompson and Karen West.

For more information, call the church office at 522-7281 or visit [www.uuchurchlc.org](http://www.uuchurchlc.org).

### ■ SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

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Reverend  
Gregory Arthur  
**Sunday:**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship (Spanish)  
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(Disciples of Christ)  
  
[www.zianet.com/fcc-doc](http://www.zianet.com/fcc-doc)  
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**Discussion Groups 9:30 AM**  
**Wednesday Meditation 11:30 AM**  
Rev. Sam Ritchey - 647-2560

## Baptist

**East Mesa**  
Baptist Church  
  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Children's Church Sun: 10:30 a.m.  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
**Pastor Linvell Tisdale**  
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## Bible

**Grace Bible Church**  
Pastor Tom Morrison 532-1234  
Sunday Worship  
10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
...  
Sunday School, for all  
11:05 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.  
...  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
2801 Missouri Ave. Suite 15

## Episcopal

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
Tuesday - 9:30 AM  
Morning prayer in  
Thursday - 12:05 PM  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Weekday services in  
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SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:39 AM  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
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**526-6333**

## Unity

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Youth Education 10:30 a.m.  
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**523-4847**  
[milcrelsc@zianet.com](mailto:milcrelsc@zianet.com)

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

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## 2008: San Albino named a basilica

Ceremony, procession on plaza mark the occasion



JIM HILLEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the Mesilla Valley's most beloved landmarks, San Albino Church, was elevated to the status of Minor Basilica on Nov. 1, 2008. A procession around Mesilla Plaza was part of the dedication ceremony. Below, Archbishop Ricardo Ramirez sprinkles holy water on the plaza as part of the celebration.



### CHURCH NEWS

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all. Come listen and share on Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 275 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 526-1591.

#### KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces announced the launch of a radio ministry on local station KELP 89.3 FM. The program features the teaching ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr., as he teaches from the Word of God. The program can be heard 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on 89.3 FM. For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

# Many moms and dads worry they will fail their children

Be cautious with people who may be in denial

I worry so much about my children and wonder if I'm raising them wisely. Every few days my husband and I encounter a problem we don't know how to handle. Is it common for other parents to feel this way?

Yes – it has never been easy to raise healthy and productive children. After all, babies come into the world with no instructions, and you pretty much have to assemble them on your own. They are also maddeningly complex, and there are no guaranteed formulas that work in every instance. And finally, the techniques that succeed magnificently with one child can fail bewilderingly with another.

This difficulty in raising children is a recurring theme in the letters we receive at Focus on the Family. We have heard it so often, in fact, that we decided to conduct a poll to ascertain the common frustrations of parenting. The answers received from more than 1,000 mothers and fathers were very revealing. Some responded with humor, especially those who were raising toddlers. They told the most delightful stories about sticky telephones, wet toilet seats and knotted shoestrings. Their experiences reminded me of the days when Shirley and I were chasing ambitious preschoolers.

Tell me why it is that a toddler never throws up in the bathroom? Never! To do so would violate some great unwritten law of the universe. It is even more difficult to understand why he or she will gag violently at the sight of a perfectly wonderful breakfast of oatmeal, eggs, bacon and orange juice – and then go play in the toilet. I have no idea what makes a kid do that. I only know that it drives a mother crazy.

Unfortunately, the majority of those who responded to our questionnaire did not share funny stories about cute kids. Many of them were experiencing considerable frustration in their parenting responsibilities. Rather than being critical of their children, however, most said they were troubled by their own inadequacies as mothers and fathers.

Their answers, including these actual responses, revealed the great self-doubt that is prevalent among parents today:

- "I don't know how to cope with my children's

### Focus on the Family

By Dr. James Dobson



- problems"
- "I'm not able to make the kids feel secure and loved"
  - "I've lost confidence in my ability to parent"
  - "I've failed my children"
  - "I'm not the example I should be"
  - "Seeing my own bad habits and character traits in my children"
  - "My inability to relate to my children"
  - "The guilt I feel when it seems that I have failed my daughters"
  - "My inability to cope"
  - "Knowing it's too late to go back and do it right"
  - "I'm overwhelmed by the responsibility of it all"

Isn't it incredible to observe just how tentative we have become about this task of raising children? Parenting is hardly a new technology, yet we've become increasingly nervous about bringing up the baby. It is a sign of the times.

How should a person respond to someone who is in denial? I have a very good friend whose wife is cheating on him, but he chooses not to see it. Should I make him face reality?

There is no blanket answer to that question, in view of all the thousands of specific situations to which it could be applied. There are times when denial is the only link to sanity or stability, and it must be preserved. On other occasions, to break the bubble of illusion can be a loving thing. Either way, it is risky to awaken a dreamer. If the need for denial is intense, the individual will often lash out at the one who threatens its validity.

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

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## Church of the Week A Ministry in the Making

Each week we provide this space as a ministry outreach to the Las Cruces community and readers of the Las Cruces Bulletin. The purpose for this media outreach is twofold. First and foremost, the aim of each "Church of the Week" feature is to provide an uplifting, inspirational and faith-filled Christian message. Secondly, this space allows churches and ministries throughout the city to garner attention and bolster awareness for their worship times, special fellowship opportunities and various outreach ministries.

This space has featured various denominations and ministries such as the Gospel Rescue Mission and Catch the Wave ministry. Currently, the church or ministry featured each week is privately selected, but we invite all churches and outreach ministries throughout Las Cruces to offer a submission for consideration in this weekly feature. Your submission should meet the call of this ministry's purpose, be between 150 and 250 words, contain information about worship times and/or outreach involvement information and be provided via e-mail to [jaylene@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:jaylene@lascrucesbulletin.com). For questions or more information about how your church and/or outreach ministry can be included in this featured space, please call the Las Cruces Bulletin at 524-8061.

*But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.  
Acts 6:4 (American Standard Version)*

# LOOKING BACK

This week in the history  
of the Mesilla Valley



**MARVIN  
TESSNEER**  
*Out of the Past*

**75**  
years ago  
**1934**

- L.E. Freudenthal, president of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, speaking at an American Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago, called for an adjustment in federal pricing policies that he said were allowing manufacturers to increase their prices while farmers' incomes were falling behind operating costs.

• W.T. Scoggin, speaking for the Farmer Holiday Group that was advocating tax reform, charged that federal agency projects paying an average \$12 a week were putting farmers at a disadvantage because they could not afford those wages.

**50**  
years ago  
**1959**

- Stahmann Farms, with 75,000 pecan-bearing trees, was reported to be the largest single pecan orchard in the United States. The production for that year was 4 million pounds, down from a record of 5 million pounds. The company cleaned and shipped the pecans from its plant in Santo Tomas. The company also grew 1,000 acres of cotton, using geese to weed the cotton and expanding that operation to 200,000 geese for processing and sale during the holidays. The farm also raised 30,000 laying hens that produced 16,000 eggs daily. The board of directors included Deane Stahmann, Deane Stahmann Jr. and William Stahmann.

• Dale Bellamah Homes was advertising three- and four-bedroom homes to qualified veterans for \$9,800 and \$12,825 with no down payment and monthly payments as low as \$65.

• St. Genevieve's Catholic Church marked its 100th



This photograph, dated 1889, shows the Mesilla Park townsite looking west before the subdivision was developed.

anniversary. French priests had started with small chapels and the large Downtown structure was built in 1879. The church was named after a girl whose feast day is Jan. 3, and is credited with saving Paris from Attila the Hun.

• White Sands Missile Range expenditures totaled \$160 million, up \$10 million the previous year. The range's spending included \$44 million in payroll, \$25 million in construction and \$64 million in research and development.

• Mountain States Telephone connections in Las Cruces increased by 1,400 to put the total at 9,700.

**25**  
years ago  
**1984**

- The Concerned Citizens for New Mexico Water Resources were running newspaper and radio advertisements urging the El Paso Public Services to seek other sources for water. El Paso filed for permits with the Office of the State Engineer to drill 326 wells in New Mexico to transport water across the state line for municipal

and economic use. The concerned citizens charged that the Texas city had spent \$1.4 million on legal fees and had only caused discord between the two cities.

• Bill Timmons was named 4-H Ambassador to spread the good word about the youth group.

• Seven Aggies scored in double figures as the Aggies pulled down 75 rebounds and defeated Lubbock Christian 107-86.

• New Mexico pecans were bringing in \$1.05 to \$1.75 a pound compared with 94 cents the previous year. The state harvest was 22 million pounds, down 40 percent from the previous year.

• The Aggies hit 10 of 25 three-pointers as they beat Alaska Fairbanks, 78-64.

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**10**  
years ago  
**1999**

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# SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

There are four core floor exercise classes at the Munson Senior Center. All exercises are done on a provided mat. Suggested donation is 50 cents. The schedule is:

- Mondays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Tuesdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m., with Dawn
- Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Thursdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m., with Dawn

## AQUATICS CLASS

Acquatics class (senior water exercise class) is held from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. 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 at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and Lucille Garcia on Fridays at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

## TAI CHI WITH CHER

Tai Chi with Cher is held on Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the class is at the Munson Senior Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at the East Mesa/Sage Café, 5589 Porter Drive. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

## CANASTA

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

## SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language (ESL) is on break and will resume on Thursday, Feb. 5.

## WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

## BEGINNING LINE DANCING

Beginning line dancing with Sherrill Patterson and Cheryl Lither will resume on Monday, Jan. 5, at the Munson Senior Center from 1:45 to 3 p.m., and intermediate line-dancing class will resume on Friday, Jan. 9, from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

## BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prize collection are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for information.

## HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Matt Youngblood Courts on Hadley Ave. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

## PINOCHLE

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

## CHINA PAINTERS

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

## CREATIVE WRITING

The creative writing class is on break and will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

## LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT

A free Ladies Pool Tournament open to ladies 50 years of age and older is held the first Monday of each month. The tournament starts around 8:30 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first and second place winners.

## MOVIE DAY AT MUNSON

Movie Day at Munson Center is at 1:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. Call Mark for title information at 528-3406 or email mmumper@las-cruces.org. Free popcorn is served. Movie suggestions are welcome at the Munson Library and at the front desk.

## 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 will also be served. A 50-cent donation is suggested for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, while 75 cents is suggested on Wednesday.

## POTLUCK AT MUNSON

Enjoy a pot luck brunch and meet new people at 12:45 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at Munson Center. Everyone brings a covered dish and their own plates, cups and silverware and meet new people. Enjoy Sunday brunch, pot-luck style.

## DAY TRIP WITH DELORES

This trip will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21, to the U.S. Treasury in El Paso. Cost is \$6 for the trip. The trip will depart Munson center at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m. Sign up begins on Wednesday, Jan. 7, and is required. Specifics as far as documentation and regulations will be given when reservations are made. This trip is subject to cancellation due to weather or other circumstances. Call 528-3000 for more information.

## MEDICARE ADVANTAGE FORUM

Physician's Health Choice will be on site at Munson Center from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Jan. 5, 7, and 9, to give out information and to assist with any questions seniors may have concerning Medicare Advantage Programs. Physician's Health Choice will also be at Eastside center from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 8.

## TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

AARP Tax-Aid helps middle- and low-income taxpayers with special emphasis to those 60 and older. They also prepare tax returns for individuals of all ages. Volunteers for tax preparation and/or administrative positions are needed for the Las Cruces area. Free training will start the second Monday in January and will last one week. All volunteers will be required to pass a written test in order to qualify as tax preparers. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and last until noon. Tax preparation for the public will commence on Feb. 2, and will be offered through April 15, at several locations in Las Cruces. Tax returns will be transmitted electronically. For information on being a volunteer, call 525-0299.

## 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. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules. Make a difference doing fun things that include:

- Tutors from K-12, help students to excel in their studies

- Clerical, help at many types of program's doing office tasks
- Join in the fun with NM State Games
- Be an advocate for those that need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to various community programs
- Serve as a member of an organization, raise funds to help others
- Have a trade that you can teach others
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

Feel good about giving a few hours to make our community a healthy and enjoyable place for everyone. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules.

For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

## 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.

Primary benefits covered are: Medicare A, B, C and D; Medicaid; low-cost housing; low-income assistance; Social Security; transportation; meals on wheels; assistance to disabled on Medicare/Medicaid, etc. Counseling, information and assistance are available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 528-3301 or 528-3307.
- Representatives of the State Aging Department are at Munson Center from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-2451.
- The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services where assistance is available on Medicare, Medicaid, etc. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 800-432-2080.



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# AROUND TOWN

*health events and support groups*

## ■ YOUNG FATHERS

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

## ■ 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

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held in Las Cruces on a weekly basis. The clinic is held on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road; on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; on

Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.; and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is requested. For more information, call 528-3000 or TTY number 528-3217.

## ■ WELLNESS CLASSES

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.

## ■ TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensi-

bly (TOPS) Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at their Thursday-morning meetings at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room. Meetings start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions on weight loss, dietary help and nutrition.

## ■ PEOPLE WHO LOVE AN ADDICT SUPPORT GROUP

People Who Love an Addict support group will

meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Stone Mountain Place Club House, 930 E. Boutz Road. Contact information will be kept anonymous. For more information, call Donna at 405-6369 or Alice at 527-1411.

## ■ BLOOD ANALYSIS

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will provide nutritional blood analysis from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Appointments can be made for a half-hour analysis for \$45.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 523-0436.

## ■ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month at Good Samaritan Society Village Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Creative Arts Room. For more information, leave a message at 523-9177.

## ■ LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Psychologist Cheryl Black is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be two sessions to choose from: Mesilla Park from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or at the Munson Senior Center from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

## ■ CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of long-term illness. The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 pm 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](http://www.ccfa.org)). For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, contact Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

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**Munson Senior Center**

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# HEALTH NEWS

## A history of Mesilla Valley Hospice

### After 14 years, hospice completes its master plan

BY BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley Hospice capital campaign, which began in August 2006, has finally come to an end. Through staff, volunteers and the community, the state's only free-standing hospice house managed to raise \$6,547,437, exceeding their goal of \$6.4 million.

Construction is nearly complete on the Mesilla Valley Hospice campus, and in a matter months, patients will enjoy green gardens, new suites, a dining hall, a chapel and much more.

But the story of Mesilla Valley Hospice goes far beyond the capital campaign. The facility has seen many changes since its conception and overcome many obstacles to become the professional nonprofit organization it is today.

"We started back in 1982 as a totally volunteer operation," said Executive Director Donna Brown. "Twenty-six years later, we have 104 full- and part-time employees, we care for about 125 patients per day, have about 115 patient and office



**Pat Barton** flashes a smile from her new desk in the in-home care center.

volunteers and we had about 150 campaign volunteers."

In the beginning, Mesilla Valley Hospice served patients exclusively in their homes. After recognizing the need for a hospice facility, they launched their first capital campaign in 1994 to renovate office space that was donated to them where La Posada, one of only 42 such facilities in the nation, now stands. Bringing in Ron Nims of Studio D Architects, they set a long-term plan in motion.

"We master-planned it back then to do what we are doing right now," Nims said. La Posada began as an eight-bed facility, and in 2002 was expanded into an 18-bed facility. But it was still not enough. According to Nims, they thought it would take five years to fill up after their first expansion – it took only a matter of months.

"Then they started talking about this phase, which was five or six years ahead of schedule," he said.

Today's expansion, made possible by the "Continuing the Dream" capital campaign, includes a new office for in-home care staff, enhanced landscaping of the overall campus and a

14,000-square-foot addition to the La Posada building. Their in-home care building is totally dedicated to the home-care side of their operations, which encompasses 80 percent of patients, and houses their direct care staff including nurses, social workers, doctors and chaplains. New features of La Posada include 12 new patients rooms, which will eliminate any waiting list of patients who have only days or weeks to live, a brand-new kitchen, a new nurses station, a dining hall, a chapel and several gardens.

"We had over 24,000 individual donors to this campaign, and from my perspective that is incredible," Brown said. "We had gifts from \$5 all the way up, so the community really came together to support this."

John and Amy Hummer, co-chairs of the capital campaign, said this feat is an unprecedented accomplishment for the Mesilla Valley.

"Job well done community," John Hummer said. "This was truly a community effort unrivaled by any other organization. It speaks to the work that is done here."

While many architects might choose the project they are most proud of based on its design aspects, Nims said there is no project he cares for more than Mesilla Valley Hospice.

"People ask me what is my best design, but it's really the gratification that you get from a job, and this is one where everybody benefits, and that's a successful project," he said.

Today, the nonprofit's services provided in the home have increased by 321 percent since 1998, and hospice services in La Posada have increased by 773 percent – a testament to their vital role in the community.

"A big piece of why I feel like Mesilla Valley Hospice is successful is we are committed to taking care of every patient that needs us, whether they can afford to pay for their care or not," Brown said. "That has been our history for the last 26 years, and we intend for that to be our vision and our goal well into the future."



Ron Nims of Studio D Architects, far right, talks with Mesilla Valley Hospice Incoming President Cathy Montgomery and Mary Beth Brill about the beams in the nonprofit's new chapel on Monday, Dec. 29.

PHOTOS BY BETHANY CONWAY



The in-home care center is shown under construction in early May 2008.



The facility's new in-home care center houses all of the organization's in-home staff and contains the new Rotary Conference Room.



Mesilla Valley Hospice held a ground-breaking ceremony for its expansion project in November 2007.



Terra Van Winter gave attendees a tour of the new additions to Mesilla Valley Hospice at the facilities Slab Party in April.

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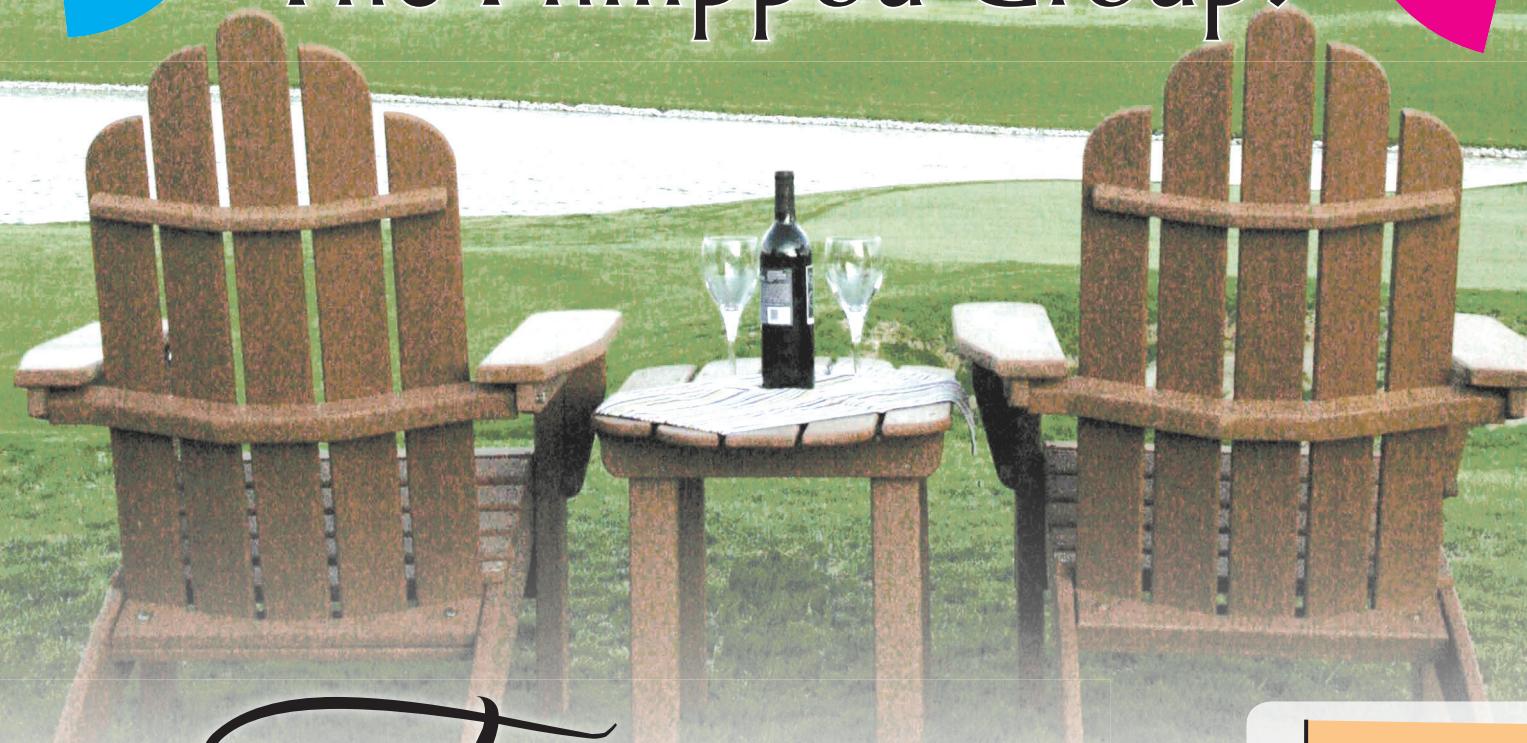
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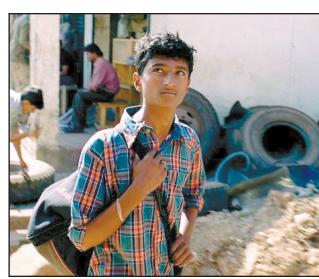
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# 2008 dished up many arts events for locals and visitors

## Changes to the section brought more color and flavor

BY JENNA FROSCH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's clear there have been drastic changes made to the Arts & Lifestyles section this past year. The section has expanded to include more movie information, a restaurant guide and a consistent artist of the week highlighting the many talented individuals living in the region.

I have been blessed to take over for a talented Joel Courtney, a staple in the arts community of Las Cruces. Filling those shoes has been a tall order, but something I have taken on with an eye on making this section the most widely read in our paper – especially since I have the best job in the whole office.

The year 2008 began with the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally, a colorful display of hot air balloons against the backdrop of the Organ Mountains. Balloons from all over the Southwest came to participate in this annual rally.

This was followed closely by February's For Love of Art Month, which celebrated its 10th anniversary – a month of art appreciation, gallery openings, performances and much more. This year, ArtForms saw the largest participation with more than 20 exhibitions, 13 visual art exhibitions, eight performing arts shows and two fundraisers. The ArtForms Studio Tour was a successful gathering of artists from throughout the Southwest.

February also brought with it the premiere of "We are Enron," an original musical by Bradford Hodgson, Christine Sanders and Justin Raines, performed by the Doña Ana Lyric Opera. The story of the Enron debacle that cost many investors their life-savings and many employees their pensions, "We are Enron" was a hit with locals and featured a 37-member cast and 21-member production team. It is still receiving acclaim.

In March, the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum hosted its annual Cowboy Days, bringing with it a unique

opportunity to experience the Old West. Events included a Dutch Oven Lov'n Cook-Off, a pow wow, various performances both days and activities for the kids.

The Border Book Festival celebrated its 14th year on the Mesilla Plaza with the theme "Return," meant to inspire participants to celebrate the many returns in their lives.

"Prairie Home Companion" made an appearance at the Pan American Center as part of their tour. The performance, which is a PBS variety show, entertained a crowd of 4,050 with host Garrison Keillor on May 31.

Over the summer, area artists joined together with the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico for the first HeART of Animals Benefit Art Auction, which allowed guests to bid on art items throughout the night as well as in a live art auction. The event helped raise awareness of the mission of the HSSNM as an animal advocacy group.

In June, the annual Raft the Rio event drew quite a crowd to the city's only natural water attraction as one of the Southwest Environmental Center's signature events.

August's Community Foundation Ball took a trip to a tropical place with the theme "Rhythm ... Journey to the Fire Islands." This year, the ball was hosted at 10 local restaurants and private residences, with the funds raised benefiting the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and more than 30 nonprofit organizations in the region.

The fall festival season saw the usual Whole Enchilada Fiesta in its relatively new home at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, along with the Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo at the fairgrounds west of Las Cruces. The Southern New Mexico Harvest Wine Festival was bigger than ever and saw clear weather all three days.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art brought the famous "Rodin: In His Own Words" exhibit to Las Cruces, featuring bronzes, photographs and portraits of the artist.

Rodin was a pioneer in sculpture, and created pieces that have been exhibited worldwide. Along with the exhibit, the museum held various events and performances, along with a talk by Michael Naranjo, a Vietnam veteran whose injuries did not prevent him from becoming a nationally recognized sculptor.

The Branigan Cultural Center pushed the envelope by bringing in INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression, an exhibit that explores the culture of tattoos, from beginning to present day.

Mesilla got in on the festivities with the Dieciseis de Septiembre celebration on the plaza for Mexican Independence Day followed in November by Dia de los Muertos. The Virgen de Guadalupe celebration as well as the Christmas Eve luminarias that lit up the Plaza were sights to see this winter.

The holiday season held much more milestones this year, with the first ever callejona celebration on the Downtown Mall in conjunction with Winterfest, put on by the City of Las Cruces. The events brought around 5,000 people to watch Downtown Las Cruces be lit up by Christmas lights, laden with carolers and shoppers and families eager to visit Santa Claus.

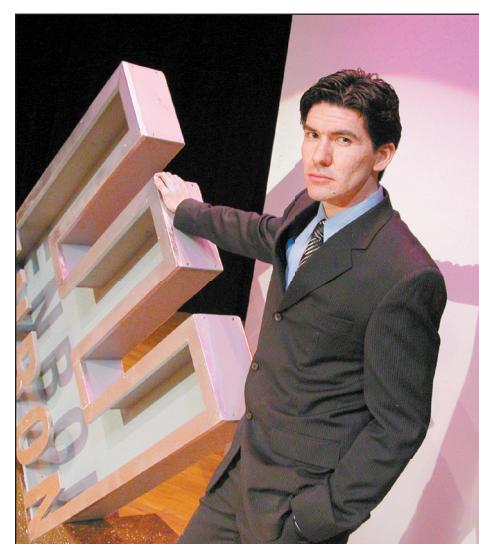
Each month, galleries on and around the Downtown Mall held receptions during the Downtown Ramble art walk, one way in which Las Cruces identifies itself as an arts community. While Las Cruces lost a few galleries this year, the Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla opened, a gem for art lovers in the area. The gallery has been host to one-of-a-kind shows as well as artist dialogues that allow visitors to get a feel for an artist's process as well as view their work as part of the gallery's exhibit.

While changes will come this year to the Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market as the City of Las Cruces begins another phase of the Downtown Revitalization project, the market will go on with more than 150 vendors each Saturday and between 40 and 50 each Wednesday. The market is a source for fine art and crafts, as well as fresh produce, food and much, much more.

One thing Las Cruces has seen this past year is growth in the arts culture, festivals and events for its citizens. In 2009, it is my hope to bring you much more of the things you love, featuring the arts and more events to fit your lifestyle.



A. KURZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin  
From cold inflation to lift off, hot air balloons turned Brown Farm Field into a wonderland of sound and colors at the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally Jan. 20.



"We are Enron," an original play by Bradford Hodgson, Christine Sanders and Justin Raines, premiered on Feb. 21, at the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall as part of February's For Love of Art Month.



The Preston Contemporary Art Center opened with a gala July 11 in Mesilla. Preston is the largest commercial gallery in the region and also offers artist dialogues and will feature contemporary art pieces from internationally recognized artists.



One of Harry Zwiebel's unique media choices is working in barbed wire. Here he works on an apple made out of barbed wire as part of the ArtForms Studio Tour during For Love of Art Month in February.

**THEATER**

# Spotlight on head of NMSU's theater arts department

## Smith gives back to the arts community

The angst and melodrama that go along with being a teenager inspired a New Mexico State University professor's theater career. An eighth-grade acting class and strong mentorship throughout high school encouraged him to pursue acting and eventually directing.

"I was an overdramatic, yet very shy kid," Tom Smith admits, although you wouldn't be able to tell it now.

His dedication to theater arts is apparent through serving almost 10 years in various leadership roles including his first semester as theater arts department head at NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

"I've made some creative decisions about how the department and our production season function, with help from my incredible faculty," Smith said. Over the fall semester, a few cosmetic changes were made to Hershel Zohn Theatre including a newly painted lobby, and season productions extended to a third weekend to better accommodate patrons.

Smith earned his master of fine arts degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and became a freelance director, traveling the country for five years before guest directing at NMSU. As a native of Washington, the weather and Southwest culture captured his interest, and he was inspired to apply for a permanent, full-time position at NMSU.

"I was fortunate to find a school that needed the exact qualifications I had and one that allowed me to grow both as an artist and as an academic," he said.

Smith remains optimistic for the future of the program, especially with the first steps towards building the NMSU Arts Complex.

"The theater department is a direct beneficiary of the first phase (of the Arts Complex building plan), and next year's



**Tom Smith**, New Mexico State University theatre arts professor and department head, sits in the Hershel Zohn Theatre.

freshmen will graduate having been on the new stage and in the new space," Smith said. "We'll be able to do shows we can't do in our current space, while also providing our students experience with state-of-the-art technologies that will help them in their career goals."

He and other arts department heads serve on a planning committee with the university architects and give input on the project, for example, the selection of supplies and equipment and room placement in relation to the stage.

Smith serves as the managing director for the American Southwest Theatre Company and has been a member of the faculty since 1999. He authored a book, "The Other Blocking," scheduled to come out in February about the art of improvisation in acting.

## the **PLAYBILL**

LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

### Upcoming Performances

#### *AACT One Act Competition* Las Cruces Community Theatre

313 N. Downtown Mall  
523-1200  
Tickets: \$5-\$8  
Opens Jan. 16

#### *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks* Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets: \$9-\$10 Opens Jan. 23

#### *Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen* Hershel Zohn Theatre

New Mexico State University  
646-4515  
Tickets: \$10-\$15  
Jan. 30 to Feb. 1

*High Desert New Play*  
Hershel Zohn Theatre  
New Mexico State University  
646-4515  
Tickets: TBA  
Opens Feb. 19

*Phaedra*  
Las Cruces Community Theatre  
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Opens Feb. 20

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**EIGHT DAYS A WEEK**

**Friday,  
JANUARY 2**

© LITERARY OPEN MIC NIGHT  
AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Theatre Manager David Edwards recently announced the addition of "Literary Open Mic" nights beginning from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2. The renovated, two-story adobe Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall. Authors should prepare a five- to six-minute presentation (generally three pages of poetry, prose or a performance piece). A sound system will be provided. Host for the event is poet and editor Wayne Crawford.

First Fridays were selected for the Literary Open Mic Nights to coincide with the monthly Downtown Ramble art walk in which many Downtown and near Downtown art galleries remain open from 5 to 7 p.m. Although no intermission is planned, authors are encouraged to ramble before the reading as well as to come and go as needed. Contact Wayne Crawford at 541-8073 or wayne1@zianet.com for more information.

**Saturday,  
JANUARY 3**

© MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS MEETING

The Mesilla Valley Writers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in the first floor lounge, Building E, University Terrace Good Samaritan Village. Go east on Buena Vida Circle to the end of the blue metal fence and turn right into the driveway to park. A panel comprised of published members of the organization will offer information on how to publish your written work (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) and will take questions from the floor.

The Mesilla Valley Writers meet the first Saturday of every month, opening with a short business meeting and light refreshments. Annual dues are \$10. All are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Sanchez at 521-4212 or bobsanchez1@comcast.net.

**Tuesday,  
JANUARY 6**

© EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT  
THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The Doña Ana Youth Choir will perform a special concert at the Rio Grande Theatre at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6. The concert is in preparation for the 2009 New Mexico All State Music Festival in Albuquerque Jan. 7 through 10.

Every Other Tuesday performances always begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, call 523-6403.



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**Wednesday,  
JANUARY 7**

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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. Contact LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or meadows@zianet.com for more information. Visit <http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com>.

© EL PASO BLUES SOCIETY

The El Paso Blues Society will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Cockpit Lounge, 9828 Montana Ave. From 8 to 11:30 p.m., there will be a jam session. Drums, bass rig provided. All others must bring amps and guitars. Participants can jam on a first come first serve basis and will play blues only. Call 915-526-0719 for more information.

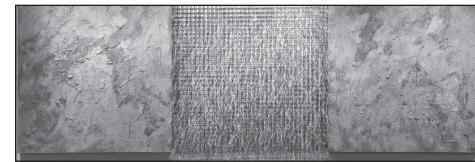
**Thursday,  
JANUARY 8**

© LECTURE SERIES AT THE FARM  
AND RANCH MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum will present a lecture series by Sherry Robinson titled "Apache Voices" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. The presentation includes an overview of Apache history, culture and values. Robinson, an award-winning journalist, is the author of "Apache Voices" and "El Malpais, Mt. Taylor and the Zuni Mountains." Robinson is working on a second Apache book about the Lipan Apaches. Admission is free and the program is co-sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council.

**Saturday,  
JANUARY 10**

© ARTIST'S DIALOGUE AT THE PRESTON  
CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER



Preston Contemporary Art Center will host an Artist's Dialogue presentation at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, by relief sculptor Susan Venable. There is no admission charge for these events.

**Happy New Year  
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and wish you health & happiness in 2009.

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

AACT One Act Competition  
For the Love of Art Month

Jack Ward Invitational Choral Festival

DATE

Fri., Jan. 16-Sun., Jan. 18

LOCATION

Las Cruces Community Theatre

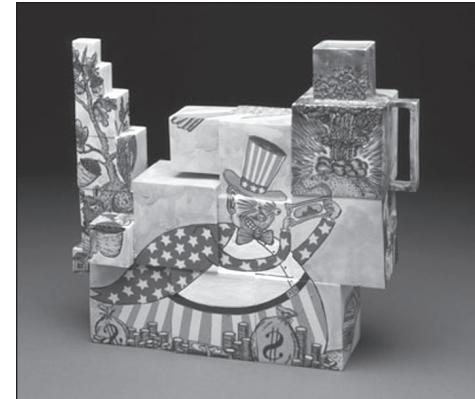
Various Locations

NMSU Music Center Recital Hall

Susan Venable creates non-objective works of art that are both striking and contemplative. Her zen-like approach is intentional and is represented by the honesty in her choice of materials and processes. She combines fiber techniques in copper wire with oil and encaustic panels based on a metal grid. She creates physical metaphors wherein the works' structural aspects are poetically articulated. Materials she uses are ancient and of the earth. Copper, representing fire and light, is one of the earliest known substances used in art. Both steel and copper have been chosen for their properties, both real and symbolic, of strength. The origins of her work are found in the art of primitive societies where the earth's elements and resources were paramount. In keeping with her commitment to the environment, the metals are all fabricated of recycled materials.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. For more information, call 523-8713 or visit [www.prestoncontemporaryart.com](http://www.prestoncontemporaryart.com).

© CERAMICIST TO SPEAK AT THE  
LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART



In conjunction with the exhibit "Innovation and Change: Great Ceramics from the Ceramics Research Center, Arizona State University Art Museum Collection," ceramicist Michael Corney will present an artist talk at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The exhibition will run through Jan. 24, and includes work by Corney.

Corney is a studio artist and has taught at the University of New Mexico. He is currently living in Albuquerque. He received his BFA from California State University-Fullerton and his MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. He has been an Artist in Residence at Cleveland Institute of

Art, John Michael Kohler Arts Center and the California College of Arts and Crafts.

He received an individual Artist Fellowship Grant from the Idaho State Commission on the Arts and his work is included in numerous public and private collections including the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, the Racine Art Museum and the Boise Art Museum.

"Innovation and Change: Great Ceramics from the Ceramics Research Center, Arizona State University Art Museum Collection" highlights 79 masterworks by many of the leading international artists of our time, offering a panoramic survey of the potential of clay as an expressive art form. The showing in Las Cruces is part of a 10-city national tour over a three-year period.

All exhibits and receptions at the Museum of Art, located at 491 N. Main St. in the Downtown Mall, are accessible and free to the public. For more information about exhibits and Studio Programs art classes, call 541-2137 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

© UNRAVELER'S KNITTING GUILD

The Unraveler's Knitting Guild will meet at the home of Jan Harrison at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Judith Ameriks and Kathleen Coventry will present a demonstration of the ravelry.com website. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Contact Jan Harrison at 541-9284 for more information.

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OF MUNSON CENTER

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Dancers of Munson Center at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$6 cover charge. Mark Coker will provide the entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

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POPS CONCERT

The Las Cruces Symphony continues its annual Pops series at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Music Center Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus. The concert will feature Steve Lippia, performing the unforgettable music of Frank Sinatra. The program will include "New York, New York," "Chicago," "Night and Day," "Come Fly with Me," "Luck be a Lady Tonight," "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "My Way," to name a few. Call 646-3709 for more information.

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Special Tuesday Concert

**FREE**

**Doña Ana  
Youth Choir**

**Tuesday, January 6  
5:30 pm**

**At the Rio Grande Theatre**

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## Sunday, JANUARY 11

### ARTIST'S DIALOGUE AT THE PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER



Thomas Schiff will give a demonstration of techniques used in creating panoramic architectural photography as part of the Artist's Dialogue at the Preston Contemporary Art Center at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11.

A photographer since childhood, Schiff has worked in various photographic formats for 40 years. In a journey to find a new artistic vision, he turned to panoramic photography in 1994. He is a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. In creating his panoramic photographs, the camera is mounted to an extended tripod and rotates 360 degrees or more upon its axis, exposing film in a continuous strip as it turns. Schiff looks for key visual elements on which to anchor the image, becoming the starting point from where the camera's movement is calculated. Schiff has three published books of images shot with his Hulcherama 360 Panoramic camera: "Panoramic Cincinnati" (1999), "Panoramic Ohio" (2002) and "Panoramic Parks of Cincinnati" (2005). In 2003, the "Panoramic Ohio" project included a touring exhibition that opened at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. For more

information, call 523-8713 or visit [www.prestoncontemporaryart.com](http://www.prestoncontemporaryart.com).

### WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEETING

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Good Sam's, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, off of Telshor Boulevard near Memorial Hospital, in the arts and crafts room in the administrative wing (there is parking close to the entrance). The January program will feature 2008 Spring Workshop instructor Nancy Frost Begin, who will demonstrate and share ideas on plein air painting. Non-members are welcome. Call Jan Addy at 526-5374 for more information.

## Tuesday, JANUARY 13

### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

The Teen Advisory Group for students in grades six through 12 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the boardroom of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

The group will be working on the 2009 Young Adult Programs. 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).

### EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

A recently established saxophone quartet made up of two New Mexico State University undergraduates, an NMSU graduate student and a recent master's degree in music education recipient will perform Tuesday, Jan. 13, as part of Every Other Tuesday at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N.

Downtown Mall.

The Diffusion Saxophone Quartet consists of music undergrads Esteban Camacho on alto and soprano saxophones and Ashley De'Angelo on alto saxophone, with grad student Jon Swann playing baritone sax and Javier Ayala, who just completed his master's degree in music education, rounding out the group on tenor saxophone. The program for the concert will feature "History of the Tango" by Astor Piazzolla and "Klezmer Triptych" by Michael Curtis.

Every Other Tuesday performances always begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, contact DAAC at 523-6403.

## Wednesday, JANUARY 14

### READING ART BOOK CLUB

The Reading Art Book Club (RABC) will hold its next meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The meeting will focus on Sharon Waxman's book "Loot: The Battle Over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World." The topic is the on-going debate about ancient artifacts that are held in museums far from the countries of origin.

The Reading Art Book Club is dedicated to exploring the connections between art and literature. Books selected often relate to, echo or enhance the Museum of Art's varied exhibitions. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month. Future titles will be selected by consensus.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. in the Downtown Mall. For more information about exhibits and Studio Programs art classes call 541-2137 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

## Thursday, JANUARY 15

### BRANIGAN YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's Young Adult Department is having a program on learning how to make everlasting Duct Tape roses from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Dres Room A. They provide the supplies and a snack.

This program is for students in grades six through 12. Space is limited so pre-registration is necessary. Students can pre-register at the Young Adult Department desk or by phone at 528-4102.

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

## Saturday, JANUARY 17

### SPECIAL SCREENING AT THE FOUNTAIN THEATRE

Back again by popular demand, the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla will show "The Silence of Cricket Coogler" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. This screening will include a guest appearance by author Paula Moore, whose detailed and insightful book, "Cricket in the Web," is being released in paperback this month. Book sales will be through COA's My Bookstore and will also include another book about the Coogler case, "Murder Near the Crosses," by Pete Sandman, the son of one of the police officers assigned to the case. Admission is \$5.

## NMSU Task Force announces museum scavenger hunt

### Participants have a chance to win local donated prizes

The museums have so much to offer and everyone should take advantage of the great exhibits ...

CHERYL ABEYTA,  
co-creator

Visiting museums is rewarding for the cultural and educational reasons alone, but through Feb. 2, visitors can be rewarded in other ways. Six Las Cruces museums are part of a scavenger hunt prepared by New Mexico State University business students. When all six locations have been visited, a stamped entry form is dropped off to be eligible for one of dozens of prizes donated by local businesses.

The six museums participating in the hunt are the Las Cruces Museum of Art and Branigan Cultural Center on the Downtown Mall, the Las Cruces Railroad Museum at Las Cruces Avenue and Mesilla Street,

the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum on Dripping Springs Road, the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History in the Mesilla Valley Mall and the on-campus University Museum. Each museum will stamp the visitor's form, using the guidelines each has determined. Forms are available at each of the museums and at sponsoring businesses around Las Cruces.

Drawings for prizes will take place Feb. 5, at the Arts Celebration at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, which is from 6 to 8 p.m. Winners will be notified by phone or email and need not be present to win.

Prizes have been donated by numerous businesses and organizations and include a \$100 grand prize, \$50 gas cards at Pic Quik of Las Cruces, free car wash passes at Pic Quik of Las Cruces, NMSU basketball tickets, a free art class, a Starbucks gourmet coffee basket, a gift basket from Eagle Ranch Gift Shop and gift certificates from the Beach Apparel Store, DG's University Deli & Coffee Shop, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, La Fuente Mexican Restaurant, Papa John's Pizza and Red Brick Pizza.

NMSU business students Cheryl Abeyta, Blair Braden and Gabriel Lucero created the hunt as part of

a small business consulting class.

"The scavenger hunt was created to bring awareness and interest to the local city and state museums," Abeyta said. "The museums have so much to offer

and everyone should take advantage of the great exhibits and information that can be found right outside our front doors. A big plus, the museums are for the most part free admission."

## Holiday Greetings!



From all of us to all of you, have a safe and joyous holiday season. We look forward to sharing our 2009 with you.

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Opening this Week

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Vincent Hallett will be the featured guest artist for January and February at Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall. "It's Not All Black & White" an exhibit of pen and ink and charcoal pencil drawings by Vincent Hallett will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2.

The Main Street Gallery continues to exhibit 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 Berrier's detailed rock-art jewelry, Joanna Bradley's flamboyant gourd artworks and the authenticated limited edition prints of Robert Highsmith's superb watercolors.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508 for more information.

#### © MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

During January, the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery will feature two artists, Patricia Black and Caryl Porter. Black is a well-known culture and landscape artist who specializes in Southwest and Western art. She has been represented in galleries in Taos and Pagosa Springs, Colo., and has been published nationally by North Light Books. Caryl Porter is a renowned pastelist who has been associated with many local galleries and is a graduate of New Mexico State University. She has spent most of her career capturing the light and landscapes of New Mexico.

The gallery is also pleased to announce its newest member, Judith Bess, an acrylic artist. She depicts the ever-changing play of light that the brilliant Southwest palette offers. Bess has a masters of arts, graduating cum laude from Oakland University, a bachelors in fine arts from Wayne State University, and was a fine arts major at Ohio State University.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933 or visit [www.zianet.com/mvartgallery](http://www.zianet.com/mvartgallery) for more information.

#### © BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

A retrospective of the life works of French photographer François Tuefferd will be shown at Branigan Cultural Center in January. The show opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2. His widow, Helen Tuefferd, now a resident of Las Cruces, will be in attendance. The exhibit runs through Jan. 31.

Born in Montbéliard, France, in 1912, Tuefferd was initiated into photography by his father, a physician and amateur photographer who had a passion for trying new cameras. He began his professional career at Vogue Studio in Paris as a trainee. By 1937 he created "Le Chasseur d'Images," the first specialized photo gallery in Paris with a workshop/studio. When the gallery closed at the beginning of WWII, he began documenting the circus world.

It was his passion for the circus that brought Tuefferd to the United States to attend a circus fan convention. He decided to remain, settling in New Hampshire, working for private clientele as well as for a few magazines, among which were Seventeen, Fortune and Sports Illustrated.

He retired from photography in the mid 1950s due to health reasons. In 1990, his work was rediscovered by the French and the Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris honored him with a large show in 1993. He traveled back and forth between France and the U.S. to promote his many photographs until his death in 1996.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. 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>.

#### © TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces will present the work of New York painter and Las Cruces resident Michael C. Pavão in January. There will be a public opening reception for the artist from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4. The exhibit will run through Jan. 30.

Pavão is 63 years old and has been a hard edge painter since 1966. He attended junior high and high school in Orlando, Fla., from 1956-62. He studied under Will Barnet at the Art Students League in New York from 1965-69. As influences, he lists Barnet, Isamu Noguchi, Lionel Feininger, Georges Braque, Juan Gris, Georges Seurat, Herbin and Fritz Glarner.

Pavão lives in Las Cruces and likes jazz, opera, symphonic and choral works. He works on, collects, plays and repairs saxophones.

The current hours of operation for the Tombaugh Gallery are noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The gallery is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Call 522-7281 for more information.

#### © RIO GRANDE THEATRE

An exhibition featuring the landscapes and figure drawings of Roxanne Rodwell will be in the El Paso Electric Gallery and Carolene De Mesilla Information Center & Gallery at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The show will open with a reception as part of the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2.

Whether it was her long devotion to music —

she graduated from the College of the Ozarks with a degree in piano performance and taught piano privately until coming to the Southwest — or the recognition, at an early age, of her talent for the visual, the arts have always been a part of Rodwell's life. At age 11, she was privileged to attend membership classes at Chicago Art Institute. Recently she was honored with a solo exhibit at the Las Cruces Museum of Fine Arts and Culture, showing a volume of work reflecting the essence of woman through legend and myth as lived unconsciously throughout history. Rodwell is also regularly invited to exhibit with the Border Artists, a group whose limited membership includes artists from southern New Mexico and El Paso. She remains committed to the color and drama of the landscape but sees the figure as the most enchanting and challenging subject. The Southwest's dramatic grandeur is a daily, joyful encounter and its beauty now shares Rodwell's easel with lovely women.

The galleries at the Rio Grande are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Gallery volunteers are needed. Call 523-6403 for more information.

### Continuing this Week

#### © NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A beautiful new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will have people looking at quilts in a whole new way. "Elements from the Front Range Contemporary Quilters" features 35 quilts created by an organization of artists primarily from Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nebraska and Kansas.

The show continues through Feb. 8 in the Traditions Gallery. The museum has added some traditional quilts from its collections that are displayed in the north corridor outside the gallery.

Inspired by the themes and atmosphere of the West, these artists explore the concept of elements from a wide array of perspectives. Their quilts allude to earth, air, fire and water, as well as to environmental degradation, seasonal change, day and night, and the chemical makeup of the planet on which we live.

These contemporary quilters are a continuation of the art quilt movement of the 1970s, when pioneering artists moved quilted textiles from the bed to the wall, declaring that fiber arts were valuable and worthy of notice as fine art. These quilts incorporate the accessible and familiar with the new and edgy, using a medium that has become, for many artists, a strong avenue for contemporary expression.

The Front Range Contemporary Quilters was established in Colorado in 1988 to educate, inform, and celebrate the art quilt. From its eight-member beginning, the organization has grown to more than 200 members and provides a dynamic forum for education, mentorship, and support for the contemporary quilter.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children 5 to 17. Call 522-4100 for more information.

#### © LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is proud to present "Innovation and Change: Great Ceramics from the Ceramics Research Center, Arizona State University Art Museum Collection." The exhibition will run through Jan. 24.

The exhibit highlights 79 masterworks by many of the leading international artists of our time, offering a panoramic survey of the potential of clay as an expressive art form. The objects on view range from functional ware for everyday use to more expressive art forms.

The exhibit features works by such prominent artists as Peter Voulkos, Stephen DeStaeler,

Jun Kaneko, Tanya Batura and Eddie Dominguez. Influenced by European modernist design, as well as Asian pottery traditions, these ceramic pioneers created a new American aesthetic. The showing here in Las Cruces is part of a 10-city national tour over a three-year period.

Contact Joy Miller, exhibition curator, at 541-2221 for more information. The TTY number is 541-2161.

#### © UNSETTLED GALLERY

Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St., presents the work of Pat Bonneau-White, Penny Duncklee and Jane Rogstad through Jan. 24. Gift wrapping is available. Call 635-2285 for more information.

#### © TERRACE GALLERY

"Small, but Mighty," a collection of miniature paintings by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association are being exhibited at the Terrace Gallery through Jan. 30. The artwork is priced at \$200 and less, in keeping with LCAA's mission to offer affordable art.

Terrace Gallery is located on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Call 528-4000 for more information. There is no admission charge.

#### © 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 the 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.

#### © BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Photos and Fibers," an exhibit by John Gustinis and Joan Jensen, is currently on display at thetheatregallery at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. John Gustinis studied physics in Rochester, New York, then worked as a technician and engineer at several universities. Jensen studied art in Pasadena and then history at the University of California at Los Angeles. They met in 1971 in San Francisco while both were involved in the anti-war movement. This is their first exhibit together.

After moving to Las Cruces in 1976, they studied art at New Mexico State University off and on. Gustinis branched out into photography and Jensen into fiber arts. They claim to be modernists at heart, growing up during the era of abstract expressionism, but have ventured on to include more representational objects in their work as well, including landscapes, insects and plants. They spend much time outdoors. Jensen hikes while Gustinis kayaks. These experiences find a way into their art in many ways: colors, textures, images, forms, light and shadow.

The gallery is open one hour before all performances at the Black Box Theatre and by appointment by calling 523-1223.

#### © LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

LCPS annual Middle School Art Show will continue through Jan. 31, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The show includes art by students from LCPS middle schools, using a variety of media.

For more information, contact LCPS Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts Bonnie Hosie at 527-5860 or [bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us](mailto:bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us).

#### © COTTONWOOD GALLERY

The Cottonwood Gallery and City of Artists Promotional Association presents a stimulating photography show entitled "The Environment on the Edge," which will showcase pieces using digital and silver gelatin techniques as well as

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

**"Coffee and Contemplation"**  
by Roxanne Rodwell, at the Rio Grande Theatre



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fractal skills in photography. The featured photographers are Joe Dominick, Kurt Van Wagner, Teri Van Huss, Lidio Rivera, Cheryl Fallstead, Katja Mayfield, Sharlene Glock, Susan Frary and Pat Jonker. The show runs through Jan. 18, and can be viewed at the Southwest Environmental Center located at 275 S. Downtown Mall.

### © BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

What do Maori warriors, Popeye, Angela Jolie and the Branigan Cultural Center have in common? Tattoos.

Tattoos have become increasingly common in today's visual landscape. This exhibition focuses on the art form, the technology and science behind tattooing, local expressions and the reasons people choose to mark their bodies with ink. "INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression" runs through Jan. 24.

Tattoos are found throughout Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley, around the world and in virtually every culture. With the help of tattoo artists, historians and artists, the visitor can investigate the

fascinating world of tattoos. Interviews with local tattooists, images, historical artifacts, a photo essay by local photographer Chris Mortenson and a recreation of a modern tattoo parlor are included in the exhibition.

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

### © ABRAHAM'S BANK TOWER RESTAURANT

Take Tea and See, the Ten O'clock Club's new exhibit is now showing at Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant, fourth floor of the Wells Fargo Bank building at the intersection of Main Street and Lohman Avenue.

The Ten O'Clockers find hot tea a favorite beverage for the winter season and a solace for the shorter days and longer nights. Ten O'Clockers strive to stop whatever they are doing for a

minimum of 10 minutes each day to hone their art skills.

Participants include Las Cruces artists Jean Smith, June Decker, Jan Addy, Penny Duncklee, Alice Dressler, Susan Rivera and Margaret Bernstein. Take Tea and See runs through January. The gallery hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-5911 for more information.

### © NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A strange mix of agriculture and spiritualism in the Mesilla Valley is weaved together in a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. "Shalam Colony: Dream in the Desert," will be on display through May 2009. The exhibit was co-curated by the museum staff and T. Robin Riley.

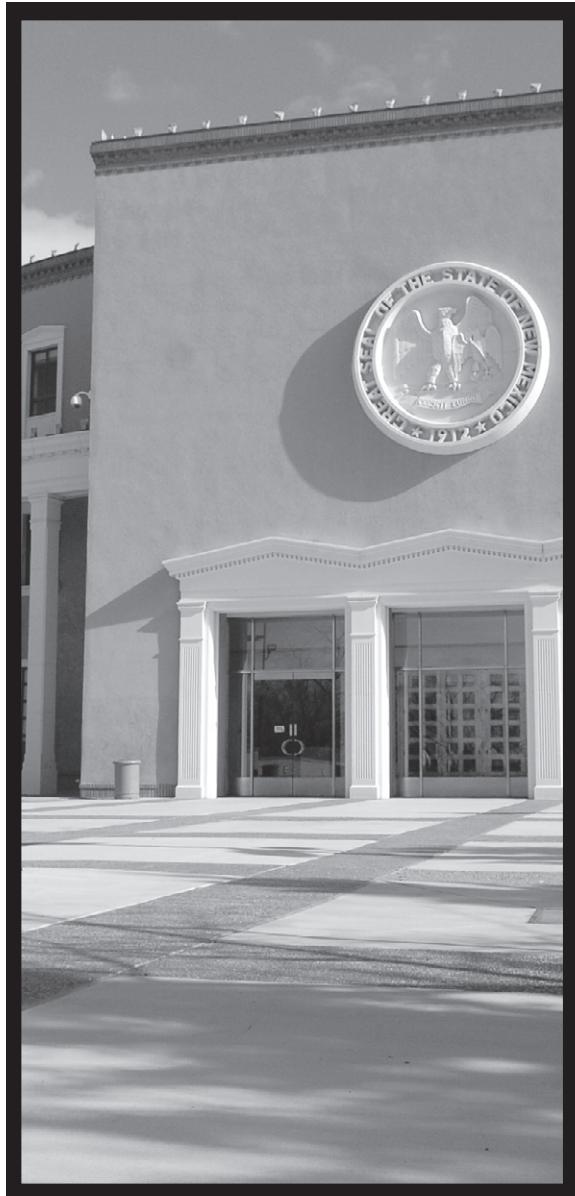
In late October 1884, a group of two dozen men, women and children pitched their tents on a sandy piece of land at a prominent bend of the Rio Grande north of Las Cruces, about a mile west of the village of Doña Ana. It was here that they began

to build the new "Children's Land" called Shalam.

A few months earlier, John Newbrough and fellow faithist Joseph Grill had traveled to the Southwest to purchase land for their grand experiment — a self-reliant utopian community dedicated to raising orphans. The first winter at Shalam was harsh, and the colonists' survival was only ensured by help from their new neighbors in Doña Ana. Those neighbors showed the newcomers local crops and foods, made adobe bricks, and helped build many of the structures. Between 1884 and 1907 as many as 200 people from the village worked at what they called "La Colonia."

The buildings, houses, stables, wells and irrigation system at the Shalam Colony were unlike anything that existed at that time in New Mexico Territory. Eventually encompassing 1,490 acres with up to 35 buildings, Shalam Colony became known for its developed grounds as much as for its "peculiar" reputation.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Call 522-4100 for more information.



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# 2008 Year in Review



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The Islanders out of San Diego, Calif., perform as part of the Community Foundation Ball at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in August.

Capoeirista Phillip Patrick performs a somersault as part of a dance at the second annual Families Picnic in the Park on June 28 at Young Park.

J.M.CRAMER  
The Las Cruces Bulletin



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Wanda and Bill Mattiace stand in front of the DHARMA Initiative "doors" at the "Lost" theme party at Josefina's Gate by the Mesilla Plaza as part of the Community Foundation Ball. The theme of the 10 parties varied, but kept with the overall theme of "Rhythm ... Journey to the Fire Islands."

Josh Nestle holds "Baby Turtle," overall winner of the Tortugas turtle races at the Tortugas Turtle Festival. "Baby Turtle" is around 15 years old and has been the overall winner seven times.

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Queen Cherie "the saucy," aka Sherry White and King Vincent "the good," aka Kalle Jorgensen, oversee the events at the 37th Annual Renaissance Arts Faire at Young Park the first weekend in November.



Louie Meade has his face painted with a butterfly at one of the many booths kids could enjoy at the Mesilla Valley Maze, owned by Lyles Family Farms, at the opening Sept. 27.

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Photographer Chris Mortenson shot more than 300 photos of tattoo artists at four Las Cruces tattoo parlors to be part of the INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, which opened Nov. 14.

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# Bulletin Restaurant Guide

## Red Mountain Café serves up healthy fare three times a day

New ownership,  
new appearance

By JENNA FROSCH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

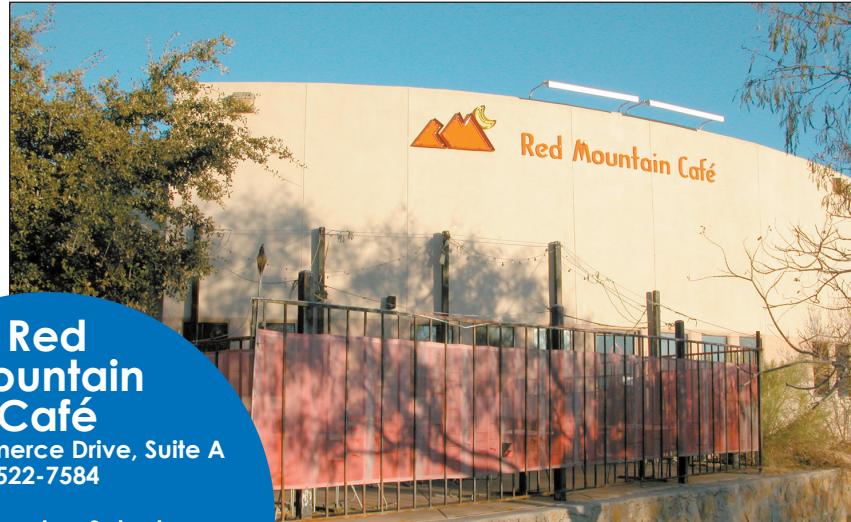
With a few upgrades since changing ownership in March, Red Mountain Café has remained consistent in its menu, but added a sophisticated ambience to their popular patio and dining area, making the restaurant a popular place for any foodie.

After purchasing the restaurant, the J Squared Corporation – which brought Las Cruces The Planet – gave Red Mountain Café a few new coats of paint, a redesigned eating area and a patio facelift. Recently, the establishment received their beer and wine license and now serves a plethora of wines.

"The café looks completely different from morning to night," says Manager Thomas Donahue. "Not only does the food change, but so does the atmosphere."

Red Mountain serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with little changes to the menu due to the change over. For breakfast, patrons can enjoy Foot Long Burritos, such as the Mexico City, made with egg, green chile, onions, mushrooms, cilantro and cheddar cheese served with salsa, or the Spinach Mushroom, made with spinach, mushroom and egg, topped with mozzarella cheese. The omelets are another favorite, served with potatoes, toast or pancakes and a choice of fillings.

Red Mountain Café offers catering for business lunches, banquets and a host of other events. The dining room



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For lunch, the café prepares a number of salads and sandwiches, such as the Seared Yellow Fin Tuna Salad, which is greens topped with 4-ounce pan-seared yellow fin tuna, mandarin oranges, sesame seeds, crispy noodles and topped with a rich teriyaki vinaigrette dressing. Those who have a bit more of an appetite can try the Whammy, grilled chicken breast and provolone cheese between focaccia, with guacamole and cilantro jalepeño ranch dressing, lettuce and tomatoes.

Dinner takes on a whole new atmosphere, according to Donahue, with low lights and specialty dishes offered every night of the week. Some features include dishes like swordfish or shark and Red Mountain takes care to serve each plate fresh and at top quality.

"Our menu is a lot different than other restaurants," Donahue says,

and the atmosphere – everything from the color scheme to the cooks that come to talk to tables – is soothing."

Donahue says the staff is trained to be in tune to guest needs and makes an effort to get to know each guest.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 9 p.m., patrons can enjoy acoustic music from any number of musicians playing guitar, piano, violin or singing.

For dinner, guests can enjoy seafood and pasta dishes, along with specialty items, such as the Green Chile Chicken Fettucini Alfredo, green chile alfredo sauce tossed with freshly baked chicken and fettuccini noodles served with focaccia. Another favorite is the Pesto and Gorgonzola Crusted Wrapped Tenderloin.

All day, guests can order the green chile soup, a popular menu item.

"We are a friendly restaurant," Donahue says. "We really get to know our customers and in turn, they get to know the staff."

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Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.  
*Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.*

### HUMAN HAND

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BONY	HUESUDO
FINGER	DEDO
FINGERNAIL	UÑA
KNUCKLE	NUDILLO
LEFT-HAND	IZQUIERDA
PALM	PALMA
SKIN	PIEL
TENDON	TENDÓN
THUMB	PULGAR
TO GESTURE	GESTICULAR
TO TOUCH	TOCAR
WRIST	MUÑECA

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## 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 Deviate
- 7 Driving danger
- 10 Radio antenna
- 11 Ring bearer, maybe
- 12 Happy emotional state
- 15 Pertaining to concepts
- 20 Portable bed
- 21 Jury duty letter
- 24 Entrepreneur's deg.
- 25 Drops on blades
- 28 Commandment pronoun
- 29 Poetic meter
- 30 Feminine side
- 31 Tony Parker's girl
- 32 Goes with baby and pits
- 33 Done with
- 34 100 lbs.
- 35 "\_\_\_ the glad waters of the dark blue sea": Byron
- 36 "Aquarius" musical
- 38 Cygnus neighbor
- 42 Strand
- 43 Bull markets
- 46 Coastal raptor
- 47 Detective's need
- 48 Have a bawl
- 49 Low-tech missile
- 50 Dominant theme
- 52 Hold'em look
- 57 Playing hard to get
- 58 Formally known as
- 60 Fall setting
- 61 "Holy mackerel!"
- 62 Mason's burden
- 63 Like some smiles
- 64 Twosome
- 65 Dance partner
- 66 Downed a sub, say
- 67 Action film staple
- 68 Ado
- 69 Huge amount
- 70 "For \_\_\_ a jolly ..."
- 71 Part of an ear
- 74 Shedding tears
- 78 Nincompoop
- 81 "\_\_\_ on my bed my limbs I lay": Coleridge
- 82 Pussycat companion, in verse
- 83 Diffusion
- 84 Zodiac animal
- 85 Artist's main work
- 88 Light verse form
- 92 Seafood selection
- 93 Gap
- 94 Musical piece piece
- 95 Matchbox ending

### DOWN

- 1 "Roots," e.g.
- 2 Nicely crafted, of a story e.g.
- 3 Generation
- 4 Dispose of
- 5 Delivery vehicle
- 6 Bumper sticker word
- 7 Spread
- 8 Grass type
- 9 Full of dirt
- 13 Fifth note in a musical scale
- 14 Chester White's home
- 15 Babysitter's handful
- 16 The buck stops here
- 17 Coast Guard officer, abbr.
- 18 Kimono tie
- 19 A Bobbsey twin
- 21 Small bag
- 22 Napping, so to speak
- 23 Popular drink
- 26 The whole population
- 27 Combat
- 33 "My bad!"
- 37 Heave
- 38 Bridges in movies
- 39 "Are we there \_\_\_?"
- 40 Sky liquid
- 41 Paid message
- 43 Defeat
- 44 Apiece
- 45 Hotel amenities
- 51 Low
- 53 Mauna \_\_\_
- 54 West Indies rabbit-like rodents
- 55 Old Italian lyrics
- 56 They form borders
- 59 Appraiser
- 68 "\_\_\_ Cried" (1962 hit)
- 71 Minor player
- 72 Part of B.Y.O.B.
- 73 Promotional statement
- 74 Beau
- 75 Special sense, abbr.
- 76 Flightless bird
- 77 Place to buy, abbr.
- 78 Missile's path
- 79 "My gal" of song
- 80 Refine, as metal
- 86 "Shoo!"
- 87 Kiwi kin
- 89 Roughhewn
- 90 Winter coat
- 91 Barbarous one

## OLD/NEW THINGS

### ACROSS

- 1 Now, that makes sense
- 5 Set among
- 11 Playful troublemakers
- 20 Unit of loudness
- 21 Civil War battle site
- 22 Mechanizes
- 23 Any date in 2008?
- 25 Replacement dog?
- 26 Rocket launcher
- 27 School in Sandhurst, Eng.
- 29 Statuesque
- 30 Squirrel treat
- 31 Spaces between leaf veins
- 35 Chloroform discoverer
- 39 Russo of "Rocky and Bullwinkle"
- 40 City in ancient France?
- 43 Kwajalein or Bikini, e.g.
- 44 Compass pt.
- 45 Wilson and Mulroney
- 46 Singular performances
- 48 Hush-hush U.S. government org.
- 49 Allman brother
- 50 Way around
- 52 Gust of wind
- 53 Recently made?
- 58 Find the beat
- 60 Eating utensil
- 61 Of a tribal symbol
- 63 Arlene or Roald
- 64 Combinations of tones
- 66 Mexican Mme.
- 67 Isl. of Australia
- 69 Current flow restrictors
- 73 Old king of rhyme
- 75 "The Conformist" writer Moravia
- 78 "The Great Ziegfeld" star Rainer
- 79 Destitute class
- 83 Past eras in a city near Leeds?
- 85 Hawaiian strings
- 86 Climb (a rope)
- 88 Garbage can emanations
- 89 Repair
- 90 Shadow cast
- 91 At a slant
- 93 \$ percentages
- 96 Mutation
- 98 Ebonics, e.g.?

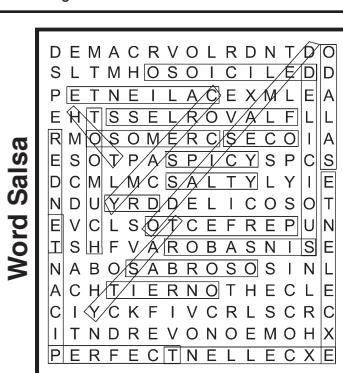
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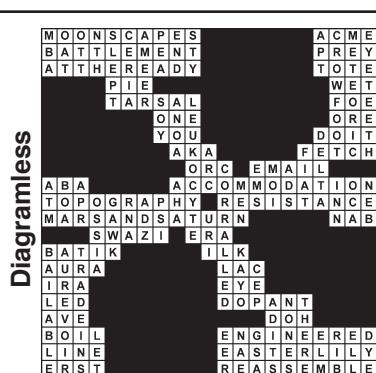
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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

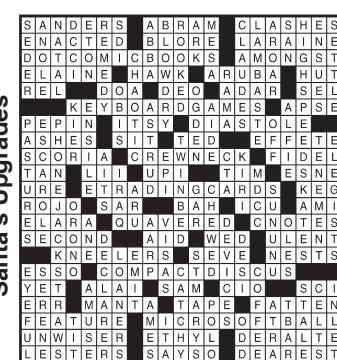


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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

The budding teacher's sight was poor. She was unable to get her pupils under control.

# Television Listings

Sports

News

Movies

**00 ON AIR**  
**00 COMCAST CABLE**

**FRIDAY EVENING****JANUARY 2, 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	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal	Charlie Rose	BBC	BBC	Smiley		
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer	NUMB3RS	NUMB3RS	News (N)	Late Show	Late Show	Late Late		
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap	Supernanny	20/20 (N)	20/20 (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX (8) 14	TBA	Pregame	(15) College Football	Allstate Sugar Bowl -- Alabama vs. Utah. (In Stereo Live)	Lipstick Jungle (N)	Dateline NBC	Post	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &				
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	News (N)	News	Tonight Show			
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	The	Chris	The	Scrub	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN (15)	7th Heaven	★★ "The Fourth Angel" (2001)	WGN News at Nine	Scrub	Scrub	Bob & Tom					RENO	Corner		
ESPN (26)	College Football: Liberty Bowl	College Basketball		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter					SportsCtr	NFL Live		
ESPN2 (27)	HS Football	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	NFL Live	Fast	Madden	Madden				
USA (31)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			
TNT (32)	Law & Order	★★ "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"	★★ "The Wedding Date"			"A Thin Line Between Love and Hate"								
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005)	MAN	MAN	MAN	Game	Samurai				
SPIKE (34)	Unsolved Mysteries	★★ "Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace" (1999)				Presents	Presents	Presents	Iglesias: Fluffy	Bill Burr: Why				
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Futurama	Futurama	Chap	Chap								
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★ "Sabrina" (1995)	Harrison Ford		Will	Frasier	Golden	Golden			
FOOD (40)	Challenge	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Kitchen Make.	Good	Tasty	Diners	Diners	Kitchen Make.			
HGTV (41)	My House	To Sell	Myles	Divine Kitchens	House	House	Get Sold	To Sell	To Sell	Myles	Divine Kitchens			
A&E (43)	CSI: NY	CSI: Miami "Rio"	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	Criminal Minds	CSI: Miami "Rio"	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami				
HIST (44)	Ax Men	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Crash	Shockwave	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins				
TLC (45)	Real Simple	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Miss America	What Not to Wear	Miss America	What Not to Wear	Miss America	What Not to Wear	Miss America	What Not to Wear			
DISC (47)	HowStuffWorks	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers	Extreme Loggers			
ANPL (50)	Anaconda Adv.	Lost Tapes	Whale Wars	Whale Wars	Planet Earth	Whale Wars	Planet Earth	Lost Tapes	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth			
FAM (51)	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	The 700 Club	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid			
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Phineas	"Adventures of Sharkboy"	Phineas		
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC (57)	(4:00) "Rocky IV"	★★ "Constantine" (2005)	Keanu Reeves	"Return to House"										
SCIIFI (59)	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis	Sanctuary (N)	Stargate Atlantis	Sanctuary	Stargate Atlantis							
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Brown-No Bias	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live	Cooper 360						
CNBC (63)	Untold Wealth	The Entrepreneurs	Suze Orman	On the Money	Mad Money	Fast Money	Fast Money	American Greed						
MSNBC (64)	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera					

**SATURDAY MORNING****JANUARY 3, 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)													
CBS (3) 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)		Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime		
ABC (7) 7	Rangers	Business	News (N)	Good Morning America	News (N)	Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Wm. Basketball				
FOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend		
NBC (9) 9	Wine	Homes	Today Workout. (N) (In Stereo)				Dragon	Zula Patrol	Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend		
CW (14)	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Spider-Man	Sonic X	GoGoRiki	Dinosaur	Teenage	Chaotic	Huntik (N)		
WGN (15)	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bob & Tom Show			
ESPN (26)	SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	NFL Countdown	NFL Countdown	NFL Countdown	College Basketball			
ESPN2 (27)	Ocean	Beat	On Lake	Fishing	Beat	Offshore	On the Auction Block	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	College Football			
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Psych	Psych	Monk	House "Pilot"	House "Pilot"	House "Pilot"	"Dukes-Hazzard"			
TNT (32)	Angel (In Stereo)		Charmed	Charmed	Charmed	Charmed	Law & Order "Burden"	Leverage						
TBS (33)	Harvey	Harvey	"The Prince & Me 2: The Royal Wedding" (2006)	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004)	Julia Stiles, Luke Mably	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004)	Julia Stiles, Luke Mably	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004)	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004)	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004)	Diary-Black			
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Millions	P90X	Paid Prog.	TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo)	TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo)	Hrsperwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4				
COM (35)	MADtv (In Stereo)	MADtv (In Stereo)	MADtv (In Stereo)	MADtv (In Stereo)	MADtv (In Stereo)	MADtv (In Stereo)	MADtv Susan Sarandon	MADtv Scrubs	MADtv Scrubs	MADtv Scrubs	Fish Wnda			
LIFE (39)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "On Thin Ice" (2003)	Diane Keaton	★★ "On Thin Ice" (2003)			
FOOD (40)	Italian	Jamie	Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Cook Loft	Minute	Chef	Home	Cooking	Cooking	Ask Aida		
HGTV (41)	Weekend	Sweat	House	Amazing	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb		
A&E (43)	Bio.: Selleck	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Business	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Braveheart		
HIST (44)	Heavy Metal	Wild West Tech	Ancient Discoveries	Tougher in Alaska	Tougher in Alaska	Tougher in Alaska								
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder	Home Made Simple								
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed							
ANPL (50)	Dog Show: AKC National Championship	Faithful	Breed	Pet Star										
FAM (51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	★★ "Harriet the Spy" (1996)	★★ "Harriet the Spy" (1996)	★★ "Harriet the Spy" (1996)			
DISN (52)	Scream	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einstens	Tigger	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey		
NICK (54)	Neutron	Tak	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
AMC (57)	"Walk the Proud Land"	★★★ "Lonely Are the Brave" (1962)	Kirk Douglas	★★★ "Seven Ways From Sundown" (1960)	LastChall									
SCIIFI (59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	Paid Prog.	★★ "Virus" (1995)	Nicolete Sheridan								
CNN (62)	CNN Saturday Morning		House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom		
CNBC (63)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.							
MSNBC (64)	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	Red Hot Cold Case		

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON****JANUARY 3, 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		
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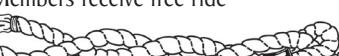
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PBS [2] 22	Aggie America	Farmers	BBC	Monarch of the Glen	Stress	Red	Edge of Black		How Art Made	Austin City Limits				
CBS [3] 3	CBS News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	Game Game	Cold Case	48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	CSI: NY "Jamalo"	Cold				
ABC [7] 7	News ABC	Insider	*** "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) Tom Hanks. (In Stereo)						News (N)	(35) Cheaters	Wired			
FOX [8] 14	Legend of House	CC	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	MadTV	Talkshow	King			
NBC [9] 9	NFL Football	NFL Football: AFC Wild-Card -- Colts at Chargers					News (N)	George	News (N)	Saturday Night Live	CC			
CW [14]	** "Real Genius" (1985) Val Kilmer.	Bananas	Greg Hahn.	UFC Wired	Scrub	My Wife	Access Hollywood	Eye Eye	Eye Eye					
WGN [15]	Boston Legal	CC	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Bulls	News	Scrubs	Honey	** "The Fourth Angel"						
ESPN [26]	(4:30) SportsCenter	Series of Poker	Series of Poker	Series of Poker	SportsCenter (Live)	CC	NFL	SportsCenter	CC					
ESPN2 [27]	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Midnight	Fast	NFL's Greatest				
USA [31]	(4:00) *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	*** "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006) CC			Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						
TNT [32]	"My Big Fat"	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) CC		** "The Wedding Date"	(4:45) *** "Save the Last Dance" (2001) CC		★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) (PA)							
TBS [33]	** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) (PA) Mel Gibson.			** "Doom" (2005) (PA) The Rock. CC										
SPIKE [34]	"Star Wars Ep. I"	** "Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones" (2002)			★★★ "Dragonslayer" (1981) Peter MacNicol. CC		Night-3							
COM [35]	Iglesiass: Fluffy	Daniel Tosh	** "Waiting ... " (2005) Ryan Reynolds.		Dave Attell's Insomniac Tour	CC	Lisa Lampanelli							
LIFE [39]	"Lies My Mother Told Me" (2005) CC		"Smother" (2007) Diane Keaton. Premiere.		Medium	CC	"Smother" (2007) Diane Keaton. CC							
FOOD [40]	Paula's Party	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Iron Chef America	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge
HGTV [41]	My House	Deserv	Myles	Color House	House House	Rate Kitchen	Deserv	Myles	Color House					
A&E [43]	CSI: Miami	CC	CSI: Miami	CC	The Sopranos	CC	CSI: Miami	CC	CSI: Miami	CC				
HIST [44]	Modern Marvels	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Journey to 10,000 BC	CC	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins				
TLC [45]	Frst	Frst	Frst	Frst	Real Estate	Frst	Frst	Frst	Frst	Frst	Real Estate			
DISC [47]	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De
ANPL [50]	Animal Cops	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	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog				
FAM [51]	*** "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson.	★ "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams. Premiere. CC		★ "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps"	Fresh Pr.									
DISN [52]	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	"The Even Stevens Movie"	Phineas	Cory	Suite Life				
NICK [54]	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly (N)	Jackson	Drake	H2O	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im
AMC [57]	"Thunderheart"	*** "First Blood" (1982, Action)		*** "First Blood" (1982, Action)			*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day"							
SCIIFI [59]	"Cyclops" (2008, Fantasy) Eric Roberts.	★★ "Serenity" (2005) Nathan Fillion. Premiere.					"Bloodsuckers" (2005) Joe Lando.	Crimson						
CNN [62]	Lou Dobbs	Investigations	Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley-News	Investigations	Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley-News							
CNBC [63]	Deal or No Deal	On the Money	Suze Orman	Deal or No Deal	On the Money	Suze Orman	Deal or No Deal							
MSNBC [64]	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Raw	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Raw	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw

## SUNDAY MORNING

	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)		Raven Tls	Mr Rogers	Sid	Zoboo	Wash Wk	Santa Fe	Religion	Minding			
CBS [3] 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	NFL Today	(Live) CC			
ABC [7] 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America	News (N)		This Week With George	Montana	Suite Life			
FOX [8] 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faithful	TBA		
NBC [9] 9	Homes	Old House	Today (N) CC		Paid Prog.	Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Reel Talk		
CW [14]	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Enchant	NASCAR	
WGN [15]	Paid Prog.	Facts	Key-David Graham		Jimmy Swaggart CC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sports	Sports	Boston Legal CC			
ESPN [26]	NFL	NFL	SportsCenter CC	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter CC		NFL Countdown (Live) CC					
ESPN2 [27]	Fishing	Fishing	Offshore	Fishing	Ocean	Spanish Fl	ATPA	ATPA	On the Auction Block	Series of Poker			
USA [31]	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	★★ "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) CC			(:02) ★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003)					
TNT [32]	(4:00) "King's Ransom"	★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase. CC			★★ "The Honeymooners" (2005, Comedy) CC		★★ "Save the Last Dance"						
TBS [33]	US Marshl	★★ "The Fifth Element" (1997) (PA) Bruce Willis. CC			★★ "A Knight's Tale" (2001) (PA) Heath Ledger. CC		Die Hard						
SPIKE [34]	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married... Married...	Married... Married...	Married... Married...	Married... Married...	Married... Married...	Married... Married...	Xtreme 4x4		
COM [35]	MADtv Susan Sarandon.	MADtv (In Stereo) CC			MADtv (In Stereo) CC		★★ "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) CC		Scubs	Scubs			
LIFE [39]	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Hour of Power CC	Ab Secrets	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"More Sex & the Single Mom" (2005) CC						
FOOD [40]	Cooking	Quick Fix	Emeril	Simply	Boy Grill	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Cooking	
HGTV [41]	Ground	Yard	Landscape	Landscape	Yard	Landscape	Curb	Curb	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Potential	
A&E [43]	Biography CC	Biography "Brat Pack"		Private Sessions CC	The Sopranos	CC	The Sopranos	CC	★★ "Road House"				
HIST [44]	Mountains and Man	Time Machine CC		An Alien History of Planet Earth CC					UFO Hunters CC	UFO Hunters CC			
TLC [45]	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	BABY	Hip Hop	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	Moving Up CC	
DISC [47]	BABY	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Lion Battlefield CC	Polar Bear Battlefield	Polar Bear Battlefield	Human Prey CC	Killer Ants CC					
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 CC				
FAM [51]	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	★★ "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson. CC		★★ "Jumanji" (1995, Fantasy) CC					
DISN [52]	Right Trck	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einstens</					

**SUNDAY EVENING****JANUARY 4, 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	Globe Trekker	Nova (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (In Stereo)	Masterpiece Classic (DVS)	Inside Jazz	Short List (Off Air)								
CBS [3] 3	Paid News (N)	60 Minutes (CC)	Million Dollar	Cold Case (N) (CC)	The Unit "Bad Beat"	News (N) CS: NY "Risk"	Cold							
ABC [7] 7	News (N) ABC	Home Videos	Extreme-Home	Housewives	Brothers & Sisters	News (N) News	Movies Desper							
FOX [8] 14	NFL Football	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	"24: Redemption" (2008) (In Stereo) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	Seinfeld	Sex & Sex &	Chap							
NBC [9] 9	NBC News	Saturday Night Live Sports Extra (N)	Superstars of Dance (Series Premiere) (N)	News (N) George	Outdrsmn	CSI Mi								
CW [14]	Drew Drew	Jericho 9:02"	* "Trail of the Pink Panther" (1982)	Housewives	Bananas (CC)	Star Trek (CC)								
WGN [15]	WKRP WKRP	Newhart Newhart	Honey Honeym	News Replay	Bewitch Bewitch	Jeanne Jeanne	Hillbillies Hillbillies							
ESPN [26]	SportsCenter (CC)	High School Football Under Armour All-America Game. (Live)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	NFL	SportsCenter (CC)								
ESPN2 [27]	Series of Poker	SportsCenter Special (Live) (CC)	The Greatest Game Ever Played	Series of Poker	Series of Poker									
USA [31]	"Little Miss Sun"	House "Paternity"	House (CC)	House "Maternity"	House (CC)	★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003)								
TNT [32]	"Wedding Date"	★★ "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) (CC)	★★ "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) (CC)	★★ "The Honeymooners" (2005) (CC)										
TBS [33]	"Lethal Weapon 4"	★★ "Independence Day" (1996) (PA) Will Smith. (45) ★★ "Independence Day" (1996) (PA) Will Smith. (CC)	King											
SPIKE [34]	"Star Wars Ep 2"	★★ "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith" (2005)	MAN MAN	MAN MAN	Married... Married...									
COM [35]	★★ "Waiting ... " (2005) Ryan Reynolds.	Dane Cook	Jo Koy: Angry	Daniel Tosh	Jo Koy: Angry	S. Park Futurama								
LIFE [39]	★★ "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)	"Smother" (2007) Diane Keaton. (CC)	Grey's Anatomy	"Smother" (2007) Diane Keaton. (CC)										
FOOD [40]	Challenge	Challenge (N)	Ult. Recipe	Iron Chef America	Dinner Dinner	Ult. Recipe	Iron Chef America							
HGTV [41]	My House	Bedrooms	House House	First Property	Bought Stagers	Bedrooms	House House							
A&E [43]	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)							
HIST [44]	Seven Deadly Sins	Seven Deadly Sins	Nostradamus: 2012 (N) (CC)	Decoding the Past	Seven Deadly Sins	Nostradamus: 2012								
TLC [45]	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence							
DISC [47]	Planet Earth (CC)	Planet Earth (CC)	Planet Earth (CC)	Planet Earth	Planet Earth (CC)	Planet Earth (CC)	Planet Earth (CC)							
ANPL [50]	Unexplained	Weird, True	I Was Bitten	I Was Bitten	Weird, True	I Was Bitten	I Was Bitten							
FAM [51]	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	J. Osteen Feed	Zola Lev Paid							
DISN [52]	Phineas Phineas	Suite Life Suite Life	Wizards Wizards	Suite Life Montana	Montana Wizards	"My Date-Pres."	Phineas							
NICK [54]	Drake iCarly	H2O Zoey 101	Home Im Home Im	Lopez Lopez	Family Family	Home Im Home Im	Cosby Cosby							
AMC [57]	"Terminator 2"	★★ "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985)	★★ "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985)	★★ "Reign of Fire" (2002, Fantasy) (CC)										
SCIFI [59]	★ "BloodRayne" (2005) Kristanna Loken.	★★ "Stephen King's Desperation" (2006, Horror) Tom Skerritt.	"Sometimes They Come Back... Again"											
CNN [62]	Newsroom	Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	D.L. Hughley-News	Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley-News							
CNBC [63]	Diabetes Wall St	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed							
MSNBC [64]	Will You Kill for Me: Charles Manson	Mindhunter	Dead Men Talk	"Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About"	Dead Men Talk									

**MONDAY EVENING****JANUARY 5, 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	BBC Antiques Roadshow	The Story of India	The Story of India	Charlie Rose (N)	BBC Smiley								
CBS [3] 3	News (N) CBS	News (N) Fortune	Big Bang Mother	Two Men Worst	CSI: Miami (CC)	News (N) Late Show	Late Late							
ABC [7] 7	News (N) ABC	News (N) Entertain	The Bachelor (Season Premiere) (N) (CC)	True Beauty (CC)	News (N) Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live								
FOX [8] 14	Sp Edi Pregame (15) College Football	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl -- Ohio State vs. Texas. (CC)	Post Seinfeld	TMZ (N) Sex &										
NBC [9] 9	News (N) NBC	Lopez Superstars of Dance (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	Momma's Boys (N)	News (N) Tonight Show	Late									
CW [14]	My Wife My Wife	Scrubs King-Hill	Gossip Girl (N)	One Tree Hill (N)	Scrubs Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters Eye Eye							
WGN [15]	7th Heaven (CC)	Home Videos	Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs Scrubs	Bob & Tom	RENO Corner							
ESPN [26]	College Basketball	SportsCenter Special (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter	NFL Live									
ESPN2 [27]	NFL Live   Women's College Basketball	Billiards: Trick Shots Billiards: Trick Shots	Billiards: Trick Shots NFL	Wtr. X-Games										
USA [31]	NCIS "Boxed In"	House "Sex Kills"	WWE Monday Night Raw (CC)	(.05) ★★ "The Fast and the Furious"	(.05) Monk (CC)									
TNT [32]	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	The Closer (CC)	Without a Trace	Without a Trace							
TBS [33]	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Name Name	Seinfeld Sex &	Sex & ★★ "The Perfect Man" (2005)	Unsolved Mysteries							
SPIKE [34]	"Star Wars: Ep. III"	CSI: Crime Scn	★★ "In the Line of Fire" (1993, Suspense)	Clint Eastwood.	CSI: NY (CC)									
COM [35]	Scrubs Scrubs	Daily Colbert	Futurama S. Park	Futurama Drawn	Daily Colbert	Brian Regan	Futurama Daily							
LIFE [39]	Mother Mother	Reba Rita	Wife Swap (CC)	DietTribe (CC)	Will Will	Frasier Frasier	Rita DietTribe							
FOOD [40]	Challenge Good	On Plate	Unwrap Unwrap	Diners Diners	Good Unwrap	Unwrap Unwrap	Diners Diners							
HGTV [41]	My House Property	Gene	House First	House Buy Me	Desper Beyond	Property Gene	House First							
A&E [43]	CSI: Miami (CC)	Intervention "Ryan"	Intervention (N)	Intervention (CC)	Intervention (CC)	Intervention "Ryan"	Intervention (CC)							
HIST [44]	Modern Marvels	Bible Code: Prd	Seven Signs of the Apocalypse (N) (CC)	Bible Code II	Bible Code: Prd	Apocalypse								
TLC [45]	Kids by the Dozen	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	Sturgis: Live to Ride	Speed Capital	Made Made	De De	Sturgis: Live to Ride							
ANPL [50]	Polar Bears Dogs 101 (CC)	It's Me or the Dog	Animal Cops	Dogs 101 (CC)	It's Me or the Dog	Animal Cops								
FAM [51]	Secret-Teen Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Home Videos	The 700 Club (CC)	Secret-Teen	Paid Paid								
DISN [52]	Phineas Phineas	Replace Replace	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Montana	★★ "Beethoven's 3rd" (2000)	Phineas Wizards	Life De							
NICK [54]	Zoey 101 Drake	Sponge Drake	Lopez Lopez	Lopez Lopez	Lopez Lopez	Lopez Lopez	Lopez Lopez							
AMC [57]	"Officer-Gentle"	★★ "Hook" (1991) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. Premiere.	"Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart.	★★ "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart.	Hook									
SCIFI [59]	Lost (CC)	Lost (CC)	Lost (CC)	Lost "Eggtown"	Gundam Gundam	Macross Plus 1	Twilight Twilight							
CNN [62]	Lou Dobbs Tonight Brown-No Bias	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360									
CNBC [63]	CNBC Reports	Scam-Madoff	The Big Idea	Mad Money	Fast Money	Scam-Madoff								
MSNBC [64]	Hardball (CC)	Countdown	Maddow Show	Countdown	Maddow Show	Hardball (CC)	Countdown							

**TUESDAY EVENING****JANUARY 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	BBC Nova (CC) (DVS)	Frontline (N)	Independent Lens	Charlie Rose (N)	BBC Smiley								
CBS [3] 3	News (N) CBS	News (N) Fortune	NCIS "Caged" (N)	The Mentalist (N)	Without a Trace (N)	News (								

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PBS [2] 22	Business News-Lehrer	BBC	Great Performances	"Cyrano de Bergerac" (N) [CC]	Carnegie	Charlie Rose (N)	BBC	Smiley						
CBS [3] 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Christine Gary	The 35th Annual People's Choice Awards			News (N)	Late Show				
ABC [7] 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Scrubs	Scrubs	20/20 (N) [CC]	Walters	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX [8] 14	Dr. Phil [CC]		News (N)	Two Men	Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	News (N) [CC]		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &		
NBC [9] 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Knight Rider [CC]	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late		
CW [14]	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	13: Fear Is Real	90210 [CC]	Scrub	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters	Eye Eye			
WGN [15]	7th Heaven [CC]		Home Videos	Legend of	WGN News at Nine	Scrub	Scrub	Bob & Tom	RENO	Corner				
ESPN [26]	College Basketball	Davidson at Duke.			NBA Basketball	Miami Heat at Denver Nuggets. (Live)			SportsCenter (Live) [CC]	NFL Live	Fast			
ESPN2 [27]	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCtr Final	BCS Champ.	X Games	Polo		
USA [31]	NCIS [CC]		House [CC]		NCIS [CC]		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice [CC]	★★★ "Apollo 13"				
TNT [32]	Law & Order		Law & Order		★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) [CC]		★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) [CC]			Without a Trace				
TBS [33]	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	"The Perfect Score"	Unsolved Mysteries	
SPIKE [34]	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn			UFC's Ultimate Fight Night [CC]		UFC Unleashed		CSI: NY [CC]					
COM [35]	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	RENO	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE [39]	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Cries in the Dark" (2006)	Eva LaRue.	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden		
FOOD [40]	Challenge	Good	Good	Flay	Flay	Ult. Recipe	Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Ult. Recipe			
HGTV [41]	My House	Property	Rate	House	Income	Desper	Amazing	Potential	Property	Rate	House	Income		
A&E [43]	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter				
HIST [44]	Modern Marvels	Decoding the Past			First Apocalypse (N) [CC]				Jurassic Fight Club	Decoding the Past	First Apocalypse			
TLC [45]	Mystery Diagnosis	Extreme Forensics	Solved [CC]		Personal Justice	Extreme Forensics	Solved [CC]		Personal Justice					
DISC [47]	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters [CC]	MythBusters [CC]	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters [CC]			
ANPL [50]	Big Cat Challenge	Shark Feeding	I Shouldn't Be Alive	K-9 Cops (N) [CC]	Shark Feeding	I Shouldn't Be Alive	K-9 Cops [CC]							
FAM [51]	70s Show	70s Show	★★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling. [CC]		The 700 Club [CC]	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid					
DISN [52]	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Beethoven's 4th" (2001)	Phineas	Wizards	Life De			
NICK [54]	Zoey 101	iCarly	Sponge	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez		
AMC [57]	"Starsky & Hutch"	★★ "Commando" (1985, Action) [CC]			★★ "Blown Away" (1994) Jeff Bridges. [CC]				★★★ "The Usual Suspects"					
SCIFI [59]	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters			Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places	Twilight	Twilight			
CNN [62]	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Brown-No Bias			Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]			Larry King Live	Cooper 360				
CNBC [63]	CNBC Reports				On the Money	American Greed	Mad Money	Fast Money	To Be Announced					
MSNBC [64]	Hardball [CC]	Countdown			Maddow Show	Countdown	Maddow Show	Countdown	Hardball [CC]	Countdown				

**JANUARY 7, 2009****THURSDAY EVENING**

	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	BBC	Aggie	New Mex	Globe Trekker	Travels	Moment	Charlie Rose (N)	BBC	Smiley				
CBS [3] 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	CSI: NY [CC]	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	TBA	Pregame	(:15) College Football	FedEx BCS National Championship -- Florida vs. Oklahoma.				Post	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &			
NBC [9] 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Name	Kath-Kim	Office	(:01) ER (N) [CC]	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late			
CW [14]	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Bride"	Supernatural [CC]	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer	Cheaters	Eye Eye			
WGN [15]	7th Heaven [CC]		★★ "The Substitute" (1996) (In Stereo)	WGN News at Nine	Scrub	Scrub	Bob & Tom	RENO	Corner					
ESPN [26]	College Gameday		SportsCenter Special (Live) [CC]					SportsCenter [CC]	SportsCtr	NFL Live				
ESPN2 [27]	College Basketball	Minnesota at Iowa.	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards			Wtr. X-Games	Wtr. X-Games				
USA [31]	NCIS "Head Case"	House [CC]	House "Euphoria"	House "Euphoria"	House "Not Cancer"	House "Not Cancer"			Burn Notice [CC]	Burn Notice [CC]				
TNT [32]	Law & Order		Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order			Homicide: Life	Without a Trace				
TBS [33]	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life"		Sex &	Sex &	Lara			
SPIKE [34]	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) [CC]		TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo) [CC]				MAN	MAN				
COM [35]	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Jim Gaffigan	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Silverman	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE [39]	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★ "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" (2005) [CC]		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden		
FOOD [40]	Challenge	Good	Good	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes			
HGTV [41]	My 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 First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]	The First 48 [CC]		
HIST [44]	Modern Marvels	Nostradamus: 2012 [CC]			Underworld		The Bielski Brothers		Nostradamus: 2012 [CC]					
TLC [45]	LA Ink "Kat Tales"	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink (N) [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]	LA Ink [CC]			
DISC [47]	Made	Made	HowStuffWorks (N)	De	De	Expllosion Gone	Made	Made	HowStuffWorks	De	De			
ANPL [50]	Awesome Pawsome	Animal Gladiators [CC]					Miami Animal Police	Animal Gladiators [CC]				Miami Animal Police		
FAM [51]	70s Show	70s Show	★★ "Batman Forever" (1995) Val Kilmer. Premiere. [CC]		The 700 Club [CC]	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid					
DISN [52]	Emperor	Emperor	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Smart House" (1999)	Wizards	Wizards	Life De		
NICK [54]	Zoey 101	Drake	Sponge	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez		
AMC [57]	(4:00) "Commando"	★★ "Caddyshack" (1980) Chevy Chase. [CC]			(:15) ★★ "Black Dog" (1998, Action) [CC]				(:15) ★★ "Code of Silence" (1985) [CC]					



# AT THE MOVIES

## Into 'The Pool' at the Fountain Theatre

### Independent film explores the class system in India

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Hmm ... is this a trend? Non-American filmmakers making movies by, about or in India? In 2007, we had "The Darjeeling Limited" by Wes Anderson. In early 2009, we'll see the release of the wonderfully original animated film, "Sita Sings the Blues" (which hopefully will play in Las Cruces this spring), directed and animated by artist Nina Paley, and the near-perfect "Slumdog Millionaire," just released in December by Englishman Danny Boyle, who is to be complimented on his unique and original placement of subtitles.

This particularly humorous and interesting little made-in-India piece is directed by Chris Smith, whose previous works include a couple of odd documentaries, "Yes Men" and the very funny and weird "American Story." Now he has come out with his first feature – this small but intriguing film, "The Pool."

Venkavesh Chavan is a homeless young man who makes his way through life by working at a hotel and doing odd jobs with his younger friend, Jahangir, such as selling plastic bags to people who are browsing at the market until wise environmental authorities ban the use of the damnable things, (if only Las Cruces was so enlightened,) thus creating a hole in the boy's income.

Wandering through a neighborhood of wealthy people one day, Venkavesh espies a beautiful but unused swimming pool in the yard of one of the gentry. Puzzled by its lack of use, he makes this his regular route and climbs a tall tree to better witness this icon of unused wealth, longing to fall into the welcoming and refreshing waters of the shimmering pool.

Soon he is able to figure out who owns the opulent home and wiggles his way into the lives of the owner, a man whose garden is more important to him than his pool, and his daughter, Ayesha, an attractive, quiet withdrawn young woman who Venkavesh takes a shine to. It is not long before he and Jahangir hatch a plan to spend time with her, and at the same time, Venkavesh befriends her father, who starts assigning him odd jobs and training him in the art of gardening.

The development of these relationships is key to the plot of this movie, as Venkavesh is now wading into the life of the rich, which creates new hazards – such as an estrangement of his friendship with Jahangir – but also has benefits, such as a possible lift out of the life of smothering poverty that he lives in, when Ayesha's father becomes his mentor and then offers to pay for his education.

The pool, of course, is a minor form of symbolism showing what the wealthy can have, and what the not wealthy would want, but can share in a different way ... (think about that if you would). It becomes, for Venkavesh, a symbol of trust and fear – should he "dive in" or just continue to observe what, until now, has been long out of reach. Should he work with Ayesha and her father – who offer security, affection and a slight form of privilege – or should he stay with what is familiar and will always be familiar to him?

The film becomes educational, well-blended with comedy and a small adventure, allowing for one to root for Venkavesh and those around him, and look for an easy solution to the emotional barriers that exist between the classes.

Highly recommended, this is another of those films most of us have never heard of, but like Venkavesh's relationship with his new friends, have an opportunity to benefit from.

*Jeff Berg, jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com, used to be a life-guard. Aren't you glad you didn't need help at that pool? These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only – and not of anyone else connected with the film society.*



Venkavesh Chavan stars in "The Pool," a story about relationships and class systems in India, now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

## CineMatinee film will make your skin crawl

### Hillerman's 'Skinwalkers'

takes viewers on adventure

"Skinwalkers" is based on the novel by Tony Hillerman. Joe Leaphorn, a seasoned cop accustomed to the ways of Phoenix, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, has returned to the Navajo reservation. Recovering from cancer, his wife, Emma, feels rejuvenated by her home's landscape and people. Joe is less sure about their return. Well-schooled in urban policing, he is soon confronted with a particularly Navajo case: a mysterious killer who has a special antipathy for medicine men, including his partner, Jim Chee.

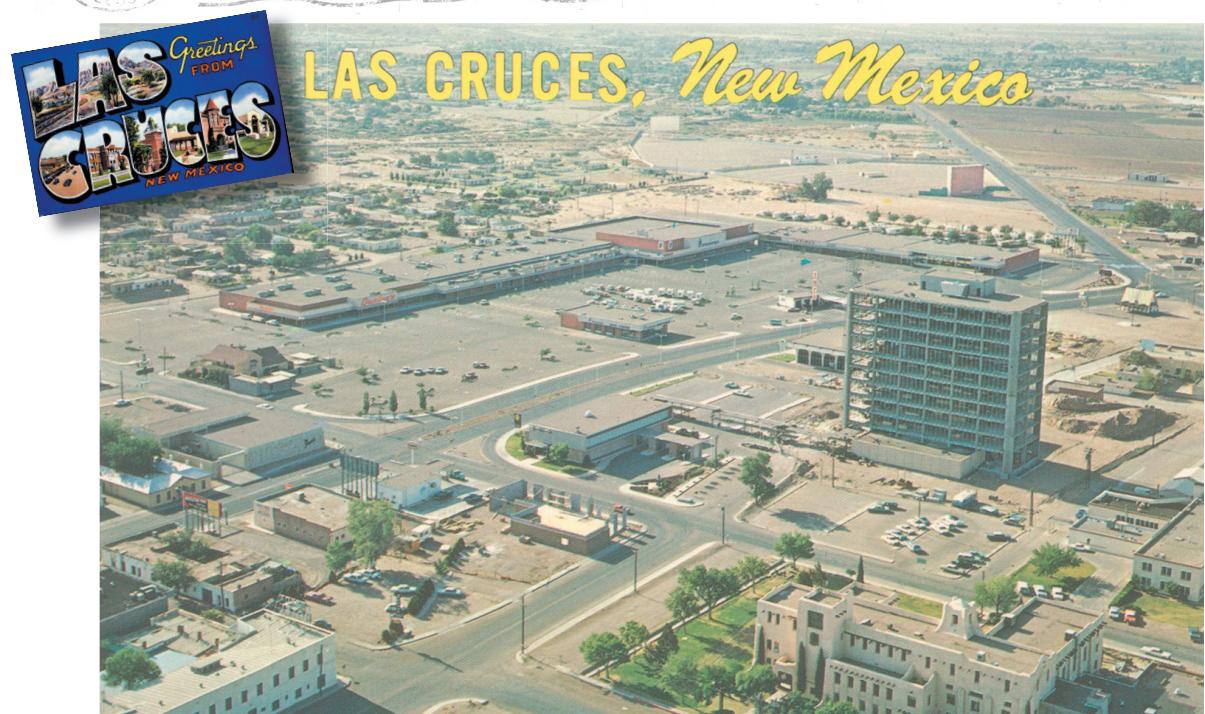
Roman George's body is found miles from his abandoned truck and surrounded by ancient symbols etched in blood. A local archeologist holds the key to the symbols left behind, so Chee and Leaphorn pay him a visit at nearby Anasazi ruins. There, these unlikely partners find further clues indicating that the murderer may be a "skinwalker," a Navajo witch with the power to change from human to animal, move with lightning speed and to kill with curses.

As Chee juggles the day-to-day police work on the reservation, Leaphorn tracks down clues to the identity of this evasive criminal. More ancient symbols are found at an abandoned paint factory, where a local gang has been congregating. What do the signs mean?

A unique blend of movies, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed us," films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity, the CineMatinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. Call 524-8287 for more information.

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## FILM REVIEW

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# AT THE MOVIES

## The benefits, challenges of aging backwards

**'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button'** plot is a weighty concept

REVIEW BY BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

All of us, at one point in our lives, want to return to a time when we were younger. Maybe be 16 again. Maybe return to our college days.

But rather than losing our youth early on, what if we spent our entire life looking forward to it, expecting that one day we would be in the prime of our lives.

This is the concept behind F. Scott Fitzgerald's, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," about a man who was born in his 80s and ages backward.

It's 1918 and the end of World War I has just been announced. The streets of New Orleans are in celebration, but Thomas Button is all but joyous. His wife has just died in childbirth leaving behind a monstrous infant. The child's hands and feet are ossified, he has all the symptoms of severe arthritis and his skin is so droopy that it is hard to see anything cute underneath. In a fit of emotion, Thomas Button rids himself of the child, leaving it on the doorstep of a woman named Queenie, who coincidentally owns an old folks home. She takes the child in with no hesitation, and raises him as one her own, naming him Benjamin.

Though doctors told Queenie the "infant" wouldn't live for long, over the years it is made more and more apparent that Benjamin, who is growing into an adorable old man, isn't going anywhere. He learns to speak, he learns to read and he learns to play the piano, all while people treat him as if he is a learned old man.

He meets the love of his life, Daisy, somewhere around the age of 10 years old. He is a tiny, shriveled 70-year-old man, and she is a young, carefree girl. As she grows older, he grows younger, and though they meet several times during their lives, she is a talkative, immature young woman, and he is extremely intimidated. For this reason, he dates opposite what a normal man would, starting with older women and working his way down.

Sheltered as a boy because of his shriveled appearance, Benjamin is excited, as he gets younger, to venture out into the world, beginning as a fisherman on a tugboat. It is here that he falls in love with Elizabeth Abbot, a married woman played by Tilda Swinton. But like all things in Benjamin's life, it is not meant to last.

As World War II begins and Benjamin reaches the age of 50, well, I guess 30 years alive, he and his shipmates volunteer to help the Army patrol the waters. After surviving a horrible war at sea, Benjamin returns to New Orleans.



When the version of Brad Pitt that all the ladies are waiting for finally emerges, Benjamin is actually somewhere near the age of 50 (he's worth the wait). With the knowledge he was able to gain over the years, especially after being treated like an adult his entire life, he approaches this part of his life with all possible enthusiasm.

Finally, he and Daisy are able to meet in the middle, and they begin a normal and happy life together. But nothing lasts, and after the birth of their first child, Benjamin knows their life can never be. As Daisy gets older, he will only become a teenager, incapable of even taking care of his own child.

While his rise from old age to youth has many benefits, it comes with one major flaw – eventually he has to go back to being an infant. Although the movie has a weighty concept with a focus on death and old age, it's not lacking in humor, which almost always follows the saddest scenes of the movie.

While I heard many reviews that the movie was "weird" and "long," it certainly leaves a lasting impression, though it will make you think seriously about wasted youth and the coming of old age.

**Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett star in "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," which opened in theaters on Christmas Day.**

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# AT THE MOVIES



# Picking the Flicks

Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

## The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008)

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** A woman and her young stepson get caught up in the mission of an alien whose arrival on the planet as a "friend of the Earth" has triggered a global upheaval.

**Starring:** Keanu Reeves  
**Director:** Scott Derrickson



## Nothing Like the Holidays

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** A Puerto Rican family living in the area of Humboldt Park in west Chicago face what may be their last Christmas together.

**Starring:** Debra Messing  
**Director:** Alfredo De Villa

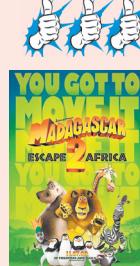


## Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

**Rated:** PG

**Plot Overview:** The sequel to 2005's "Madagascar," in which New York Zoo animals, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo, still stranded on Madagascar, start to leave the island.

**Starring:** The voice of Ben Stiller  
**Director:** Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath



## Australia

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** Set in northern Australia before World War II, an English aristocrat who inherits a sprawling ranch reluctantly pacts with a stock man in order to protect her new property from a takeover plot.

**Starring:** Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham  
**Director:** Baz Luhrmann



## Four Christmases

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** A couple struggles to visit all four of their divorced parents on Christmas Day.

**Starring:** Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Duvall, Jon Favreau  
**Director:** Seth Gordon



## Twilight

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** A teenage girl risks everything when she falls in love with a vampire.

**Starring:** Kristen Stewart  
**Director:** Catherine Hardwicke



## Seven Pounds

**Rated:** PG

**Plot Overview:** A suicidal IRS agent sets out to make amends by assuming the identity of his younger brother, but the plan gets complicated when he inadvertently falls in love.

**Starring:** Will Smith, Rosario Dawson, Woody Harrelson



## Bedtime Stories

**Rated:** PG

**Plot Overview:** A man's life changes when the lavish bedtime stories he tells his niece and nephew magically come true.

**Director:** Adam Shankman

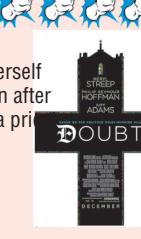


## Doubt

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** A young nun finds herself in the middle of a tense confrontation after a Catholic School principal accuses a priest of abusing a black student.

**Starring:** Meryl Streep  
**Director:** John Patrick Shanley

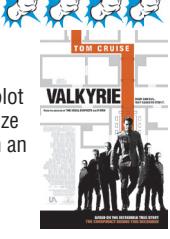


## Valkyrie

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** At the height of World War II, a group of high-ranking German officers hatch a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler and seize power of the military command in an effort to end the war.

**Starring:** Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh



## The Spirit

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** A former rookie cop returns mysteriously from the dead to fight crime from the shadows of his beloved city while his arch nemesis pursues his own version of immortality.

**Starring:** Eva Mendes  
**Director:** Gabriele Muccino



## The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

**Rated:** PG-13

**Plot Overview:** Near the end of World War I, a man born in his 80s travels in opposite directions of his friends and loved ones who are growing older while he ages backwards towards childhood.

**Starring:** Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, David Fincher



## Marley & Me

**Rated:** PG

**Plot Overview:** In this adaptation of John Grogan's best-selling memoir, a couple wanting to get a test of parenthood adopts a yellow lab puppy that turns out to be a hyperactive, neurotic handful and indispensable member of the family.

**Starring:** Eric Dane, Alan Arkin  
**Director:** David Fincher



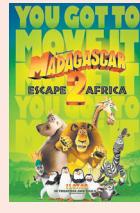
## New this week

### ON DVD

• Tuesday, Jan. 6 •

#### Pineapple Express

**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Comedy, Action  
**Starring:** James Franco, Seth Rogen  
**Director:** David Gordon Green



#### Righteous Kill

**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Crime, Drama  
**Starring:** Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, 50 Cent  
**Director:** Jon Avnet



#### Babylon A.D.

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Science Fiction, Action  
**Starring:** Vin Diesel, Michelle Yeoh  
**Director:** Mathieu Kassovitz



#### Bangkok Dangerous

**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Action, Suspense  
**Starring:** Nicolas Cage  
**Director:** Danny Pang Oxide Pang



#### Disaster Movie

**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Starring:** Matt Lanter, Carmen Electra  
**Director:** Jason Friedberg, Aaron Seltzer

## TOP GROSSING

• December 26-28 •

**Rank** **Movie Title** (Week No.)

**Weekend Gross**

1	Marley and Me	(1)
	\$36,357,586	
2	Bedtime Stories	(1)
	\$27,450,296	
3	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button	(1)
	\$27,000,00	
4	Valkyrie	(1)
	\$21,027,007	
5	Yes Man	(2)
	\$16,450,000	
6	Seven Pounds	(2)
	\$13,203,236	
7	The Tale of Despereaux	(2)
	\$8,932,625	
8	The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008)	(3)
	\$7,697,799	
9	The Spirit	(1)
	\$6,463,278	
10	Doubt	(3)
	\$5,339,742	



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(2007, USA, 98 minutes, Dir: Chris Smith)

Jan. 9 – Jan. 15 **Happy Go Lucky**  
(2008, UK, 118 minutes, Dir: Mike Leigh)

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**FOUR CHRISTMASES** DAILY 2:50, 5:05, 7:40, 9:50 FRI-TUES 12:25 (PG13) the curious case of BENJAMIN BUTTON

**Marley & Me** DAILY 3:45, 7:45 FRI-TUES 12:00 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT

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**SEVEN POUNDS** DAILY 3:50, 6:40, 9:30 FRI-TUES 12:25 (PG13) THE SPIRIT

**twilight** DAILY 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 FRI-TUES 11:20 (PG13) OPEN ALL DAY JAN. 1!!

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**MADAGASCAR ESCAPE 2 AFRICA** DAILY 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50 FRI-TUES 12:20 (PG13)

**THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL** DAILY 7:10, 9:35 (PG13) Nothing Like The HOLIDAYS

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# Every game should be that easy

**JOHN KEITH**

*Sports Editor*



When the Aggies open conference play at Fresno State Saturday in men's basketball, coach Marvin Menzies would like a repeat of his team's performance against Loyola Marymount.

And the ease with which it was accomplished last Sunday.

Dream on, Marv. Victories don't come as easy as 104-62 often. To be fair, winless Loyola is playing without a full deck. Injuries to key players have disabled the Lions.

"It was just one of those days," said guard Jahmar Young, who paced the Ags with 30 points, including 7 of 9 3-pointers.

Young sat out much of the second half, thanks to the cordiality of Menzies, who emptied his bench when the outcome became obvious.

Winners at home, winless on the road. That's Marvin's young Aggies who stood 6-6 before Tuesday's grudge re-match against New Mexico. There is, if you haven't noticed, a run on home wins and road losses in college basketball this season.

Rumor has it that many Western Athletic Conference teams this year are young, inconsistent and very beatable. Fresno State stood 7-7 at this week's beginning. San Jose State, NMSU's road opponent Monday (Jan. 5), was 6-4.

Could the fast improving Aggies be closing in on a road win? They came close at New Mexico Dec. 23, only to lose down the stretch.

Could NMSU's talented team be finding its wheels? The Ags are quick, fast with accurate, patient shooters. They can hit free throws — a problematic area last year. What worries Marvin most is the team's defense, or lack of. The Ags, he feels, are still learning there. Rebounding concerns him. His squad matched Loyola on the boards Sunday, each pulling down 42 missed shots. But NMSU, lacking experienced size inside, needs work in that area. "We'll keep concentrating on it in practice," Menzies said.

Against Loyola, NMSU shot 63 percent from behind the 3-point line, hitting an almost unbelievable 17 of 27 from there.

The points, most of them, are coming from Young and senior guard Jonathan Gibson, who were averaging 18.1 and 15.0 points, respectively, prior to Tuesday's game with UNM.

New Mexico State might have found an inside presence with 6-foot-9 center Hamidu Rahman, and 6-foot-8 Troy Gillenwater, both redshirt freshmen. Wendell McKines, the 6-foot-5 sophomore leaper, registered a double-double against Loyola with 12 rebounds and 12 points.

Are Menzies' troops becoming the force we expected early this season?

They are at home, anyhow.

# Sports

## LCHS championship top story

Trojans, Oñate, SonBlazers all successful in '08

By CRAIG MASSEY  
*The Las Cruces Bulletin*

The Class 5-A state championship football trophy resides in Las Cruces for the fourth year in a row. Only this time, it rests a few miles to the south.

Las Cruces High's undefeated season and capture of the state title highlighted the 2008 high school sports year in Las Cruces.

The Bulldogs beat the Mayfield Trojans twice, including a semifinal clash (35-7), ending the Trojans' three-year run as state champions. The title is Las Cruces High's fifth overall and fourth under head coach Jim Miller.

The team was led by a group of 30 seniors, many of whom had been key players for the Bulldogs for the past three years. Las Cruces edged a talented Eldorado team, 26-21, in the championship game at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque, capping a 13-0 season.

Las Cruces entered the season as one of the favorites to grab the crown. The team played well in all phases of the game throughout the season, their closest game being a 22-21 win over Mayfield in the regular season finale.

The Trojans again put together a strong season under head coach Michael Bradley



ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL  
Coach Jim Miller and the Las Cruces Bulldogs celebrate their 26-21 state championship victory over Eldorado to highlight the 2008 season. The championship trophy has remained in Las Cruces for the past four years. Mayfield won the title in '05, '06 and '07.

and entered the playoffs as the No. 4 seed. Oñate narrowly missed making the playoffs in 2008, but returns a talented group of players for next year.

In volleyball, the Mayfield Trojans came out of almost nowhere to capture the state championship. The Trojans, who finished fourth in district play, made it into the state playoffs, then got on a roll.

Mayfield defeated three-time defending champion Rio Rancho in the finals, 21-25, 26-24, 25-21, 14-25, 15-13.

Mayfield just missed getting another state title this fall when the boys soccer team made it all the way to the state championship game where it fell to La Cueva.

See High School on PAGE D6

## Coaching hire highlights 2008

Men's basketball,  
volleyball, golf:  
WAC champs

By JOHN KEITH  
*The Las Cruces Bulletin*

Men's basketball, men's golf and volleyball.

All three teams won WAC championships to highlight New Mexico State's athletic achievements in 2008.

The real story, however, was the late hiring of DeWayne Walker, the Aggies' new football coach. The former defensive coordinator at UCLA was officially named on Dec. 31 to replace Hal Mumme, who was fired after winning only 11 games in four years.

Football must be successful and financially profitable at New Mexico State. Football and men's basketball are the only revenue-producing sports here. The commitment to upgrade football at NMSU remains top priority.

Mumme's squad jumped out of the gate early this past season but flamed out toward the end. After opening WAC



Aggie quarterback Chase Holbrook is the school's all-time passer, breaking just about every NMSU record.

play by beating Nevada on Oct. 11, NMSU stood 3-2 overall and, as it seemed, on its way to a winning season.

But injuries and narrow defeats caught up with the Ags and they lost their last seven games to finish with an unglamorous 3-9 record.

Quarterback Chase Holbrook and wide receiver Chris Williams continued to destroy one school record after another and Williams made all-WAC first team.

Overall, however, athletics at NMSU continue to improve in all men's and women's sports. Starting next fall, the Aggies will field a women's soccer team for the first time in school history.

In 2007-08, Marvin Menzies led the men's basketball team to a 21-14 record in his first year of command. Moreover, the Aggies battled to a four-way tie for the regular season WAC championship, then lost in the finals of the conference tournament to Boise State in three overtimes.

Menzies faced one problem after another, plus a sadistic non-conference schedule left by the departing Reggie Theus.

Senior forward Justin Hawkins made the all-tournament team. He was also chosen first team all-WAC. Guard Fred Peete was named to the WAC's all-defensive team while freshman Herb Pope made the

See NMSU on PAGE D6

# High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

## Las Cruces High School

Boy's Basketball ..... Tuesday, Jan. 6 .... at Deming ..... 7 p.m.  
 ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... Eldorado ..... 7 p.m.  
 Girl's Basketball ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... at Rio Grande ..... 7 p.m.



## Mayfield High School

Boy's Basketball ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... at Highland ..... 7 p.m.  
 Girl's Basketball ..... Saturday, Jan. 3 .... Clovis ..... 4:30 p.m.  
 ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... Eldorado ..... 7 p.m.



## Oñate High School

Boy's Basketball ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... at West Mesa ..... 7 p.m.  
 ..... Tuesday, Jan. 6 .... at Coronado ..... 7 p.m.  
 Girl's Basketball ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... Valley ..... 7 p.m.



## MV Christian Schools

Boy's Basketball ..... Tuesday, Jan. 6 .... Chaparral ..... 7 p.m.  
 ..... Thursday, Jan. 8 .... Hot Springs ..... 7 p.m.  
 Girl's Basketball ..... Monday, Jan. 5 .... Ruidoso ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 ..... Friday, Jan. 9 .... at Cobre ..... 6:30 p.m.



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Jahmar Young

## Jahmar Young, Sophomore, Men's Basketball

NMSU Sophomore guard Jahmar Young posted a season-high 30 points in the win over Loyola Marymount, 104-62, Dec. 28. This is his second career 30-point plateau performance. Young made a career-high seven 3-pointers against the Lions when he was 7-for-9 from behind the arc. From the field, he was 9-of-12 with a 5-of-6 showing at the free-throw line. Young had three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 27 minutes.



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# Buddy Ritter's horse wins La Coneja Handicap race

Askmetodance owns 4 stakes wins

The knife-sharp Askmetodance, owned by Las Cruces businessman Buddy Ritter, won a spectacular race in the \$125,000 La Coneja Handicap, a five-and-one-half furlong sprint for New Mexico bred 3-year-old fillies at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino Dec. 20.

Racing as the 6-to-5 favorite with regular rider, winning Jockey Joe Martinez in the saddle; Askmetodance broke like a bullet. She held the second spot through the turns before breaking into the first position. "I didn't want her on the early lead. This time, I wanted her to relax and she did," Martinez said. His plan paid off as the winning grey filly pulled clear of the field in the final turn. Her winning

time was a sharp 1:04:58.

Askmetodance earned a \$75,000 check for Ritter. She now has career winnings of almost \$300,000. This was the fourth stakes race 2008 win for the grey roan Ghostly Moves filly for the Double Eagle Racing Stable.

Askmetodance has positioned herself to be the leading 3-year-old New Mexico-bred filly with her four stakes wins in 2008. Winning trainer Ray Ashford Jr. said in the winner's circle, "I knew she was in great form and ready to win again. She beat some nice fillies today and continues to be the champion. She has a great future as one of the finest New Mexico bred fillies."

## Williams, Richardson All-Americans

Ag football players both set school records

New Mexico State seniors Chris Williams and Derrick Richardson have earned All-American honors for their performances this past season.

It was Williams' second All-American award. He was named to the fourth team Phil Steele All-American team, while Richardson became the 10th All-American in NMSU history. He was named an honorable mention selection by SI.com.

Williams (Rio Rancho, N.M.) led the Aggies this season with 86 receptions for 1,271 yards and nine touchdown catches. He also led the conference in receiving yards per game (105.9) and receptions per game

(7.17). Williams was fourth in the nation in receiving yards per game and 12th in receptions per game.

Earlier in the season, Williams became the Aggies' all-time leader in receiving yards (3,555) and touchdown catches (32). Against Hawaii this season, Williams tallied a season-high 221 yards and three touchdowns. He finishes his career with two 200-plus yard performances and a school record 18 100-plus yard games. Williams was also named a first team all-WAC selection earlier this month and earned his first All-American honor in 2006 when he was named an honorable-mention selection by SI.com.

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# On the green

## What we'll do differently on the golf course

### Local golfing personalities share their resolutions

According to historians, the tradition of making New Year's resolutions goes all the way back to the time when Janus, a mythical king of early Rome in 153 B.C., was placed at the head of the calendar. Janus was seen as the god of beginnings and the guardian of doors and sacred openings. It was told that Janus had two faces so he could look back on past events and look forward to the future. And that is exactly what we should do as golfers at this festive time of year. It's a good opportunity to review our year of playing golf and decide what we would like to do differently.

One of my most valued golfing friends, Bob Logefield, offered one of his New Year's resolutions as a perfect example of making a commitment to move forward in the coming year. Bob is a former world-class downhill ski racer, as well as a truly gifted and accomplished golfer, so he is no stranger to figuring out how to become better. Bob's handicap is four, and his driving distance is about 250 and getting longer. He shoots his age every other round, it seems. As I file this column, Bob turns 75 (Happy birthday, Bob!).

"I think this is the time to really analyze your game, take it apart, and examine everything you do, from your swing to your equipment," Bob said. "But mostly what I resolve to do in the New Year is to not make the same mistakes I did last year."

Wow, does that make a lot of sense. Just think if we were determined to learn from our mistakes and mend the error of our ways. As a personal example, I recently played the wrong ball from right in the middle of the fairway, causing a costly penalty. Stupid, I thought. But as I thought more deeply, I concluded that it was just being lazy, since I hadn't bothered to mark my ball adequately and obviously. I resolve that I won't make that mistake again.

Another of my prized golfing kindred spirits, Zach Wilson, manager at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, told me he has resolved to actually play more golf. It may sound odd, but it's axiomatic that if you're in the golf business, you don't get to play as much golf. Ask any club pro.

"I'm definitely going to play more golf in 2009 because the only way to get better is to play," Zach said. "But mostly I resolve to enjoy every round I play." That also may seem odd, but it's often a challenge for expert, professional players to laugh at their own occasional ineptitude, and avoid getting down on themselves.

In a similar vein, Dan Koesters, head PGA Professional at New Mexico State University Golf Course, claims his resolution for the New Year is "to be more consistent with my practicing routine." Again, pros

have to force themselves to get out and spend time on the range and to play.

"In order to perform with the results I expect, I have to be getting out for an 18-hole round a lot more than once every two weeks – that isn't going to do it," Koesters laments. "I've got to make playing and practicing more of a solid habit, so it becomes part of my high priorities."

My friend Steve Warren, champion team roper, nine-handicapper and co-owner of Warren Construction, has resolved to "not take golf so serious." I'm really going to follow this, because this is a gentleman who once started out a round by telling me "Doc, it's all about the camaraderie," only to recant on the 18th tee with, "heck with the camaraderie we're playing this hole for \$10!" Truthfully, Steve is a talented golfer at Picacho who learned golf from scratch four years ago and is now good enough to reach the par fives with driver and six iron.

"I'm just going to have more fun playing golf this year," Steve has decided. More fun is a good choice for all of us. Bravo, Steve.

Losing weight is America's single most common New Year's resolution. This one comes from my friend Jack Spence, a managing partner of the investment services firm Spence Asset Management here in Las Cruces. "I'm totally dedicated to becoming more fit in the coming year," asserts Jack, an excellent golfer who has been weight-challenged for several years. "I'm now finding that I don't have the energy I need at the end of a round," he says, "and when I get down to the last few holes, it's tough to make my body do what I want it to automatically." We can all relate to that, Jack. As I would have expected, Jack has made a plan for how he's going to do it. He has organized and started his exercise program, a stretching routine and a new low-carb nutrition regimen.

Incidentally, here is the key for preventing your resolutions from becoming "something that goes in one year and out the other." Have a genuine detailed plan along with some way to measure your progress. But Jack, regardless of how fit you're looking by spring,



**DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD**

Golf Doctor

you're not getting any strokes.

For my part, I resolve to make peace with my own pet peeves when it comes to golf. Pet peeves, like seeing the same hole placements (no fresh cups) four days in a row. In my case, this means resolving to become more tolerant and enduring by accepting the reality of bad lies, bad bounces, bad circumstances (like cell phones going off) and "bad luck" in general. To do this, I know I'll need to recite the first line of the Serenity Prayer more often. It goes: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change ..." I do get a great deal of joy on the golf course, but I'm resolving this year to have more serenity.

If you need help keeping your New Year's resolutions for any aspect of your life, visit [www.eHow.com](http://www.eHow.com) and click on resolutions. To make a more specific public commitment coupled with some financial incentives, check out [www.pledgehammer.com](http://www.pledgehammer.com). Even the USGA has gotten in on the resolution mania (see [www.usga.org/turf](http://www.usga.org/turf)) by suggesting 10 resolutions that golfers should make "to show the proper respect and care of their golf course." No. 3 is, "I resolve to properly fix all of my ball marks by pushing them, not lifting them."

But I especially like the USGA's No. 10: "I resolve to remember that the game of golf is just that – a game. I will accept responsibility for my success or failure at this difficult game, even while sitting in the 19th hole!"

With the New Year comes hope. Sometimes, as golfers, that's all we have to hang on to. And as Oprah Winfrey has said, "Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right."

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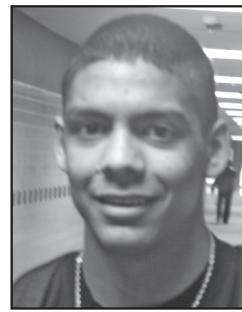


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### OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

#### Jesus Mesa



Jesus Mesa is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is on the Knights' wrestling team in the 152-pound weight class. Mesa has won first place in all tournaments this year and is a returning state champion with a 24-0 record.

Wrestling has taught Mesa discipline which he feels will benefit him throughout his life. He is motivated, a hard worker and determined to win state again. He maintains a 3.0 GPA and enjoys hanging out with friends and family, hunting, four wheeling and working out.



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# Aggie Insider

## Former NMSU athletes living successful lives

Having a college degree pays off

Ole Pete had himself a right fine holiday break. Got some great grub, saw some exciting Aggie games and, best of all, ran into some former Aggies who are making their way into the world at large. Going back five years, we remember Kelsey Crooks, a local student who went from Oñate High School to play for Lou Henson and the Aggies. Crooks became a regular in his junior year and his play led directly to several Aggie victories. He got his degree in industrial engineering and is now working at HES in Phoenix. Crooks and his brother are sharing the expenses in Phoenix and making their way. The firm Crooks works for is in manufacturing and it fits perfectly into what he prepared himself to do when basketball was done.

Two other hombres are still playing the game, but they are getting a paycheck too, and like Crooks they earned degrees that will be there for them when the hoops scene is done. Fred Peete has guided his Dusseldorf team to a sixth-place spot in the 18-team German pro league. This is the same loop that former Aggie Mikko Noopila completed in for Braunschweig. Peete is the point guard for Dusseldorf and is in the top of the stats for assists and steals and is in the top 15 in scoring.

Martin Iti came back to check out the Mesilla Valley from Holland. Iti also wanted to touch base with "the Ambassador," Trei Steward as well. Iti's team is also in the first division,



**PETE**  
Pete's  
Ponderings

but will not meet Peete's squad as they stay within the country's borders for their games. I had a chance to talk with the 7-foot Australian when he came to town, and he said it took a while to get used to the customs and the cooler weather of Holland, but he was adapting. This is something Iti should be used to as he played in Taiwan and other countries with the Australian national team and of course had to get used to American customs when he came to school in this nation.

These three share a common bond other than winning for the Crimson and White. Peete and Iti both earned their degrees last spring, walking that aisle as two of the tallest graduates in school history. You can add Steward to that list of grads, because he is finishing up an advanced degree at NMSU before making his way into the coaching world.

Ole Pete's heart fills with joy every time I get the chance to hear the success stories of past Aggie athletes whether they were all-conference or just part of the team. It's one of the benefits of the rich heritage of Aggie athletics that we all love.

**PETE**

## A look back at 2008

Aggies have achieved much success over the last year

I want to discuss with you the biggest stories of the year. The biggest stories in Aggieland that is. There are a couple of obvious ones, and one that was very important that may have slipped your mind.

At the top of the list is Mike Jordan's volleyball team advancing for the first time in the NCAA Tournament. The Aggies were primed a year ago but had to enter NCAA play without one of their starters, who was lost to injury. The Jordanaires did all of this and weren't supposed to be that good. It was a little bit of a reload year or so it seemed in August, with Jordan losing Kim Oguh and Anna Callis on the front line. The emergence of Lindsey Yon and the addition of Erin Birmingham helped fill in the gaps with all-conference performances turned in again by Amber Simpson and Krystal Torres putting together all of the puzzle pieces at the right time.

The continuing growth of the number of student-athletes in the Crimson and White society for grade point averages that surpass 3.5 is also a good sign. The number was the highest ever this past year and the news that Rick Pratt's swimmers and divers were second in the GPA race only to Yale earns top billing as well.

Getting back to the WAC Tournament finals for both the men's and women's basketball teams was an accomplishment



**JACK NIXON**  
Jack's Corner

dampened perhaps, by the fact that neither squad claimed a win, but the overall success of the WAC Tournament in our town is another story that should be in the bright lights.

The changing of the guard for Aggie football is a story that is coming in on the wire for the New Year. It is the story that has the greatest potential for impact on Aggie athletics. A coaching change in a major sport is always of great interest to the fans and there is no reason to think this change in the program's direction won't be a beneficial one as well.

Another story of great significance is one that you haven't thought about for 11 months. That is the final banishment of the Nice Shot chant from the men's basketball games. The fact that it slipped below the surface without a ripple, shows how little it really meant in the grand scheme of things. The news that would be a welcome headline would be the growth of season ticket holders into five digits. If the amount of support through ticket sales and community involvement develops, that will be the item at the top of the headlines when you look back to Aggie sports one year from today.

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1 p.m.

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*Men's Basketball*  
San Jose State  
San Jose, Calif.  
8 p.m.

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7 p.m.

## Did You Know ...

The Aggie men's basketball team is looking to improve to 4-0 in WAC openers when NMSU travels to Fresno State on Saturday, Jan. 3.

## Aggie student-athlete spotlight



**Jonathan Gibson**  
Junior  
Men's Basketball

Junior guard Jonathan Gibson tied his season-high scoring mark with 20 points in the win over Loyola Marymount, Dec. 28. He was 6-of-9 from the field and 4-of-6 from the 3-point line. He also had four rebounds and three steals in only 24 minutes of action.



**Brittany Palmer**  
Sophomore  
Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Brittany Palmer scored a career-high 15 points in a Dec. 28 loss to Long Island during the Maggie Dixon Classic in her hometown of San Diego, Calif. She went 6-for-10 from the field and 3-of-3 at the free-throw line. Palmer also set a new personal-best with her three assists.



**Kaitlyn Soto**  
Freshman  
Women's Basketball

Freshman guard Kaitlyn Soto netted a career-high 13 points against Long Beach State, Dec. 22. Her 13 points were on a 4-of-8 shooting performance. She made 2-of-3 shots from beyond the 3-point line and that was her first career multiple 3-point game. Soto added four rebounds and two assists against the 49ers. She is the only player on the team to have an assist in every game this season.





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# High school

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High school baseball is always strong in Las Cruces and 2008 was no exception. All three of the city's teams made the playoffs, and Oñate made it all the way to the state championship. The Knights, who won the district title, lost to La Cueva in the finals, but return several top players and should make another run in 2009.

Oñate's softball team also captured the district championship in 2008, as did the Mayfield boys tennis team, the LCHS girls tennis team, the Mayfield boys track team and the Mayfield girls golf team.

The Mayfield track squads had two relay teams capture state titles, the girls 4x400 team and the boys 1600 sprint medley team. Also, Las Cruces High's Leslie Smith won the state title in the girls triple jump.

In wrestling, the city had three state champions, one from each of the public schools. Michael Mendoza of Mayfield won the 160-pound title, Jesus Mesa of Onate won the 152-pound title and Las Cruces High's Joaquin Marquez won at 112 pounds. It was Marquez's second straight state title.

District champs from the winter sports included the LCHS girls basketball team, the Mayfield boys basketball team, the Mayfield wrestling team and the LCHS swim team.

At Mesilla Valley Christian School, high standards continue to be set. The school's boys basketball team, baseball team and the girls volleyball team all had very strong showings. The boys basketball team fell in the state championship game to Texico in the final seconds, but is off to a strong start this season.

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league's all Newcomer's squad.

The Aggie women's team played well in 2008, finishing 21-9. Coach Darin Spence's squad advanced to the finals of the WAC tournament for the second straight year but lost both games.

NMSU's volleyball team started slow but quickly caught fire to register a 15-1 record in conference play, tying defending champion and eighth-ranked Hawaii for the regular season WAC championship.

In fairness to the Ags, their early-season schedule featured eight teams that were later invited to the NCAA's post-season tournament.

New Mexico State, seeded No. 1 in the WAC tournament, lost to Hawaii in the championship match.

But coach Mike Jordan's squad, riding its 25-8 regular-season record, was still invited to the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive season. NMSU made it

to the finals of the West Regional, losing to the University of California on its home floor in Berkley, Calif.

Four Aggies made the all-WAC team. They were outside hitters Lindsey Yon and Krista Altermatt, middle hitter Amber Simpson and libero Krystal Torres. Setter Jenna DeVries made the all-freshman team.

The men's golf team at NMSU made a strong statement in 2008. Coached by Scott Lieberwirth, the Aggies won three straight tournaments last spring, including the WAC championship. Led by Travis Reid, and Kevin Lozares, NMSU won two of its four tournaments during the fall season. Reid won medalist honors at New Mexico State's own Herb Wimberly Invitational, played at University Golf Course.

**Mike Jordan was voted WAC Coach of the Year after leading the Aggie volleyball team to a 26-9 record in 2008. NMSU tied Hawaii for the WAC championship and moved on to the NCAA regional for the third straight year where they advanced to the finals for the first time in school history.**

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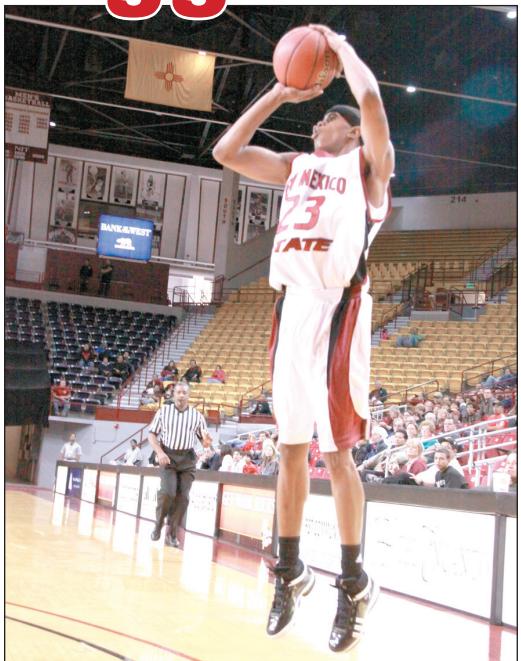
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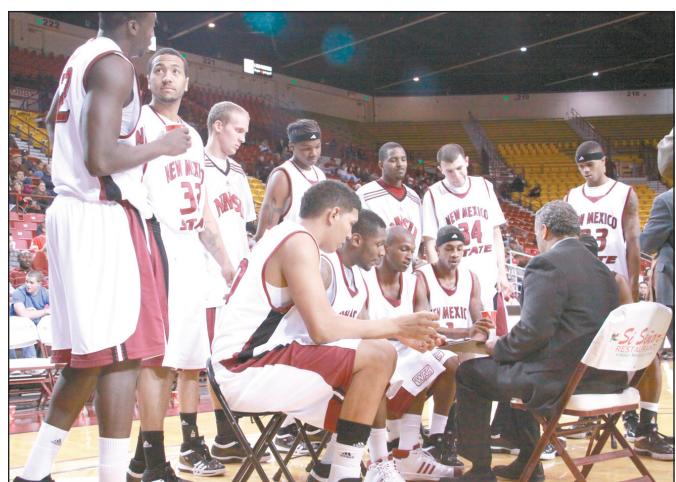


Terrance Joyner had a career high 7 points against the Lions.

It was another double-double for Wendell McKines against Loyola Marymount Sunday in the Pan American Center with his 12 points and 12 rebounds in the 104-62 Aggie victory.



Jahmar Young led the Aggies with 30 points including 7 of 9 3-pointers.



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Robert Lumpkins drives against a Lions defender.



Aggie head coach Marvin Menzies gives instructions during a time out.

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**NOTICE OF AUCTION BY  
SEALED BID FOR PLANT  
WATER CONSERVATION  
LEASE OF STATE TRUST  
LAND**

**Doña Ana County,  
New Mexico  
State Land Office**

The Commissioner of Public Lands is offering to lease, for plant water conservation, 1,158.65 acres in Doña Ana County. Sealed bids, marked "BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE", should be submitted on or before the time and date and to the place stated below in paragraph A. The sealed bid is for a Forty (40) year lease of the lands described below in paragraph B. The most important terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C. The requirements and qualifications of any and all bidders in this sealed bid are stated in paragraph D. If you would like a draft of the lease being offered for bid, or if you require any further information, please address your request as described in paragraph E. The Commissioner has set a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 for the lease, over and above the first year's base rent, and the other required deposits set out in paragraph E below. Bidders are, of course, encouraged to offer additional bonus amounts over the minimum bid. The Lease will be awarded to the qualified bidder successfully bidding the highest bonus. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel this auction. In the event that the auction is cancelled, interested parties will be notified.

**A) Sealed Bid:** Date: January 5, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: New Mexico State Land Office  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

**B) Description of the property to be leased:**

Lot 3, Lot 4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 2; NE1/4, SW4, SE1/4 of Section 10; E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 1158.65 acres, more or less.

**C) Summary of the Lease:**

The term of this lease shall be for Forty (40) years. The State Land Office has received an application for a long-term lease of the lands proposing to use 798.65 acres for the purpose of growing forage for livestock, using discharged water from a nearby cheese plant, and any necessarily related agricultural activities, including but not limited to, grazing livestock; The remaining 360.00 acres will be held for future development subject to Lessor's right to withdraw the non-productive land at any time that Lessor can demonstrate a higher and better use.

**D) Rental Rate:** Minimum base rent has been established at \$8,706.50 per year with annual adjustments upward by two percent (2%).

**E) Bidder Qualifications:** In order to qualify as a bidder, interested parties must (a) comply with the applicable lease auction requirements, (b) can demonstrate at least 20 years of experience in the successful management of a cheese plant with discharge facility that can have an agricultural component; (c) are creditworthy; (d) are authorized to do business in New Mexico, and, (e) can and will comply with all Lease terms.

Further, prospective bidders must include in their bid a deposit of \$37,256.21 in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bank money order, made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands. This amount represents:

1. Application Fee  
\$50.00
2. First year's base rent  
\$8,706.50
3. Advertising Cost  
\$2,943.56
4. Engineering Costs  
\$15,593.52
5. Survey Costs  
\$9,962.63

Total Costs  
\$37,256.21

The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

**F) How to Obtain a Copy of the Lease, or Other Information:**

Please contact: Dell Bearden, Management Analyst, NM State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 505-827-3827.

Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the long-term business lease sealed bid may call 505-827-5768; or Fax 505-827-6157, and/or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, any relevant documents may be available in alternative formats.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved and no lease shall become effective unless and until approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Dated in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 28th day of October, 2008.

Patrick H. Lyons  
Commissioner of Public Lands  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

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

NO. CV 2008-01660

**AMERICAN GENERAL  
FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
INC., a Delaware corpora-  
tion, Plaintiff,**

v.

**FEDERICO MALDONADO  
and CLAUDIA  
MALDONADO, husband  
and wife;**

**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA acting through  
the FARMERS HOME  
ADMINISTRATION,  
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE;  
ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO  
WATERAND SANIT  
ATIONDISTRICT; AN-  
EXIT BAIL BONDS;  
ARROW FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, LLC, Assignee  
of Household Bank; JOHN  
DOE and JANE DOE, True  
Names Unknown, Tenants,  
Occupiers or Possessors,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
To the Above-Named  
Defendants and All Others  
Interested:

Notice is hereby given that the Special Master, Pamela A. Carmody, will on the 14th day of January, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the

Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, sell and convey all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the following described real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

Lot Five (5), Block Three (3) of MERCURE ESTATES UNIT TWO, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 1055 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on September 30, 1980 in Book 13, Page 65, Plat Records ("Property").

The Property is also known as 1527 Angie Provencio, Anthony, New Mexico 88021; provided, however, that any discrepancy between the street address and the legal description shall be resolved in favor of the legal description.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Stipulated And Default Judgment And Decree For Foreclosure entered on November 19, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit for foreclosure of a Note and Mortgage held by the Plaintiff in this matter, wherein the Plaintiff was adjudged to have an judgment against Defendants Federico Maldonado and Claudia Maldonado and a first, prior and paramount mortgage lien against the Property as follows: a judgment in the principal amount of (i) Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$52,174.00), with interest accruing thereon from October 1, 2007 at the rate of Eleven and 46/100 percent (11.46%) per annum, which interest shall accrue until the date of the Special Master's Sale, (ii) costs in the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine and 42/100 Dollars (\$939.42), (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees in the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$1,923.75), (iv) forced placed insurance charges in the amount of Fifty-Five and 04/100 Dollars (\$55.04) per month from May, 2007; (v) all costs of sale including a Special Master's fee of \$200.00 plus tax, and costs of publication, and (vi) any additional attorneys' fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale

Other than information regarding the amount of the Judgment, information regarding (i) any and all taxes and assessments due and owing on the Property, (ii) any and all reservations, restrictions and easements pertaining to the Property, and (iii) any and all other information sought pursuant to a due diligence search, must be independently obtained by a potential purchaser, at that potential purchaser's sole cost and expense.

The subject property will be sold subject to: patent reservations, restrictions, easements of record, taxes and governmental assessments, any liens, encumbrances or interests not otherwise foreclosed upon herein, taxes and governmental assessments, environmental contamination, if any, and zoning violations concerning the Property, if any, and the Defendants' one (1) month equity of redemption as provided by law. Plaintiff, American General, may bid all or part of its judgment against the property and is hereby authorized to make its bid by regular U.S. Mail, fax or email to the Special Master or by telephone call to

the Special Master.

Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash, immediately available funds, or decreed lien, and the time thereof may be postponed in the event the Special Master, in his judgment, deems advisable. Additional surplus money, if any, is to be distributed in accordance with a further Order of the Court in this matter.

The redemption period is thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Submitted by:  
Pamela A. Carmody  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. CV-08-2043

**INDYMAC MORTGAGE,  
F.S.B., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL GASHWYTEWA  
and if married, JANE  
DOE GASHWYTEWA,  
(True Name Unknown),  
his spouse; JOHN DOE  
and JANE DOE, (true  
names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that on January 14, 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 6122 Desert Valley Court, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, DESERT VIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, 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 May 6, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 194-195 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 November 18, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$367,636.90 and the same bears interest at 8.25% per annum from November 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,985.76. 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.

**THE FOREGOING SALE**  
will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 1, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$120,633.79 and the same bears interest at 7.25% per annum from December 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,078.27. 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.

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

No. CV-2008-1773

**WASHINGTON MUTUAL  
BANK, FA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SANDRA HAMILTON and,  
if married, JOHN DOE A,  
(True Name Unknown),  
her spouse; WASHINGTON  
MUTUAL BANK; JOHN  
DOE and JANE DOE, (true  
names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that on January 14, 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 5231 Mescalero Trail, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 28C in Block 11 of Elephant Butte Land and Trust Co. Subdivision "C" Amendment No. One of Part of Block Eleven, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 6, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Page 97, 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 December 5, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$246,233.40 and the same bears interest at 6.35% per annum from November 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,078.27. 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.

interest to the date of sale will be \$3,212.84. 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  
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575-524-2121

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

NO. D0307CV200802096

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR THE  
STRUCTURED ASSET  
INVESTMENT LOAN  
TRUST, 2005-5, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**FELIPE AGUIRRE;  
ISIDRA AGUIRRE;  
OCCUPANTS WHOSE  
TRUE NAMES ARE  
UNKNOWN, Defendants**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Felipe Aguirre and Isidra Aguirre.

**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 of being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 312 Terry Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 10, Block B, ALAMEDA ESTATES 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 20, 1964, in Book 9 Page 19 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 26, 2009, judgment by

# LEGAL NOTICES

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WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 2nd day of December 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: Richard Armijo  
Deputy  
  
08-1209/ Aguirre, Felipe;  
P506878  
  
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1/2, 2009

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

No. CV-2008-2479  
Judge: Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

SAMUEL MUÑOZ,  
CARLOS R. MUÑOZ, AND  
2000 KAWK NINJA  
GREEN; VIN:  
JKAEXMF11A077734;  
New Mexico License Plate  
No. P09133 Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Samuel Muñoz, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 KAWK Ninja, Green; VIN: JKAEXMF11A077734 ; New Mexico License Plate No. P09133.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connolly  
Deputy City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

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

No. CV-2008-2819  
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

DEANNA MARK,  
BRODERICK MARK,  
AND 1998 FORD  
EXPLORER, BLACK; VIN:  
1FMYU24E2WUB99168;  
New Mexico License Plate  
No. CXA 636, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Broderick Mark, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1998 Ford Explorer, Black; VIN: 1FMYU24E2WUB99168; New Mexico License Plate No. CXA 636.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connolly  
Deputy City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

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1/2, 2009

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

Cause No. CV 2004 00678  
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

COMMUNITY FIRST  
NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a  
WESTERN BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Plaintiff,

v.

FERMIN RUIZ, JOHNNY'S  
SEPTIC TANK COMPANY,  
INC., MARCELLE R.  
RUIZ, UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TREASURY INTERNAL  
REVENUE SERVICE, JAY  
BAMERT, NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR, IRMA C. RUIZ,  
f/k/a IRMA COLQUITT,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 12th day of January, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 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 and personality located in said County and State:

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded 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.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 10th day of December, 2008.

M. Lea Brownfield,  
Special Master  
PO. Box 57  
Mesilla, NM 88046-0057  
Telephone (575) 524-4924

Submitted by:

Kelly P. Albers  
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Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88001  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2160

HSBC BANK USA N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

1)

in the sum of \$81,079.33,  
plus interest at the rate of  
11.00% per annum, \$16,436.763  
per diem from November 7,

2008, until the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"); and

vs.  
JOHN GRUBBS; ROSALYN GRUBBS; FOXWORTH GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 14, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at 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 6131 Desert Valley Court, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 4, VALLEY VIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on May 6, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 196-197 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 24, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property.

Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in his sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

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.

Pamela Carmody,  
Special Master  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 525-2711

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2008-132

Judge Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA FARWELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Farwell, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at:

David Loring Farwell, 810 Frontier Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011, or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County.

David Loring Farwell  
810 Frontier Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Pub #8391  
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-2008-02420

JUDGE: The Honorable Jerald A. Valentine

BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST, a New Mexico Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

ORALIA GUILLEN and FELIPE GUILLEN, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by and THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a Decree foreclosing a certain Mortgage entered in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 9th day of December, 2008, the undersigned Special Master will, on the 26th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the front Entrance of the Doña Ana Courthouse in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the real estate situated in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

SEE EXHIBITA-ATTACHED  
The address of said property is 12208 Highway 478, Mesquite, New Mexico. This sale is being made to satisfy the aforesaid Decree.

DATED this 17th day of December, 2008.

Said real estate is subject to unpaid and past due Doña Ana County property taxes and further subject to rights of redemption.

The total amount due on the date of said sale to Plaintiff is the sum of \$149,375.69 together with interest at the rate of 7% from and after September 3, 2008, being principal, interest, plus attorney's fees, Special Master's fee, costs of publication and such other costs as may accrue to said date.

The undersigned has the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ Jaime F. Rubin

JAIME F. RUBIN

SPECIAL MASTER

Exhibit "A"

A tract of land situate in the

Town of Mesquite, Doña Ana County, New Mexico,

located at 115 Roadrunner

in Section 1, T.25S., R.2E. N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys being U.S.R.S. Tract 17-96C5B and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a mag nail found on the east line of U.S. Highway No.80 for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 17-96C bears the following two courses and distances, N.28 deg., 15'00"W., 30.00 feet;

Thence N.28 deg., 12'11"W., 434.90 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the east line of U.S. Highway No. 80, N.61 deg., 45'00"E., 150.00 feet to a 1/2"iron rod found for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.28 deg., 15'00"E., 90.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.61 deg., 45'00"W., 150.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the east line of U.S. Highway No. 80 for the southwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the east line of U.S. Highway No. 80, N.28 deg., 15'00"W., 90.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.310 acre of land, more or less.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2658

Judge: Martin

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

SCOTT J. ROBERTSON,  
RICHARD CLARK, AND  
1996 MAZDA PICKUP,  
TEAL GREEN; VIN:  
4F4CR16XXTTM23899;  
New Mexico License Plate  
No. CHB 589, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Scott J. Robertson and Richard Clark, the above named Respondents.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 28, 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 760 Del Monte Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block X, MONTECITO ANNEX, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 30, 1955, in Book 7 Page(s) 61 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 10, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$123,488.10 and the same bears interest at 8.475% per annum from October 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,010.66. 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

vs.

BETTY J. WILLIAMSON,  
THOMAS WILLIAMSON,  
AND 1993 HYUNDAI ACCENT, TAN; VIN:  
KMHCG35C42U192396; New Mexico License Plate No. DSY 502, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Betty J. Williamson and Thomas Williamson, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces,

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

4. Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 12th day of December 2008.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connolly

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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  
PO. Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-524-2121

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1/16, 2009

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

No. CV-2007-2469

**CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS REALTY CORP., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DIANE BASS; RAFAEL CHAVARRIA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).**

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on January 28, 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 1945 Amis Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña

Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, BLOCK K, HIGHLAND PLACE, 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 DECEMBER 11, 1953 IN BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 49 OF PLAT RECORDS.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on June 9, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor made payments pursuant to a Stipulation for Settlement and/or Sale and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$146,770.89, plus interest thereon at the rate of 9.9% per annum from January 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,114.65. 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 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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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2008-2656

Judge: Martin

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**DANIEL SELGA, AND 1997 FORD RANGER, RED; VIN: 1FTCR10U4VPB30163; New Mexico License Plate No. KFP 136, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

To: Daniel Selga, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1997 Ford Ranger, Red; VIN: 1FTCR10U4VPB30163; New Mexico License Plate No. KFP 135.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES**

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connally  
Deputy City Attorney  
PO. Box 20000  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

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2009

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

No. PB-2008- 119 (Martin)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MIREILLE G. MAROKVIA, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

DATED: December 22, 2008.

John Minor  
Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Mireille G. Marokvia, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:

BATES LAW FIRM  
P.O. Box 305  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305  
(575) 524-8585  
(575) 524-1895 (Telefax)

Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate

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Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

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

No. PB 2008-121  
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM G. RICHARDS, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Co-Personal

Representative, c/o Reta Kaye Warren, 5675 Charles Russell Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011, or to the Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives, Ralph Wm. Richards, P.O. Box 137, Fairacres, New Mexico 88033, or filed with the Court at Doña Ana County District Court, Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 13th day of November 2008.  
/s/ Rubylee Richards  
Rubylee Richards,  
Co-Personal Representative

/s/ Leta Faye Richards  
Leta Faye Richards,  
Co-Personal Representative

/s/ Reta Kaye Warren  
Reta Kaye Warren,  
Co-Personal Representative  
5675 Charles Russell Road,  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

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Dates 1/2, 1/9, 2009

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

No. D 307 CV 200801721

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**GILBERT H. REYES; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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A tract of land situate north of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 25, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1984 Kaufman triplewide, VIN No. KBTXSNCA544124.

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the 0.75 Acre Maximum Lot Size Requirement or Existing Structures Exceeding the Maximum Gross Floor Area Allowance of 2,500 Square Feet for Properties Zoned C-1 (Commercial Low Intensity). Submitted by Peggy Shinn, for Various Property Owners (Case Z2774).

6. Council Bill No. 09-038; Ordinance No. 2501: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to R-2C (Multi-Dwelling Low Density-Conditional) for 9.680 +/- Acres Located at the Northwestern Intersection of Mesa Drive and Central Avenue. The Zone Change Request Will Facilitate the Construction of an Approximate 145 Unit Apartment Complex. Submitted by Dann Casey for More Gelt Holding, LLC (Z2765).

7. Council Bill No. 09-039; Ordinance No. 2502: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article V Section 38-43 (C) of the Municipal Code, Correcting Previous Zoning Map Errors Within and Around the CBD (Central Business District). The Properties Are Located at 887, 867, 717, 709, 705 N. Main Street, 224 and 390 S. Alameda Boulevard. All Existing Property Lines Will Coincide with the CBD (Central Business District) Zoning District Boundary. The Properties Located at 339, 337, 331 N. Alameda Boulevard, 331 W. Las Cruces Avenue and 334 W. Griggs Avenue Will Be Removed from the CBD (Central Business District) Zoning District. The Property Located Due South of 405 W. Griggs and the Property Located Due West of 230 S. Alameda Boulevard Will Be Placed Within the CBD (Central Business District). Submitted by the City of Las Cruces (ZCA-08-03).

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 29th day of December, 2008.

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
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Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8405  
Dates 1/2, 1/9, 2009

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 20, 2009:

1. Council Bill No. 09-040; Ordinances No. 2503: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-10-1.52, Limitations on the Volume of Sound Emanating from Vehicular Sound Amplification Systems, for the Purpose of Establishing Mandatory Minimum Penalties; and, Making a Stylistic Change to Paragraph A of the Section.

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 29th day of December, 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

Pub #8406  
Dates 1/2, 2009

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Ariel Provencio Aguirre FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NO. CO-08-3204  
Judge James T. Martin

#### PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Ariel Provencio Aguirre, and pursuant to §40-8-1, NMSA 1978, states:

1. Petitioner is a resident of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

2. Petitioner is over the age of fourteen (14) years.

3. Petitioner desires to change her name from Ariel Provencio Aguirre to Arielle Marina Hollister.

4. There is no sufficient cause to the contrary why her name should not be changed to and established as Arielle Marina Hollister.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That the Court se a hearing in this matter, and
2. Following the time set for the hearing, the Court enter its Order changing and establishing Petitioner's name as Arielle Marina Hollister.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Petitioner, Pro Se (Signature)  
Ariel Provencio Aguirre  
5125 Real Del Norte,  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
(575) 382-2159

Dated: December 6, 2008  
  
Dale Lee Harper  
10805 Glen Acres Dr. S  
Seattle, WA 98168-1556

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

No. D0307CV200701459

#### CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

**CHARLES FLORES;**  
**CHRISTINA FLORES;**  
**SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC.**  
**D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.;**  
**UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES FLORES, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTINA FLORES, IF ANY,**  
**Defendant(s).**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Special Master will on February 11, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., 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 5, Block 3, MESA VILLAGE 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 6, 1976, in Book 12 Pages 39 and 40 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 5551 Century Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 14, 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 \$112,313.35 plus interest from December 14, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: December 29, 2008.

Pamela Carmody  
Special Master  
c/o Castle Meinhold &  
Stawiarski  
999 18th St., Suite 2201,  
Bin 1  
Denver, CO 80202  
(800) 286-0013  
(303) 285-2222

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Christina; P514257  
  
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2009

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

Case No. D0307CV200702702

**HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC 2007-3, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN; OTILLA M. SULLIVAN; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Special Master will on February 11, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., 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 17 in Block C of Vista De La Montana, Phase II, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 20, 2004 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 768-769, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 6121 High Desert Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 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 \$196,009.93 plus interest from August 29, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

No. CV-08-2259

#### INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

**IRENE LOPEZ; SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on January 28, 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 5496 Amarillo Del Sol, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña

Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 4, MIRASOL SUBDIVISION NO. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 9, 1984, in Book 13 Page(s) 335-337 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 December 22, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$215,955.59 and the same bears interest at 8.625% per annum from November 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,776.26. 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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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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Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
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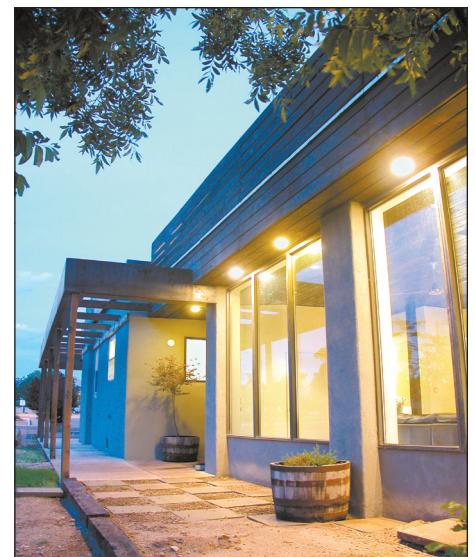
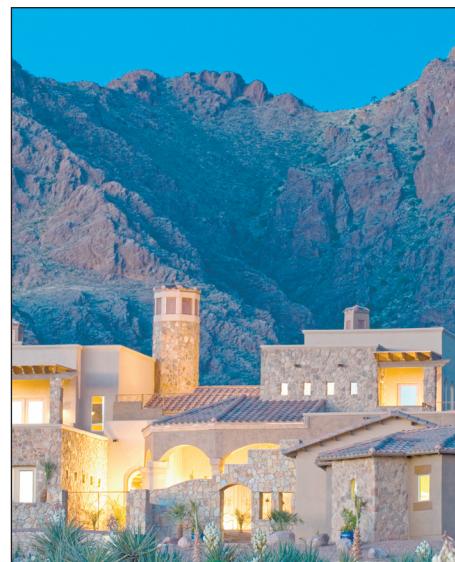
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# This year's featured homes

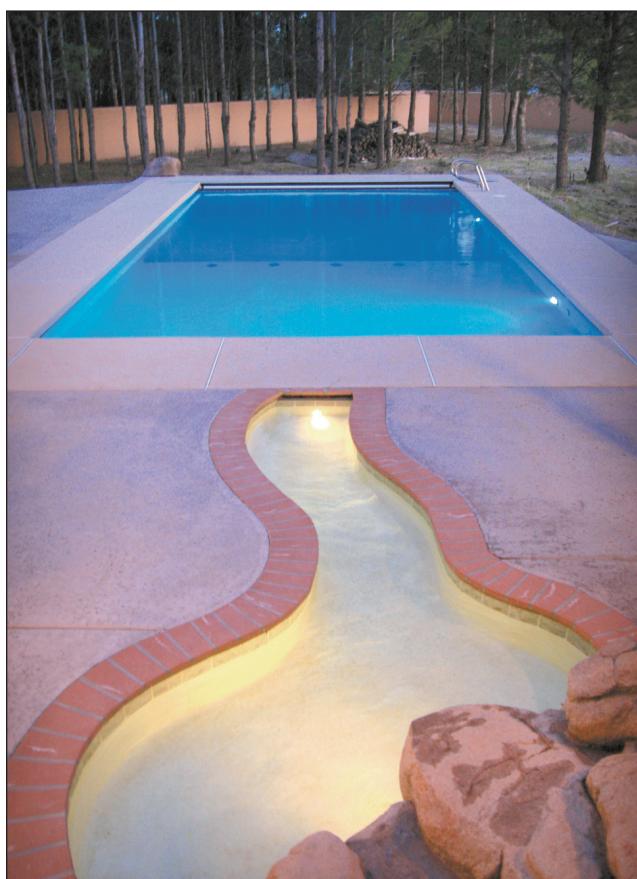


Along with the traditional Southwestern style, Las Cruces also has its fair share of sleek, contemporary homes like this one at 3101 Bowman St.

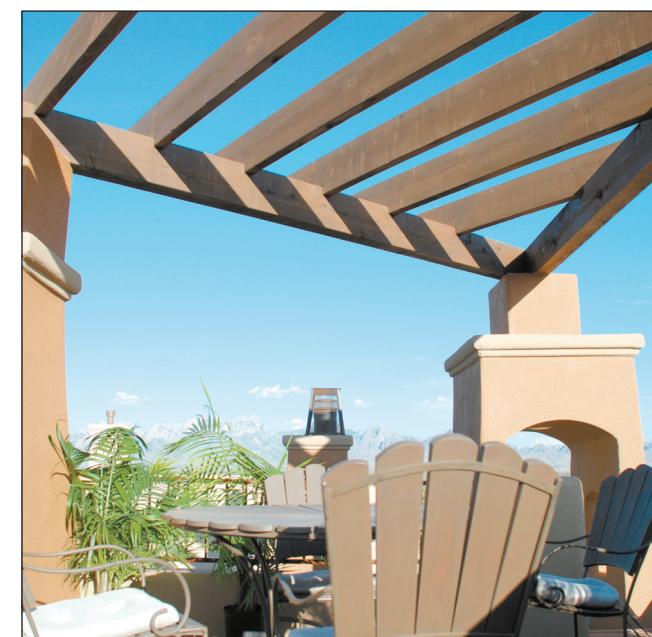
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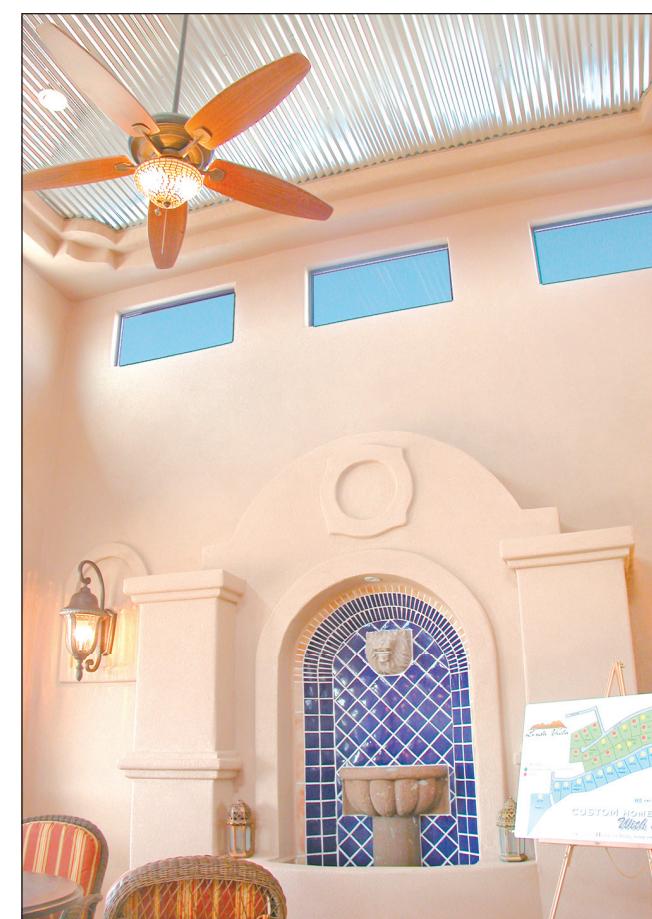
Old World style can be found in abundance in Las Cruces. The limestone columns surrounding the copper tub found in this GL Green and Associates home at 5825 Ladera Canyon is an example of towering Old World appeal.



With great weather year-round, a pool is essential in any upscale home in the city.



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Builders continue to enhance outdoor spaces, like this rooftop patio by GL Green and Associates at 4112 Calle Belleza.



Builders continue to create resort-style living right at home, which is found in this Desert Sage Building and Development home in Picacho Hills.

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Bringing outdoor elements indoors made a statement in this showcase entry by JR Hernandez Custom Homes.

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# A look at the Las Cruces housing market in 2008

## Quality construction, affordable living keep people coming to the Mesilla Valley

BY BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Though 2008 saw one of the deepest housing downturns in U.S. history, Las Cruces has continued to defy national headlines. Ranked for years as a great place to retire as well as a great place for small businesses, the city has continued to attract new residents with its sun, stunning custom homes and its overall lifestyle.

According to local real estate guru Gary Sandler, Las Cruces has been somewhat insulated from the rest of the country.

"As far as foreclosures are concerned, we rank 37 out of the 50 states and only about 12 percent of New Mexico buyers received those sub-prime loans," said Sandler, who is president of Gary Sandler Inc. Realtors and author of the Las Cruces Bulletin's weekly column Real Estate Connection. "The real estate market around the country is pretty sick, but we just have the sniffles."

What the sniffles translates to, according to Sandler, is a market performing better than the rest of the country that will easily bounce back from today's recession.

With prices collapsing at a pace economists say is reminiscent of the Great Depression, prices in Las Cruces have remained steady and the city continues to be an extremely affordable place to live. According to Sandler and other professionals in the business, the success of the housing market in Las Cruces has everything to do with the myriad of attractions it has to offer.

"Quality of life is probably the biggest attraction, then there are the really nice people, terrific weather, lack of traffic, beautiful vistas, the history of the area and the potential for growth," he said. "That's how people here describe it."

A great deal of its success also comes from area builders, who continue to set the bar high in terms of quality construction.

"Our builders here are far more creative and pay, I think, far more attention to detail than builders in other areas of the country," he said. "You're going to find more for your money here."

After spending a great deal of 2008 as interim president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, Sid Graft has been able to see this level of quality firsthand while interacting with the city's most prominent builders on a daily basis.

"We have always had a very high caliber of builders. They keep up with things. You have builders who are really getting into green building. We have builders that

are putting in state-of-the-art features that we have never seen here before, and they travel around to see what is being done in other parts of the country," said Graft, who is also founder of the Real Estate Press and formerly in charge of Mountain Dreams Publishing's Living in Las Cruces and the showcase of homes and parade of homes magazines.

Taking on the position of president of the LCHBA in 2009, JB Stearns is happy to represent the city's quality builders, which are his friends as well as his competition.

"Las Cruces is a great community because of the amount of quality custom homes. By and large, everybody has their own style," said Stearns, who owns Stearns Custom Homes.

One of the things Stearns said sets Las Cruces apart is the level of detail builders put into their homes. Perhaps the biggest construction trend, which was highly visible during the most recent parade of homes, is a focus on outdoor spaces. Be it enclosed courtyards or rooftop patios, builders are taking advantage of the beautiful weather in new and creative ways.

From new construction to the renovation of classic adobes, the city also includes a wide-range of styles from the ever-popular Mediterranean to Southwest contemporary.

Another trend that has been seen all over the country and is making a statement in southern New Mexico is "green" building. One of the newest eastern-lying subdivisions, Picacho Mountain, is known for its green-building requirements and is on its way to becoming the city's premier green development.

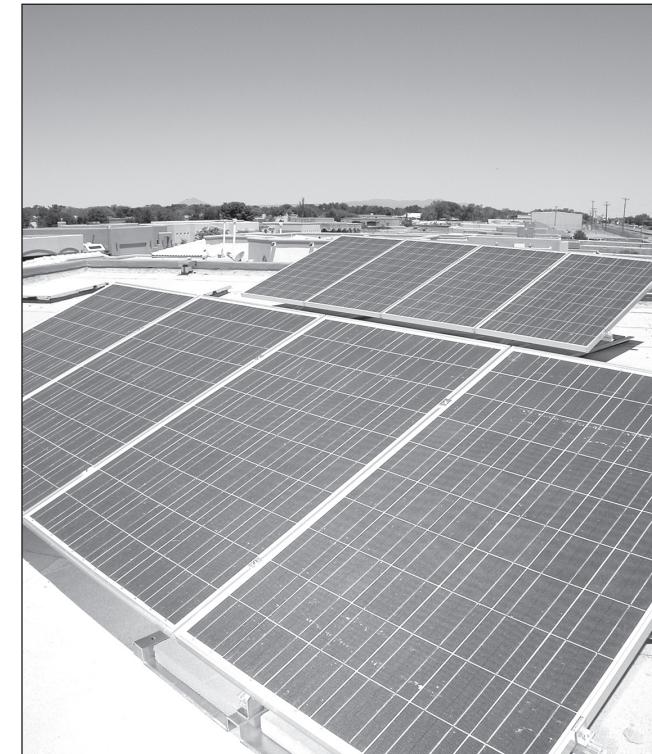
"I am glad that Picacho Mountain has taken such a proactive approach and is making everyone more aware," Stearns said.

Michelle Martin, Realtor with Steinborn GMAC Real Estate and president of the Multiple Listings and Information Service, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, said she has seen a recent increase in real estate activity and has a positive outlook for 2009.

"We are fielding more inquiries than ever from people in markets that are not so fortunate," she said. "Our market is being stimulated by these inquiries."

From the culture and history to the great weather and friendly people, Las Cruces will continue to grow and thrive in 2009, attracting individuals looking for a comfortable, eco-friendly, affordable lifestyle.

"I see more and more people discovering Las Cruces as a terrific place to invest, to live, to work, to play," Martin said.



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**Homeowners, like Chuck and Bernice Arater, are increasingly taking advantage of the Southwest's overabundance of sunlight.**



Las Cruces has plenty of loft-style homes like this one at 4641 Whispering Pines.



This showcase entry by Cole Thomas Homes is located in Picacho Mountain and features receding glass walls, which were a hit during the showcase.

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# An eye-catching kitchen addition

Create a designer look with the right kitchen backsplash



**MARIANN NOVACK**  
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A tile backsplash does more than just add visual interest and color to the kitchen. It acts as a durable, easy-to-clean surface above the stove. Over the cook top is the most popular and eye-catching place to play up a backsplash by creating a distinct and varied pattern with tiles of different shapes, colors, textures and borders.

A backsplash is the term used to describe the dry-wall space above the stove area. Usually, the stove area has a built-in microwave combined with an exhaust fan, but it could also have an exhaust hood, creating a space that is taller than the 18-inch area between the counter and cabinets. The backsplash is usually drywall, unless there is a wall treatment.

A variety of materials can be applied to the backsplash to visually enhance the room's design. Glass tiles, tin tiles, murals, mosaics or even stacked stone are some of the new options on the market today.

To understand the language of the backsplash there are four terms that will help you buy the materials.

- Field tile will create the overall area of the backsplash.
- Bullnose tile is generally rounded and placed on the edge.

- Border tile frames the backsplash forming a border. This tile can be in the form of ropes, ogees or mosaics.
- Listellos or deco tiles are the accent tiles.

Tiles come in hundreds of sizes from tiny mosaics to 1-foot squares. It makes sense and looks best to use tiles scaled to match your space. Backsplashes in smaller kitchens typically have smaller, narrower tiles, while larger tiles work in kitchens that have a large backsplash.

Tin tile is a winner for this year as it is durable and decorative and an ideal accent for a cozy kitchen. The metallic material

is a practical way to achieve a variety of different effects via painting and pressing designs onto its

surface. Various shades of gold have made a comeback, but silver is a main stay and gives a cleaner, more contemporary look to tin.

Glass is clean, sleek and available in an array of sizes and styles. Glass tiles are clearly making a name for themselves as they capture light and literally make the kitchen sparkle. Unlike ceramic, glass isn't porous and therefore won't absorb moisture, resulting in easy cleaning and minimal staining. Although glass accents

## Style Tip OF THE WEEK

When combining patterns, try using color as a common theme. You may be surprised at how well a variety of patterns look together when they share similar color schemes.



Glass tiles make a shining statement in a kitchen backsplash.

are often associated with modern design, I like experimenting with a combination of tile and glass to add texture and creativity to the design.

Adding art in the form of mosaics and murals can help achieve a timeless look. In the mosaic murals, the trends are swirls of colors and geometric patterns that are not too specific instead of the landscape or still-lives. A mural or a mosaic turns a backsplash into a focal point, shifting the eye from floors and countertops.

If the kitchen has enough going on visually, the backsplash can be designed for the sole purpose of accenting other focal points. When this is the case, neutral palettes are most requested, and the backsplash can all be the same color with a border and different sized tiles with the larger tiles on a diagonal.

I usually get started by drawing a pattern, then I look for the materials that

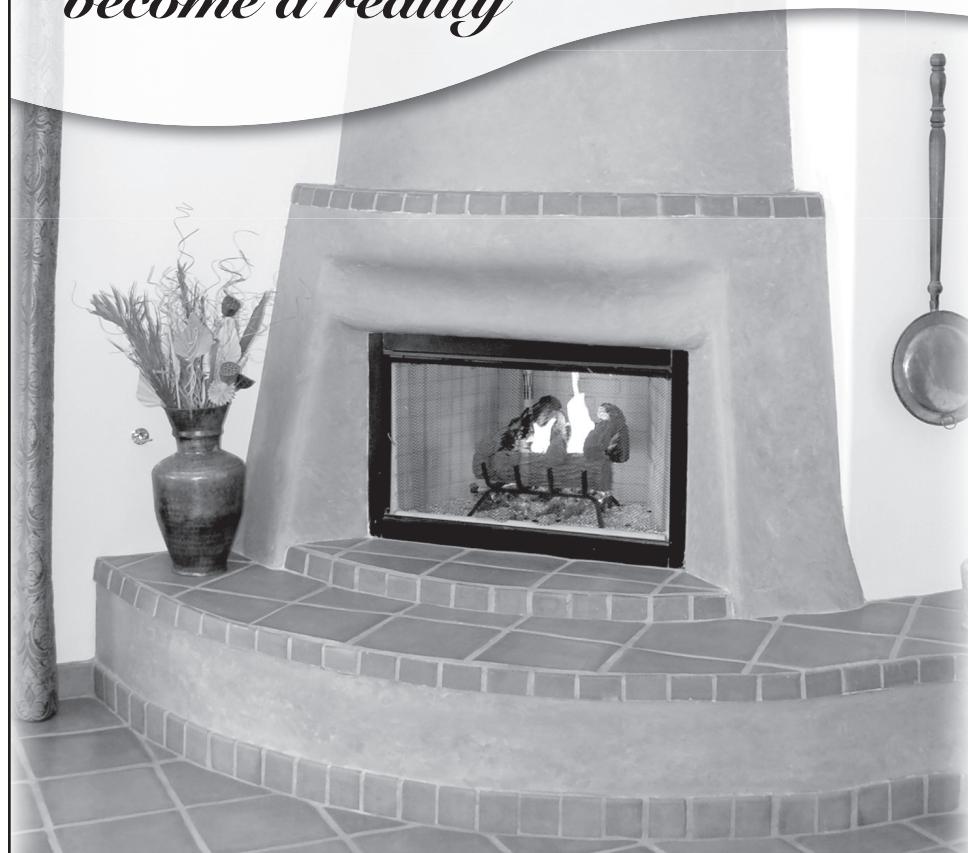
will best fit my pattern and colors that will enhance the colors of the kitchen. Placing the tiles inside on a diagonal then bordering with a rope molding can enhance a simple rectangle. To creating more interest, try substituting a glass tile in a random pattern within the rectangle.

There will be areas on either side of the stove and under the cabinets that will need to be tiled. It can be as simple as using the floor tile and installing it on a diagonal. Or cut the floor tiles in 6-inch by 6-inch pieces and install them straight.

It's hard to go wrong with backsplashes that add richness and texture. Textured elements are most effective when paired with sleek materials such as tin, stacked stone, glass or murals.

Mariann Novack is a design consultant and welcomes your comments at 541-9484 or [marnvck@aol.com](mailto:marnvck@aol.com). Building a home, remodeling or considering interior decorating? Give Novack a call.

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# More than meets the eye

## It's clear: Scotch tape is a must have

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While everyone knows the uses of Scotch tape are practically endless, and outlining these uses may seem a tad redundant, there are some surprising facts out there about Scotch tape.

Reportedly, it has been used to protect the Goodyear blimp, cover cracks in the shells of fertilized pigeon eggs and repair a nearly shredded floppy disk that federal authorities needed to solve a murder case.

When a "banjo-playing-turned-adhesive expert" named Richard Drew developed the first Scotch transparent tape in 1930, its uses were few, and sales of the new product reached only \$33 in its first year.

Later, the fancy Scotch tape dispenser was invented by John Borden, mainly because the end of Scotch tape was so difficult to find due to its transparency. The tape dispenser was made with a ledge to keep the end of the tape from sticking to the roll, and they even added the nice serrated edge for easy cutting.

Though its uses were few and far between more than 75 years ago, today this item is more than just an essential for the office. With hundreds of uses – both

extraordinary and everyday – it's no wonder Drew had high hopes for his invention.

It has even made its way into the forefront of nano-science by providing an alternative method of making graphene and has recently proven to be a source of X-rays. A study was published in Nature that showed Scotch tape is capable of emitting X-rays as electrons begin to slow down on its sticky surface.

While many Scotch tape suggestions are a no-brainer, here are some interesting suggestions that might help out around the house.

**1. Keep everything in order:** Tape can help fix appliances, electronics and even furniture without losing parts. Take a strip of tape and leave it adhesive-side up on a table. When taking pieces off of the item, lay them in order on the tape, making it easier to reapply them.

**2. Trim out-of-control bangs:** While we all want the assistance of a professional hair dresser, when it comes to tough economic times, it is sometimes those simple luxuries that must go.

Bangs that are too long can be a hassle for kids and adults, especially when the rest of your hair isn't in need of a trim. They can be trimmed with ease by placing a strip of tape across them and

## Around-the-house item: Scotch tape

Scotch tape has recently been found to emit X-rays.



**5. Keep kids away from outlets:** Prevent small children from getting electrocuted by placing a piece of tape over small electrical sockets. Do this for every outlet that is in reach.

**6. Fix frayed shoelaces:** As shoelaces get older, they always seem to lose the plastic material around their ends. Wrapping a piece of tape around the end of the shoelace works especially well as a replacement and makes a great alternative to walking around with frayed shoelaces.

**7. Stake a plant:** Straighten plant stems by simply making a splint from a Popsicle stick or chopstick and taping to the plant using tape.

**8. Make a stunning arrangement:** Use strips of tape to create a grid pattern on the opening of a vase then place flowers in each opening.

**9. Add strength to crayons:** No one wants a box full of broken crayons. Wrap their middles with tape for added strength.

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# Color, lighting top list of 2009 home decor trends

## Cozy atmospheres a must as people spend more time at home

More and more Americans today are looking at their homes as a place of refuge in a stressful world of challenges and economic instability. Instead of going out to dinner or social events, they're cocooning with their families. Now, more than ever, their homes need to be restful and soothing, yet stylish.

Interior designers and industry experts across the country have noted this trend as well, along with an increased focus on cost-consciousness as homeowners become more selective about how they spend their money.

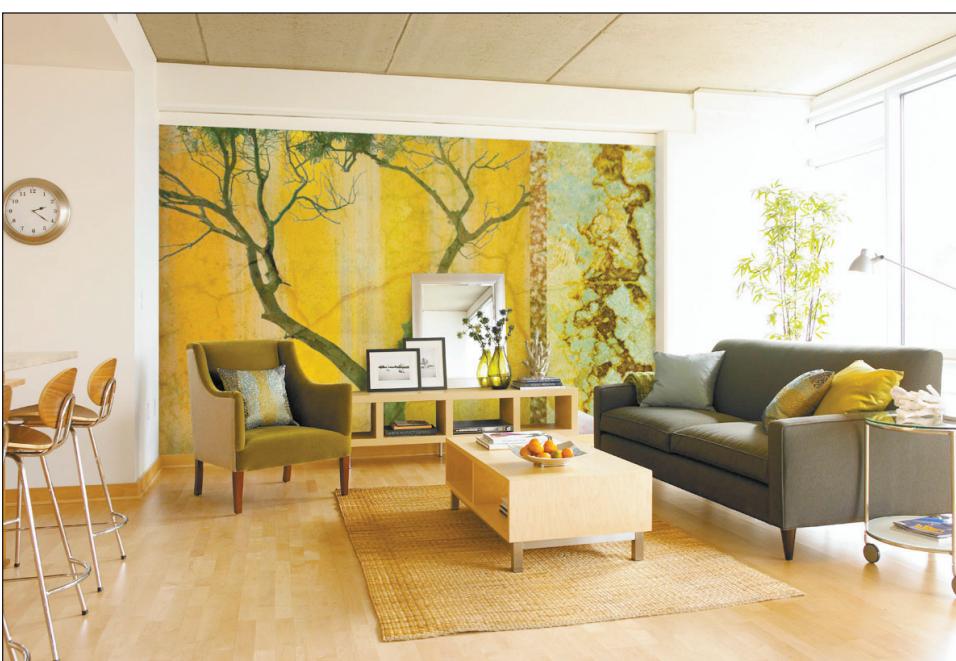
Here are their top-10 home decor trends for 2009:

### Color your world

Colors will literally be across the spectrum this year. On their website, the Pantone Color Institute forecasts lively colors and sophisticated, grounded hues with fuchsia red, salmon rose, palace blue, lavender, rose dust and vibrant green predicted to be popular.

Andrea Vollf, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), believes strongly in "transforming an ordinary home into a living oasis" using neutrals, especially warm and cool grays, along with bold accent pieces. Deep shades of blue are in demand by customers of Jan Hubbard, ASID, and Candice Mathers, allied member of ASID, with Hubbard also noting a draw to spice, bisque, toast and green/gold tones to create a warm ambiance.

On a brighter note, Mathers and Susan Pantaleo, ASID, see yellow emerging as a very versatile color. Popping up in every shade from sunlight to dijon mustard, Pantaleo lauds yellow's attention-getting appeal and ability to add life to any room.



Wall murals are an inexpensive way to add color to a room and are predicted to gain popularity in 2009.

### Light up your life

Because residential interiors are incorporating more intense paint colors – not only as accent walls, but throughout an entire room – more light is needed to properly illuminate a room. According to Jeff Dross, senior product manager of Kichler Lighting, lighting manufacturers will introduce chandeliers with more arms or multiple lights per arm, as well as pendants and wall-mounted fixtures that accept higher-wattage bulbs.

### We've got it covered

Wall murals will continue to be in high demand in 2009, according to Todd Imholte, president of www.muralsyourway.com, a leader in the production of decorative wall murals for more than 35 years.

"Wall murals are a very cost-effective way to completely transform the look of a room," says Imholte. "We recently introduced 90 new mural designs including bold graphic patterns, contemporary designs and murals inspired by nature such as birch trees and bamboo."

### Establishing a pattern

In a press release distributed earlier this year, Michelle Lamb – co-founder and chairman of Marketing Directions Inc. and senior editor of The Trend Curve – stated that patterns are being constantly updated and reinvented. Some ways to keep them fresh include combining classic and contemporary styles in one piece; using tiny, country patterns that include calico or patchwork; and trying distinctive materials, like foil, or embellishments that cluster and layer upon each other.

### Wood is good

According to Kathy Peterson – celebrity design expert and co-host of Lifetime TV's "The Balancing Act" – wood flooring is blending into an eclectic mix of wood

tones. She also forecasts hardwood wall coverings (wood, resin, metals) with seamless panels of custom designs becoming focal points of a room. Dross echoes the popularity of wood throughout the home, seeing floors, walls, ceilings (bead board) and furniture incorporating wood at their center.

### Comfort is key

Vollf sees 2009 as being the year of comfort, with furniture that is comfortable and functional, yet still elegant. More and more people are interested in creating a personal refuge that is chic, peaceful, inviting and easy to maintain.

### Shining stars

Metals will continue to shine next year, according to Lamb. She envisions them being translated into modern metallic finishes and textures that create a sense of visual excitement and high energy. Particularly noteworthy are platinum, dark silver, rose golds and copper and colorful metallics.

### Hooray for Hollywood

Carmen Natschke, editor of The Decorating Diva, sees a revival of "Hollywood Regency." According to her website, this style is "glamorous, classy and elegant; composed of an eclectic mix of styles like Neo-Classical, Asian, Baroque and Art Deco; sumptuous and luxury fabrics, shimmering finishes, mirrored furniture, chinoiserie, bamboo and lacquered furniture; bold color; clean lines and beautiful symmetry."

### Embrace the outdoors

Seamless transitions from indoor to outdoor spaces are envisioned by Pantaleo, who says the most successful outdoor spaces will be an extension of the home's interior style and color scheme. Using nature as a backdrop, she suggests pulling colors from adjacent rooms to maintain a visual connection. She also recommends accessorizing gourmet cook centers and plasma televisions with weather-resistant chandeliers, rugs and artwork.

### Go green

Eco-friendly products will continue to be in demand by today's energy-conscious and environmentally-aware consumers. McKinley Adams, allied member of ASID, predicts consumers will be interested in sustainable building materials that may cost a bit more up front, but will save money in the long run. He also sees a surge of interest in vintage furnishings for inside the home, while Mathers anticipates increased use of grass cloth and natural Sisal finishes.

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# Faster than you can say cabernet sauvignon

No bar is complete without the Houdini wine opener

BY BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Over the holidays, especially on New Year's Eve, plenty of bottles of wine are opened in celebration. While this may be a struggle for those using a conventional wine opener, which sometimes results in a broken cork, others will open bottles in a snap using cutting-edge devices.

Previously featured in the Bulletin's Home and Southwest Living section was the automatic wine opener, which can open bottles with the push of a button. Now it's time to feature another wine opener for which most people have already heard rave reviews.

## What is it?

The Houdini is modeled after the famous Rabbit created by Metrokane. According to their website, "The Rabbit has become the best-known bunny since Bugs." Winning both the prestigious IDEA Award and the coveted Good Design Award in 2001, it is one of only seven house ware products worldwide to earn awards from designers in the United States, Switzerland and Sweden, and has also been described as a "fool-proof" device for opening wine.

Opening a bottle of wine in three seconds flat, the Houdini makes popping the cork easier than ever.

## How does it work?

The Houdini clamps onto the neck of a wine bottle and inserts the worm directly into the center of the cork. Then, with a gentle pull of the lever, the cork pops out almost instantly. One quick push in the other direction, and it ejects the cork off the worm once the bottle is open.



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Coming in several colors, the Houdini can also be purchased in pink with a portion of the proceeds going toward breast cancer research.

## Swiss Cheese Fondue

**1 pound** grated Swiss cheese  
**2 tablespoons** flour  
**1 clove** garlic  
**2 cups** dry white wine  
**2 tablespoons** Kirsch, rum or brandy (optional)  
**1/4 cup** grated Parmesan cheese  
**1/4 teaspoon** grated nutmeg  
**Bread, cooked meat, vegetables for dippers**

Gently toss Swiss cheese and flour until cheese is coated. Set aside.

Cut the garlic clove in half and rub the inside of the fondue pot, pressing firmly to release juices. Add white wine and bring to a simmer. Do not boil.

Add the Swiss cheese to the wine in the fondue pot a handful at a time while stirring with a wooden spoon. When the cheese has melted and the sauce is smooth, add the Kirsch, rum or brandy, along with the Parmesan cheese and grated nutmeg. Stirring constantly, heat until it just begins to boil.

Serve Swiss cheese fondue with bread chunks, cooked meat pieces and chopped vegetables.

## How much does it cost?

The cost for just the wine opener starts at \$30 and depends on the model. The deluxe models come in standard sets with a foil cutter, champagne and wine sealer, pourer/stopper, extra worm and convenient carrying case and cost \$50 or more. The Houdini can also be purchased in several colors. All Houdini corkscrews come with a 5-year warranty from Metrokane.

## Where can it be found?

Look for the Houdini online at [www.rabbitandfriends.com](http://www.rabbitandfriends.com).

**Featured Kitchen Gadget:  
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com. It can also be found at certain kitchen-specialty stores.

## Helpful hint:

For those who like the Houdini and Rabbit, Metrokane also makes ice crushers, juicers, glassware and barware. They also have all new Vacuum Wine Savers and the first Vacuum Decanter.

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# CAASNM offers affordable housing

Five green homes available for Las Cruces residents

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Prospective homebuyers in Las Cruces with low to moderate income levels may soon find themselves in brand-new, affordable homes.

The Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico will have five three-bedroom, two-bathroom homes built by spring/summer 2009, which will be offered to qualifying program participants.

"Five homes are going to be available at the Sierra Norte Heights subdivision," said Andy Holguin, housing development director for CAASNM. "They are located off Highway 70 at the Sonoma Ranch exit. It will be in a nice, new subdivision, and they will be quality built."

While CAASNM commonly provides programs to help with home weatherization and renovation, Holguin said offering affordable housing of this kind is something new.

"We are offering it to families that are 80 percent below the average median income in Las Cruces," Holguin said (refer to chart).

Because the City of Las Cruces provided the funds to purchase the lots, those families that are awarded the homes will only have to pay for the cost of construction, for which CAASNM will be taking out an initial construction loan.

"They are going to end up paying just for the construction of the house, which is estimated to be \$95,000," said Holguin, who added that they must live in the home for a designated amount of time.

"They must hang on to the property for at least 15 years," he said. If they sell the house before then, according to Holguin, they will also have to pay for the land.

"So the lot will be basically handed over to them at no cost and no payment for 15 years," Holguin said.

While a brand-new home may be music to the homebuyer's ears, even better news is the fact that all of the homes will be Build Green New Mexico (BGNM) certified. This means they will be energy efficient and built using eco-friendly construction practices.

"We are going to build them green," Holguin said. "Stacey Cox, the CEO here at the Community Action Agency, decided to not just make your normal cookie-cutter homes, but make something more viable for our clients."

Creating the homes to the standard of BGNM, they will be energy efficient, use sustainable materials and reuse much of the leftover construction materials. They will include Low-E windows, extra insulation and low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paints, and inspectors will participate throughout the entire construction process.

"For affordable housing, as far as I know, this step is a first," he said. "Building green doesn't cost as much as people think it does."

**Building green doesn't cost as much as people think it does.**

ANDY HOLGUIN,  
housing development director,  
CAASNM

people think it does. It's pretty exciting."

Not only will five families in Las Cruces receive a new home, but it will also come with a silver BGNM rating.

"This is a great opportunity because it is going to be affordable as compared to the average price of house like this, and it is going to save them money because their utilities are going to be lower than average," Holguin said.

Homebuyers must make a minimum of approximately \$27,000 annually and/or be able to qualify for a home loan. Participants are chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis. Anyone interested should contact Holguin at 523-1639, ext. 116.

The CAASNM works to end poverty in southern New Mexico. They work with people of limited resources to enhance their independence and quality of living. For more information, call 527-8799.

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Those who qualify for a brand-new, green, affordable home should contact the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico at 320 E. Wyatt Drive.

## The maximum income limits per household size to qualify

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
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# Expert advice for after-Christmas tree care

## Make sure to dispose of the tree properly

With approximately 30 million live Christmas trees sold in the U.S. every year, as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agriculture Statistics Service, it is important to remember these trees need proper care and maintenance both during and after the holidays. The National Christmas Tree Association website and experts from

New Mexico State University's Mora Research Center offer input on the topic.

**Q. What is the proper way to dispose or recycle a Christmas tree after the holidays are over?**

A. Check community listings. This service may be performed by the city, county or by a private or community civic organization. Some disposal services

charge a fee. Optimally, the tree should be run through a grinding machine to allow for faster breakdown and potential "recycling" by creating mulch. Even if the ground residues go into a landfill, they will take up less space than whole trees.

**Q. How do I know when it's time to dispose of the tree?**

A. Notices for tree-disposal services within the community are a good indication that it's time to take down the tree. If a particular tree is no longer taking

water, it is likely time to call the disposal service. A simple test can be performed by rubbing the branches with your hand. If needles are falling off as your hand passes, the time has come to let your tree go.

Tips provided by a professor at NMSU's Mora Research Center John Harrington and senior research assistant Mark Loveall. For more information or frequently asked questions regarding Christmas trees, visit the National Christmas Tree Association website at [www.christmastree.org](http://www.christmastree.org).

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# More mouths to feed than you imagined

Be prepared: Pantry pests can ruin New Year's parties



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*The Bug Guy*

With New Year's Day on the horizon, people are stocking their pantries with baking goods, awaiting their conversion into tasty confections and concoctions. With these items, however, comes the possibility of infestation by insects and other pantry pests.

Stored foods commonly infested include flour, cereals, baking mixes, processed foods, crackers, macaroni, cured meats, powdered milk, dried fruits, nuts, popcorn and spices. Insects that feed on these products may also infest other grain-based items such as pet foods, birdseed and ornamental corn.

The most common pantry pests include beetles, weevils, moths and ants. These insects can infest food in a warehouse before they reach the grocery store and do not make themselves known until they reach the home.

Expanding the description of each pantry pest, the following are insects to keep an eye for:

- Beetles, including drugstore beetles, confused flour beetles and red flour beetles, prefer flour, cornmeal, boxed mixes, dry pasta and dry cereals. They can bore through paper or cardboard packaging to enter or exit the food source.
- Rice weevils are tiny black beetles with a short snout

that love to infest whole-grain foods as well as corn-meal and flour.

- Moths, such as the Indian meal moth, prefers nuts, pasta, birdseeds and dry pet food while the Angoumois grain moth prefers popcorn, Indian corn decorations and seeds in dried flower arrangements. Food infested with moths will contain webbing and small caterpillars that will leave their feeding area and spin a cocoon in a hidden location such as a crack or under other food packages.
- Ants such as sugar ants, also known as pharaoh ants, on occasion infest peanut butter, sugary cereals and sometimes jams or jellies that are not properly sealed.

Here are some tips that may help you prevent infestations:

- Whenever possible, buy food in small quantities so that it will not be stored for a long period.
- If foods are kept for long periods, remove them from their original containers and store them either in airtight glass, metal or plastic containers or in the refrigerator.
- Caulk cracks and crevices where food debris could accumulate.
- Clean up any spillage in cabinets immediately and thoroughly.
- Give food storage cabinets a thorough cleaning at least once a year.



This year, keep uninvited guests like the rice weevil out of the pantry with a few easy steps.

Happy New Year to all of our friends in Las Cruces – we look forward to a great 2009 – our thanks to the staff at Las Cruces Bulletin for allowing me the opportunity to share my insect ramblings with you!

*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](http://www.trulynolen.com).*

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ated air, private office and a half bath with Venetian finish. Surround sound in great room, loft; upstairs bedrooms can be zoned off from rest of house; a lush backyard with two patio areas. MLS# 805558 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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# CHILE KNIGHTS

## Chile Lore, Tales & Tidbits....

# Time to remember, be thankful

## Chile Knights recipes will never lose their spicy sizzle

Is it true – we're already into a new year? Hopefully 2009 will bring new hope to our ailing economy and those who were laid off will soon be gainfully employed. For me, the past year was filled with both sorrow, and joy. My dear stepfather passed in April, but in October, my daughter blessed the family with a healthy baby girl. It's time to reflect on cherished moments, to look forward and to concentrate on our blessings – family, friends and new acquaintances.

Memory lane beckoned me to thumb through a stack of earlier Chile Knights columns. Today I share recipes that date back to 1998. It's been a fun journey. Recipes of the hot and spicy variety never become outdated – they just keep on sizzling. Enjoy!

### Aztec Stew

Nancy Daniel, a naturalist and vegetarian and a Bosque Del Apache volunteer, donated the following two recipes in 1998.

You will need one small-to-medium sweet cooking pumpkin (optional), which can be cooked one or two days in advance. Cut pumpkin into pieces. Place on a cookie sheet and sprinkle with water. Bake in a 400-degree oven for 45 minutes. Peel skin from pumpkin pieces and cut meat into cubes. Serves 8.

#### To make stock:

3 quarts of water  
Hominy, fresh or canned (if using canned, add juice to water, adjusting water)  
Dry bay leaves  
Celery leaves and hearts  
Onion, peeled and studded with whole cloves  
Oregano  
Several cinnamon sticks  
Whole peppercorns (about 1 dozen)

Can be made one or two days in advance. Add seasonings in amounts that please your palate. Boil until stock is reduced. Strain, reserving stock. Taste stock. Add salt, if necessary, and "a good portion of good wine," says Nancy.

#### In a Dutch oven or other large kettle, add:

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
16 garlic cloves, minced or pressed  
2 quarts of reserved stock  
4 carrots cut into bite-sized pieces  
4 new red potatoes cut into bite-sized pieces  
2 yellow summer squash, cut into bite-sized pieces  
4 zucchini, cut into bite-sized pieces

Simmer until tender. Then add: 1 or 2 bell peppers, chopped (red or green or both) diced pumpkin (optional), 2 or more roasted, peeled green chiles (as hot as you like), chopped 3-4 cups hominy, cooked posole, fresh corn (remove corn from cob). Simmer until vegetables are just tender. Add more stock as needed. Taste. Add salt and pepper to taste. If the stew tastes bitter, you've probably added too much wine. If so, add a little brandy. Best when served the next day. Garnish with your choice of fried corn tortilla strips, grated Jack, Muenster or asadero cheese, shredded lettuce, pumpkin seeds, sour cream or yogurt.

### Old World Salsa

1 (10-ounce) jar of your favorite salsa  
Add according to taste:  
Chopped roasted and peeled chiles  
Jalapenos, diced  
Red and/or green bell peppers, diced  
Tomatoes  
Chopped cucumbers

#### Chopped jicama

Summer squash or zucchini, raw, chopped  
Red or green onions, chopped (include bulb)  
Cumin  
Oregano  
Cinnamon  
Ground cloves

Before serving, scatter with fresh cilantro leaves and a dash of lemon juice. Mix well. Refrigerate overnight.

### Fret-Free Black Beans

In 1998, I interviewed 77-year-old Bonnie Ochoa, aka the "herb lady." Bonnie, who introduced me to epazote, is a regular vendor in the Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market on Saturdays. Epazote [eh-pah-ZOH-teh] is carminative – that is, it acts as an anti-gas agent, especially when combined with beans. It's also used to complement chile dishes and to make Mexican tea, enjoyed by many for its alleged soothing qualities. After adding epazote to the black bean recipe, I proclaimed it a successful gas buster. (It's better than Beano.)

2 cups of dry black beans  
2 tablespoons lard or bacon drippings (bacon's best) or other fat  
1 medium size white onion, diced  
2 teaspoon salt  
3 roasted, peeled, seeded and halved Sandia chiles (or other chile)  
2 sprigs fresh epazote or teaspoons dried epazote  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice (brings out the flavor of epazote)

Pick over and rinse beans. Place rinsed beans into a Dutch oven and add 6 cups of water. Soak beans for six hours. Drain and return to Dutch oven. Add fat, salt and chiles. Partially cover with lid. Simmer over medium to low heat, stirring occasionally until beans are tender, about 1 to 2 hours. During last 30 minutes, add epazote and fresh lemon juice. (Add hot water as necessary to cover beans by 1/2 inch.) To serve, sprinkle with asadero cheese and epazote leaves. Makes 6 servings.



Selected Old World/Aztec recipes were featured in 1998, the first year Sunny's Chile Knights column debuted.

### Epazote Tea

2 large stems and leaves of fresh epazote  
2 cups boiling water  
Lemon (optional)

Add epazote to boiling water and let simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let steep for another 3 minutes. Strain and serve. Makes 2 cups.

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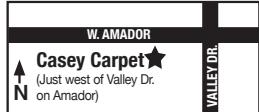
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### Chile Tomate Verde Salsa

I knew very little about tomatillos when I published the following two recipes. Tomatillos are a green, rather tart Mexican tomato that receives mixed reviews. But when tweaked with just about the right amount of chile, its odd taste takes on a whole new flavor that's taste-bud savory. Tomatillos can be used in moles, stews and fresh and cooked salsa. I refer to it as one little hot tomato.

**1 pound tomatillos, husks removed,  
rinsed, coarsely chopped**  
**2 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped**  
**3 tablespoons onion, diced**

**1/2 cup cilantro leaves  
4 serranos or jalapeños, stems  
removed, coarsely chopped  
Salt to taste**

Place tomatillo in a saucepan and cover with a small amount of water. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 10 minutes or until tomatillos are soft. Place half of the tomatillos in a blender jar. Add the cilantro, garlic, onion and chile. Blend until puréed. Add remaining tomatillos, and pulse just long enough to break up large pieces. Return sauce to the pan and simmer for another 10 minutes. Salt to taste.

### Hotluck Chile-Chicken Enchiladas with Tomatillo Sauce

**4 chicken breast halves, skinned, boned  
and cooked (Note: I simmer the chicken  
in a small amount of water for about  
1/2 hour with a potpourri of spices.)**  
**8 ounces cream cheese, soft**  
**1/2 cup evaporated milk**  
**1 cup onion, chopped fine (I used  
the in-season sweet Texas)**  
**5-6 chiles (mild or as hot - I use Sandia  
Hot), roasted, peeled and chopped**  
**1 teaspoon salt, or to taste**  
**1/2 teaspoon pepper, or to taste**  
**Tomatillo sauce (see below)**  
**12 corn tortillas, 6-inch**  
**2 cups extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded**  
**Cilantro**

Shred cooked chicken and set aside. Beat cream cheese and evaporated milk at medium speed with an electric mixer until mixture is smooth. Stir in chopped chicken, chile onion and salt and pepper. Set aside. Spread 3/4-cup Tomatillo Sauce (recipe below) in a lightly greased 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking dish. Set aside. Soften corn tortillas, one by one, in the microwave for just a few seconds. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of tomatillo sauce evenly over each tortilla, spreading to the edge. Then, place about 1/4 cup of the chicken mixture evenly down the center of each tortilla. Roll up tortillas, and place, seam side down, in the baking dish. Cover with foil and bake enchiladas at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Turn off oven. Scatter enchiladas with cheese and allow to melt in oven. Garnish with cilantro leaves and serve with remaining Tomatillo Sauce and chopped tomatoes, sliced black olives, guacamole and sour cream.

### Tomatillo Sauce

**1/2 pound tomatillos  
4-5 jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped fine  
1 can chicken broth  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 tablespoons water  
3 tablespoons cilantro, chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste**

Remove husks from tomatillos, rinse tomatillos. Combine tomatillos, peppers and broth in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Combine cornstarch and water; stir into tomatillo mixture. Add cilantro and salt or pepper, if desired. Bring to a boil; let boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Cool slightly. Pour mixture into a blender or food processor; process until smooth. Note: For a thicker sauce, add more cornstarch, 1 tablespoon at a time, until preferred consistency. Yields 3 cups.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruen, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at [sunnyconley@earthlink.net](mailto:sunnyconley@earthlink.net).

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