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Legislators see mixed results

Economy hampers lawmaker returns

By TODD G. DICKSON
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Faced with mending a busted budget crisis at the get-go, the New Mexico Legislature still managed to sort through a slew of bills in the 60-day session that ended Saturday, March 21.

When the dust cleared, there were bills passed that local lawmakers could crow about, but others that didn't make it without any discernable reason.

Critical successes included securing the \$5.5 million for the New State University Arts Complex and winning final approval for Las Cruces to house a future state veterans museum.

Gov. Bill Richardson is scheduled to sign the veterans museum bill at 10 a.m. Friday, March 27, at the Farm and Ranch Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. After the ceremony, he will grant five-minute meetings with residents about specific legislation between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Farm and Ranch Museum.

Noticeably absent in the passed capital outlay spending was \$4.5 million for the regional aquatic center promised by Richardson. The Legislature also didn't approve the state's share of gross receipts and property taxes to a Tax Increment Development District in Downtown Las Cruces.

The Downtown TIDD was supposed to have gone up for a vote the last morning in the House of Representatives, but it didn't happen.

Taken altogether, local lawmakers resemble post-marathon athletes, struggling to find the right metaphors to describe the session.

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Enjoying spring break in service

Habitat For Humanity gets help from visiting students

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On their last day of working on three Habitat For Humanity homes in Las Cruces, Kristen Wilson and Maria Runco couldn't have been happier.

Not because their spring break service would be ending and they'd soon be returning to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, but because they would finally get to use some power tools.

The two women and eight other TCU students came to Las Cruces for their spring break to work on Habitat For Humanity homes expecting to be swinging hammers, donning tool belts and balancing on framing rafters.

The three homes in the Sierra Norte development on the East Mesa, however, were much further along in construction and the students found themselves moving dirt and painting walls rather than hammering and sawing.

But on Friday, March 20, Runco and Wilson got their wish by helping Habitat For Humanity project supervisor Don Stover install flooring material in one of the homes. They got to cut, measure, saw and drill, which made the duo happy. They said working on the homes was a more gratifying way of spending their spring break than turning it into a vacation.

Not that the students – accompanied by a faculty instructor and three staff members from TCU's Center for Community Involvement and Service Learning – didn't get to take in some of the local sights. They got to hike at Dripping Springs and visit White Sands National Monument.

But, more importantly, the students said, spending spring break in service was a way for them to give back, to do something meaningful instead of something mindless.

"It gives us a chance to do something different and go someplace new," said Cara Smith. "There is definitely a sense of



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Don Stover, Habitat For Humanity supervisor, gives sawing tips to Kristen Wilson as Maria Runco watches Friday, March 20. The young women were part of a group from Texas Christian University who spent their spring break working on Habitat For Humanity homes in Las Cruces.

accomplishment."

Although, it is satisfying to contribute to the building of a home that somebody needs very much, working on the construction of a home is also a lot of fun, Smith acknowledged.

David Bedford, a TCU Spanish instructor, said it showed how a group of people can get more work done faster than by individuals. Something that can take weeks for an individual gets finished in a single day when there's this much help, he said.

The TCU group was one of three student groups helping out Las Cruces Habitat For Humanity throughout spring break. The week of March brought students from the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey, and this past week brought in participants from Leader's Challenge of Colorado.

Just as these students are deciding to make their spring breaks more memorable, so are students from New Mexico State

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Nearly 5,000 to march for Bataan

Arrive early at WSMR to cheer on marchers

By TODD G. DICKSON
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White Sands Missile Range is reporting that as of Wednesday, March 25, the number of registered participants for the Bataan Memorial Death March has reached 4,900.

The small army of soldiers, retired soldiers and other civilians will arrive at the missile range in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday, March 29, to begin a day of trekking across the missile range's desert. The march honors tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers who, in 1942, suffered a deadly, long march through the

Philippine jungles to prisoner of war camps after surrendering to Japanese forces.

Although there are other Bataan memorial marches, the White Sands march carries a special significance because many of the original Bataan soldiers were from New Mexico.

At the missile range, marchers will have the choice of two courses – a 26.2-mile main course during which some compete by carrying 35-pound packs and a non-competitive, 15.2-mile trail.

Though the desert environment and hilly terrain can result in blisters, sore muscles and exhaustion, participants

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New Mexico State University art student, Diane Daugherty, gently cleans the Bataan Memorial Monument on Saturday, March 21 at Veterans Memorial Park.



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aren't known for complaining, because they are mindful of the more extreme conditions faced by those on the original Bataan Death March – so called because thousands died along the trek.

The history behind the march is recalled at the 6:30 a.m. opening ceremony and through the Bataan survivors who come to witness the memorial march. Participants and spectators park on the base so the following advice is given for both:

- Arrive early at the Las Cruces Gate off U.S. Highway 70 east of the Organ Mountains. After

5:30 a.m., parking becomes difficult.

- Bring a driver's license, current auto registration and proof of auto insurance.
- Use common sense – Don't try bringing alcohol, drugs or weapons on base.
- Bring adequate water and snacks, though there will be food and refreshment booths

at the main commons area. Also, be prepared to handle the elements by bringing sunscreen and clothing to deal with a variety of weather conditions, from hot and windy to cold and rainy.

Marchers come from all branches of military service and from all across the United States, as well as from foreign countries.

Participants include Wounded Warriors – soldiers who are overcoming handicaps, such as limb loss and blindness – to finish the grueling event.

Hundreds of volunteers and businesses provide support for the event.

For more on the Bataan Memorial Death March, visit www.bataanmarch.com.



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Anticipating more than 10,000 visitors for the Bataan Memorial Death March weekend, members of Silvia Marina's museum conservation program at New Mexico State University prepare the Bataan Memorial Statue by removing last year's "sacrificial layer" of protective wax before applying a fresh coat on Saturday, March 21 at Veterans Memorial Park. The statue, created by Las Cruces sculptor Kelly Hestir, was dedicated in April 2002, the 60th anniversary of the surrender of Bataan.

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"It was challenging, stressful, chaotic and often times frustrating," said Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Organ.

While he did get a number of bills passed, there were still seven or eight bills of no great controversy that simply didn't get heard, Cote said.

Cote stressed that all of the local delegation worked many long hours to get bills and appropriations passed to benefit southern New Mexico.

While acknowledging the challenges, Cote said he is disappointed that more wasn't accomplished.

On some of the issues, lawmakers may get a second shot. There will likely be a special session this summer to revisit what is being frequently described as a "fragile" budget. Local lawmakers and city officials say they are determined to get the Downtown TIDD on the special session's agenda.

City Manager Terrence Moore said the state's piece of the TIDD is critical to its success – worth a conservative estimate of \$3.6 million over the TIDD's 25-year life. For that same period, the city's share is \$3.9 million in gross receipts and \$2.6 million in property taxes. The county share is \$200,000 in gross receipts and \$4.9 million in property taxes.

A TIDD commits future growth in gross receipts and property taxes to projects for an area with the expectation that economic development will repay the investment. TIDDs were intended for redevelopment projects such as the Downtown revitalization effort, but it also has been tapped as a tool for funding new development, making TIDDs controversial.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he is optimistic that the Downtown TIDD can be put on the special session agenda.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia said the session was historic by acting to repeal the death sentence, which Richardson did sign into law. Garcia also finally got legislation passed to shore up loopholes in the state's auto theft law.

Still, she also is disappointed that the lawmakers couldn't do more, such as helping save the finances at the historic College of Santa Fe.

"We did as well as can be expected considering the financial shortfall," Garcia said. "We had to do what we had to do."

That meant not being able to reform the state funding formula for public schools, even though there had been much work put into revising the formula.

On the positive side, a fair amount of ethics legislation did get passed, Garcia noted. Besides finally agreeing to open conference committees, the Legislature also approved campaign contribution limits, something Garcia said she wasn't aware of before because her donations are often far less than the \$2,300 cap that was passed.

Given all the challenges, Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, said lawmakers can point to the ethics legislation as progress.

"These are significant achievements," Steinborn said. "New Mexico has taken a great step forward."

Though glad that the Legislature gave its final OK to locating the veterans museum in Las Cruces, Steinborn said he also is concerned that lawmakers couldn't do more for education and road construction. Still, the budget passed didn't include layoffs, so the fiscal "pain and sacrifice was spread out."

WHAT GOT PASSED AT THE 2009 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE

Death penalty: HB285 repeals the death penalty and establishes life in prison without parole as the state's maximum sentence. It was signed.

Open conference committees: HB393 opens to the public conference committees – meetings in which senators and representatives hammer out differences in bills that passed both chambers. Until now these committees were the last kind of committee not subject to the Open Meetings Act. Gov. Bill Richardson says he'll sign this bill.

Campaign contribution limits: SB116, which limits individual campaign contributions to \$2,300 per election cycle.

Feral hog control: HB594 would make it illegal to import or transport live feral hogs to or within New Mexico; or to hold for breeding, sell or operate commercial feral hog hunting operations within the state.

State contractor and contract database: HB 546 would require all businesses who have contracts with the state worth more than \$20,000 to be listed in an online, searchable database made available to the public.

State employee double-dipping: HB 616 would cap the amount that retired state employees in the PERA system can earn if they return to work full-time and collect full pension.

Housing authority reform: SB20 would restructure and expand oversight of the scandal-ridden regional housing authorities.

Additional Investment Council appointees: SB460 would increase council membership from nine to 13 and remove the governor's power to appoint members. Richardson is likely to veto.

Employment rights for domestic abuse victims: SB68 allows victims of domestic abuse to be granted leave by their employers to secure an order of protection or attend court proceedings. Signed by the governor.

Cyber stalking: SB166 includes cyber stalking and other technological methods of stalking into the state's stalking law. Signed by the governor.

Domestic violence property damage: SB4 would create a new criminal offense known as "damage to and deprivation of the property of a household member."

No gas chamber for animals: HB265 would prohibit animal shelters from using carbon monoxide gas chambers for euthanasia of cats and dogs.

Senior citizen jury duty: SB112 would exempt people over the age of 75 from jury duty.

Enforce Night Sky Protection Act: HB362 would require Regulation and Licensing Department to enforce the law regulating outdoor lighting used for illumination or advertising, including

searchlights, spotlights and floodlights, whether for architectural lighting, parking lot lighting, landscape lighting, billboards or street lighting.

Electronic medical records: SB278 would allow patients and doctors to choose to use electronic medical records. Patients would re-consent annually to have their information available electronically. In an emergency, a doctor would have access to records, similar to what is allowed with traditional records. The governor has said he'll sign this.

Solar energy: Several bills promoting solar energy passed including HB572 (Solar Energy Improvement Special Assessments); HB893 (Residential Solar Tech Improvement Districts); SB237 (Renewable Energy Tax Credit); SB 57 (Solar Market Tax Development Credit)

State Music Commission: HB443 puts the state Music Commission, which has been operating under an executive order, into statute.

Homeowner protection: The House and Senate agreed to SB 342, the New Mexico Mortgage Originator Licensing Act. The measure includes background checks and licensing for mortgage originators.

Infrastructure development zones: A measure pending on Richardson's desk (HB552) would allow infrastructure development zones to be set up with local government approval. The bill would allow newly developed areas to pay for their own infrastructure without burdening areas that wouldn't benefit, supporters said.

DWI ignition interlocks: SB275 would require convicted drunken drivers to drive for at least six months with an ignition interlock device installed and without any attempts to tamper with the alcohol-sensing device before their license could be reinstated.

Emails as official requests under the state's Inspection of Public Records Act: Both chambers agreed the state should acknowledge email as official written requests under open records law.

More investment info: HB876 would require additional disclosure from investment firms seeking to do business with the state

State cowboy song: HB389, which would make "Under New Mexico Skies" written by Syd Masters. the official state cowboy song.

State guitar: SB52, which makes the Pimentel rising sun guitar the official state guitar.

State bilingual poem: HB674 would designate Alberto Onaldo Martinez's "We Love It Real Hot" as the state bilingual poem.

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University. In a community letter, NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado noted that 14 agricultural economics students were taking a study tour in El Salvador during spring break.

"Cru, an NMSU student organization, is taking students to Galveston, Texas, to do hurricane relief work," Cruzado wrote. "Hurricane Ike hit last year and much of the town is still in desperate need of volunteers to help in the rebuilding process. About 15 to 20 students are going along with two Cru advisers. The group is also taking about 35 to 40 students and four advisers to Los Angeles to work in the inner city doing clean-up work, painting and yard work in needy neighborhoods, as well as interacting with foster kids, working at a homeless shelter and delivering food to the poor."

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Good news, bad news

2009 legislative session produced wins and losses for Las Cruces and New Mexico

By **DAVID E. McCOLLUM**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On Saturday, March 21, our New Mexico legislators completed their challenging 60-day marathon with a flurry of activity. Many of the bills that were approved now await Gov. Bill Richardson's signature.

One of the most publicized decisions, the elimination of the death penalty in New Mexico, has already received the governor's blessing.

Another very important bill, House Bill 393, sponsored by Las Cruces Democrat, Rep. Joseph Cervantes, was passed unanimously by the House and by a strong majority (33-8) of the Senate. Approval of the bill will require the opening of legislative conference committees to the public. For several years the New Mexico Press Association (an organization of which I am currently President) and the Foundation for Open Government have joined with several forward-thinking legislators such as Cervantes and Dede Feldman, D-Albuquerque, to push for such a measure. However, until this year, the proposed bills have always failed. In each of the past two years, similar proposals were voted down in the Senate by a single vote.

Opening conference committees to public scrutiny is important because of the power that these committees wield. Conference committees are typically comprised of three representatives and three senators whose purpose is to negotiate differences between similar House and Senate bills that have been passed by both chambers. The power of these committees comes from their ability to make significant changes to the original bills – including changing laws and adding unrelated money appropriations – all without debate or public scrutiny. In fact, not only is the public barred from these meetings, but because only the assigned committee members are allowed to attend, other legislators and even the governor have been banned from the clandestine discussions.

The governor has said publicly that he will sign Cervantes HB393, although Richardson recently commented that he is concerned about some possible "loopholes." Preferably, he will go ahead and approve the bill, and allow future legislation to close any of the potential loopholes.

Other good news from Santa Fe is that the Jeff Steinborn-sponsored House Bill 59 has reaffirmed Las Cruces as the site for the veteran's museum. The bill was passed unanimously by both the House and the Senate and now awaits only the governor's signature. Steinborn appropriately commented upon the bill's approval that, "This is a great day for our veterans and for Doña Ana County."

A great disappointment for Las Cruces was the tacit disapproval for the Tax Increment Development District to support further revitalization of the Downtown Las Cruces area. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, would have provided several million dollars for additional redevelopment in Downtown. For some unknown reason, House Speaker Ben Lujan chose not to call the bill for a vote prior to the end of the session, even though it was on the calendar and had been unopposed including approval by the Senate. Now this measure will have to wait until the legislature convenes in a probable special session later this year.

Hopefully, our city leaders will come forward and work together to help ensure that Papen's bill is added to the next legislative agenda, is passed and then approved by the governor.

**McCOLLUM**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember the victims

This is a last ditch plea for someone to pay attention to the people of New Mexico. For someone to care about their safety, their well-being and to care about protecting them from a proposed law that would protect the lawless. I am referring to Senate Bill 7.

My cousin, Ashley Wax, was killed in front of her parent's home on Feb. 27, 2005. She was 15 and her murderer was 16. He was her boyfriend.

His conviction of first-degree murder cannot bring Ashley back or heal the wound of her loss that my cousin, her mother, has to live with for the rest of her life. It cannot heal the loss and fear that her younger brother lives with or the pain her father feels at knowing his little girl is forever gone.

However, it does bring some small measure of relief to the family that for the next 20 years, the offender will be under lock and key. At least he will be unable to do this to anyone else and is now paying his debt to society. His debt to my family can never be paid.

We were lucky that the justice system prevailed. It horrifies all of us to think that future victims of these heinous crimes would not know the same justice. Is there no one out there who cares about the people that suffer at the hands of these underage murderers?

What baffles all of us is why the people sponsoring and backing this bill feel the need to make excuses for these offenders. They want to try to blame the offenders' actions on their home life, lack of proper medication or a myriad of disorders.

Yet there are millions of people out there that were abused as children, both physically and mentally. There are millions of people with dis-

orders and on medication, and they don't commit murder. They overcame the hand that was dealt to them and they made a choice to rise above it.

When David Garcia shot my cousin, he didn't sit there in his truck outside her home in a stupor not knowing what he'd done. He did not act as a child playing a game. Instead, as Ashley's father and mother rushed to her aid, he tossed her body away and fled the scene. He was captured on his way out of town.

This kid knew exactly what he'd done, and he tried to get away with it.

Now, our state government wants to make it easier for other offenders to get away with the same offense. I cannot believe the appalling reality of that. When did we as a society start to feel more compassion for criminals than we do for victims? When did we decide that our prison system should be treated as a rehab center instead of a method for punishing individuals for the crimes they commit?

Let me make something very clear. Ashley's little brother lived in fear that her killer would be released and come after the rest of the family.

My cousin Darla has spent her time since the death of her daughter fighting for the rights of victims and fighting against domestic violence. Instead of allowing her loss to defeat her, she has taken up the torch so that, while her daughter is lost, maybe others will be spared this same pain. I wish more people had her conviction, strength of character and resolve.

This is about protecting our future. This is about standing up for the victims. This is about justice. I'm sure that if you were to ask, you would find that a majority of the citizens of this wonderful state might share our concern that this bill protects the wrong people.

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Economy eclipses changes in Legislature

New members, even the governor get little chance to make waves

Old time New Mexico politicians would not have recognized this year's legislature. It was even more different than the City Different in which it met. The ballgame has changed, maybe not for good, but some of it wasn't all that bad.

The puny economy made a difference. Not as many people came to town. Capitol hallways weren't as full. Parties were smaller and fewer, and there was less of a party atmosphere. It seemed more businesslike.

Some of the old pros say they'd like to see it stay that way. It doesn't have to change back. The atmosphere was once even wilder than recently. When the liquor industry ruled with its "fair trade" price fixing, hotel hallways were lined with cases of liquor at every lawmaker's door.

Lawmakers, this year, knew they had a job to do and it wasn't going to be much fun cutting budgets. Fewer people were in town to ask for money. Professional

lobbyists still made it to town but they didn't have the usual bucks to throw around. Invitation lists this year, primarily were limited to lawmakers and a guest, not their entire staffs and extended families.

Another difference was the role of the governor's office. In past years, Gov. Bill Richardson was a major presence in the legislative process, meeting with leaders and others, coaxing and cajoling to advance his initiatives and calling people on the carpet when he didn't get his way.

This year, the governor's office was still involved. Staff members attended hearings and advocated the administration's causes. But the overwhelming awareness

that Big Bill was watching somehow didn't permeate the atmosphere as it once did.

Lawmakers joked that they felt Richardson's presence more in the past two years, when he was out of state, running

“... the new ‘progressive’ Democrats weren't on some of the committees that decided whether the controversial social issues would make it ...”

for president and top-level appointments than when he was home during this session. And Richardson has been home. He hasn't even attended meetings of governors, which he so relished in past years.

Tough economic times, of course, limit the number of initiatives this governor has been able to push. Just tending to all the irons he already has in the fire has been enough to keep one occupied.

Richardson began his bold initiatives six years ago, promising that the economic development he would bring to New Mexico would be sufficient to maintain the initiatives. It worked for a while, but now everyone's economy is down.

A difference that was expected this year was the effect of having a larger-than-usual number of new legislators. Some surprising Democratic primary defeats last June, followed by a Democratic landslide in the fall, brought a bunch of young bucks to town.

For several years, the state Senate had been beating down social issues by one or two votes. The new Senate make-up was expected to change that balance. The only problem was that in order to reach the floor of the Senate, bills have to



JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol

get through committees.

The very first vote of the legislative session turned out to have a huge influence on those other votes. The new Senate Democrats chose a new Senate president pro tem. That post has the major influence on appointments to committees. But Senate Republicans also get to vote on the pro tem. They paired with some conservative and some opportunistic Democrats to keep Sen. Tim Jennings of Roswell in the post.

As a consequence, the new "progressive" Democrats weren't on some of the committees that decided whether the controversial social issues would make it to the floor of the Senate. Some didn't. When one did, such as repeal of the death penalty, it passed rather easily.

But this hasn't been a legislative session dominated by big city progressives. It has been New Mexico's history for many years that when it appears the liberals are about to take over, a conservative coalition will beat them out every time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clements clueless

The only fact in Charles Clements' letter, "Workers can't compete," is the title. Clements doesn't have a clue when it comes to the reasons why they can't compete against workers in other parts of the world. He clearly exhibits this absolute lack of knowledge on the subject with that ridiculous slam against Republicans in the closing comment.

The No. 1 reason jobs are going overseas is that the American workers and companies have priced themselves out of the competitive market place. The American automobile industry is the No. 1 example of that, with assembly line workers making \$30 per hour, CEOs getting million-dollar bonuses and automobiles costing in excess of \$25,000.

Couple that with our government creating and passing NAFTA, (over the objections of the American public) which has jobs streaming out of this country as fast as possible.

All the stimulus packages being created and passed (once again, over the objections of the American people) by the current Democratic administration and Congress will not solve these problems. It will only enhance and expand them.

You cannot borrow, loan and spend yourself into prosperity. Something the Democrats have never learned, let alone understood.

EVELYN HANCOCK

Tortugas fiesta supporters thanked

La Corporación de Los Indigenes de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Tortugas Pueblo, would like to express their appreciation to those individuals who supported the annual Spring Enchilada Dinner held on Sunday, March 22.

Thank you to all the members and non-members who contributed their time and assistance to help make this fundraiser a success and a special thank you to Roberto Estrada, of Roberto's Mexican Foods, for his generous donation. All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to defray the costs of the December Fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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New programs bring more solar energy in reach

Home systems are a safe long-term investment

By **BILL McCAMLEY** AND **MARK WESTBROCK**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"To truly transform our economy, protect our security and save our planet from the ravages of climate change, we need to ultimately make clean, renewable energy the profitable kind of energy."
— President Barack Obama

Communities in the state of New Mexico receive more direct sunlight every year than almost anywhere else in the world. This resource gives every homeowner a chance to provide power to their homes through solar energy, allowing them to both save money over the long term and contribute to the nation's renewable energy infrastructure. However, two major problems have hampered the spread of individual solar systems: high up-front costs and the inability of solar owners to link the value of solar equipment to the value of their home. Recent policy developments seek to remedy these issues.

The first of these is a new program implemented by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission available to all PNM and El Paso Electric customers. Currently, if an individual installs a solar system on their home, the electricity provider will pay the individual \$0.13 per kilowatt hour (the unit used to measure electricity) for energy produced by the solar system. These payments are not for the actual energy, but for a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC), the vehicle by which the state is asking companies to incentivize the use of renewable energy. These REC payments are in addition to the benefit that customers already receive through net metering — the process by which the electric company credits the customer for the energy produced by their solar system. So, if you buy a solar system for your home, large electric companies will

send you a check every month for the power your system is producing.

On top of these provisions, there are three solar tax incentives offered by both the federal and state governments. Effective at the beginning of 2009, you can count 30 percent of the total cost of any solar system as a credit against your federal taxes. Next, the New Mexico Legislature just passed a bill that provides a 10 percent state tax credit on top of the federal credit, bringing the total state tax credit up to 40 percent. Finally, if you purchase a solar system, you will not pay any state gross receipts taxes on it.

Taking into account the tax credits, net metering benefits and REC payments, a solar system now makes financial sense. Three Las Cruces residents who recently had solar systems installed on their homes independently calculated that they will receive between 6 to 8 percent annual return on their investment.

Though these policies make the cost of a system affordable over the long run, the up-front system price, which is comparable to a modest new car, remains too high for many homeowners. To address this, the New Mexico Legislature just passed three bills, sponsored by Reps. Brian Egolf and Benjamin Rodefer and Sen. Peter Wirth. These bills would allow local governments to create solar financing districts where if enough people voluntarily sign up, the government would use its bonding authority to borrow money and install solar systems on homes. Government bonds generally have low interest

“Once the loan is paid off, they will benefit from free, clean electricity ...”

rates, and with many people participating in bulk purchases it would create lower prices. In return, the volunteers would agree to raise their property taxes for a set amount over a specific time to pay back the government bond. This contract would be transferred to any new homeowner if the home is sold, allowing the original purchaser to account for the cost of the system if the owner ever decides to sell.

In December, the Doña Ana County Commission voted to approve a resolution advocating for the passage of this type of bill.

To be clear, this is a voluntary program that will not affect the taxes of those who choose not to participate.

Under this program, a homeowner today would pay about the same amount for their increased property tax as they would have paid for their electric bill, assuming that electric rates remain stable. As electric rates continue to rise following increasing demand and the supply of oil, gas and coal becoming more limited, the benefit to the homeowner will increase. Most photovoltaic modules are warranted for 25 years, so the loan will be paid off well before the useful life of the system is over. Once the loan is paid off, they will benefit

from free, clean electricity for the life of the system.

So, what does all of this mean for the average New Mexican? Basically this: If you own your home and want to stay in it for awhile, live in a district where PNM or El Paso Electric provides your electricity and are located in a county that chooses to participate in the new financing program, then a solar photovoltaic system is one of the safer long-term investments you can make.

Bill McCamley is a former Doña Ana County commissioner and Mark Westbrook is a photovoltaic systems designer for Positive Energy in Las Cruces.

The real purpose of today's tax code

Elected monarchial pickpockets seek socialistic goals

By **MICHAEL SWICKARD**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much."

— Ronald Reagan

As President Reagan pointed out 20 years ago, there is no amount of collected tax that will remove our national debt, because as more tax is collected, more is spent. If the amount collected were to triple, politicians would spend all of it. So why increase taxes?

Taxes increase for public policy reasons. The idea is not that the government needs the money so much as the leaders are using the tax code to reshape our society. They want to redistribute the wealth of the citizens rather than divide up the needs of the society and ask equally of the taxpayers. This is payback for all the greedy people who have money.

I am painting with a large brush, but consider the loathing for doctors because they make "too much money." There is no acknowledgement for the years of school that preceded doctors making much more than average citizens. All we hear is doctors make too much money and they do not need all of that money so government should take the excess from them.

It bothers politicians that some Americans have more money than others. Fancy that from politicians who are personally "filthy rich" but want to redistribute the wealth of others as policy.

Why do they not first take a vow of poverty themselves so we would know they are serious? Instead, our politicians get richer and richer while other Americans find the government taking a bigger and bigger bite.

Taxes are a claim upon our private property by government. Economist Walter Williams coined the term, "tax gouging." In a society so conscious of the terms "greed" and "gouging," it is odd that we never connect those terms to our government's tax and spending activities.

“It bothers some politicians that some Americans have more money than others.”

Can taxes be too high? Years ago at a tax hearing, the analysts were projecting tax revenue. One legislator asked about a 5 percent raise. An analyst did the math. Another legislator asked, "What if the tax rate was 100 percent?" The analyst gave an even larger number.

"No," said the second legislator, "If we taxed at 100 percent, we would not collect anything since there would be no incentive to work."

Walter Williams wrote: "As taxes rise, you own less and less of what you earn. If the tax rate were ever to reach 100 percent ... you would own none of what you had earned. Keep in mind that a working definition of slavery is that you work but do not have any rights to the fruit of your labor."

So what percent of our productivity should be the absolute highest that could be taken from us? Would that number be 50 percent? If half of our time is spent working for our country, would that not be enough? Sadly, some think that we should not frame the argument thusly.

Rather, they think it should be that there is some maximum amount that people should have and any more should be taken from them for the good of us all. Why would someone work two jobs if they only get to keep one job's worth of money?

When I was told recently that New Mexico had repealed capital punishment, I had a fleeting moment of hope that they were talking about not punishing those who make money, but no such luck. Chris Rock said it best, "You don't pay taxes, they take taxes."

Likewise, you can say they take taxes not for the money but to reshape our society. Through force of arms with our tax code they are turning our country into a socialist state, except for those in the elitist society of our nation's capital. For them, it is not socialist. It is a monarchy, and they are the monarchs.

Little wonder these days find tea parties becoming much more popular.

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Members of the League of Women Voters Pat Pedersen, Sue Liefeld and Vicki Simons examine the 2009 Who's Who guide of local government.

Guide updated

Who's Who covers all of Doña Ana County

"Where do I go to pay my taxes?"

"I need to send a letter to my senator."

"I want to call my city councillor about the trash accumulating on the vacant lot next to me."

"I need to file a complaint with our state attorney general."

Residents of Doña Ana County can do all those civic chores and more with the help of the new, up-to-date, Who's Who pamphlet researched and produced by the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces and with the financial support of the Las Cruces Bulletin. This year's edition contains information on officials in Hatch, Sunland Park and Mesilla, as well as those in the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Names, titles, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are included as well as information on office locations, office hours, salaries and job descriptions.

The free brochures are available at many locations throughout the county, including the Branigan Memorial Library, City Hall, the Election Office of the County Government Center, all the city's recreation centers, and at the Las Cruces Bulletin office. For a pick-up location near you, call 524-VOTE (8683).

FFA, 4-H programs praised on Ag Day

Youth interest in agriculture important to nation's future

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces celebrated National Agriculture Day Friday, March 20, by recognizing FFA and 4-H youths as the future of the United States agricultural production.

The FFA and 4-H youths, who are trained in leadership and speaking, responded well to the recognition during a breakfast held at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

"I think that having National Agriculture Week is a great opportunity to promote agriculture," said Katy Rosencranz, FFA Chapter president, "and we have a chance to get together with the 4-H youths, it brings FFA and 4-H together more."

Shannon Norris, FFA state secretary said, "It's good to recognize agriculture's contributions to society, to everybody in the country. Agriculture effects everyone. It's a great way to thank those people who feed us."

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Miley Gonzalez recalled that when he was teaching agriculture, he was impressed with the vocational agriculture students. They are now carrying on the agricultural tradition as he had expected.

"The agriculture industry in the Mesilla Valley relies on and appreciates the farmers essential partnerships with the Las Cruces community to supply, sell and deliver finished products," he said.

Agriculture is a \$3 billion industry in New Mexico that provides 23,000 jobs. Farmers are so efficient that each one feeds 144 people. United States agriculture products are the nation's main exports that contribute more than \$100 million to the balance of trade, Gonzales said.

He also spoke about the New Mexico Department of Agriculture's importance in biosecurity, food safety and the marketing of New Mexico products. The NMDA promotes the marketing of New Mexico agricultural products in China, Japan, Canada, Mexico and Korea.

Las Cruces Pro Tem Mayor Dolores Archuleta, who read Gov. Bill Richardson's National Agriculture Day proclamation, said, "I'm glad to see our younger generation involved in agriculture. They are our future."

RESERVOIR ADVISORY

Warmer temperatures and spring winds have diminished the Upper Rio Grande snow pack, spoiling the chances for an improved spring runoff, the U.S. Department of Reclamation reported in its Reservoir Advisory.

The National Natural Resources Conservation Service reported that the upper elevations snow packs are 85 percent of average, compared with 137 percent last year at this time.

The bureau projects a spring runoff of 519,000 acre-feet from March through July. The upper basin snow pack usually peaks in early April.

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has started diverting water into its irrigation canals, causing the river flow at San Marcial to drop to 606 cubic-feet-per-second, 38 percent of average flow. The bureau expects the flow to pick up as the snow runoff increases in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

Based on current runoff figures, the bureau predicts that Elephant Butte Reservoir will peak on June 9, at 692,620 acre-feet, or 35 percent of a full reservoir. That is 46,210 acre-feet more and 3.85 feet higher in reservoir elevation than last year's peak, according to the bureau.

The bureau has increased the Rio Grande Project district's 2009 allocation to 579,393 acre-feet, 62 percent of a full supply:

Elephant Butte Irrigation District, 160,776 acre-feet; El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, 375,909 acre-feet; and Juárez, Mexico, 42,708 acre-feet.

The EBID Board of Directors voted at its last meeting to hold the 2009 season quota at two acre-feet.

The latest reservoir storage figures are:

- Elephant Butte – 643,425 acre-feet, 32 percent of capacity, a decrease of 11,138 acre-feet and 56 feet below the dam spillway.
- Caballo – 36,901 acre-feet and 16 percent of capacity, down 8,308 acre-feet.



PHILLIPS

School board picks Phillips

At its last meeting, the Las Cruces public school board picked Connie Phillips to be its new president, replacing Bonnie Votaw.

Chuck Davis, who was recently re-elected, was selected board vice president. Serena Shoop, a new board member, was chosen to be the board secretary. Votaw and newly elected Maria A. Flores will serve as board members.

Phillips said her goals include working

within tight budgets, preparing for the opening of new schools, improving educational services, keeping communications open and encouraging the community to participate in the school system. Phillips thanked Votaw for serving as the board president for the past two years and Superintendent Stan Rounds said he welcomed the new board officers and members.

The hopping horse

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."

E.B. Browning, 1857

"How can you get bucked off? Let me count the ways."

B. Black, 2009

Over the years I have chronicled hundreds of horse wreck stories that have been told to me. I still marvel at the uniqueness of each one and how it stretches the imagination. One only need look through any rodeo photographer's scrapbook to see the spectacular displays of flying bodies, nose diving human projectiles and the continuous collection of cringing, crashing, crumpled cartwheeling cowboys caught catapulting on camera.

There is a fine line between getting on a horse that you hope will buck, and one that you hope won't. At least in the bucking chute you are forewarned.

Ron is an outfitter in Washington state. Packers and outfitters, in my opinion, look at horses differently than cowboys. Cowboys expect a degree of cow savvy, quickness, refinement and good looks. They might even sacrifice a little "usefulness" for a good head or pretty color. Packers put very little store in lookin' good. I don't mean personally, but in a horse they want a stout one with stamina and strength. Long hair, big feet, blemishes, Roman noses, bob tails or the disposition of the Unabomber is okay as long as he packs his share of the load. After all, packers never shave either!

Bill is a carpenter with a bad back who, at the time of this story, was wearing a body cast. He asked Ron if he could put a "handle" on a new horse he had just purchased. Ron mounted the beast. From the start it was obvious the light colored, long headed, round withered, spooky-eyed devil had not spent much time in the West-

ern Pleasure Class.

They started making circles in the round pen. Then Ron attempted a sliding stop. Hammerhead stopped abruptly and then backed up. Ron swiveled to the right, then to the left but Hammerhead kept backing. Then he reared up on his hind legs and began hopping backwards! Ron clung like a monkey on a flag pole until he bailed out and slid off the rump where he landed on his butt in the sitting position.

He was looking up at the crazed horse who was still hopping toward him. Ron scooted to the aft, crablike until he hit the solid uprights of the round pen. The horse crashed tail first into the posts and sat on Ron!

Bill, who had watched this circus-like performance, hobbled over

to his crushed companion.

"Are you alright?" he asked.

"No," Ron said.

"Are you sure?" Bill asked.

"Yes," Ron said, "my leg's broke!"

Realizing he could not lift his friend by himself, Bill ran to the barn and came back with his stall mucking wheelbarrow.

"Are you sure you can carry me in that?" Ron asked, thinking of his friend's back.

"Yeah," Bill said reassuringly, "I've hauled bigger loads of manure than you in this rig!"

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The City of Las Cruces will hold public input meetings regarding the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) assessment. The City entered into a contract with Justice and Security Strategies Inc. of Silver Springs Maryland to determine the need for community oversight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

2:00 – 4:00 pm

City Hall Council Chambers
200 N. Church St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Highland Elementary School Cafeteria
5221 N. Main St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Club Fusion, 101 E. Union Ave.

For more information, call the Assistant City Manager's office at 541-2271.

The TTY number is 541-2182.

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Coming Up

Computer classes offered

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., is offering a series of computer classes in the month of April including Know Your PC, Internet for Beginners, Word 2007 and Email for Beginners.

In-person registration will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 1. After that time, registration will be taken by phone at 528-4005 or online at <http://library.las-cruces.org>. Class size is limited to six people for most classes. Patrons are allowed to register for two classes per person. Registration is required for all classes.

For more information or a complete schedule of classes, contact 528-4005, visit the reference desk at the library or visit <http://library.las-cruces.org>. The TTY number is 528-4008.

Volunteer for book event

Volunteer readers and timers are needed for the District Battle of the Books, held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at Highland Elementary School, 4201 Emerald St. and for the State Battle of the Books, held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at Oñate High School. No experience is needed.

To volunteer, contact either Rebecca Harris at rharris@lcp.k12.nm.us or Bernadette Gonzales at bergonza@lcp.k12.nm.us.

'Lush & Lean' workshops

The City of Las Cruces Water Conservation Program will present two "Lush & Lean" workshops on conserving water using xeriscapes at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. A workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, will cover efficient irrigation systems, and a workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, will cover plant materials. For more information, call Joshua Rosenblatt at 528-3549.

Tech rescue meets

The Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad will have its monthly team meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the MountainView Regional Medical Center's Community Education Room. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact 650-6062 or visit www.omtrs.org.

Pet adoptions at Mutt Show

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct a pet adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in conjunction with the third annual Mutt Show at Young Park. Look for the Pet Barn adoption trailer.

The fee for adoption is \$75 for dogs or puppies and \$50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and a microchip.

In addition, microchips for pets that already have homes will be available for \$20.

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

Cleanup campaign

Local members of the Obama Organizing for America Campaign and other community members will begin a new volunteer initiative at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave. Activities will include yardwork, upkeep on the Community Garden and cleaning up various indoor facilities. For more information, contact Bill McCamley at 496-5731 or billmccamley14@gmail.com.

Play in the Park

The City of Las Cruces is inviting the public to the "Play in the Park Family Picnic" event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive.

The event is free and open to all children and parents. There will be games, jumping balloons, food, music and information booths on extracurricular activities and services that are available for families. Contests, competitions and activities will be offered throughout the day.

For more information, contact the East Mesa Recreation Center at 382-1662, or the Henry Benavidez Community Center at 541-5185. The TTY number is 541-2661.

CAP has open house

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program will have a drill and open house at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. The drill will begin in the parking lot north of Claire Belle Williams Hall on the New Mexico State University campus or on the Horseshoe. At 7:15 p.m., they will meet in Hardman Hall Room 114 or in the main auditorium.

The program is open to students ages 12 to 18 and offers flight training, academic scholarships, summer activities and leadership development. For more information, contact Caleb Lawson at 312-4638, Joy Nelson at 373-8679 or visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com.

Wheels of Dreams Car Show

The eighth annual Wheels of Dreams Car Show will be held on the west side of the Field of Dreams Sports Complex, 2501 Tashiro Road, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28. The show is open to cars and trucks that were manufactured prior to 1984. Also included will be a children's bike rodeo, a swap meet, a child ID program, a fire department exhibition, McGruff the Crime Dog, food vendors and a silent auction. Jenie and the All Starz, Algo Nuevo, and disc jockey Randy Lynch will provide entertainment. Admission is free. The registration fee is \$35. The fee for the swap meet is \$10 per space.

For more information, contact 526-6036 or vetorrez@comcast.net.

Silva to hold public meeting

Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva will hold a public meeting on the North Mesquite Overlay District (NMO) from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. Residents are invited to attend and give their input. The NMO includes specific design standards to help improve the appearance of the neighborhood. For more information, contact Silva at 541-2066, email msilva@las-cruces.org or visit www.las-cruces.org/cd/special_districts/NMO%20default.shtm. The TTY number is 541-2182.

MVCS introduces coach

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools will introduce their new football coach at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at "Meet the Football Coach" night in the MVCS gymnasium, 3850 Stern Drive. Charles Gleghorn has been named coach for the school's new 11-man football program. For more information, contact 525-8515 or istubbs@mvcsonline.com.

Oral history group meets

The Mesilla Valley Oral History Group will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Day's Inn and Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 201 Avenida de Mesilla. "The Natural History of the Mesilla Valley as Seen Through the Camera Lens," will be presented by photographer Frank Parrish. The cost is \$13 and includes dinner. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 524-0589 or 522-0548.

Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU Campus Observatory at 9 p.m. Friday, April 3. Weather permitting, sky viewing through telescopes will include: Saturn and Venus, the constellation of Orion the Hunter, the Great Orion Nebula and the Pleiades. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend. In addition to the open house, there will be a program called "View Cancer to Fight Cancer." Some astronomy graduate students, who have formed a Relay for Life Team, will provide views of the constellation Cancer and accept donations for the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact the NMSU Astronomy Department at 646-4438.

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Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Dr.

District 2: Thurs., April 2

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Club Fusion, 101 E. Union Ave.

District 3: Thurs., April 2

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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TV viewers using antennas and older TVs will need converter boxes in order to watch television after the June 12 deadline for digital TV. According to recent surveys, New Mexico is less prepared than other states for the transition to digital television. Because of funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the backlog of requests for converter box coupons has now been cleared. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration reports that most consumer requests for coupons can be processed within 10 days.

New Mexicans can apply for coupons by visiting www.DTV2009.gov, calling 888-DTV-2009 (888-388-2009), mailing an application to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208 or faxing an application to 877-DTV-4ME2 (877-388-4632). Deaf or hard of hearing callers may use 877-530-2634 (TTY).

Soroptimists give scholarship



Chrissie Thompson, left, accepts a Women's Opportunity Award from Dr. Esther DeVall, vice president of Soroptimists International of Las Cruces. The scholarship is the group's major project through which a promising woman is given assistance to improve her education, skills and employment. Thompson, a single mother, has a 6-year-old daughter and is pursuing her bachelor's degree in health science. She intends to pursue a master's degree in public health and is completing her internship at New Mexico State University's Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education (WAVE) Program. She also volunteers with its crisis assistance line and participates in the March of Dimes Walk and the Asthma Walk. Thompson works 30 hours a week at the Allergy and Asthma Clinic while going to school full-time. She is active in her church, including helping its summer Bible school. She is now eligible for the group's regional award.

New officers graduate



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Graduates of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department 14th Law Enforcement Academy stand at attention on Friday, March 13, in the commission chambers of the county Government Center. The graduates will work for police departments in southern New Mexico. Going to work for Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department are Samantha Alaniz, Johnny Barrientos, Fabian Fernandez, Eric Flores, Juan Flores Jr., Javier Gonzalez, and Ken Roberts. Jeremy Flint will work for the Deming Police Department. Trinidad Garcia and Gabriel Mayne will work for the Luna County Sheriff's Department.

USDA: NM bovine TB status narrowed to two counties

Change is good news for cattle producers

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a split-status for bovine tuberculosis for New Mexico dairy and beef livestock, U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall announced.

The split-state status applies only to cattle in Curry and Roosevelt Counties that will have to be tested for TB before they can be shipped. The USDA imposed the shipping ban in September 2008 when TB was found in those two counties.

Mesquite dairyman Joe Gonzales said the split-state status is good news to an industry having market problems.

"It shows that the dairymen have been doing the job, testing and monitoring their herds," he said. "I haven't heard of any new cases."

Gonzales also is vice president of the Dairy Producers of New Mexico. He reported that in January the price had dropped from \$15 per hundredweight of milk to \$9, and the production cost per hundredweight of milk is about \$17.

"When a consumer buys a gallon of milk, we get about 85 cents," he said.

Gonzales' dairy milks about 2,800 cows and has been in the Mesquite area since 1969.

"We're extremely pleased that the USDA has reinstated the split-state sta-

tus allowing the majority of the state to be classified as TB free," said John Wortman, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau executive director.

Last year, Bingaman and Udall had petitioned former USDA Secretary Edward Shafer to work with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to reinstate New Mexico's earlier split-state status.

"New Mexico's livestock industry is the state's single most important agricultural commodity," Bingaman said in the news release. "Reinstating split-state status eliminates needless barriers for many of our state's ranches and dairies. I'd like to recognize the hard work of the members of the New Mexico Livestock Board and the State Veterinarian Office for their efforts in helping bring about this important change."

"New Mexico's economic viability depends on our strong livestock industry, which comprises more than 75 percent of our state's agricultural sales," Udall said. "After months of working to reinstate our split-state status, this is welcome news and I commend the members of New Mexico's agricultural community for working together to make it happen."

The New Mexico livestock industry has more than 1.5 million beef and dairy cows, including 340,000 dairy cows. The total annual sales of milk and beef cattle in 2007 totaled more than \$2.3 billion.

Crime Stoppers: March 13 shooting

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrests of those involved in a shooting that occurred Friday, March 13, near two restaurants on Telshor Boulevard.

Las Cruces Police were called just before 10 p.m. to a report of shots fired in the parking lot of the Village Inn at 455 S. Telshor Blvd. Officers learned that two men, in two separate vehicles, exchanged gunfire. One of the vehicles was believed to be in the Village Inn parking lot while the other appeared to be in the parking lot of the nearby Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

No injuries were reported immediately. A short



time later, however, police were dispatched to MountainView Regional Medical Center where a 17-year-old walked into the emergency room with a minor, non-life threatening gunshot wound. He was treated and released.

Police recovered several bullet casings in the parking lots, and located damage to two vehicles and on the outside walls of both restaurants.

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

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

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More than 4,000 daytime employees Downtown

For many years the service, professional, financial and government sectors of the economy have kept Downtown alive, while retail development occurred elsewhere. According to the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico, 4,444 employees work in Downtown. These employees and the businesses/government that employs them, have been the backbone of Downtown for nearly 30 years, since urban renewal and the failed pedestrian mall.

We talk a lot about retail comeback in Downtown. It is important to focus on why this is even possible. With 4,444 daytime employees working Downtown, a ready market exists on a daily basis for goods, meals and services. When you analyze the Downtown market, it becomes entirely predictable that well-managed restaurants, with good product will be received enthusiastically by the Downtown daytime employees.

With only 2 percent of Downtown's economy presently in retail, our Downtown employees are literally starving for restaurants. We have a good start with the establishments listed in the adjacent column – but the market is screaming for more.

The success of the recently opened Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana and Popular Artisan Bakery are not surprising. The decision by The Planet to create its "flagship" location in Downtown is right on the money. By the end of May, The Planet will open its 5,000 square feet of restaurant space in Downtown and will be received with the same extreme enthusiasm that greeted Zeffiro owner Gary Ebert. Ebert expressed surprise at the response to his opening. The crowds that hit Zeffiro were one of the best demonstrations of pent-up demand I have ever seen.

Not only is the Downtown daytime employment population hungry for shopping and dining opportunities, they have the disposable income to pay for it. Downtown employees earn 64 percent higher wages than another other geographic group in Las Cruces. So, if you are looking for an investment opportunity, think about Downtown. We have a ready market – ready to embrace well-planned ideas and investment. Call our DLCP office at 525-1955. We'll tour Downtown together and help you find the right location for your new enterprise.

Construction on north block of Downtown Mall

One of the most frequent questions we get at the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership is, "When will the rest of Main Street be open?" We are closer to having an answer. Planning has begun for the construction process on the north block of the Downtown Mall. Bob Ebler, project manager for the City of Las Cruces for construction of the North blocks of Main Street, said in a recent meeting that the City expects demolition and reconstruction to begin in November/December 2009.

What does the Main Street reconstruction mean for our Downtown businesses? Somewhere on the horizon Downtown businesses can see one of the major components of our revitalization – the reopening of Main Street – will finally occur. In the short term, the City of Las Cruces, the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and the business and property owning community are hard at work to prevent unnecessary disruption to business as the construction process proceeds. With work set to begin in November/December, there is ample time for us to work together to determine just what measures should be taken to see that the pioneering businesses in our revitalizing Downtown district remain vigorous during the construction period.

Last week, the City held one of its first meetings on this topic. Many Downtown business and property owners were in attendance.

Strong reassurances were given that the City understands the difficulties of staying in business during disruption. Every measure possible will be taken to maintain access to storefronts, keep parking for customers free of construction vehicles and provide wayfinding signage to help our Downtown customers find their way easily to their favorite businesses. In addition, Assistant City Manager Robert Garza said that the City will work with the Downtown community on an advertising program to create public awareness of the construction process and to support the business community.

These reassurances and their follow through are exactly what the Downtown business community needs as it faces another round of construction. Our pioneering business community Downtown has absorbed the risk on the front end of the revitalization for years. In the north blocks of Main Street, where construction will soon begin, we have a cluster of retail businesses, restaurants and theaters – Coas Books, The Blue Gate Gallery, The Main Street Gallery, M. Phillips, Unravel, Ono Grindz, Antonio's and The Organ Mountain Quilt Shop to name a few. Two of our community theaters – the Black Box and Las Cruces Community Theatre – are in the reconstruction area as well. The City museum complex is located Downtown, also pioneering and facing the same needs as Downtown businesses for access and promotion during construction.

City, state, federal and local leaders have worked tirelessly for many years to create the funding to reopen and reclaim our Downtown. Now, with funding substantially in place, we approach another chapter of progress – preparations for reconstruction in the north blocks of the Downtown Mall portion of Main Street.

You can help make this progress successful by continuing to support our Downtown business community during the upcoming construction. Tell your local leaders how much you appreciate the revitalization of Downtown and the businesses that exist there. Remind your friends and neighbors what a good day it was when the middle block of Main Street reopened with the Rio Grande Theatre shining in its glorious restoration. Continue to patronize our Downtown businesses. Attend the Art Ramble events, visit the Farmers and Crafts Market, and most of all, keep supporting our joint efforts. The rallying cry we hear so often – "We want our Downtown back" – means a great deal to those who spend their resources, lives and political willpower to make revitalization happen. Keep supporting the leadership in our community that

prioritizes Downtown revitalization and let our State and Federal legislative delegations know that you appreciate their hard work on our behalf. Every individual effort counts. Every collaboration is important. It takes more than a village to raise a Downtown back to life.

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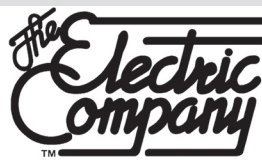
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Mascot skirmish nets NMSU national attention

Mustache-plucking bovine put out to pasture for WAC title game

By GABRIEL VASQUEZ
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A man never messes with another man's mustache, right?

The Aggies' Pistol Pete would agree, but apparently Big Blue, Utah State's mascot, didn't get the memo.

In what ESPN deemed as the highlight of the Aggie men's basketball 2008-09 season, a mascot melee, which occurred near the end of the Ags' final game, got more national attention than the Aggies saw all year.

Unfortunate for a hard-fighting Aggie team that made the WAC championship two years in a row but lost in a last-second nail-biter in the WAC semis to Utah State. The Aggies also had the WAC's leading scorer, rebounder and most accurate 3-point shooter last season, but who's counting?

Instead, it was the brief skirmish between our own Pistol Pete and Utah State's Big Blue that turned the national spotlight on the Aggies and got Big Blue suspended for the WAC title game.

And if you haven't seen it on YouTube, Yahoo, Sporting News, NBC Sports or ESPN since the video went viral, here's what happened:

During a timeout with seven seconds left, and New Mexico State leading 70-69, Big Blue, the foam-headed mascot modeled after Paul Bunyan's Blue Ox, confronted Pistol Pete and ripped off his costume mustache.

Pete chased Blue to half court, jumped on his back and hung off his neck for about five seconds before retreating back to the Aggies' end of the court.

It was later confirmed by the Associated Press that a

man in a Nevada shirt gave Big Blue \$100 to grab the mustache.

So who's at fault, if anyone?

NMSU Athletic Director McKinley Boston, who was sitting courtside just a few feet from the incident, was quoted as saying he thought the two mascots were just "playing," and thought nothing of it.

Rival mascots often engage each other in playful stage fighting, and as I watched the game on WAC.TV with a handful of Aggie faithful, I spotted nothing out of the ordinary.

So, was it the \$100 bounty, the fact that the Associated Press was there and broke the story, or the "unsports-

manlike conduct" of the two mascots – as deemed by WAC commissioner Karl Benson – that got the mascots in hot water and on TV?

Most likely, it was just the work of the savvy AP photographer that recognized basketball fans love a good mascot fight. If you don't believe me, search "mascot fight" on YouTube – Pistol Pete and Big Blue are No. 3.

Either way, it doesn't matter, because after the mascot rodeo, Utah State's Tai Wesley caught an inbound pass at the top of the lane and passed to Tyler Newbold on the left wing, who shot a 15-footer that rolled off the rim, hit the backboard, and ended the Aggies' season.

Maybe next year.

What they said ...

NMSU Athletic Director McKinley Boston:

"Shocked," to hear about the incident, he told the Albuquerque Journal. Regarding reprimanding the NMSU student who plays Pistol Pete, "I'm not gonna throw him under the bus for this," he said.



WAC Commissioner Karl Benson:

Told the Albuquerque Journal he was satisfied with Utah State's punishment of Big Blue – a one-game suspension – but not sure if anything should happen to Pete.



NMSU Round Up Sports Editor Tony Reyes:

"I support Pistol Pete defending himself and I think the action that the Utah State mascot took shows a lack of class. I totally agree with the NCAA's suspension of the mascot."



Bulletin Sports Editor John Keith:

"I'll pay him a hundred dollars to rip off Big Blue's nose ring next year."



ESPN College Basketball Analyst Andy Katz:

"I'll tell you, Pistol Pete, I don't know if it's real or not, but he carries a gun, so Big Blue has to watch it."



Aggies' Mascot Pistol Pete:

Talking about being the mascot for NMSU, "It's the best thing ever, you get to go out there and be wild and cheer for the school that you go for. I love it, the best college experience I've had."



Aggies' Head Coach Marvin Menzies:

On the way the season ended, "I can't tell you how disappointed I am, but how proud I am of my kids. They are warriors who really fought hard and did everything they were supposed to do. We just tried to hang on, but we weren't able to hang on long enough."

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Women veterans conference at Ramada Palms set to begin

Iraq War veteran Soshana Johnson among speakers

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (NMDVS) is sponsoring a free conference in Las Cruces to update women veterans on state and federal benefits and to address unique issues facing our nation's women military veterans.

"Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Proudly She Serves" takes place Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at the Ramada Palms Resort and Conference Center, 201 E. University Ave. There is no charge to attend the conference, but space is limited. From 6 to 8 p.m. Friday there will be a reception to welcome speakers, guests and conference exhibitors. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday with late registration and check-in with the conference following until 5 p.m.

NMDVS Cabinet Secretary John M. Garcia said the conference is a "must-go" event for women veterans, who number 16,000 out of the 180,000 total veterans in New Mexico.

"Our women veterans need to know that because they've served our country, they've earned benefits which can help them go to college, get a job or get medical treatment and counseling," Garcia said.

Representatives from the NMDVS Education and Training division will go over the many college scholarships and apprenticeship programs available to veterans. A representative from the NMDVS Veterans' Business Resource Center will also highlight benefits and services offered through the NMDVS Veterans' Business Resource Center (VBRC), a "one-stop shop" to help veterans start and expand a small business.

U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs studies show women run twice the risk of suffering from battle stress or developing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) than their male counterparts. More women veterans also are being treated for cases of Military Sexual Trauma (MST) as the result of being sexually harassed by male soldiers.

The featured luncheon speaker is Irene Trowell-Harris, the primary advisor on women veterans' issues to U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. Trowell-Harris served 38-years in the Air Force and Air National Guard before retiring as a Major-General and is considered one of the leading experts in women veteran's issues.

Garcia will deliver the welcoming address. Other speakers include officials from the VA Medical Centers from Albuquerque and El Paso, who will update the latest developments in VA medical benefits, as well as Shoshana Johnson of El Paso, who along with four other members of her Army unit were ambushed while travelling in Iraq and then held hostage for 22 days in 2003. They were rescued by U.S. Marines on April 13, 2003, and returned to a hero's welcome.

Johnson was the first African-American female prisoner-of-war in U.S. military history. She was awarded a Bronze Star and Prisoner of War Medal, as well as a Purple Heart.

The conference is open to all retired and active-duty women military personnel. Conference registration is strongly recommended. This is a free conference, but space is limited. For information or to register, call 524-6124, 524-6220 or visit www.dvs.state.nm.us.

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DEADLINES

Deadline for all of the above items: April 30, 2009

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DAC Senior Games rolling along in the City of the Crosses



BETH SITZLER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jon Mercurio hurls a bowling ball down the lane during the Doña Ana County Senior Games mix doubles bowling competition on Friday, March 20. He and his partner, Janis Escalante, compete in the 60+ category. He also participates in the bowling doubles, mix team and individual competitions. The games will continue through April 19.

Schedule of events

Date, Time	Event	Location
March 28, 8 a.m.	Swimming	Frenger Pool
March 28, 8 a.m.	Cycling	Armory Frontage Road
March 28, 5 p.m.	Dance and Talent Practice	Rio Grande Theatre
March 29, 2 p.m.	Dance and Talent	Rio Grande Theatre
March 31, 9 a.m.	Horseshoes	Meerscheidt Recreation Center
March 31, 6 p.m.	Racquetball	Tom Young's Fitness
April 3, noon	Air Gun - Rifle	Rentfrow Gym
April 4, 8 a.m.	Air Gun - Pistol	Rentfrow Gym
April 5, 8 a.m.	Triathlon	NMSU
April 7, 9 a.m.	Huachas	Mesilla Park Recreation Center
April 11, 1 p.m.	Badminton	NMSU Activity Center
April 13, 1 p.m.	Golf	Sonoma Ranch
April 17, 8 a.m.	Tennis - Singles	Lions Park
April 17, 6 p.m.	Freethrow and 3-Point	Meerscheidt Center
April 18, 8 a.m.	Tennis - Doubles	Lions Park
April 18, 8 a.m.	Archery	B&J's
April 18, 8 a.m.	5K Race Walk	Oñate High School
April 18, 8:30 a.m.	Fun and Rec. Events	Oñate High School
April 18, 8:30 a.m.	Track & Field	Oñate High School
April 18, 10 a.m.	1500M Race Walk	Oñate High School
April 19, 8 a.m.	Tennis - Mixed Doubles	Lions Park
April 25, 1 p.m.	Annual Membership Meeting	Munson Center



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Maria Smith visits with Kyle Hazen, the adult caregiver at the Transitional Living Center where she lives. Smith credits the Southwest Counseling Center staff for helping get her life back on track and is concerned about funding problems.

Center at funding crossroads

Southwest Counseling in dispute over TLC

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After two failed attempts at suicide, Maria Smith decided to try to get her life back on track and she credits Southwest Counseling Center's Transitional Living Center (TLC) with getting her on the right medications and on the road to recovery.

"I'm a totally different person than I was when I first came in," Smith said.

So when news came out that TLC was in danger of being closed because of a funding dispute, she was worried.

"I'm 52 years old; I don't have many start-overs left in me," she said. "I literally have nowhere else to go. If TLC is shut down, I will be homeless again."

Southwest Counseling CEO Bill Daumueller said the problem began when the state's funding provider, ValueOptions changed its prior authorization, which it had been allowing for at least four years. Basically, that gave approval for clients to

stay at TLC for 30 days at a time. Starting last winter, however, Daumueller said ValueOptions began denying the prior authorizations, saying Southwest Counseling was allowing clients to stay at TLC for too long.

TLC is an expensive program, Daumueller acknowledges. Between 15 and 22 residents stay at TLC for an average of 107 days, he said, with staff helping them transition back into independent living.

In a published letter to the editor, ValueOptions CEO Eddy Broadway contends the problem is Medicaid funding that pays for the state's behavioral health services doesn't compensate for transitional living services, creating a financial drain.

Daumueller said the state is currently reviewing the situation to help reach a resolution. For Smith, a resolution won't come soon enough. "These aren't just employees," Smith said of the staff who are there 24-7. "They are our family. For some of us, they are the only family we have left."

Land bills sent to president

Robledo trackways included in package

A package of land protection bills introduced by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., cleared a final hurdle Wednesday, March 25, and is now on its way to President Barack Obama.

Among the measures included in the package is Bingaman's "Prehistoric Trackways National Monument Establishment Act," which seeks to protect 290-million-year-old fossilized animal tracks in the Robledo Mountains in Doña Ana County. Specifically, the bill would create a new national monument out of approximately 5,367 acres of Bureau of Land Management land and preserve it for further scientific investigation.

"Protecting this New Mexico treasure has been a priority for me and I am pleased that it is finally on its way to being signed into law," Bingaman said.

The package also includes Bingaman's Forest Landscape Restoration Act, which authorizes \$40 million annually for landscape-scale forest restoration projects that cover 50,000 acres or more. Competitive grants would be awarded for restoration projects that are developed in collaboration with local communities. Eligible projects must be in need of ecosystem restoration, utilize the best-available science, encourage the use of restoration by-products such as woody biomass, and be located primarily on National Forest System land.

"Restoration projects help keep our forested areas healthy and fire-safe, while also creating jobs in nearby communities," Bingaman said.

The package includes legislation Bingaman introduced that clears title to several tracks of land and paves the way for the city of Albuquerque to complete its development of a Biological Park along the middle Rio Grande. The Biological Park

incorporates the Rio Grande Botanical Garden, Tingley Beach, the Rio Grande Zoo and the Albuquerque Aquarium. "This title clarification makes it possible for the city to continue with plans to expand the popular bio-park," Bingaman said.

Also in the package is a bill Bingaman co-authored to provide federal protection to the Snowy River formation within the Fort Stanton Cave in Lincoln County.

The Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area Act, which was first introduced in the last Congress by the now retired U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, will provide permanent protection to the Snowy River formation and protect it for future research and educational purposes. The formation contains a more than four-mile-long continuous calcite-crystal river bed that is believed to be the longest one of its kind in the world.

"The Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave is a one-of-a-kind geological treasure, and scientists still have much more to learn about this unique formation," Bingaman said. "This bill will ensure it is protected for future educational and scientific research."

The package contains the National Landscape Conservation System Act, a measure sponsored by Bingaman, which codifies the National Landscape Conservation System, the collection of national monuments, national conservation areas, wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers and other landscapes on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The bill contains two measures that allow for the exchange of land in the Santa Fe National Forest; Pecos National Historical Park Land Exchange; and Santa Fe National Forest Land Conveyance.

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Las Cruces Police officers spent the evening Thursday, March 19, helping staff at the two Las Cruces Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill restaurants serve food and refill drinks. While serving, they also asked for donations to support the New Mexico Special Olympics. The Tip-A-Cop fundraiser also included Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputies and other area law enforcement officers. At left, Special Olympics bowler Lisa Silva receives a donation from Peggy Nix, who also is the Las Cruces High School bowling team coach. Also seated at the table is Vickie Martinez. At right, codes officer Chris Bigelow visits with George E. Thibodeau and his wife Mary Anne.

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Man tells how the shuttle came to NM

White Sands Space Harbor greeted shuttle 27 years ago

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On March 30, 1982, the space shuttle Columbia landed at the White Sands Space Harbor, but it hasn't used the New Mexico back-up landing site since. That doesn't mean it won't ever come back, according to the man who helped persuade NASA to consider the desert landing strip.

For more than 30 years, Alex Paczynski worked for the space agency out of White Sands Missile Range, that NASA pilots would use for training. What was then called the Northrup strip was a runway along the gypsum basin that creates the tall dunes of White Sands National Monument.

At the most recent meeting of the Mesilla Valley Oral History Club, Paczynski told how he convinced NASA officials to make the strip an alternative landing site if the shuttle couldn't return to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida or land at Edwards Air Force Base in California. The club meets at 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month to hear someone such as Paczynski tell a story from their life, as well as enjoy a buffet meal at the Days Inn & Suites Mesilla Valley Hotel and Conference Center.

For Paczynski, the timing was perfect as the shuttle anniversary was near and a new shuttle is currently on a mission. When Discovery returns, it could again land at the White Sands Space Harbor, Paczynski said.

After the shuttle landed at White Sands, there were reports an extensive cleaning was needed to remove the corrosive gypsum sand – especially from the shuttle thrusters. When the shuttle landed 27 years ago, it was a day later than originally planned because of high winds the day before. Paczynski said he warned NASA officials to cover the thrusters, but that wasn't done, and sand got in the shuttle engines.

That won't keep the shuttle from ever returning, Paczynski said. The reason he was able to convince NASA to include the landing strip as an alternative site has more to do with the weather, he said.

The shuttle doesn't like rainy weather. Rain can damage the shuttle's sensitive heat shield or, more importantly, cause the giant glider to lose speed and not reach its intended landing spot. Therefore, there can't be any rain showers within 30 miles of the landing site.

As anyone familiar with Florida's weather knows, it can often be rainy. So can the weather at Edwards, Paczynski noted, which is also on a dry lake bed.

New Mexico has the attraction of having clear weather when the rest of the country is suffering through rain storms. White Sands Missile Range also provides the extra attraction of protected air space, Paczynski said.

If anything, the 1982 landing showed that clear weather keeps the shuttle from slowing down, he said. The shuttle came in too fast and landed hard. "It really was a terrible landing," Paczynski said.

Should the shuttle ever land again at White Sands, it will be "an amazing operation" to behold, he said. Two train loads of equipment were brought in from Edwards, he said, as well as many NASA flight personnel.

The landing strip is still ready and available for the shuttle, should the weather not cooperate in Florida or California. And the missile range has Paczynski to thank for that, which it did by including him in the range's Hall of Fame by recommendation of the late Len Sugerman.



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Space shuttle Columbia landed at the White Sands Space Harbor in March 1982. At a recent meeting of the Mesilla Valley Oral History Club, Alex Paczynski tells about how he got NASA to agree to use the landing strip at White Sands Missile Range.



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2010 Census to set new standards

Preparations begin with community leaders

By **BETH SITZLER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With the 2010 Census Day – April 1, 2010 – just around the corner, the U.S. Census Bureau is employing the help of community leaders to encourage every resident to participate for the most accurate census count.

Since being mandated by the U.S. Constitution in 1790, a count of people residing in the United States has been taken every 10 years. This includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. The information gathered is then used to determine funding for individual communities and to assign seats in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as state legislatures.

Despite its importance, many fear participating in the census because they may not legally live in the country or may be violating a housing code or some other law. Because of these fears, the U.S. Census 2010 regional staff held a luncheon Tuesday, March 3, to discuss the impact of the census with community leaders.

“Partnering with the community and its leaders is important for the census and to overcome any fears held by census newcomers,” said Vickie McIntire, Census 2010 deputy director for the Denver Regional Census Center, which covers a territory of 10 states.

McIntire held the luncheon with Evan Moffett, area manager of the Denver Regional Census Center, Mike Santillanes, New Mexico Local Census office manager and Tom Chagolla, partnership specialist for the Denver Regional Census Center.

Their goal is to help make the 2010 the best-planned and well-researched census in history.

Community benefits

“About \$300 billion per year of federal funds are based on the census count,” McIntire said, “so the census brings money back into the community.”

This money is used for a variety of community programs and services such as education, housing, community development, health care services for the elderly and job training.

She said each person is “worth” between \$300 and \$1,200 per year in community funds, depending on the state in which they live. The more people that are missed, the more money the state loses.

State, local and tribal governments can also use census information to plan and assign funds for new construction projects such as libraries, public buildings and new roads and bridges. It is also used to designate police and fire department locations, highway safety and public transportation systems.

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Act helps fund small business

SBA loans easier, less costly for area entrepreneurs

By **KRISTINE SANDRICK**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Small business owners in Las Cruces and across the country have an immediate opportunity to reduce debt and expand their businesses thanks to three provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also known as the economic stimulus package that President Obama signed into law February 17. The new provisions were announced by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in New Mexico on March 19.

There also was an announcement by the Treasury Department to unlock the credit markets and make it easier for banks to sell SBA loans in the secondary markets.

“More than 90 percent of the businesses in New Mexico are considered small by SBA standards,” said Fred Owensby, director of the Las Cruces Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College. The SBA standards for small businesses are based on the number of employees and annual receipts, typically in the millions of dollars, and are different for each industry, Owensby said.

“Three features included in the reinvestment act are specifically designed to help small businesses get back on their feet, grow and prosper,” said John Woosley, district director for the New Mexico Small SBA office in Albuquerque. Woosley visited Las Cruces on Thursday, March 19, to explain the new ARRA provisions to bankers and small business consultants.

The SBA does not loan money to businesses, rather it guarantees bank loans. Prior to the ARRA, the SBA would guarantee 50, 75 or 85 percent of the loan.



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Richard Jackson, owner of American Document Services on 17th Street, said his last SBA loan enabled him to buy another company and expand his records management business.

Ninety percent guarantees

As of Feb. 17, the SBA is temporarily raising loan guarantees to up to 90 percent on its 7(a) loan program.

According to an SBA press release, “This increase in guarantee levels will help provide banks with the greater confidence they need to extend credit during the current recession, which in turn will mean more capital available to small business owners.”

The SBA’s 7(a) loan program is the agency’s most used non-disaster financial assistance program because of its flexibility in loan structure, variety of loan proceeds used and availability, according to the SBA New Mexico Small Business Resource guide.

In effect, the SBA “cosigns the loan with the borrower, and with the SBA guarantying up to 90 percent of the loan, this should be a confidence builder for banks because their maximum loss is

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STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Former Sen. Pete Domenici told researchers and business leaders at an energy conference held March 19 at New Mexico State University that the United States would need to continue using crude oil until the “bridge” to energy independence could be crossed.

Domenici: A greener economy will take time

Bridge to energy independence to be built with crude oil

By **GABRIEL VASQUEZ**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Former Sen. Pete Domenici wants to see New Mexico lay the foundation to build the United States’ toughest and most “dangerous” bridge.

The bridge is to energy independence – one that can take 25 to 35 years to cross, Domenici said, and one that will require the United States to continue to import and produce crude oil.

“The bridge is not being considered properly ... by policy makers in Washington,” Domenici said, adding that increasing offshore drilling could dent U.S. dependence on foreign oil. “That alone could

really contribute to our independence.”

Domenici, speaking to a group of professors, researchers and business leaders at the Energy and Economic Development Conference held March 19 at New Mexico State University, said although research has been positive on the creation of new domestic drilling operations, “There are some in Washington who choose to say ‘we don’t want that bridge.’”

He made it clear he was not advocating “producing extra” oil reserves, but producing enough to keep America on its toes while new energy technologies are perfected.

New digs, new research

Many of the nation’s top scientists and researchers – who have one of the toughest missions ahead of them since the Manhattan project – are in New Mexico, working to develop and perfect new energy technology.

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Energy

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About one-fifth of the total Department of Energy spending goes to fund labs in New Mexico, said Leo Delgado, policy analyst at NMSU.

At Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and Sandia National Laboratory, several programs are already in place to research alternative energy and the environmental impact associated with it.

For example, the Fusion Energy Sciences program at LANL is tasked with developing practical fusion energy utilizing the "pinch" effect for confining a fusion plasma.

At Sandia, the Energy-Water Nexus is a combined, multidisciplinary effort that addresses water and energy as issues of national security, and as an interlocked approach to solving future energy problems.

But New Mexico is also one of the top oil-producing

states in the country, and new, instate drilling opportunities should be evaluated, Domenici said.

"If we don't develop our own, we're just going to buy it from somebody else," he said.

To add to New Mexico's role as an energy leader, the state also has tremendous potential to develop wind and solar energy sources, and has vast coal reserves.

"Coal is a huge resource," Domenici said.

But burning coal produces high levels of carbon dioxide that must be "trapped" before escaping into the atmosphere.

"Various entities are researching how to do that," Domenici said, including a plant in Illinois that is set to test the effects of "burying" carbon dioxide emissions into deep geological formations beneath the Earth's surface.

"If we can find a way to use clean coal, coal will continue to be a significant source for the country," said former New Mexico Governor and NMSU Business Dean Garrey Carruthers.

Nuclear and geothermal energy

On Aug. 22, 2008, Raser Technologies and Gov. Bill Richardson broke ground on New Mexico's first geothermal plant near Animas, N.M.

The plant, which incorporates binary liquid technology and the site's low levels of geothermal energy, could produce enough power by the end of the year to generate electricity for 15,000 homes, according to Raser.

"In the clean energy state of New Mexico, we are working hard to bring more renewable energy online," Gov. Richardson said in a news release. "...We are proud to be one of the first states to deploy new technology with Raser, that will help unlock our geothermal resources for power production without damaging our environment."

Several similar geothermal energy plants are being developed in the United States. The largest and oldest geothermal plant is in The Geysers, Calif., which generates an average of 15 billion kilowatt hours of geothermal energy per year, the equivalent to burning 25 million barrels of oil.

Geothermal resources, unlike wind and solar, which are dependent on the weather, are always available.

Nuclear energy has great potential as well, Domenici said, adding that legislators should be maximizing their efforts to wake the sleeping energy giant.

"For 27 years the U.S. sat on a nice warm chair and watched the world go by," Domenici said, in reference to not having "one single permit" for developing a nuclear energy plant since 1982. "Today, as we talk, there are 17 applications for 27 plants."

There are 31 states listed as having "commercial nuclear industries," according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Energy. New Mexico is not among them.

Domenici said if New Mexico was to consider going nuclear, "(We don't have) a trained work force to build two super nuclear power plants started at the same time."

He said developing a workforce to construct nuclear facilities would require about a year-and-a-half of training, and the starting salary for power plant workers would be more than \$20 per hour.

"Community colleges seem to be the best national facilities that may be sold on this idea," he said.

Problematic policy

"The rules and regulations are far too severe," Domenici said of state and national policy that seeks to limit and tax carbon emissions.

Carbon emissions are primarily carbon dioxide produced by burning fossil fuels, primary oil, gas and coal.

Domenici said the United States was in a "state of limbo," not knowing how to properly deal with carbon emissions and how to regulate the industry.

"I'm very worried about an energy policy and a global warming policy tied together," he said.

One possible solution to regulating emissions is emissions trading, or "cap-and-trade," an administrative approach to control pollution by providing economic incentives for achieving reductions in the emission of pollutants, mostly carbon-based.

"There is a tremendous need for research in the need policy regulation and taxing," said Meghan Starbuck, assistant professor of economics at NMSU. "If it's our goal to have cheap affordable energy, then we have to have policy that is consistent with that."

Critics of the cap-and-trade system say there are problems of complexity, cost, monitoring, enforcement and equality.

Another option is a carbon tax, or direct regulation, which has the benefit of being more straightforward and can be popular with the public if the revenue from the tax is returned by reducing other taxes.

"One has to say, 'are we really going to get into alternative energy by using incentives?'" Carruthers said.

Another energy conference is scheduled for April 14 in Hobbs and will feature Sen. Jeff Bingaman as the keynote speaker.



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MMC director earns AHA certification

The American Hospital Association has named Memorial Medical Center Director of Engineering Jimmy Flores a Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM). CHFM is a national credential that distinguishes an individual as being among the elite in a critical field of healthcare facility management. Less than 1,000 people have earned the designation CHFM from the American Hospital Association. Flores has worked at MMC for 27 years.

Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande reorganizes

Effective May 1, Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande in a 92,000-square-mile region will operate under the new name, "Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest – Southern New Mexico & West Texas." The Council Realignment Committee (CRC) decided to develop an innovative new model for the council that disperses the operational leadership of the new council staff across the vast jurisdiction rather than focusing leadership in one location. The new council will have a minimum of three regional offices.

Flanagan named new Girl Scouts CEO



FLANAGAN

Effective March 16, Diane Flanagan is the new chief executive of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest – Southern New Mexico & West Texas. Flanagan brings extensive experience in sales, marketing and management. She was a senior executive for 25 years at Delphi Corporation. Most recently,

Flanagan held the position of Director of Marketing and Sales for Mexico.

Skowronski achieves SIOR designation

Walter Skowronski of NAI 1st Valley has achieved the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) Office Designation awarded by the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, an international association of professional commercial real estate brokers. To achieve the SIOR designation, Skowronski completed five years of creditable experience in the highly specialized

field of office real estate; and demonstrated to SIOR professional ability, competency, ethical conduct and personal integrity.

NMSU professor awarded for service



WIDNER

asheweb.net. The site contains information about current jobs for economists in private, public and academic fields.

New Mexico State University economics professor Benjamin Widner received the 2009 Award for Outstanding Service to the American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE) by an Individual. Among other contributions to the organization, Widner developed ASHE's website <http://asheweb.net>.

DeBraal earns Realtor e-PRO certification

Sharon DeBraal of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate has successfully completed the Realtor e-PRO course to become one of a select few real estate professionals to earn the prestigious certification offered through the National Association of Realtors. It is specifically designed to provide real estate professionals with the technology tools needed to assist consumers in the purchase or sale of a home.

Coldwell Banker gets excellence award

Coldwell Banker de Wetter Hovious was honored for its outstanding performance during the last year at the 2009 Cartus Broker Network International Conference held March 4 to 6 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Coldwell Banker de Wetter Hovious was awarded the Five Star Circle of Excellence Award, which recognizes brokers who have met or exceeded their individual objectives for outgoing broker-to-broker referral closings during the calendar year.

Spaceport bid won by Las Cruces firm

Zia Engineering & Environmental Consultants LLC, a Las Cruces-based consulting firm with offices in several states,

has been awarded a contract by the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) to provide Cultural Resources Data Recovery and Reporting services for Spaceport America. Zia will conduct archaeological data recovery investigations in conformance to state and federal guidelines at four identified sites located within the spaceport's boundaries.

Three promoted at Bank of the Rio Grande

Officers Geneva Frampton and Marisa Reynolds have been promoted to senior vice-president positions at Bank of the Rio Grande. Officer Sandra Houle has been promoted to vice president. Frampton is a Bank of the Rio Grande loan officer and Reynolds is a bank comptroller. Vice president Houle is a Rio Grande Bank compliance officer.

Vazquez honored for psychology work

New Mexico State University's Eneida Garcia Vazquez was honored in February with a presidential award at the National Association of School Psychologists' (NASP) national conference in Boston. Vazquez, associate dean and deputy director of the Physical Science Laboratory, also is a full professor in the College of Education's Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology.

Ehly receives gold service recognition

Arlene Ehly of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate was granted Quality Service Cer-

tified (QSC) Gold status in recognition of exceptional service satisfaction measured and compiled for 2008 by Leading Research Corporation (LRC). QSC status is the only award in the real estate industry based on independently validated, measurable service results.

Chaiken joins NMSU faculty

Miriam Chaiken has been named the new department head for the anthropology and sociology programs at NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Chaiken is a cultural anthropologist who received her Ph.D. from the University of California. She became a new faculty member in spring 2009 and brings previous department head experience from Indiana University of Pennsylvania before joining NMSU. Her research focuses on issues of economic development in Africa and Southeast Asia, especially on strategies to provide culturally sensitive health care and emergency aid.

Las Cruces win awards at global convention

Several NAI First Valley employees won major honors at the NAI Global 2009 Convention in Las Vegas. Randy Memilan, NAI First Valley's Owner and Qualifying Broker, was named to the Leadership Council – NAI's "Board of Directors." Judy Gregory, general manager of First Valley Property Management Group, was named to the NAI Property Management Council. Roz Mitchell was named to the Branding Committee of the NAI Marketing Council.

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- Special rules apply if the property you give up is subject to debt.
- The exchange doesn't have to be simultaneous.
- Like-kind exchange rules are complex so be sure you are well informed, consult with your CPA before you begin.



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—IN GOOD COMPANY: INSPECTION MASTERS— Sorting good nuts from the bad

Roger Holt's invention, the PS-10,000, saves pecan farmers time and money

By KRISTINE SANDRICK
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Roger Holt gets around. He's been a Protestant minister, elementary school principal and a NASA electrical engineer. But it was this last job that launched Holt into the world of inventors and enabled him to start a company manufacturing a time and labor saving agricultural machine, the PS-10,000.

The PS-10,000 is a pecan sorting machine that separates the good nuts from the bad. Holt has engineered cameras and computers that can process up to 10,000 pounds of pecans an hour, saving the time ordinarily required of eight to 10 laborers.

Shooting pecans

"Pecan processing is almost a totally mechanical system that starts with a machine that grabs the trunk of the tree and shakes them," Holt said. "Then another machine rakes everything into a row, picks it up and puts it into a trailer. The trailer full of pecans, stick-tights,

rocks, sticks and clods goes into the cleaning plant where a series of machines separate and remove everything but the good pecans and the sticktight."

It's Holt's machine that separates the good pecans from the "stick-tights," so called because these bad nuts have leathery skin, indicating an underdeveloped pecan. Processing plants from Arizona to Georgia that have the PS-10,000, dump the nuts into Holt's sorter. Nuts are poured into a funnel, dropped onto a platform and photographed by a computerized camera that scans them at 5,000 lines per second. "Just like the finishing camera at a horse race," Holt said, adding the PS-10,000 "looks at" 250 pecans per second.

The PS-10,000 computer remembers where the stickights are on the platform and signals dozens of strawsize air tubes to shoot the bad pecans aside, leaving only the fully-formed pecans.

"Then there's the final table where (workers) pick them off a belt and look for cracks to make sure the only thing that goes past them is a good pecan. The PS reduces the number of (workers) on the belt from many to one or two," he said.

In 1996, Holt was working for NASA in Cleveland, overseeing "everyone from the front-gate guards to the guys working on the Mars landing equipment when his now former father- and brother-in-law called

him to invent a machine that could sort the good nuts from the bad. Their Tularosa pecan farm required seasonal help to sort pecans, but because the nuts are harvested between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the helpers would go home to be with their families over the holidays, leaving the nuts out of sorts, as it were.

Holt turned his guest room into a research and development station, working on his invention for a year by programming and integrating cameras and computers. He worked four years doing research and development before he sold his first machine.

"This is the biggest piece to what we do. We buy cameras and computers off the shelf but the software development is what makes the difference," Holt said.

Other nuts to sort

This year, Holt is ahead of his sales quota because while farmers don't want to spend money on equipment due to the economy, they want to cut costs. He makes a machine that cuts labor, so they're buying.

Holt is working with the consultants at New Mexico State's Arrowhead Center on other applications. Perhaps there's another nut that needs to be sorted.

"People in Las Cruces need to know there is some high tech manufacturing going on in their own backyard," Holt said.

"My partners are the pecan farmers in Tularosa and Inspection Masters began on their property," Holt said. "A couple of years later I brought the business over here. Within a couple of years I'll probably bring the manufacturing over here."

"My business is not a store front looking for customers ... we could be located anywhere because I'm selling from Tucson to Georgia. But I live here, thrive here, went to NMSU engineering school and want this community to work."

Q & A: Talking business with Roger Holt

Who are your customers?

Primarily the agricultural community that are needing to reduce labor intensive processing operations. We are also expanding to other industries that require product inspection and quality control such as manufacturing lines.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

Our business is about technology that reinvents itself every week. We get a lot of "geek-y" magazines and catalogs and meet in obscure locations with other geeks to compare notes. Most important though is we are always listening to our customers.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?

Hiring business consultants. I think companies get tunnel vision and get

lulled to sleep reading their own press. Growth usually comes from someone from the outside stirring up your ideas.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

More like who ... My dad, who got into computers before they were

popular; Dr. Jay Jordan, NMSU electrical engineering professor and my kids (who think I can do anything).

What is the one thing about your business that you wish people knew?

Geeks can be fun people, too.

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Local, national experts discuss importance of Ag industry

Group says farming, ranching are critical to New Mexico's economy

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Helena Chemical Co. sponsored an agricultural roundtable discussion and luncheon Thursday, March 19, in an effort to educate people about the importance of agriculture to New Mexico's economy, said Helena executive Louis Rodrique.

Rodrique is the company's southern business unit vice president and moderated the roundtable at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum to observe National Agriculture Week along with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

"We want to emphasize the importance of keeping the production of food and fiber within the boundaries of the state of New Mexico and this country," said Rodrique, who works out of Memphis, Tenn. "Our business is all about the production of agriculture."

Helena's business includes seed, fertilizer and crop protection chemicals. He has visited plants in Mesquite, Las Cruces and Hatch, N.M., and said he understands the importance of agriculture in the Mesilla Valley.

A chamber roundtable announcement reported that cash receipts from New Mexico's top-10 crops in 2006 amounted to \$2.3 billion.

The roundtable speakers included: William Mattiace, vice president of governmental affairs for the Chamber of Commerce, who said that the chamber is aware of the economic importance of agriculture in the community because it generates business and jobs.

"The chamber supports the private property rights and development water rights for farmers," Mattiace said. "Farming is big business in Doña Ana County, and the local government needs to support farms and the expansion of agriculture."

The chamber has committed the organization with a newly organized agriculture committee.

Greg Daviet, Doña Ana County Bureau president, was optimistic about New Mexico's agriculture because the state has many advantages to continue growing as an important agricultural producer.

"The main strength of New Mexico agriculture is its climate," said Daviet, who raises pecans in a 250-acre orchard. "It has warm days, a lot of sunlight and a long growing season - about 220 frost-free days."

It also has the challenges of continuing to have an adequate irrigation water supply and the protection of private property rights for agriculture.

"We expect the local agricul-



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Speakers at the agriculture roundtable luncheon were, from left, Louis Rodrique, William Mattiace, Greg Daviet, Richard Heerema, Brad Lewis and Joe Weber.

ture industry to grow with the main factor being the water supply," he said.

The pecan industry is expanding in New Mexico with new orchards in Otero County, the Pecos Valley and north in the Belen and Tucumcari areas, said Richard Heerema, a pecan specialist with the NMSU Extension Service.

New Mexico has about 39,000 acres of pecan-producing orchards, the largest concentration in the country.

"There is an increase in the global demand for pecans," Heerema said. "The Chinese have developed a liking for our New Mexican pecans for eating because they like their larger size. And there is a growing demand in the retail

sales of pecans because consumers are aware of the nutritional benefits of pecans."

The challenges to the pecan industry are the production costs, the alternate bearing cycle - heavy production one year and light the following year - and establishing new orchards, which can take seven to eight years to mature.

Agriculture continues to be challenging, said Brad Lewis from the NMSU Department of Environment and Plant Pathology and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

"But with the collaboration efforts of the university, the Department of Agriculture and private industry we'll meet the challenge and continue to do so,"

Lewis said. "Agriculture is a big industry in New Mexico, although most people don't think of it as an industry."

New Mexico, with its climate and crop diversity, has a lot going for it, said Joe Weber, Helena's representative in south Texas and New Mexico.

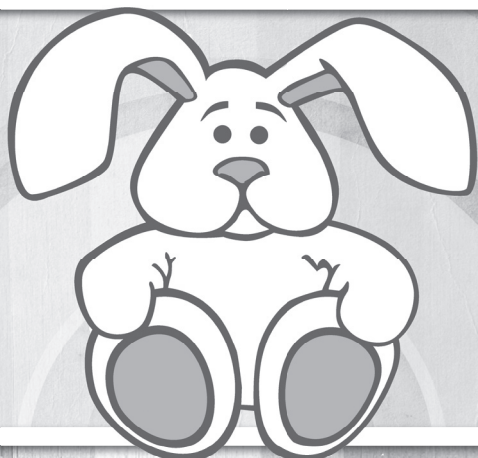
"New Mexico farmers are good at marketing their produce," he said. "But with the current U.S. economy, they're seeing the prices of what they produce going down and their production costs going up. The best things that we have going for us is that everyone has to eat and buy clothes."

He also was impressed by New Mexico's "innovative" and successful exportation of pecans to China.

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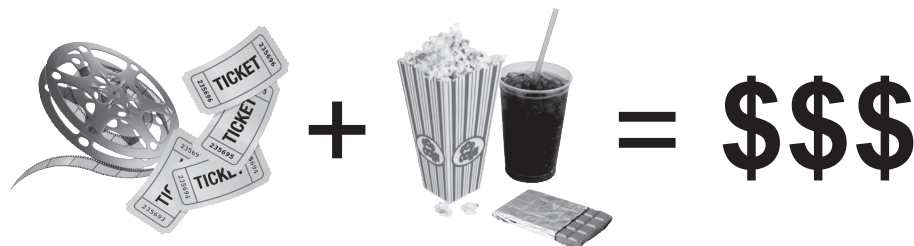
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Providing help for an education: The Hispanic Scholarship

March deadline approaching for other scholarship applications

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

To see big results, small steps often need to be taken first. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is an organization dedicated to taking those steps in an effort to reach big community results by becoming a grant maker, a vehicle for philanthropy and a community leader.

When Dr. Robert Villalobos and fellow physicians found a way to make a difference in the community, they started small over a decade ago, and then looked to the CFSNM to make a larger impact.

In the early 1990s, Villalobos met with a group of physicians, including Drs. Ernest Flores, Robert Talamantes, Mario

Padilla, Tom Paz and Mario Samaniego.

"This group of health professionals and physicians got together and decided to give back to the community," Villalobos said about a time before the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship was in place. "We felt the best way to do that was by raising money so Hispanic youth could attend college or a vocational school and knew a lot of kids did not have the financial resources to do so."

Because the doctors were busy running practices, a group of volunteers helped raise the money, and the first year two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Hispanic students.

"We were really looking for students who had a desire to go to college and a SAT or ACT score that would get them

in," Villalobos said. Students also needed to have a 2.0 grade point average or higher, a score that is often too low for scholarship awards. "Students with a 3.5 or higher qualify for more help."

Originally the scholarship was open only to Hispanic students, but over the years, that was changed. Now it is open to everyone.

After several years of fundraising, Villalobos, a board member for the CFSNM at the time, approached his colleagues about placing the money with the Foundation to manage. Since placing the money with the Foundation, the scholarship has grown. Now four \$500 scholarships a year are awarded to Las Cruces, Oñate, Mayfield and Gadsden High Schools.

The CFSNM manages a variety of scholarships; all listed in detail at www.cfsnm.org, and all aimed to help members within the community maintain a better life. Scholarship applications are due March 31, 2009 and applications can be mailed or hand delivered to the CFSNM, 301 South Church Street, Suite H., Las Cruces, NM 88001. With generous contributions and skilled community leaders administering scholarships, the CFSNM plays a part in enabling students in their quest to gain an education.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM uses knowledge to help connect people who care with causes that matter. Donors are encouraged to inquire about donating to an existing fund or creating a new fund. Call the CFSNM at 521.4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org for information about making a charitable contribution to your community.

Census

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The information also helps businesses locate where to develop factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks, offices, etc., which often lead to the creation of new jobs and increased tax revenue.

Census jobs

Another benefit of the 2010 Census is that it creates several temporary jobs in the community. McIntire said about 90 local people will be hired to conduct address canvassing, beginning in late March.

Address canvassers walk or drive through neighborhoods and use either laptops or handheld computers to check the address of every house, making sure it is properly listed in the census database. This is the first large operation for the 2010 Census.

All canvassers will wear official identification badges so community members can identify them. Some might also carry U.S. Census Bureau bags to make them easier to identify.

Because of the canvassers already employed, 130,000 new addresses have been added to the master address file, said Laird Graeser, chief economist for the Department of Finances and Administration and Governor's liaison to the U.S. Census. These are either new residences or ones that were missed during the last census.

The Census Bureau will also hire locals to conduct community outreach and education. These partnership assistance employees will focus on specific groups and populations, such as the colonias.

To help spread word about the census and motivate the community, McIntire said active partners could receive up to \$2,999 for promotional materials from the bureau.

The bureau will also hire 1.3 million people nationwide to be census takers. If a household doesn't mail back the census form, a census taker will visit the home. McIntire said a census taker will visit a residence six times before trying to retrieve the census information from a neighbor.

Dissolving fear

While many fear that participating in the census will bring penalties from the government, McIntire said during the luncheon that the census is completely confidential, and census workers can't report on what they see in a residence. If they do, they face five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

"If you live in the U.S., you need to be counted," she said, adding that the "Patriot Act doesn't trump our confidentiality agreement. Our confidentiality agreement trumps the Patriot Act."

The Denver Regional team hopes that by making clear the confidentiality of the census, fears will be lifted and those that weren't going to participate will choose to share their information.

New, improved census forms

This year, the Census Bureau will introduce its new short-form questionnaires, which consists of only 10 questions.

"It's quicker than filling out a credit card application," Chagolla said about the new forms that don't even require a Social Security number.

The long-form will still be used but as a way to obtain annual data. It will be sent out to about 200 households every year.

The short-form questionnaires will be sent out starting in March 2010. Each form is for one "living quarter," such as a house, trailer or individual apartment.

"You might have multiple families living in one housing structure, but there is only one form for that housing structure," McIntire said. She went on to clarify that the number of residents living in the structure will be noted on the form.

Housing structures such as nursing homes, dorms and prisons also will receive census forms.

This is the first year that bilingual forms will be available.

Help from the community

New Mexico is the hardest state to count in the United States, Graeser said. He explained that this is because of the number reservations, colonias and homeless, which have been difficult to count, among other reasons.

Graeser also said 36,000 residents statewide weren't counted during the 2000 census, 2.4 percent of which came from Doña Ana County. For each person that wasn't counted the state lost \$305 per year.

For the 2010 Census to succeed at being the most accurate census count, the Denver Regional team said the local community members must get involved.

Community members can volunteer to operate a Questionnaire Assistance site, a place where people can go if they have questions about the form or need help, or a Be Counted site, a place where people can pick up census forms if they have been missed.

Chagolla said it is important for community leaders, such as those in faith-based organizations, to get the word out about the census because a "complete count affects us and our kids for the next 10 years."

After the census is completed in the beginning of July 2010, McIntire said they will measure its accuracy until January 2011, during which time some people may be contacted again. She added that even if there is an over or under count, the results will not change.

The 2010 Census information will be available by April 2011.

For more information about the Census Bureau Regional Offices, visit www.census.gov/field/www. For more information about the 2010 Census, visit www.census.gov/2010census.

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only 10 percent if a business fails and there is no recovery (of loan funds)," Woosley said.

The guarantee is up to \$1.5 million, which, at a 90 percent guarantee, would support a loan of \$1.66 million.

No fees

Another feature of the ARRA eliminates the fees a borrower must pay to get an SBA loan. The fees, which were used to fund losses, used to be between 2 percent and 3.7 percent, depending on the terms. "Until the money runs out, SBA will not charge any origination fees on an SBA loan," Woosley said.

The fee elimination is retroactive to Feb. 17, the day the ARRA was signed. SBA is developing a mechanism for refunding fees paid on loans since then.

Woosley said \$375 million has been made available nationally, which should last through 2009 and into 2010, for the 90 percent guarantee and to waive the guarantee fees.

The third major provision is the American Recovery Capital Stabilization Loan, which offers 100 percent guaranteed deferred payment of loans up to \$35,000 to help viable small businesses facing immediate economic hardship make payments on existing qualifying loans.

"There will be no interest or principle payments at all for the first 12 months to help small business get current with payments, which should take the pressure off cash flow and, or

allow them to get beyond these difficult times," Woosley said.

In addition to the features of the ARRA, President Obama announced Monday, March 16, the Treasury Department will commit up to \$15 billion to help unlock the credit markets by purchasing small business loan securities currently frozen on the secondary market.

This is intended to unlock the secondary markets, and, in turn, free up more capital to jumpstart lending for small business owners, according to the SBA press release. "This gives banks confidence that they can sell the loans and get funds to make new ones," Woosley said.

Las Cruces small business owner, Richard Jackson – American Document Services at 300A N. 17th Street – said if it weren't for the SBA, he wouldn't be in business.

"Mike Levine in the local SBA office (at DACC) put all the paperwork together for me to get loans," Jackson said. "They actually help you with the package you have to complete for the bank."

Jackson said he has received SBA loans through Citizens Bank, First New Mexico Bank and Pioneer Bank. His company has won two SBA New Mexico Star Business awards.

For a list of small business size standards, or more information on the SBA and Treasury initiatives, visit the SBA web site at www.sba.gov.

In Las Cruces, the SBA offices are Las Cruces SCORE, NMSU – Doña Ana Community College and The Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST Corp.).

New Mexico foreclosures drop 26 percent in February

Statistics say one foreclosure filed for every 2,311 households

The Land of Enchantment was ranked No. 38 nationally in foreclosure rates in February, according to a recent report from California-based RealtyTrac Inc. That's a 25.99 percent reduction in the number of foreclosures filed in the state when compared with the number of filings posted in February of 2008.

The report also included data showing that Doña Ana County ranked No. 9 in foreclosure activity among the 12 New Mexico counties included in the survey, with one foreclosure for every 6,982 households.

How many foreclosure filings did it

take to position New Mexico in 38th place last month? Just 373, according to the March 12 report. After taking into consideration the number of counties surveyed and the number of households in each county, the report concluded that just one filing took place last month for every 2,311 homes in New Mexico. The U.S. average for foreclosures filed in February was one foreclosure for every 557 households.

When it comes to the 12 New Mexico counties surveyed by RealtyTrac, Sandoval County had the highest number of foreclosures posted in February, posting one foreclosure for every 404 households.

Consensus among analysts is that cutbacks at Intel Inc. in Rio Rancho were a significant factor in pushing that county's foreclosure to the highest in the state.

Analysts cited the closure of Eclipse Aviation in Albuquerque as a major factor behind Bernalillo County's No. 3 ranking of one foreclosure filed for every 1,521 households in February. Changes in the oil industry were cited as the reason behind Chavez County achieving the No. 2 ranking on the list of new foreclosures with one filing for every 1,236 households.

On the flip side, the two foreclosures filed in Otero County last month placed the greater Alamogordo area at the bottom of RealtyTrac's list of February foreclosures with just one action filed for every 15,461 households. San Miguel (Las Vegas, N.M. area) and Cibola (Grants, N.M. area) Counties also ranked near the bottom of the list with one foreclosure filed for every 14,814 and 10,812 households respectively.

If you think that Sandoval County's foreclosure rate of 1-in-404 households seems like a substantial foreclosure-to-household ratio, take a gander at the ratios in the top three foreclosure capitals of the country – Nevada, Arizona and California. California, at No. 3, booked one foreclosure filing for every 165 households in February, while No. 2 Arizona and No. 1 Nevada booked one foreclosure for every 147 and 70 households, respectively.

As long as we're making comparisons, we shouldn't overlook No. 50 Nebraska. The Cornhusker State posted a rate of just one foreclosure for every 60,062

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County foreclosures

State Ranking	N.M. County	Number of Foreclosures	1 Foreclosure for Every
1	Sandoval	108	404
2	Chavez	21	1,236
3	Bernalillo	181	1,521
4	Valencia	11	2,416
5	Eddy	9	2,530
6	Santa Fe	21	2,955
7	Lincoln	5	3,362
8	Los Alamos	2	4,340
9	Doña Ana	11	6,982
10	Cibola	1	10,812
11	San Miguel	1	14,814
12	Otero	2	15,461
	New Mexico	373	2,311
	United States	223,651	557

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households in February. My guess is that in some cases, it pays to be last.

See you at closing!

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Building Las Cruces Doña Ana County Magistrate Court

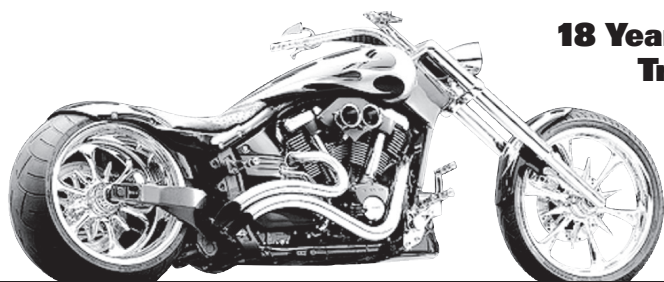


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Wooten Construction is nearing completion of the 41,500-square-foot Magistrate Court of Doña Ana County at 110 Calle de Alegria. In addition to installing the exterior Mexican stone façade, Wooten is painting the interior spaces and installing carpet and tile. The Magistrate Court building is scheduled for completion May 1, 2009.

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The recipes for this month's class include asparagus, garlic and grapes. Carol Koenig is the chef and pre-registration is required. \$30.

Lecture Series

Windows to the Past: History in a Digital Age

April 9, 7 p.m.

State Historian of New Mexico Estevan Rael-Galvez will talk about the New Mexico Digital History Project. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2.

New Exhibit

Retablo, Metamorphosis, Vision: The Artwork of Virginia Maria Romero

Opening April 10

This exhibit shows the stylistic evolution of a popular regional artist. Featuring traditional retablos and paintings from her earlier work, the exhibit also displays some of Romero's more recent work, which incorporates local wildlife and Native American symbolism with traditional saints. The show will be in the museum's Arts Corridor through Aug. 2.

Youth Songwriting Workshop

April 18, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Western Music Association Youth Songwriting Workshop is for ages 12 to 18 and is limited to 16 students. Participants are encouraged to bring song ideas, works in progress, or instruments, if they would like. Writing materials will be provided. The cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

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City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report March 20, 2009

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20091449	Jose M. and Mirna G. Gonzalez	Jose M. and Mirna G. Gonzalez	Res/Add	4741 Salado Creek St.	\$5,000	\$57
20091515	Sonrisa Builders	Coronado Development Corp.	Res/New	6419 Serrano Drive	\$127,100	\$1,657
20091452	GS Roofing	Blue Heron Investment Group LLC	Reroof	1850 Locust Ave.	\$10,000	\$87
20091474	Summit Development	Summit Development of Las Cruces LLC	Res/New	4326 Canterra Arc	\$231,650	\$3,764
20091508	North Gate Construction	Osvaldo R. Delavega	Reroof	144 Los Nogales Drive	\$18,000	\$134
20091478	Summit Development	Westmoreland Ent LTD Liabiltiy Co.	Res/New	4702 Whitney Place	\$153,914	\$2,032
20091475	Summit Development	Summit Development of Las Cruces LLC	Res/New	4310 Canterra Arc	\$277,324	\$3,842
20091524	Twilight Construction	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	2043 Villa Napoli Loop	\$170,478	\$3,358
20091527	Spirit View Homes	David M. and Tamara L. Hoerner	Res/Add	5344 Longview Lane	\$30,000	\$188
20091477	Summit Development	Summit Development of Las Cruces LLC	Res/New	4322 Canterra Arc	\$234,766	\$3,769
20091469	R-A & J Construction	Naomi Bazan	Res/Alt	329 N. San Pedro St.	\$1,000	\$35
20091451	GS Roofing	1999 Adair Family Rev Trust	Reroof	1830 Locust Ave.	\$18,500	\$137
20091476	Summit Development	Summit Development of Las Cruces LLC	Res/New	4331 Canterra Arc	\$219,678	\$3,743
20091536	Pavilion Construction	Alta Tierra Apartments LP	Comm/Alt	1500 E. Madrid Ave.	\$187,500	\$56
20091547	Pavilion Construction	Alta Tierra Apartments LP	Comm/Alt	1500 E. Madrid Ave.	\$187,500	\$556
20091551	Pavilion Construction	Alta Tierra Apartments LP	Comm/Alt	1500 E. Madrid Ave.	\$187,500	\$556
20091557	Pavilion Construction	Alta Tierra Apartments LP	Comm/Alt	1500 E. Madrid Ave.	\$187,500	\$556
20091568	Pavilion Construction	Alta Tierra Apartments LP	Comm/Alt	1500 E. Madrid Ave.	\$187,500	\$556
20091560	Steven M. and Guadalupe Misquez	Steven M. and Guadalupe Misquez	Res/Add	1755 E. Griggs Ave.	\$1,500	\$41
20091553	Diemer Building and Remodeling Inc.	Roy A. Conniff	Res/Alt	224 W. Greening Ave.	\$61,400	\$323
20091603	Michael G. Engstrom	Michael G. Engstrom	Res/Add	1011 Organ View	\$5,000	\$57
20091580	JR Hernandez Custom Homes	D W Development LLC	Res/New	1652 Neleigh Loop	\$142,844	\$3,227
20091587	GS Roofing	La Mission Plaza LLC	Reroof	225 Idaho Ave.	\$6,300	\$65
20091592	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ken Thurston Development Corp.	Res/New	4933 Sherwood Road	\$162,606	\$3,345
20091594	GS Roofing	Jamie A. Stull	Reroof	2701 Elks Drive	\$13,136	\$105
20091598	Merwyn H. and Marilyn J. Walker	Merwyn H. and Marilyn J. Walker	Reroof	5004 Emerald St.	\$1,750	\$43
20091609	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3564 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$152,028	\$3,628
20091546	GS Roofing	Jamie A. Stull	Reroof	1546 Missouri Ave.	\$13,136	\$105
20091559	JC Roofing Inc.	Michael L. and Rebecca L. Poland	Reroof	753 Indian Hollow Road	\$7,247	\$71
20091566	Daisy Garcia	Jose A. and Daisy Garcia	Res/Add	2585 Primavera St.	\$750	\$33
20091631	Binns Construction Inc.	Wilfred E. and I. Berniece Binns	Comm/New	2500 Missouri Ave.	\$575,000	\$13,962
20091627	C.D. General Contractors Inc.	Leonardo Reyes	Reroof	5108 Emerald St.	\$4,500	\$54
20091643	Top Notch Exteriors	Robert J. Muenich	Reroof	5013 Calle Pastura	\$4,422	\$54
20091644	Top Notch Exteriors	Albert J. and Julia C. Vega	Reroof	2210 Avalon Drive	\$7,725	\$73
20091650	Infinity Roofing	Anna K. Jordan	Reroof	1808 Calle de Sueños	\$5,900	\$63
20091660	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Brewer Oil Co.	Reroof	2645 S. Valley Drive	\$15,875	\$121
20091647	Oasis LP Inc.	Rose E. Barrosa	Swimming Pool	4627 Pyramid Peak Drive	\$40,000	\$239
20091624	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	William C. and Clara Lindemann	Reroof	4112 Oleta Drive	\$11,950	\$98

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The coming American matriarchy

Pendulum swing is away from male to female domination

Men still rule America but women are poised to take over. Thirty years from now, when the millennium generation has moved into positions of leadership, its elites are likely to be women. For better or worse, America is becoming a matriarchy.

Don't believe me? Well consider the following: The key to success in the 21st century society is education.

Best estimates indicate that a college degree is worth about \$1 million over the course of a career compared to a high school diploma. Beginning in the early 1990s, female enrollment in college out-paced male enrollment. Currently, for every three men, four women attend college. By 2017, it is expected that the ratio will be 2-to-3. Indeed, between now and 2017, enrollment in college by women is expected to increase by 22 percent, but enrollment by men only by 10 percent.

What explains this sharp increase in female college enrollment? Many high schools, including Las Cruces Public

Schools, have special programs to encourage women to seek careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (so called STEM subjects). To be blunt, these programs have been successful.

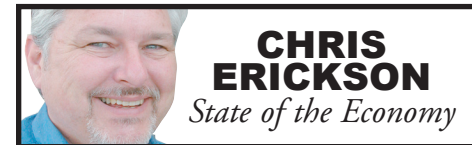
Other more subtle factors are also at work. Certainly, a change in expectations about what women can accomplish is important. The role models provided by successful women from Hillary Clinton to Meg Whitman encourage women to seek leadership positions.

Meanwhile, men are being discouraged to pursue higher education. Unlike for women, few special high school programs exist to encourage men to attend college.

There are female-oriented programs, there are general programs, but almost none designed to encourage men. Moreover,

nationalwide emphasis is being placed on academic courses in which women tend to succeed. For example the No Child Left Behind Act has caused many school districts to shift resources to literature, which

“... studies report recent female college grads earning salaries as much as 20 percent more than their male counterparts ...”



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

not. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, unemployment rates are less for women than for men – 7.3 percent versus 8.8 percent in the most recent data. If you look at subcategories by age, race and education, it makes no difference; unemployment rates among women are less than among men. So at least during the current recession, it is men who are laid off first, not women.

There is no question that women from my generation – the baby boomers – faced discrimination. But for current young adults – the millennium generation – the pendulum is swinging the other way. I have a son and a daughter. I want the best for both, but I fear my son will face a world in which the cards are stacked against him. A just society is one in which people are judged not by their gender, but by the quality of their character.

Christopher Erickson is an associate professor of economics at NMSU. Opinion expressed here are Dr. Erickson's and may not represent the views of the Board of Regents or administration of NMSU.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Oñate students win lodging championship

Oñate High School sophomores Summer Hernandez, Nicole Khanbabian and Mindy Medina took the State Lodging Management Program (LMP) State Championship March 16 during competition at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort in Bernalillo. OHS competed for the state title against high school teams from Farmington and Grants. With the win, the Oñate students are now eligible to compete for the national championship, sponsored by the American Hotel & Lodging Association Educational Institute, to be held April 15 to 17 in Orlando, Fla.

Bruder accepted into CyberStars Group

The CyberStars are an invitation-only group of the top-200 real estate agents from the United States, Canada, Australia and the Bahamas, chosen for their ability to meet the needs of today's consumers through the use of today's technology and personal service. Evelyn Bruder of Steinborn GMAC is the only representative that has been selected for membership from Las Cruces.

NMSU honors top, 'millionaire' researchers

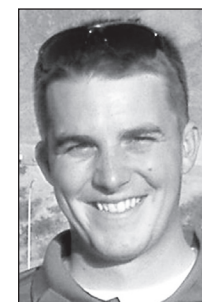
Faculty and staff at NMSU whose research projects generated funding of \$1 million or more during the 2007-2008 fiscal year were honored this month. Also honored were researchers who came close to logging \$1 million during the fiscal year. Recognized Feb. 13 were:

- **College of Agriculture**
LeRoy A. Daugherty, Martha F. Archuleta, Barbara Chamberlin, Terry Crawford, Ester L. Devall, Robert Silver, Carolyn K. Vander Giesen, Mary O'Connell, Debra Peters
- **College of Arts and Sciences**
Kurt S. Anderson, Jeffrey B. Arterburn, Elba Serrano, Desh Ranjan, Michael Johnson, Gary Eiceman
- **College of Education**
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- **College of Engineering**
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- **College of Health and Social Services**
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- **Doña Ana Branch**
David R. Pearce, Sylvia Nickerson
- **Carlsbad Branch**
Daniel L. Contreras
- **College of Extended Learning**
Jon Thomas Benson

Sonoma Ranch names new Golf Manager



WILSON

Zach Wilson, a native of Vail, Colo., was recently promoted to General Manager at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Zach started in the golf industry at 13, changing metal spikes to soft spikes when they became mandatory on all golf courses at the Vail Golf Course, where he worked for 5 years.

Zach graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in communication.

Steinborn welcomes three new Realtors

Steinborn GMAC Real Estate is pleased to announce that Nina Michael, Phyllis Valdez, Janet Acosta have joined the growing company of Steinborn Inc. Realtors. Nina Michael has over ten years real estate experience and specializes in horse properties. Phyllis Valdez relocated from Northern California and is a recent Real Estate Institute graduate. Janet Acosta has been a Realtor in the Mesilla Valley for several years.

Hubbard's 30th Anniversary

Erin Ransbarger of the Rawdogs performs at the 30th anniversary celebration of Hubbard's Music-N-More on Saturday, March 21. Several bands performed on the outdoor stage while attendees enjoyed free hotdogs and hamburgers. Opened in 1979 by Peirce Hubbard, the store was originally founded in the Loretto Towne Centre. Present owner Dru Hubbard has been involved in the national and local music scene for many years, and can be found on most weekends drumming for his band, The Liars, at local venues.



BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

PROFILE

Anna Emerick-Biad:

Ordinary person doing extraordinary things

Realtor has deep roots in Mesilla Valley soil

By KRISTINE SANDRICK
The Las Cruces Bulletin

She calls herself “just an ordinary person” but she’s remarkable for her age. At 28, Anna Emerick-Biad, founder of the third-largest real estate brokerage firm in Las Cruces, just sold her five-year old real estate company to the top dog, Steinborn GMAC, and finds herself wondering “what’s next?”

Raised in Mesilla Park, Emerick-Biad must have been born with her toes in the valley’s fertile soil. Her grandparents moved from Texas to Mesilla “when Solano was a dirt road,” she said. The former teachers started a construction company with her grandfather Louis building homes and grandmother Sara getting her real estate license.

Eventually, their son, Louis “Ed” Emerick, took over the business and developed much of Mesilla Park and High Range.

Rather than have her energetic 14-year-old get bored at

home, Joanne Emerick shipped her daughter to the family’s construction office. There, she would work on the books and answer the phone, whatever she could do to help her dad.

But finding land from her bicycle seat – that’s how her real estate adventure began.

“My dad teases me about my first home sale. A customer couldn’t find a lot in Mesilla Park and I told him I thought I saw one while I was riding my bike – a vacant lot on Applecross Lane,” Emerick-Biad said.

She learned to go the courthouse to find out who owned the property. They wrote the owner and found out the lot was for sale. “I was probably 14 or 15 years old at the time, and just within the past two to three years that same woman called me to sell her house for her,” she said.

Young entrepreneur

Emerick-Biad was home-schooled and graduated at 16. While in high school, she started a craft business making teddy bears and rabbits, which she sold around town and in El Paso. She even pitched a store in La Jolla, Calif., while on a family vacation, and sent out a couple of shipments of crafts.

“I made crafts until I was 18, but a couple of weeks after I turned 18 I got my real estate license because I realized I could make more money selling houses. I wanted to be independent and on my own,” she said. “If you don’t have a job and can’t (make) any money you’ll be living with your parents until your 30!”

She graduated from New Mexico State University in 1998 with degrees in finance and Spanish.

“Had real estate not gone as well, I might not have picked it as a profession, but I am very competitive and I love working with people. I got my first sale within three months of getting my license,” she said.

Her first sale came from her

Realtor grandmother, Sara. After the sale closed, she got her first referral and that’s how it started.

“I remember going door to door marketing myself, passing out flyers,” she said.

“within two years I was in the top five for sales in the community.”

“I was just working hard, taking care of my customers. It took a couple of years of hard knocks but after that people realized I was here to stay.”

After years of being by herself under her father’s company, she opened a one-woman shop and hired her first employee.

“I was doing a lot of business by myself and still going to college.” In 2003, she leased some office space and began interviewing and training Realtors, then referred business to her agents.

“That time was a whirlwind. I was just starting my business, graduating from NMSU and a customer I was trying to sell a home kept insisting that I meet this person.” On a blind date, she met Chris Biad, whose family is one of the world’s largest processors of dehydrated red chile, Biad Chile Company.

What’s important

Now married five years, the Biads have two children, Sara – 3, named after Emerick-Biad’s grandmother, the Realtor, and Simon – 11 months, named for Biad’s great grandfather.

Last year, the couple bought the historic Fountain Theater. “This was something so different than what we were doing,” she said. “This is even more creative.

And we recently opened a store next to the Fountain Theater, called The Red Chair, selling antiques and décor.”

Emerick-Biad purchases the items for the store, stages the shop and works there a few days each month.

“... you should focus on what’s important and what truly brings joy to your life.”

ANNA EMERICK-BIAD,
Qualifying broker

“I’ve been involved with many different things but what is most important to me are the charities that help children and women – those types of charities really speak to me ... those that work to empower women in our community,” she said.

She most recently applied to be a peer counselor for children through Mesilla Valley CASA.

After only five years owning and developing her own company, Emerick-Biad has merged with what at one time was her grandmother’s cross-town rival.

“The merger allows me to spend more time doing what I love – working with customers and agents,” she said.

“I also want to do some of the things I’ve always wanted to do. I’m 28 years old and I’ve been doing this since I was a kid.”

She will be in charge of sales and marketing for her husband’s green chile business, with this year providing the first crop of green chile to be marketing to

local restaurants and consumers while also serving as Qualifying Broker and a strategic advisory to the new office owners, Steinborn GMAC.

“I think of myself as a very ordinary, down-to-earth person who is willing to help anyone,” she said. “The one thing I’ve tried to implement in my life is that you never know how much time you’re given or what will happen so you should focus on what’s important and what truly brings joy to your life ... at the end of the day you have to do what makes you happy.”

She said she’s been “doing this since she was a kid,” and she’s only 28.

Anna Emerick-Biad

Qualifying broker,
Steinborn GMAC

Education

- Bachelor’s degrees in finance and Spanish, New Mexico State University

Family

- Husband, Chris
- Daughter, Sara
- Son, Simon



Doña Ana County Building Permit Report March 20, 2009

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34450	Self	James and Lori Diltmore	Reroof	4030 Acala St.	South Park Unit 1	\$80
34454	Self	Danny Estupiran	Res/Add	167 Merlin Court	Desert Shadow Ph III	\$240
34455	Self	Jose Romero	Res/Add	2960 Playa Lane No. 2	NA	\$80
34457	Debco Construction	Donald Lopez	Res/New	9450 Corona Road	NA	\$688
34458	DRF Construction	LC Property Development	Res/New	4095 Fallow Deer St.	Los Venados Phase I	\$493
34465	RB Builders	Mesilla Bolson Properties	Res/New	118 Apache Gold Loop	Franklin View Phase I	\$766
34466	G. Sandoval Construction	Jacqueline Jones	Res/New	993 Supreme Court	NA	\$995
34468	Sundance Construction	Dennis and Cathey Alberson	Swimming Pool	4991 Ruby Mine Road	Talavera Unit 3 Tract 4	\$109
34472	Mastercraft Metals	Cheryl Clark	Reroof	1205 W. Union Ave.	Mesilla Park Townsite	\$230
34473	Majestic Builders	James P. Slazenik and Joyce L. Cordery	Reroof	944 Dalrymple Road	NA	\$300

LOOKING BACK

This week in the history
 of the Mesilla Valley



MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75
 years ago
1934

The federal government issued a moratorium that granted the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) and the El Paso County Water Improvement District (EPCWID) No. 1 another one-year of deferment for the Elephant Butte Dam construction payment. The EBID estimated that the deferment would save district farmers \$294,000. Farm income was reduced by the Great Depression. The moratorium was obtained with the help of Rep. Dennis Chavez and Sen. Carl Hatch.

Arthur Starr and EBID manager N.B. Phillips were named to the new Power Project Commission work with the EPCWID to discuss the possibility of raising Caballo Dam so that it could hold 350,000 acre-feet of water. Engineers said the additional capacity was necessary to install a hydrological electrical plant at Elephant Butte.

The county commission named Earl Stull county assessor.

The La Mesa Methodist Church had an enchilada dinner to raise funds for malaria control.

50
 years ago
1959

For the fifth consecutive year, Las Cruces High School won a First Division Rating at the Southwest District Musical Festival in Alamogordo.

The Las Cruces Board of Education increased its high school English class requirement from three to four years.

The border collie Lady G, 12, a "staff member" at New Mexico State University's Animal Husbandry



A mariachi group takes a break during a performance on the Mesilla Plaza. The flags at the sides indicate they were playing for a patriotic celebration.

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Department, died after she was struck by an automobile while chasing away a stray dog to protect her flock. Herdsman Charlie Stone said she handled sheep, cattle and swine and could do the work of two men. He was training a Lady G granddaughter, Boots, to take her place.

Denver University's Early Gordon struck out 19 Aggie batters to give DU a 21-2 win. But the Aggies came back to defeat DU in a double-header, 14-13 and 5-2.

25
 years ago
1984

Washington Elementary fourth-grade students took Bureau of Land Management tours at Aguirre Springs to learn about wildlife, native plants, geological formations and soils.

Doña Ana Elementary students released 750 balloons with addresses in their Writing Pals Balloon Program to encourage writing by corresponding with students in other parts of the country.

10
 years ago
1999

City recycling coordinator Bonnie Tafoya reported the total recycling revenue from the previous six years was \$190,000.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce named newspaper vendor German Villegas-Gonzales the Goodwill Ambassador-of-the-Year "for representing the city in a positive light." He was from Michoacan, Mexico, and constantly waved and smiled at motorists while he sold newspapers at Avenida de Mesilla and Valley Drive.

Frank Hollar celebrated his 100th birthday on the Las Cruces Country Club golf course. He said he played golf for exercise and companionship. A retired Army colonial, he fought in three wars.

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

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CHURCH NEWS

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP
The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will sponsor a "Living in Love Workshop for Married Couples" from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. The retreat workshop is designed to affirm, energize and free couples to live in love and will include a romantic candlelight dinner on Saturday and Mass on Sunday. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Brotherton at 522-3072 or pbbrotherton@comcast.net.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of the Las Cruces Diocese will celebrate the ground breaking of Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic Church with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 29 at 5035 Holsome Road.

BILL YUNG AT MORNING STAR
Former head football coach at the University of Texas-El Paso and West Texas State University Bill Yung will speak at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive, at the intersection of Morning Star Drive and Roadrunner Parkway. Yung has been an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a well-known speaker. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 521-3770.

SEDER DINNER
Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., will host a traditional Passover Seder dinner presented by Jews
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Anglican

You are welcome at **St. Mary's-at Hill**

Anglican Church
7975 Doña Ana Rd.
523-6596/405-2112

Sunday:
8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist
9 Studies in MP Scriptures

Tuesday:
10:00 Morning Prayer
10:20 Studies in Acts

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LAS CRUCES, NM

106 South Miranda
Las Cruces, NM 88005-2637
524-3691

Sunday:
Bible Study 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Morning Worship 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
University of Life 6 p.m.

Tuesday:
Intercessory Prayer 5:45 p.m.
Encounter: Corporate Prayer and Worship 6:30 p.m.

Child Care Available

Church of Christ

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- Today's multi-ethnic congregation represents God's true vision of the oneness of mankind and brotherhood in Christ

Schedule of Services

[Sunday:]
Devotional 9:45-9:55am
Morning Bible Classes (all ages) 9:55-10:40am
Morning Worship 11:00-12:30am
Bible Study (1st & 3rd Sundays) 4:45-5:45pm
Evening Worship 6:00-7:00pm

[Wednesday:]
Bible Classes (all ages) 7:30-8:15

Everyone is invited to attend any of the services!

St. James' Episcopal Church
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Sunday Worship:
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sun. School 9:15 a.m.

Wed. 10 a.m.: Eucharist
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105 St. James St.
1 block south of University & Main
saintjameslc.com
526-2389

Methodist

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

225 W. Griggs Ave.
Downtown on the corner of Alameda and Griggs • 526-6689 for information

March 29, 2009

Traditional Worship	8:15 am
Unplugged Contemporary Worship	9:30 am
Oasis Praise Service	10:45 am
Traditional Worship	10:45 am

Rev. James Large, Senior Pastor
Rev. Joe Whitley, Associate Pastor
e-mail: spoffice@zianet.com

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10 a.m. Sunday Worship
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in the Atlantica Room
at 901 Avenida de Mesilla
-and to-
morning and evening bible study groups in homes

Pastor: Jacob Worley
647.4085
www.saintpatricksamia.org
P.O. Box 935, Las Cruces, NM 88004

Bethel Second Baptist Church

Reverend Gregory Arthur

Sunday:
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6 p.m.
405 E. Hadley Ave.
523-7850

Church Triumphant

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
En Español - 1 p.m.
Wednesday/180 Youth: 7 p.m.

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Ty Loyd - Pastor
2020 N. Valley Dr.,
528-LOVE(5683)

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United Methodist Church
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WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Blended - 8:30 a.m. • Traditional - 11 a.m.
Contemporary - 9:45 a.m.

Please call for information about our Ministries, Sunday Schools and Small Groups or visit our web site: www.morningstarumc.org

521-3770
2941 Morning Star Dr. at Roadrunner Pkwy

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Adult Discipleship 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Family Night (English & Spanish) 7:00 p.m.
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Times of Services:
Sundays:
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 p.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.

Wednesdays:
Bible Study

301 N. Solano - Las Cruces, NM
373-0297
www.mvbc-lc.org

Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

www.zianet.com/fcc-doc
Sunday worship 10:15 a.m.
Rev. Linda Mervine

1809 El Paseo Rd.
524-3245

Lutheran

Mission Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)
God's Unchanging Word
For An Ever Changing World

English Services: 9 a.m.
Sun. School & Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
Spanish Service: 11:30 a.m.

¡Lo invito! a la Iglesia Luterana Misión
Los Domingos:
La escuela dominical 10:30 a.m.
La misa en español 11:30 a.m.
2752 Roadrunner Pkwy.
522-0465

New Covenant

New Covenant Fellowship
Bible and Family Focused

Approx. 2 miles south of University Ave. on corner of S. Main and Holy Cross Road
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
524-0645

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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The Baha'i Information & Reading Center

Come celebrate the Oneness of God
All faiths welcomed

Devotionals Sundays: 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
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Reading room opened on Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"All the prophets of God proclaim the same Faith"
525 E. Lohman
575.373.1479

Eastern Orthodoxy

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission
(UOC of USA)

Father Gabriel Rochelle, Priest
Divine Liturgy Sun. 9 a.m.
3rd & 6th Hour Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Vespers Sat. 5 p.m.
Sacrament of Repentance Sat. 5:45 p.m.
www.stanthonylc.org
575-524-1071
Chapel at 518 N. Alameda • Las Cruces (Hadley & Alameda)

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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An Inclusive New Thought Community

140 Taylor Rd - 524-2375

Sunday Celebration 11:00 AM
Youth Program during Service
Discussion Groups 9:30 AM
Wednesday Meditation 11:30 AM
Rev. Sam Ritchey - 647-2560

Religious Science

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for more information call 523.4847
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www.zianet.com/milc

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welcomes submissions of local church events and activities.

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. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
518 N. Alameda Blvd.
(575) 526-6333

Weekday services in Historic Kendrick Chapel
Tuesday - 9:30 a.m.
Morning prayer Thursday - 12:05 p.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Special Lenten Services Stations of the Cross
Thur - 11:30 a.m., Fri - 7 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES:
8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Ages 3-6
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Nursery Available

Faith Lutheran Church
LCMS

Teaching, Serving, and Sharing Christ
Sunday School and Bible Study 9 a.m.

Divine Service 10:30 a.m.

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Eph. 2:8

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575-202-9522 for more information
Pastor Robert Harmon

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Youth Education 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Refresh 11:30 a.m. with Prayer to noon

Rev. Terry Lund
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523-5592
www.UnityofLasCruces.org

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

CHURCH NEWS

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for Jesus at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. All are encouraged to participate in this meal that represents the exodus from Egypt and the celebration of the resurrection. Tickets are free and can be picked up in the church office. Call 541-6883 for more information.

■ EASTER BONNET DAY

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will hold its first Easter Bonnet Day from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4. All women from the area are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet to go with their Easter Sunday outfit. For more information, call 526-2389.

■ ANNUAL HOLY CROSS FLEA MARKET

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold its fifth annual flea market from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and encourages anyone thinking about holding a garage sale, promoting a business or selling a product to rent a space. All money that is made in your space is yours to keep. Spaces are 10- by 10-feet at \$15, 15- by 20-feet at \$25 and 30- by 30-feet at \$40. Spaces are sold on a first come basis, so reserve your space early. Payments for space need to be in by Saturday, April 11. All money will be donated to charity and there will not be any refunds because of weather. For more information, call 523-0167 or Joe Fleming at 993-9916.

■ RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

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 at 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.

Too much pressure on kids is counterproductive to success

Self-discipline and self-reliance introduced early to become automatic

If beauty is the most important attribute in determining personal worth in this culture, what is in second place?

It is intelligence as expressed in scholastic aptitude. When the birth of a first-born child is imminent, his parents pray that he will be normal – that is, "average." But from that moment on, average will not be good enough. Their child must excel. He must succeed. He must triumph. He must be the first of his age to walk, talk or ride a tricycle. He must earn a stunning report card and amaze his teachers with his wit and wisdom. He must do well in Little League, and later he must be a track star or first-chair trombone or the valedictorian. His sister must be a cheerleader or the senior-class president or the soloist or the best pupil in her advanced-placement class.

Throughout the formative years of childhood, parents give their kids the same message day after day: "We're counting on you to do something fantastic. Now don't disappoint us!" The hopes, dreams and ambitions of an entire family sometimes rest on the shoulders of an immature child. And in this atmosphere of fierce competition, the parent who produces an intellectually gifted child is clearly holding the winning sweepstakes ticket.

Unfortunately, exceptional children are just that – exceptions. Seldom does a

5-year-old memorize the King James Version of the Bible or play chess blindfolded or compose symphonies in the Mozart manner. To the contrary, the vast majority of our children are not dazzlingly brilliant, extremely witty, highly coordinated, tremendously talented or universally popular! They are just plain kids with oversized needs to be loved and accepted as they are. Thus, the stage is set for unrealistic pressure on the younger generation and considerable disappointment for their parents.

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Isn't it our goal to produce children with self-discipline and self-reliance? If so, how does your approach to external discipline imposed by parents get translated into internal control?

There are many authorities who suggest that parents take a passive approach to their children for the reason implied by your question: They want their kids to discipline themselves. But since young people lack the maturity to generate that self-control, they stumble through childhood without experiencing either internal or external discipline. Thus, they enter adult life having never completed an unpleasant assignment or accepted an order that they disliked or yielded to the leadership of their elders. Can we expect such a person to exercise self-discipline in young adult-

hood? I think not. That individual doesn't even know the meaning of the word.

My belief is that parents should introduce their children to discipline and self-control by any reasonable means available, including the use of external influences, when they are young. By being required to behave responsibly, he gains valuable experience in controlling his own impulses and resources. Then as he grows into the teen years, responsibility is transferred year by year from the shoulders of the parent directly to the child. He is no longer required to do what he has learned during earlier years in hopes that he will want to function on his own initiative.

To illustrate, a child should be required to keep his room relatively neat when he is young. Then somewhere during the mid-teens, his own self-discipline should take over and provide the motivation to continue the task. If it does not, the parent should close the door and let him live in a dump, if that is his choice.

In short, self-discipline does not come automatically to those who have never experienced it. Self-control must be learned, and it must be taught.

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

Islam lecture series, part one: History and culture

Background and foundations of the Muslim faith

By BETH SITZLER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ahlam Mohammad, an instructor at the Doña Ana Community College, gave a four-part lecture series about Islamic history, culture, diversity and misconceptions, on March 16, 18, 23 and 25, hosted by the Academy for Learning in Retirement.

She, along with her daughters Teba and Saba, explained that Muslims believe in the one and only creator Allah, which is Arabic for God. They also believe in all prophets, from Adam and Moses to Abraham and Jesus, as well as the Prophet Muhammad, who recorded the Quran.

"The Quran is our holy book, and it contains stories of all the prophets," Ahlam Mohammad said. "It's God's words, not man's."

Muhammad was born in Mecca in 570 and was considered the most honest man alive. During that time, the citizens of Mecca worshipped 300 different stone gods.

"Before he became a prophet, Muhammad didn't believe he could worship a piece of stone. He knew there was a superior power to worship," she said, adding that in 610, Gabriel came to him in the name of God as he was meditating and gave him the verses of the Quran.

After receiving the verses, he began to preach in Mecca. He wasn't well received and in 622, he left with a small group of followers for Medina. Over the years, more and more began to follow him.

In his last sermon, he said Islam was to be a religion of peace and purity. After his death in 632, multiple caliphs, or successors, spread the religion around the world.

Ahlam Mohammad said Islam has spread to numerous countries, explaining that "Muslims aren't always Arabic, and those that are Arabic aren't always Muslim." She added that Islam has been called the fastest-growing religion with about 24 percent of the world population being Muslim.

"Part of the religion is to seek knowledge. One way to do that is to immigrate to another country and learn," Saba Mohammad said.

While different ethnicities have different cultures, there is a basic foundation to the Islamic society – marriage, family and kinship.

There isn't any dating in the Islamic culture. Ahlam Mohammad said the best place for a couple to meet is through family, friends or school. She added that arranged marriages aren't practiced in the Islamic religion and women have the right to refuse any marriage proposal.

Teba Mohammad added that a man can have up to four wives – which all must be treated equally – but only under specific circumstances, such as the inability to have children or if a woman has been widowed and has no one to care for her. She added that this practice has become uncommon today.

Family and kinship are important because the religion values kindness, compassion, love and mercy. For example, Ahlam Mohammad said there are only a few nursing homes in the Muslim world because it is the children's responsibility to care for their parents.

"Nursing homes are only for those who have no one to care for them," she said.

Even though family is very important, divorce is allowed as a last resort. "It's legal, but it's the worst legal thing according to God," she said.

“Muslims aren't always Arabic, and those that are Arabic aren't always Muslim.”

AHLAM MOHAMMAD
DACC instructor

Throughout the lectures, Ahlam Mohammad said one of the most important aspects of Islam is the equality of men and women in terms of both rights and responsibilities. They both have the right to education among other things.

Despite the growing population of Muslims, there are still misconceptions about the religion. Ahlam Mohammad discussed these misconceptions in her fourth lecture.

Look for "Islam lecture series, part two: Misconceptions and corrections" in next week's Bulletin.



BETH SITZLER | The Las Cruces Bulletin
Ahlam Mohammad, along with her daughters Teba, left, and Saba discussed Islamic history, culture, diversity and misconceptions during a four-part lecture series held by the Academy for Learning in Retirement.



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

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

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

☉ AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior water exercise class) with Nora Bailey is held from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive, on a first-come, first-served basis. 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, a certified instructor, will lead Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

☉ FITNESS WALKING GROUP

Twenty-minute walks are held at Mesilla Valley Mall from 9:15 to 10:45 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pick-up and drop-off for these walks is available at the Munson and Eastside Centers.

☉ LINE DANCING CLASSES

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

☉ MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS

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

☉ TAI CHI

Tai Chi is held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center; from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Eastside Center; and from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the East Mesa/Sage Cafe, 5589 Porter Road. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

☉ CANASTA

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

☉ BINGO MANIA

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

☉ CHESS

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

☉ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

☉ CREATIVE WRITING

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

☉ CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration for 10-week courses such as ceramics, pottery, jewelry making, etc. will be held at the Munson Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, March 27. Registrants are asked to have exact change and have their blue or yellow cards ready to be presented.

☉ WATERCOLOR PAINTING

A watercolor painting class meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the Art/Quilting Room at Munson Senior Center.

☉ SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB

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

☉ MAH JONGG

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

☉ SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

☉ PINOCHLE

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

☉ CHINA PAINTERS

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

☉ HORSESHOE PITCHING

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

☉ LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT

A free ladies pool tournament open to ladies 50 and older is held the first Monday of each month at Munson Center. The tournament starts around 8:30 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first- and second-place winners.

☉ MEN'S POOL TOURNAMENT

A men's 8-ball pool tournament is held the last Wednesday of every month at Munson Center, is open to men 50 and older and is free. Sign-up is from 8 to 9 a.m., and the tournament starts around 9:15 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first- and second-place winners. For more information, contact Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

☉ MOVIE DAY AT MUNSON CENTER

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

☉ LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club meets from 10 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Munson Senior Center.

☉ 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 and milk. A 50-cent donation is suggested for this breakfast for those 60 or older. The cash price for those under 60 is \$1.10 for all three items.

☉ POT LUCK BRUNCH

A pot luck brunch is held the first Sunday of each month at Munson Center. Participants should bring a covered dish item and their own plates, cups and silverware.

☉ SENIOR GAMES

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

☉ DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

The AARP Driver Safety Program, formerly known as 55 Alive Defensive Driving, will now be a 4-hour course only. If a class fills up on the first day, a second class will be scheduled the next day for those first-day attendees that cannot be accommodated. This program is open to those drivers 50 years of age and over. Upon completion of the course drivers will receive a certificate.

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

Upcoming sessions are from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17 (tentative), at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St., and from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 (tentative), at Good Samaritan Society Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. There are no sessions scheduled in May.

☉ HEALTHY EATING, EFT CLASSES OFFERED

Genevieve Chavez, naturopathic doctor, will teach a class titled "Detoxification and Cleaning" at the Munson Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, and a class "Emotional Freedom Technique" from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Cost for each class is \$5. For more information or to make reservations, call 528-3000.

☉ TAX PREP PROGRAM

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

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

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

☉ RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Seniors are encouraged to join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help the community grow. Make a difference doing fun things that include:

- Assistant pianist for a group that performs weekly at nursing homes
- Tutoring, help students to excel in their studies
- Clerical, help doing office tasks
- Be an advocate for those that need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to community program's
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- Teach a trade to others
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

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☉ INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information and 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.



HEALTH NEWS

Car buffs show their stuff at MADD car show

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Rosie Ortiz and son Joe Ortiz look at the engine of a 1972 Chevy truck at Mothers Against Drunk Driving's annual car show Saturday, March 21, at the Field of Dreams.



A gleaming 1956 Ford Customline was on display at the show.



Christina Peña and Rudy Alvarez look at a 1953 Chevy pick-up.

Giving back to area doctors

National Doctor's Day is Tuesday, March 30

National Doctor's Day will be celebrated Tuesday, March 30, and in honor of these medical professionals, many of who save lives everyday, area hospitals have various ways to celebrate.

"In view of today's economy, Memorial Medical Center thought it would be best to honor the dedication and commitment of our medical staff by making a donation to Mesilla Valley Hospice," stated a press release from MMC. "The members of our medical staff have dedicated their lives to caring for others, and we would like to take Doctors' Day to recognize and thank them."

According to officials at MountainView

Regional Medical Center, they will recognize the quality care, comfort and compassion offered by their medical staff with a gourmet breakfast in their honor and a small gift of appreciation.

"Throughout the year, the members of our medical staff touch the lives of so many of our friends and families. We couldn't imagine what a day would be like without them," said Omar Montoya, director of marketing and business development at MountainView. "For all they have done and all they will do in the days ahead, we will thank our medical staff on March 30."

Hundreds of New Mexicans in need of organ transplants

Register to give during Donate Life Month

As 650 New Mexicans continue to wait for a life-saving organ transplant, the nation readies to observe national Donate Life Month in April.

Hospitals throughout New Mexico will participate by flying a Donate Life flag to show support for more than 101,000 Americans in need of transplants and commemorate the organ and tissue donors who gave the "gift of life".



Donate Life Month celebrates the 27,900 successful organ transplants in the United States last year, a miracle that was made possible by 14,204 individuals who gave the "Gift of Life"; 6,215 who made a living donation; and 7,989 who donated after death. In 2008, 182 New Mexicans received a life-saving organ transplant and 65 individuals donated in New Mexico, including 23 living donations and 42 donations after death.

"Eight hundred ninety-five thousand New Mexicans have registered to be organ donors. That's 50 percent of licensed drivers and ID card holders, but the need is great, and we urge more New Mexicans to

make a decision to save lives through organ and tissue donation," said Patricia Niles, executive director for New Mexico Donor Services. She added, "Myths and misinformation about donation discourage individuals from registering to be donors. We are committed to dispelling these myths and providing the correct information to increase organ and tissue donation."

The top-five donation facts are:

1. Registering to be a donor will not interfere with any life-saving medical care.
2. People of any age and with any medical condition can register to be donors at Motor Vehicle Division.
3. There is never a cost to the family or estate for organ or tissue donation.
4. An open casket funeral or cremation is possible after donation.
5. All major religions support donation as a generous life-saving act.

One donor can save the lives of eight people through organ donation, and up to 50 more can be helped through eye and tissue donation. As many as 18 patients die each day in the U.S. awaiting an organ transplant.

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Walk to Cure Diabetes returns

JDRF continues to make scientific breakthroughs on debilitating disease

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After a one-year hiatus, the Walk to Cure Diabetes will return to Las Cruces on Saturday, April 4, and will take place on the New Mexico State University campus.

A 5K walk beginning east of Corbett Center near the duck pond, the event will begin, with registration and breakfast at 8 a.m. with the walk starting at 9 a.m.

Held to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the Las Cruces site joins more than 200 sites in more than 13 countries where residents will come together to raise nearly \$100 million for diabetes research.

It is reported that as many as 24 million Americans have diabetes, a chronic, debilitating disease that affects every organ in the body. While type 2 diabetes can be controlled through diet and exercise, type 1, or juvenile diabetes, requires that a person take multiple injections of insulin daily or receive a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump to survive.

"Diabetes truly affects everyone, whether it's your family, your friends or your friends' children," said Amy Kord, a volunteer with JDRF for five years. "It's a disease that doesn't discriminate."

Kord's passion for the cause emerged when her daughter, Shelby, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at 17 months. Now age 12, Shelby Kord continues to turn heads as she campaigns for the cause by sharing her story with those around her at numerous civic organizations.

Though she mostly lives the life of a typical 12 year old, Shelby Kord, who has been described by many as mature for her age, admits life can be difficult when she is treated differently by her teachers or at sleepovers with friends.

"I don't think most 12 year olds are forced to grow up so fast," Amy Kord said. "In so many ways she hasn't been given

the opportunity to be a kid."

Amy Kord has shared her own emotions on the subject at events for JDRF, speaking about how hard it has been to prick her young daughter with thousands of needles during her lifetime.

It is reported that 15,000 children – 40 children a day – are diagnosed with diabetes, and JDRF research continues to be associated with major scientific breakthroughs in terms of treating the disease.

In New Mexico, more than 150,000 people have diabetes.

Las Cruces can sign up for the walk as individuals or teams and registration is free. Once registered, they can raise money for the cause, and those who raise \$100 will receive a free T-shirt.

"Our last walk was actually in 2007 and we were able to raise \$48,000 and had about 300 walkers come out," Amy Kord said. "This year's goal is \$60,000."

According to Elizabeth Romero, special events coordinator for the New Mexico Branch Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the easiest way to register early is online at walk.jdrf.org.

"Registering online is the biggest thing you can do," Romero said. Once registered, an individual or team will be given the option to use Walk Central, JDRF's online fundraising headquarters.

"It's so easy and fun to spread the word with Walk Central. You can even create a little goal thermometer," she said.

Albertsons will provide breakfast on the day of the walk and water will be provided courtesy of Caliche's Frozen Custard. For those needing a boost, Starbucks will provide the coffee. Vendors selling diabetes supplies will also be present.

The walk will be followed by the Cruisers for a Cure Car Show to be held Saturday, May 30, at Mayfield high School.

For more information about the walk, visit walk.jdrf.com or email southernnm@jdrf.org.

AROUND TOWN—

health events and support groups

⊗ YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

⊗ YOGA CLASSES

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

⊗ BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS HELD WEEKLY

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

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

⊗ CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholic and other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 3 p.m. on Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences. They discover how childhood affected them in the past and influences them in the present. By practicing the 12 steps, they find freedom from the past and a way to improve their lives today.

⊗ FOOD ADDICT SUPPORT GROUP

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a free, 12-step program for people who are having trouble controlling the way they eat. Those who suffer from overeating, under eating or bulimia, can come to the FARA meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 3 p.m. Saturdays at 4015 Azalea Drive. For more information, call 521-4977.

⊗ WALKING FOR WELLNESS CLASS

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

⊗ LIFE FAIR FOR LONGEVITY

The first annual Life Fair for Longevity and Wellness will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Mesilla Point, 207 Avenida de Mesilla. Among the sponsors is Pi-Yoga Pilates Studio. Other experts will be on site to talk

about mind, body and spirit. For more information, call 526-0977.

⊗ TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

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

The group meets at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room.

⊗ 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.

⊗ PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCES FOR NONPROFITS

The Doña Ana County, Health and Human Services Department has scheduled two pre-proposal conferences for pilot projects targeting teen-pregnancy intervention and diabetes management/prevention. The conferences will allow potential program providers to review the terms, procedures and materials contemplated for an upcoming request for applications (RFA).

The Teen-Pregnancy Intervention Pre-Proposal Conference will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 7, at the Doña Ana County Government Complex, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 117. The Diabetes Management/Prevention Pre-Proposal Conference will follow from 2 to 4 p.m. in the same venue.

Anyone planning to attend must make reservations before 4 p.m. Friday, April 3, by calling Martha Trujillo at 525-5868 or email marthat@donaanacounty.org. Space is limited to two representatives per agency. Attendance is recommended. Those having made reservations will be notified in the event of any changes in the pre-proposal conference dates.

Anyone with a disability who is in need of auxiliary aid or service to participate in the conference may contact Trujillo at 525-5868.

A complete schedule of the application and bid-award process will be covered at each of the conferences. Once contractors have been chosen, services will begin on July 1.

⊗ MOTHERS & MORE

Mothers & More meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Golden Mesa Retirement Village, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Mothers & More is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. Members also meet for social outings, kids activities and much more. For more information, visit www.mothersandmore.org.

⊗ SISTERS BY CHANCE

Sisters by Chance, a support group for women living with cancer, meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, in the Juniper Conference Room of Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. This professionally facilitated group helps guide and support women after the diagnosis of cancer.

For more information, contact Pamela Schultz at 646-2208 or pschultz@nmsu.edu.

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Rag Rug Festival & Design Collective Las Cruces

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Rag Rug Festival weaves together women and art

Annual event to be held March 28-29

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A rag rug is a simple thing – it brings back memories of a grandmother or grandfather who sat and wove together colorful strips of fabric to create the unique and artistic rugs



Members of the Las Cruces community are welcome to browse the many rag rugs and crafts available at this year's event.

that graced the entrances of many homes. Today, the rag rug is still a hobby that many enjoy and Las Cruces will celebrate the art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

In difficult economic times, both ancient and modern, women have come together to inspire hope, creativity and prosperity in one another. As part of this, the New Mexico Women's Foundation sponsors festivals such as the Rag Rug Festival and Design Collective to help give women a venue to sell their creations.

"We hope to support various groups of women in the Southwest to showcase their handmade products in hopes they will be able to support their families with the proceeds," says Frieda Arth, Rag Rug Festival producer. "We hope these artisans will make enough money to make it worth their while to participate."

The Rag Rug Festival is one of four that NMWF sponsors throughout the state. Many of the artisans are part of groups and cooperatives that were recipients of grants from the foundation in the past. These awards have allowed artists to expand their skill sets and learn more about their art.

The festival will include rag rugs, home furnishings and fashions, along with other gifts and accessories from a number of artists that call the Southwest their home. In addition, there will be intricately beaded

satchels and jewelry, silk paintings, hand-woven scarves, leather handbags, Our Lady of Guadalupe pillows and more.

"It is an unusual festival that has other products – something that everyone seems to remember," Arth says. "The festival provides a much needed product outlet for artisans."

Arth says in many parts of the country, rag rugs are braided, but in the Southwest, each one is woven, which sets the rugs apart.

Women who participate in the festival show a commitment to supporting themselves and other women in their groups and communities, according to Arth. Participants in the festival keep all proceeds of their sales and they are not charged commission.

"This is a true celebration of the idea of knowing the origins of your product, and where your money is going," Arth says.

The NMWF was established in 1988 and supports organizations and programs that create economic opportunities for New Mexico's women and girls. Programs include grants for emerging and established nonprofit organizations in New Mexico and the Women's Cottage Industries Program. The latter helps women and girls who want to start businesses by giving grants to nonprofit organizations serving them, by providing technical assistance and by giving them opportunities to display and sell their handmade products at Rag Rug Festivals and other venues.

"More than 50 percent of New Mexico's women and their families live in poverty, and this is one of the ways we give women hope," Arth says. "We try to provide these outlets to help women sell really wonderful handmade items."

The festival will be held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact Arth at 505-983-6155 or info@nmwf.org.

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At the Cultural Connections Fair



Phoebe Brow and Wendy Cochren, who make up the group "Boy Howdy," play outside the Branigan Cultural Center March 21.

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Local weaver Fern Harman spins on an inkle loom as Sofia Segovia looks at the local pieces of art for sale.



Celestial Sounds member Miki Webb manned the booth for her group.



Local artist Jennifer Goude and her friend Bill Hallett check out the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums booth manned by Maggie Griffin.



Barbara Williams from the Potters Guild of Las Cruces working her craft.

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NMSU Library presents 'Great Depression Road Show'

Special event is part of a two-month project

Great Depression Road Show Schedule

The free public program on the life and culture of the 1930s includes:

- 9 a.m.
Favorite quilt patterns from the 1930s
 - 10 a.m.
1930s crafts and games for children
 - 10 a.m.
Women's clubs
 - 11 a.m.
Slaves, Sidekicks and Healers: Women's Stories Collected by the WPA
 - Noon
Jitterbug! swing dance demonstration and instruction
 - 1:30 p.m.
1930s show and tell – bring items from the 1930s era
 - 3 p.m.
Showing of excerpts from the documentary film "Soul of a People: Writing America's Story," produced by Spark Media
 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Display of home scenes from the 1930s
 - 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Collection of oral histories about the 1930s – recollections of the 1930s
- Call 646-6925 or 646-4385 to schedule a session in advance.

The New Mexico State University Library will present the "Great Depression Road Show" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St., in Downtown Las Cruces.

Other programs in the "Soul of a People" series will be:

- "New Mexico's Voices: Local Oral Histories from the Writers' Project," a presentation by Jon Hunner of NMSU's Public History Program on April 18 on the fourth floor of Branson Library.
- "New Mexico: A Guide to a Colorful State," a program on a travel guide presented by Mardi Mahaffy and Sylvia Ortiz of the NMSU Library on April 27 on the fourth floor of Branson Library.
- Sarah Hagelin of the NMSU English Department will discuss the novel "The Surrounded" by D'Arcy McNickle on May 4 at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

Throughout May, a series of films and discussions on the Depression Era will be held at the Branigan Library.

The Federal Writers' Project was part of President Franklin Roosevelt's mammoth Works Progress Administration, designed to get Americans back to work after the Great Depression. It was responsible for the American Guide Series of travel guides for every state and for interviews with former slaves and thousands of citizens all across the U.S. in the 1930s.

Many writers from the Federal Writers' Project later became famous, such as Saul Bellow, Zora Neale Hurston, Studs Terkel and Eudora Welty.



"Three related Oklahoma drought refugee families near Lordsburg, New Mexico," by Dorothea Lange, 1937, courtesy Library of Congress

The NMSU Library's programming is presented in conjunction with a major documentary television program about the Federal Writers' Project produced by Spark Media of Washington, D.C., titled "Soul of a People: Writing America's Story."

"Soul of a People" programs in libraries nationwide are sponsored by the American Library Association's (ALA) Public Programs Office with the support of the Nation-

al Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The local programs are made possible by a "Soul of a People" grant to the NMSU Library from the NEH with additional funding from the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

For more information, contact Mardi Mahaffy at 646-6925 or mmahaffy@lib.nmsu.edu or Sylvia Ortiz at 646-7481 or sortiz@lib.nmsu.edu. Also, visit <http://lib.nmsu.edu/projects/soul>.

Local filmmakers document sky and space adventures

WSIFF to screen 'The Land of Space and Time'

The fifth annual White Sands International Film Festival (April 23 to 26) will premiere "The Land of Space and Time" in Alamogordo on Thursday, April 23 at Allen Theatres Cineplex 10.

Award-winning filmmakers Michael Lennick and Shirley Guilliford will screen their latest epic, "The Land of Space and Time," a documentary that spans more than 1,000 years to tell the anecdote and irony-laden tale of sky and space adventures launched from the enchanted land of New Mexico.

Brilliantly directed by Michael Lennick, "The Land of Space and Time" is a sophisticated and compelling story of the devel-

opment of the United States Space Program, within the White Sands area. The film features locations such as Cloudcroft, Alamogordo, Holloman Air Force Base and the White Sands Missile Range.

"It is bound to fascinate audiences of all types," said Sam Smiley, professor, and author of "Playwriting, The Structure of Action."

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

WSIFF brings the artistic insight of eminent filmmakers to New Mexico in order to heighten audiences' appreciation for the art of cinema and attract international visitors to the region. WSIFF screens outstanding short and feature length documentaries and narratives of all genres from around the world. WSIFF also has a special focus on Latino and New Mexican filmmakers and other filmmakers who choose the scenic backdrop of New Mexico for its locations. Some noted past guests include the legendary Mexican filmmaker Arturo Ripstein; director of the award-winning "Bella," Alejandro Monteverde; and actor Wes Studi of "Last of the Mohicans."

For tickets and more information, visit www.wsiff.com.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

© 5,000 FLOWERS AND MORE

"5,000 Flowers and More" is an art exhibit that commemorates those who were lost on Sept. 11, 2001. This year, the eighth annual show will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center and will feature the work of one local artist whose work best reflects the theme. Although flowers are generally used to signify commemoration, other subjects will be considered; but political statements will not be accepted.

The winning image will be placed on the brochures, posters and news releases related to the show. Paintings, photographs, sculpture, porcelains, etc. will be considered. Digital images in JPEG or TIFF format can be sent to mlc Courtney@comcast.net, and 4- by 6-inch photographs can be sent to Vera Schwartz, 4449 Falcon Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Artists are asked to submit an image of their original work before the Friday, March 27 deadline for judging. Applications for the show will follow in April.

© CRAFTSPEOPLE AND ARTISTS NEEDED FOR RAILROAD DAY

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums seeks proposals from craftspeople and artists whose work, services or products include a railroad theme.

On May 9, the City of Las Cruces Railroad Museum will celebrate the second annual Railroad Day. The museum will host an open house and will offer numerous activities associated with railroading. Approximately 2,500 visitors are expected during the open house, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artist's work is expected to be original items created by the artist and associated with railroading. Artists who wish to participate will be provided one 10-by-10-foot booth space on museum property in return for a \$25 donation to the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. Artists will be expected to provide their own tables, display cases or other relevant display materials.

Proposals are to include the following: a 100-word or less explanation of work/service and how it is associated with railroading, accompanied by digital images of items to be offered. Include name and/or business name, mailing address, email address and phone number.

Submit proposals to: Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., Las Cruces, NM 88005 or email to ekosciolek@comcast.net. Deadline is March 31.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is a chartered 501(c)3 organization which exists to support the City of Las Cruces museum system. For more information on the Foundation, go to www.flcm.blogspot.com. Awarded artists will be contacted by the foundation and contractual details finalized at time of award.

© CALL FOR POSTCARDS

There will be an Art Postcard Exhibition and Sale to benefit the New Mexico Women's Foundation May 7 through 14. Artists are invited to donate a small artwork, 4- by 6-inch, the size of a standard postcard, interpreting the theme "Wish You Were Here," in images, marks and/or words for a week-long exhibition and sale in Santa Fe to be shown on the web and across several venues in and around downtown Santa Fe.

Art from more than 100 artists around the world will be on display. The proceeds will benefit NMWF's Women's Cottage Industries program, a community-based economic development program that includes an educational component called Women Entrepreneurs Learn.

Entries are due on or before Wednesday, April 1. Contact Lynda Rodolitz at lyndarodolitz@earthlink.net or 212-712-9191, or Jill Heppenheimer at rusee@aol.com for more information.

© SNMPB SEEKS VENDORS

The Southern New Mexico Pride Board is currently seeking donors and art, craft, food and information vendors for the 2009 Southern New Mexico Pride Parade and Picnic, the largest cultural festival for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and its allies south of Albuquerque. This year's Pride event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 at Pioneer Women's Park. The event includes a walking parade and a picnic celebration that includes live entertainment, speakers and vendors. The annual Pride event promotes both a sense of unity among the gay community and tolerance and acceptance in the community-at-large.

The Pride Board invites interested artisans, craftspeople, groups and other nonprofit organizations to set up a table or booth providing information about their organization or with merchandise to sell. In 2008, more than 70 vendors participated in the event and an estimated 1,200 area residents and visitors attended the festivities.

Booth fees are \$10 for all vendors selling goods and \$5 for vendors distributing information only. All booth fees support the operating expenses of Southern New Mexico Pride. Applications will be available until June 14 at www.southernmnpide.org.

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Calling all artists ages 6 to 11. It's time to be creative. The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is holding a design-a-bookmark contest. Come into the library to pick up an official entry form at the Children's Desk. Draw a design on the form and return it to the Children's Desk by Friday, May 1.

Winners in two age categories, 6 to 8 and 9 to 11, will be announced during Children's Book Week, May 11 through 17. The Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will print the winning bookmarks.

Call 528-4085 for more information.

© COTTONWOOD GALLERY

All local artists from Doña Ana County are invited to submit pictures of their work for the May show at Cottonwood Gallery, located in the Southwest Environmental Center. Art must be multimedia and created within the last two years.

The theme is "The Ancient Ones." There are no size restrictions. Larger pieces will be eligible on a space available basis and really small pieces may need to include a display case. There will be a \$10 charge for each piece accepted in the show and three cash prizes will be awarded. Send pictures and questions to Susan Frary at marketing@cityofartists.org or at 202-2420.

© DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ARTISTS NEEDED

The Branigan Cultural Center is looking for artists for a Día de los Muertos themed exhibit to be shown Oct. 2 through Nov. 7. Submissions are currently being accepted from artists living in Doña Ana County and surrounding counties. All media and sizes will be considered for exhibition including film and video.

Works must have been completed within the past two years and have not previously been shown at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Three jurists have been selected from the community that possess an understanding of the Día de los Muertos tradition, Latin American culture and an appreciation for individual expression. Works reflecting the joyous celebration of the Día de los Muertos tradition will be given priority.

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is celebrated throughout Latin American cultures and includes an interesting blend of European and pre-Hispanic indigenous traditions. In Latin America, death is part of the cycle of life, and rather than being feared, it is celebrated – often with a sense of humor. Coinciding with the Catholic religion's All Saints Day and All Souls Day, the celebrations for Día de los Muertos last for three days: Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2.

The celebration is one of love and respect as the people know that their dead have not gone completely from the family – they come back during this time to visit and give comfort to those left behind. Día de los Muertos is therefore a beautiful and touching remembrance to those who have gone from our lives.

Full submission details are available online and at the reception desk at the Cultural Center. There is no fee to enter. The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. For more information, contact the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums

© CITY OF ARTISTS

City of Artists Promotional Association was formed to promote the arts in the Las Cruces, Mesilla and surrounding areas. Through their website, local venues, association with galleries and other business groups who are actively building an interest in the arts, CAPA is working to create a nationally-known arts community in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in joining City of Artists should log on to www.cityofartists.org, for a membership form.

© LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is currently accepting proposals for solo and group exhibitions by artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas to exhibit work in 2010. The prospectus is available online at the Museum of Art website <http://museums.las-cruces.org> and includes more information on proposal requirements. The deadline for submissions is June 19.

Artist proposals must include a brief statement on the proposed exhibit including mediums, general content of the show and proposed use of floor space. The proposal package should also include artist resume, artist statement and 10 to 20 thumbnail images of works for each of the artists included in the proposal.

Past exhibitions have included installations, sculpture, large-scale drawings and a variety of other media.

Call 541-2221 or email jmiller@las-cruces.org for more information.

© MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is seeking local artists to display their fine artwork. Selections will be made by a jury group. For information, call 522-2933 or pick up an application at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

© MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is looking for volunteers to help educate visitors about farming, ranching and rural life in New Mexico. The museum is also looking for volunteers who can demonstrate such crafts as leather tooling, quilting, weaving, wool spinning, sewing, candlemaking, embroidery and storytelling. Tour guides are also needed. The museum offers a free training program for volunteers. Contact Debbie Holderby at 522-4100, ext. 116, for information about volunteer opportunities.

© ARTS PARTNERSHIP WITH HOMELESS ADULTS

Sierra Dove Global Association, an educational nonprofit organization with headquarters in Alto, N.M., is sponsoring Arts in the Making – a series of expressive arts outreach workshops created for homeless and at-risk teens and young adults that brings them together with professional artists to share their passions for the visual arts, music and movement.

Workshops have included: jewelry making, glass fusing, deconstruction/reconstruction of old clothes, making totem poles out of clay, climbing a rock wall, community rhythm/drumming, paper mâché, song writing, etc. All workshops will take place at The Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave.

The Community of Hope has a resource room, which is offering programs and workshops to the Las Cruces homeless population. Workshops will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, twice a month. If you would like to volunteer or get more information on how you can help, call or email Michele Caskey at 937-3663 or michele@sierradove.org. To find out more about the Arts in the Making a Vision of Sierra Dove Global Association or its Founder and President Jozef Dominguez, visit www.sierradove.org.

© ARTIST'S CO-OP

All Las Cruces artists that might be interested in being a member of an artist's co-op are encouraged to call 206-755-7575 or email whymelft@verizon.net for more information.

Mutt Show

The Animal Services of the Mesilla Valley will host the third annual Mutt Show from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Young Park. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Animal Services Center.

Participants can enter their dogs in several categories, such as sweetest smile, biggest paws, smallest paws, most obedient, most like owner, trickiest dog, best costume, shortest tail, longest tail and longest ears. Pre-registration is recommended and entry fees are \$5 for each competition. Registration will be on site from 11 a.m. to noon.

Dogs from the Animal Services Center will be available for adoption and any dog adopted at the show is eligible to be entered free in any category.

Call 532-9104 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for more information.



EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

Friday,
MARCH 27

☪ LA CELLA BELLA PERFORMS

La Cella Bella cello quartet will play at St. Clair Winery and Bistro on Avenida de Mesilla from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 27. The group plays a wide selection of their own arrangements of music from the 1960s to the present day. For more information, call 649-5135.

☪ 'SOUTHWEST AMERICANA' AT MASTERY IN LIFE CENTER

The Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Main St., will feature musician Randy Granger and his "Southwest Americana" concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27. "Southwest Americana" is a combination of Native American flute, Swiss Hong drum, guitar and vocals. Granger is an award-winning, nationally recognized performing and recording artist. General admission is \$7 or \$5 for seniors and students. For more information, visit www.randygranger.net or call 541-8073.

Send

The Las Cruces Bulletin welcomes all calendar submissions within the Las Cruces area. Send information about a gallery or event to arts@lascrucesbulletin.com or deliver to the Bulletin office at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Include submission guidelines and deadlines, as well as a phone number and/or email address for those with questions.



☪ Upcoming Events ☪

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mayor's Gala
Border Book Festival
White Sands International Film Festival

DATE

Fri., April 3
Wed.-Sun., April 15-19
Thu.-Sun., April 23-26

LOCATION

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
Old Mesilla
Las Cruces and Alamogordo locations

☪ ALEGRE CRYSTAL BOWL CONCERT

A Crystal Bowl Concert with AwRa Bolling will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Alegre Health Haven, 920 N. Alameda Blvd. Experience the celestial sounds of 22 different bowls that can assist in releasing stress, relax the body and provide a sense of balance and peace. For reservations, call 523-0685 or 636-2174. There is a suggested donation of \$15.

Saturday,
MARCH 28

☪ SWINGING DANCERS 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, March 28. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$6 cover charge. Gary Orr will provide the entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

☪ GARDEN EXPO AT ENCHANTED GARDENS

The Doña Ana Master Gardeners will hold a Garden Expo at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla, Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29. This is a free event that is open to the public. Scheduled presentations will be hourly.

From 10 to 11 a.m., aspects of roses and how to attract birds and butterflies will be discussed.

From 11 a.m. to noon, the subjects will be xeriscaping, grasses, irises and daylilies. From noon to 1 p.m. pruning and weed control will be covered. From 1 to 2 p.m., the topics will be winter gardening and herbs.

The program schedule will be the same for each day. Throughout the event, a team of Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer other gardening questions.

☪ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

The Storytellers of Las Cruces will host family storytelling at COAS Bookstore from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28. The storyteller at the Downtown Mall location will be Douglas Jackson and the Solano Drive location will be Pat Gill. A free book is given to all children who attend.

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☪ BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION

Paula Moore will discuss and sign "Cricket in the Web: The 1949 Unsolved Murder that Unraveled Politics in New Mexico" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Ovida "Cricket" Coogler was last seen alive entering a mysterious car driven by an unknown man in Downtown Las Cruces around 3 a.m. March 31, 1949. Seventeen days later, her body was found in a hastily dug grave near Mesquite, N.M. The discovery of the 18-year-old waitress' body launched a series of court inquiries and trials that would reshape the direction of New Mexico politics, expose political corruption and spawn generations of rumors that have polarized opinions of what happened to Coogler that windy March morning.

Containing elements of mystery, conflict, power, fear, sex and politics, the Coogler case has outlasted the brief amount of attention that most local unsolved murders receive. In this exhaustively researched study of the murder and its aftermath, Moore provides the first objective account to examine the infamous murder and the events that unfolded in its wake.

Call 522-4499 for more information.

☪ FOUNTAIN THEATRE SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The CineMatinee will be a special event featuring two-hour long documentary films about two New Mexico artists by two female filmmakers as part of the Mesilla Valley Film Society's year-long 20th anniversary celebration. The films are: "In Place Out of Time" (2008, 45 minutes) and "Agnes Martin: With My Back to the World" (2002, 55 minutes). Tickets will be \$10/\$5 and will include a reception, visits with both filmmakers and also with Sonny Hale, the subject of "In Place Out of Time."

Sunday,
MARCH 29

☪ SENIOR OLYMPICS TALENT AND DANCE COMPETITION

The public is invited to the Senior Olympics Talent and Dance Competition at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N.

Downtown Mall. Admission is free and open to the public. More than 50 performers, ranging in age from 50 to 83 will compete in this event.

Featured performers will compete in age groups in categories ranging from solo singing, instrumentals, dancing, acting, reading and stand up comedy, to duets and larger groups of choral singers, bands and comedy teams. There will also be solo, duet and group dancing in categories such as country western, polka, ballroom waltz, western waltz and line dancing.

☪ SPECIAL EVENT AT THE STUDIO OF MARIA CRISTINA

The Studio of Maria Cristina is sponsoring an authentic Cafe DuMonde beignet and cafe au lait afternoon break to celebrate the accomplishments of the women artists of the Old Tortilla Factory from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29. The art display is free.

The cafe au lait and beignet plate will cost \$5 for those who wish to experience the culinary art of Angelica Wagner, who received some of her training from experts in New Orleans while a resident there. Artwork by Maria Cristina, Irine Roane, Greta Burger and other local artists will add to this afternoon of gastronomic and visual delights.

Tuesday,
MARCH 31

☪ NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

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

☪ STITCH 'N' VISIT

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

Wednesday,
APRIL 1

☪ ASNMSU CULTURAL SERIES PRESENTS NNENNA FREELON

As part of the New Mexico State University Cultural Series presented by the Associated Students of NMSU, Nnenna Freelon will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

Freelon is touted as one of the most influential jazz vocalists today. Stated by the queen of soul and R&B herself, Aretha Franklin.

Tickets are on sale at the Pan Am Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com, and are also available at the door the night of the show. Season tickets are \$72; general admission tickets are \$12.50; and NMSU faculty and staff, senior citizens, students and children are \$10. Contact the Pan Am Box

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happening at
your museum in
APRIL

Basic Dowsing Class

April 4, 1-3 p.m.

Learn the basics of dowsing (questing, divining, witching). The cost is \$15 per person and tools will be available. Register early.

Harvest Cooking Class

April 7, 2-4 p.m.

The recipes for this month's class include asparagus, garlic and grapes. Carol Koenig is the chef and pre-registration is required. \$30.

Lecture Series

Windows to the Past: History in a Digital Age

April 9, 7 p.m.

State Historian of New Mexico Estevan Rael-Galvez will talk about the New Mexico Digital History Project. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2.

New Exhibit

Retablo, Metamorphosis, Vision: The Artwork of Virginia Maria Romero Opening April 10

This exhibit shows the stylistic evolution of a popular regional artist. Featuring traditional retablos and paintings from her earlier work, the exhibit also displays some of Romero's more recent work, which incorporates local wildlife and Native American symbolism with traditional saints. The show will be in the museum's Arts Corridor through Aug. 2.

Youth Songwriting Workshop

April 18, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Western Music Association Youth Songwriting Workshop is for ages 12 to 18 and is limited to 16 students. Participants are encouraged to bring song ideas, works in progress, or instruments, if they would like. Writing materials will be provided. The cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

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Thursday, APRIL 2

BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

The Big Band Dance Club will dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of the High Society Orchestra from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. There will be a free dance lesson at 7 p.m. with Eric Fierro of Dance Universe, who will teach the American tango. At 9 p.m., enjoy a performance by the New Mexico State University DanceSport team. Admission is \$7 for members and \$9 for guests. There is a dress code. Call 496-1010 for more information.

LAS CRUCES CHAMBER BALLET SHOW

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet will perform in their spring show "Just for Kicks" at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3, at Alma d'arte, 402 W. Court Ave. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and are available at the door.

Friday, APRIL 3

SECOND ANNUAL MAYOR'S GALA

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima will host the second annual Mayor's Gala to benefit the Southwestern New Mexico Chapter of the American Red Cross from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Tickets are \$150 individual, \$250 per couple and \$1,500 for a corporate table.

DOWNTOWN RAMBLE

The First Friday Downtown Ramble art walk will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 3, at various locations on and around the Downtown Mall. Enjoy new and continuing art exhibits, live music and a variety of events, including a poetry reading at the Rio Grande Theatre.

Saturday, APRIL 4

SWINGING DANCERS 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, April 4. 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.

MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS MEETING

The Mesilla Valley Writers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Social Lounge, Building E, at Good Samaritan Village on Buena Vida Circle. Drive to the end of the blue fence and turn right into parking area. The program topic will be "Story Boarding: Planning Your Novel" presented by Dorothy Webb and Sally Kading, associate editors of the organization's chapbook, "Crossroads."

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.

Sunday, APRIL 5

KAT CROSBY BLUES BAND TO PERFORM



The Kat Crosby Blues Band will be featured at the Sunday, April 5 meeting of the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society. Their music is a mix of blues, rhythm and blues, funk and jazz. The band blends these genres so uniquely that the lines blur and what's delivered is a rare music experience for the audience.

Social time is at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. The Jazz and Blues Society meets at the Mastery in Life Center at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Student admission is \$1, members are \$5 and non-members are \$8.



MAGIC AND COMEDY AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

"An Evening of Magic and Comedy" will be performed by Christopher Mitchell at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

Mitchell has entertained and delighted audiences from around the world. His performances have captivated audiences from the very young to the very young at heart. He amazed aboard the Commodore Cruise Lines "Enchanted Isle" and at Coca Cola's "Hoop City" during the 1993 NCAA Final Four. He has served as Magic Consultant for the USA Network's "The Big Easy," and has toured North America as an assistant on the World Premiere Tour of Circus Royale.

Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. For reservations call 523-1223.

Upcoming Events

LAS CRUCES CHAMBER BALLET PRESENTS 'JUST FOR KICKS'

From chaps to tutus, the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet has cooked up something for everyone in their upcoming spring production, "Just for Kicks." Beginning with excerpts from the lighthearted young love ballet "Coppelia," where Swanhilda teases Franz into thinking she's his come-to-life doll sweetheart to two new original pieces by up-

and-coming choreographers.

Senior Maddie Ellis performs the role of Swanhilda with boyfriend, Federico Garcia, who joins her in their young courtship. Courtney Bullock and Mary Rogers are the Spinners, while Brianna Kowalski performs Swanhilda's Act III solo. Annelies Cortez gracefully portrays Prayer and Alyssa Cervantes rises to the occasion with her portrayal of Dawn.

Ryan Romero debuts as guest choreographer with an electric jazz duet and Laura Vechione will entrance the audience with "Too Late," an emotional lyrical piece sure to evoke empathy for many in the audience.

The crowd-pleasing "Country Town," a collection of dances to the music of Copeland, is based on choreography by Agnes de Mille. Saloon girls, gossip and prayer ladies are just a few of the characters that reflect the rodeo style of 19th century western Americana. Michele and Kevin Self choreograph this special treat.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, at Alma d'arte, 402 W. Court Ave. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and are available at the door or at Michele's Dance Academy, 1195 E. Madrid Ave. Call 527-1893 for more information.



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Last Chance



☉ M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery features a show with five new artists that will hang until the end of March. The artists to be featured are all contemporary European or Russian artists: Tatyana Klevenskiy (Russian, b. 1961), Patrick Reault (French, b. 1955), Peter van Berkel (Dutch, b. 1956), José Miguel Román Francés (Spanish, b. 1950) and Fernando Ibañez Alcaraz (Spanish, b. 1969).

Call 525-1367 for more information.

☉ COTTONWOOD GALLERY

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

The City of Artists Promotional Association (CAPA) show will run for the remainder of the month. Mari Blacker, the art teacher for the 900 students at both schools, challenged her students to create work based on a theme of "green" living, and their images focus on the environment, including recycling, watershed concerns for the Rio Grande and care for wild animals.

☉ BLACK BOX THEATRE

There will be a quilt exhibit in the theatre gallery in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, running through March in conjunction with the play "Quilters." The exhibit is open an hour before performances and by appointment by calling 523-1223.

☉ LAS CRUCES CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU

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

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

☉ NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery presents a student exhibition through Thursday, April 2. The gallery is located in the D.W. Williams Art Building on the corner of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Call 646-2545 for more information.

☉ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Black Range Artists Inc. presents its 2009 Spring Show at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The show offers a mix of works in seven categories: oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, mixed media, graphics and three-dimensional. The show will be on display through Saturday, March 28.

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

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

☉ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

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

his journey back, titled "Pilgrim's Progress." Exploring roads both familiar and exotic, the exhibition is a retrospective study of form, function and a fascination for relics of the past, both manmade and organic. The exhibition will be on display in the El Paso Electric Gallery at the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall.

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

☉ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

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

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

☉ LAUGHING AT THE SUN GALLERY

Katharine Lark Chrisley will be the artist of the month throughout March at Laughing at the Sun Gallery, 1910 Calle Principal.

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

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

☉ NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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

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

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

☉ PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

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

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

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

☉ NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The spirit of living in the rural southwest is reflected in the Western Heritage art show presented at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through Saturday, 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.

Opening this Week

☉ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature Joyce Ann Key during the month of April. Key is a local artist and businesswoman known for rearranging images and infusing them with energetic color. Some artists paint what they see – Kay paints what she dreams.

Also featured is Sally Quillen, a local artist and teacher known for her Georgia O'Keefe flower style and bold, colorful figurative paintings.

The gallery is proud to announce the two newest artists, JoAnn Milam and Bert Rawlings who have joined their group.

Milam is a prolific pastel artist depicting terrain on canvas. She is a native New Mexican, is deeply invested in the mysteries of landscape – how winding roads curve around vast panoramas of land and sea as depicted in her pastels. Rawlings is a New Mexican landscape painter known for his boldly colored landscape works and impressionistic brush strokes. He works primarily in acrylics.

☉ COTTONWOOD GALLERY

Artists from the Las Cruces Arts Association celebrate their fifth decade of supporting the arts, with the opening of "The World Around Us" from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the Cottonwood Gallery inside the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. This is the group's 47th annual Membership Show, and will feature a variety of art forms and media. Prizes will be awarded in four categories. The exhibit runs through April 27. No admission charge. For more information, call 522-5552.

Continuing this Week

☉ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Three Las Cruces artists – Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst and Laurel Weathersbee – have joined their talent, energy and skills to present a special artistic event at the Branigan Cultural Center through April 25. "Colors and Textures of Southern New Mexico" will feature a wide variety of two- and three-dimensional works interpreting the artists' visions of this area's flora, culture and landscape.

The 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 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>.

☉ ABRAHAM'S BANK TOWER RESTAURANT

"Art for the Fun of It!" will be on display at Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant on the fourth floor of the Wells Fargo Bank Building, on the corner of Main Street and Lohman Avenue. Sponsored by The Ten O'clock Club, "Art for the Fun of It!" will hang on one wall of the restaurant where the group meets once a month to discuss art.

The group meets at 10 a.m. on the 10th of each month whenever possible. Artists include June Decker, Jane Addy, Alice Dressler, Penny Duncklee, Jean Smith, Susan Rivera and Margaret Bernstein. Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

☉ UNSETTLED GALLERY

Wendy Blackwell will be the featured artist at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St., through April 11. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and other times by appointment. Call 635-2285 for more information.

☉ NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum presents "A Most Terrible Wonder: Firearms from 1600-1900," a new exhibition featuring a variety of firearms from its collections that span three centuries. Call 522-4100 for more information.

☉ MAIN STREET GALLERY

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

The Main Street Gallery will also be introducing new works by
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GALLERIES & OPENINGS



A photograph by Ben Parker, at Main Street Gallery



"Dave's Ride" by Ray Baird, at the Branigan Cultural Center



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

Continued from previous page

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 signed limited editions of Robert Highsmith's splendid watercolors.

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

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The NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections Department has mounted an exhibit of historical letters titled "The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War 1941-1945."

The letters were written by former students of NMSU Engineering Dean Daniel Jett from every corner of the world and every branch of the armed services. The exhibit may be viewed in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of the Branson Library through October.

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

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

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

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

All exhibits and receptions at the Museum of Art, located at 491 N. Main St. on 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>.

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

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

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

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

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© NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A strange mix of agriculture and spiritualism in the Mesilla Valley is weaved together in an exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. "Shalam Colony: Dream in the Desert" will be on display through May. 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 neigh-

bors 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."

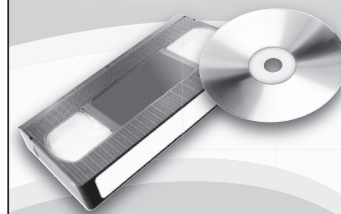
The buildings, houses, stables, wells and irrigation system at the Shalam Colony were unlike anything that existed at that time in New Mexico territory. Eventually encompassing 1,490 acres with up to 35 buildings, Shalam Colony became known for its developed grounds as much as for its "peculiar" reputation.

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

© ONO GRINDZ

Kurt Van Wagner's digitally exotic display of the Hawaiian Islands will be on exhibit at the restaurant Ono Grindz (Hawaiian restaurant), 300 N. Downtown Mall. Van Wagner's tropical-theme show features his new Aloha creations depicting luscious swaying palms, magnificent coastlines and all the delights that make Hawaii such a wondrous place. Van Wagner has traveled numerous times to the islands of Maui, Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii to capture these vibrant and colorful scenes that make you want to pack your bags and get on that flight today. After Van Wagner discovers and photographs the magical tropical scene, then the fun and creative work begin. He digitally hand paints and textures over his photographs using the computer and pen tablet. The results are works of art that are a blend of the realism of photography and the paintbrush of the painter. Van Wagner describes this new digital art as the best of two great art mediums. Ono Grindz owner Rachel Faulkner said she is excited to add another art venue to the Downtown area. Call 541-7492 for more information. Ono Grindz is open during the lunch and dinner hours Monday through Friday and on Saturday for lunch.

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FEATURED ARTIST

Juliet De Laricheliere: Using water in her art

Watercolorist paints the world around her

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

There isn't a lot Juliet De Laricheliere can't do – she sews, paints and works with her hands in various ways. But, watercolor has always held a special place in her heart.

A long time ago – according to De Laricheliere – she signed up for a tole painting class, painting wood. She decided it was restrictive because the patterns were difficult to paint. Using acrylic paints, she decided to add water to move the paint around on the wood easier.

“The teacher didn't like that very much – she said I should study watercolors if I want to add water to everything,” De Laricheliere says.

Shortly after, she signed up for a night class at the community college where she lived in southern California.

“I discovered watercolor painting is very challenging, but I lived for the challenge,” she says.

She took more and more classes, honing her skills and improving little by little. She worked at the California State University headquarters in Long Beach, Calif., and would bring her paintings into the office to hang.

“I started putting out paintings that were recognizable to people,” De Laricheliere says. She hung up the paintings, and people would offer to buy them. “It really just went from there.”

One of her first sales was to a gentleman who visited her office and was drawn to a particular painting, telling De Laricheliere that he would give the painting to his wife for Christmas. About a month

after the holiday, he returned to tell her it was the best present he had ever bought his wife and laughed at how surprised she was when she opened it. De Laricheliere says it's nice to have that kind of feedback and reaction to her work.

Ten years ago, she took an early retirement from academia and moved to Las Cruces.

“I think I have the same reasons for moving here as most transplants do – the weather, close proximity to an airport, university, a low cost of living,” she says. “In the 10 years I've been here, I have really seen the art community grow tremendously. We are well on our way to becoming an arts destination.”

De Laricheliere has grown right along with the Las Cruces arts community, participating in numerous arts organizations. She serves as president of the Black Range Artists and is a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. She also helps out at Unsettled Gallery and Studio, 905 N. Mesquite St., when owner Catherine Brenner needs help with openings or special events.

“(Unsettled) is such a lovely, lively gallery and (Brenner) has wonderful taste,” De Laricheliere says.

She focuses many of her paintings on the desert landscape, but specializes in cats, still life and “anything that's visually appealing,” she says. “My favorite thing to paint is anything that turns out well.”

Her inspiration comes from a variety of places, including the colors of the Southwest, which is evident in her work. Her approach is a hybrid of two typical approaches to watercolor painting. One



“A Rose is a Rose”



JENNA FROSCH | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Watercolorist Juliet De Laricheliere has been painting for 15 years and is involved in various arts organizations in the Mesilla Valley.

is to draw the image and transfer it onto a canvas, then paint. The other is to walk up to a canvas and just start painting. De Laricheliere says she is “somewhere in the middle.”

Going into a project, she says she has a fairly clear idea of what she would like to paint.

“Watercolor has the reputation of being very unmanageable, but experience tells me that's not quite true,” she says.

De Laricheliere participates in a studio group lead by Laurel Weathersbee, a watercolorist who has made a name for herself in the Mesilla Valley. The group, called the Tea Cup Garden Group, works together on painting and will participate in a show at Tombaugh Art Gallery, 2000 S. Solano Drive, in April.

“Laurel gives meaningful feedback and is a wonderful teacher,” she says. “I have come into the studio classes and have grown as an artist as part of the group.”

De Laricheliere says she receives encouragement from Weathersbee, but relies on a variety of feedback to help her develop her painting.

“The feedback, buying and admiring by

those interested in my work are all part of growing as an artist,” she says. “I want to keep making pictures that are good. Growing as an artist is an unending adventure. No artist gets to a point that they don't have anything more to learn.”



“Dripping Springs”



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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Smokin' the competition: Smokey Dick's delivers

New barbecue restaurant is an established name

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ace Perez is no stranger to hard work or running a successful business – he's been the owner of hometown favorite Dick's Café for years. Now, after a little brainstorming and a lot of research, he opened Smokey Dick's, a barbecue restaurant.

The idea started after a kitchen fire caused the original location of Dick's Café to move one street over, to 2265 S. Main St., where they operated the restaurant for 10 months during repairs and remodeling. Then, when they were gearing up to move back to the old location, Perez looked into opening another restaurant in the Main Street location.

He did a little research on barbecue, attended a barbecue convention in Austin, Texas, and met some of the biggest names in barbecue – Paul Kirk of Kansas City, who has won more barbecue competitions than anyone else in the United States, and Ruben Gomez, a competition barbecue expert. Both offered Perez some tips on how to make his new barbecue restaurant one of a kind.

"Las Cruces really needs more barbecue – we have 100 different Mexican food restaurants and they are all doing well," Perez says. "Through my research, I found out that barbecue is a huge world, and I wanted to get into it."

Through a trial-and-error method, Perez and his family developed their own barbecue sauce and meat rub used on the food they serve at Smokey Dick's. Soon, the sauce and rub will be available at Toucan Market and Sav-Mart, similar to the Dick's Café salsa.

"The slow cooking process is the key to success in barbecue," Perez says. "The whole process – every-



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Smokey Dick's barbecue opened its doors March 17 and offers a plethora of barbecue dishes, including pork and beef ribs, pulled pork, brisket and barbecue chicken, along with homemade sides.

thing has our own touch to it to make it special."

The menu features brisket and pulled pork, both smoked 12 to 13 hours, in addition to pork ribs, sausage and barbecue chicken. A unique offering is the beef ribs, the likes of which cannot be ordered in Las Cruces except at Smokey Dick's, Perez says. Soon, the menu will also include pork steaks, slowly smoked with a charbroil finish.

Smokey Dick's also boasts homemade potato salad, cole slaw, ranch-style beans and their signature

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green chile corn-bread, which is quickly becoming a local favorite.

Made-from-scratch desserts such as peach cobbler, apple and pecan pie are also noteworthy, and the rolls from La Fiesta Bakery compliment any meal.

"We are picking up a little each day," Perez says. "We wanted a soft opening so we could get everything running smoothly, but we have terrific barbecue and are anxious for Las Cruces to come in and try it."



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At Unsettled Gallery and Studio



Colorado artist Pat Jeffers displays her nature-inspired work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Saturday, March 28, at Unsettled Gallery and Studio, 905 N. Mesquite St.

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Bold splashes of color, hand-woven fibers and twisted sage blend together under Pat Jeffers' creative hands.



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Catherine and Don Brenner, owners of Unsettled Gallery and Studio, stand in front of their adobe gallery with Las Cruces Sharon Carr and one of Pat Jeffers' artistic baskets.



Jeffers' baskets are constructed primarily of hand-died rattan.

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Las Cruces Barry and Marjorie Moeser talk with artist Pat Jeffers about her work on Saturday, March 21.

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TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	** "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) (CC)	Sex &	Sex &	(:10) ** "The Honeymooners" (2005)								
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	DEA (In Stereo)	Real Vice	Real Vice	Disorderly Con.	MAN	MAN	Game	Game					
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook.	Presents	Presents	Gerry Dee			Presents	Lisa Lampanelli					
LIFE (39)	Reba	Reba	Will	Will	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)			Medium (CC)	Frasier	Frasier	Reba	Reba		
FOOD (40)	Challenge	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Challenge	Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Challenge				
HGTV (41)	Curb	House	Ultimate Color	House	To Sell	House	Unsell	Get Sold	First	Ultimate Color	House	To Sell			
A&E (43)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	Criminal Minds	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)							
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Gangland (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	The History of Sex	Modern Marvels	Gangland (CC)								
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Yes	Blooming	What Not to Wear	Yes	Blooming	What Not to Wear							
DISC (47)	Planet Earth	Dirty Jobs (CC)	American Loggers	American Loggers	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	American Loggers								
ANPL (50)	Hippo: King	Untamed and Uncut	Untamed and Uncut	Untamed and Uncut	Untamed and Uncut	Untamed and Uncut	Untamed and Uncut								
FAM (51)	70s Show 70s Show	70s Show 70s Show	70s Show 70s Show	Home Videos	The 700 Club (CC)	70s Show 70s Show	Thinner	Paid							
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Phineas	"Wendy Wu: Warrior"	Phineas			
NICK (54)	"SpongeBob"	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	Sponge	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez		
AMC (57)	"Blazing Saddles"	*** "Pale Rider" (1985, Western) Clint Eastwood.	Breaking Bad (CC)	** "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves. (CC)											
SCIFI (59)	Battlestar Galactica	Daybreak (CC)	"Stargate: The Ark of Truth" (2008)	Stargate SG-1	Stargate Atlantis										
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Brown-No Bias	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360									
CNBC (63)	Kudlow Report	CNBC Reports	Deal or No Deal	On the Money	Fast Mny	Options	Mad Money	Deal or No Deal							
MSNBC (64)	Hardball (CC)	Countdown	Maddow Show	Countdown	Maddow Show	Sex Slave-Teen	Slaves, Suburbs								

SATURDAY MORNING													MARCH 28, 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)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime			
CBS (3) 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	To Be Announced						
ABC (7) 7	Rangers	Reporter	News (N)	Good Morning America	News (N)	Emperor	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend			
FOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend			
NBC (9) 9	Consumer	Homes	Today Gardening. (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		Jane	Zula Patrol	Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend					
CW (14)	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Chaotic	Sonic X	GoGoRiki	Dinosaur	Teenage	Chaotic	Huntik			
WGN (15)	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Star Trek: Next Gener.				
ESPN (26)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Wm. Basketball				
ESPN2 (27)	Fishing	Beat	On Lake	Fishing	Bassmasters	College Gmday	College Gmday	College Gmday	College Lacrosse						
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						
TNT (32)	Charmed (CC)	Charmed (CC)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	The Closer (CC)	"A Beautiful Mind" (CC)								
TBS (33)	(:10) ** "Cats & Dogs" (2001) Jeff Goldblum.	(6:55) *** "Chicken Run" (2000)	(:40) ** "101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close. (CC)												
SPIKE (34)	Houses For Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	P90X	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter							
COM (35)	** "My Stepmother Is an Alien" (1988) Dan Aykroyd. (CC)	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Gerry Dee	Presents								
LIFE (39)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	*** "City of Angels" (1998) Nicolas Cage.						
FOOD (40)	Italian	Jamie	Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Sandra Lee	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ask Aida			
HGTV (41)	Weekend	Sweat	House	Amazing	Ground	Landscape	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb			
A&E (43)	Bio.: Mandel	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Business	Sell House	Flip This House (CC)	Flip This House (CC)						
HIST (44)	Heavy Metal (CC)	American Eats (CC)	Wild West Tech (CC)	UFO Files (CC)	The Universe (CC)	Ancient Discoveries									
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	Baby Read	Property Ladder (CC)	Property Ladder (CC)	Property Ladder (CC)	Property Ladder (CC)	Home Made Simple (N)						
DISC (47)	Baby Read	Tomato	Profits	Ten-Trainer	Sharks: Hunting Us?	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Wreck Nation	Time Warp	Time Warp					
ANPL (50)	Dog Show: Tournament of Champions	Faithful	Breed	Pet Star (CC)	Stealth Hunters (CC)	Venom 911 Snake bites.									
FAM (51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	** "The Addams Family" (1991)					
DISN (52)	Buffalo Dr	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Mickey	Mickey	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy			
NICK (54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			
AMC (57)	(:15) *** "The Magnificent Seven" (1960) Yul Brynner, Eli Wallach. (CC)	(:15) *** "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967) Clint Eastwood.													
SCIFI (59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Money	Debt Cures	"Volcano: Nature Unleashed" (2004, Suspense)	** "10.5: Apocalypse" (2006) Kim Delaney.									
CNN (62)	Saturday	House Call	CNN Saturday Morning	Saturday	Bottom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom							
CNBC (63)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tomato	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Houses For	Paid Prog.	P90X			
MSNBC (64)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	Dead Men Talking: Trail					

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	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30			
PBS (2) 22	Workshop	MotorWeek	NMSU	Old House Hr.	Primal Grill	Pepin	Cook	Food	Cooking	Lawrence Welk Show					
CBS (3) 3	College Basketball: NCAA Division II Final	Road to the Final Four (N) (CC)	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Final												
ABC (7) 7	Montana	Suite Life	Countdown	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wipeout (CC)	Paid Prog.	Movies					
FOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NASCAR Racing Camping World Truck Series -- Kroger 250.	Gladiators	** "Mickey Blue Eyes" (1999) Hugh Grant.										
NBC (9) 9	Zodiac	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational -- Third Round. (In Stereo Live) (CC)	Consumer	Raymond									
CW (14)	Yu Gi Oh	Kamen	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration			
WGN (15)	The Bob & Tom Show	Legend of the Seeker	Legend of the Seeker	MLB Preseason Baseball	Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago White Sox.										
ESPN (26)	Wm. Basketball	Scoreboard	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn.	Scoreboard	Horse Racing	SportsCenter (CC)									
ESPN2 (27)	College Lacrosse	College Hockey: NCAA Regional Semifinal	SportsCenterU (Live)	College Hockey: NCAA Tournament											
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							
TNT (32)	(10:00) *** "A Beautiful Mind" (2001) (CC)	(12:50) *** "Unfaithful" (2002, Drama) Richard Gere. (CC)	(:25) *** "American Beauty"												
TBS (33)	(10:55) ** "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) (CC)	Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King					
SPIKE (34)	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter							
COM (35)	Jim Gaffigan	Scrubs	Scrubs	*** "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy. (CC)	** "Employee of the Month" (CC)										
LIFE (39)	"The Haunting Within" (2003) William Baldwin.	"Deadly Visions" (2004) Nicolette Sheridan. (CC)	** "Haunting Sarah" (2005) Kim Raver. (CC)												
FOOD (40)	Giada	Contessa	Challenge	Chopped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America	Secret Life	Heavy						
HGTV (41)	Save Bath	Red Hot	Dime	Myles	Find Style	Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	To Sell			
A&E (43)	Flip This House (CC)	Parking	Parking	Battles BC (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	Bible Battles (CC)								
HIST (44)	Underworld	Battles BC (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	Battles BC (CC)	Bible Battles (CC)								
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Yes Dress	Blooming	First Home	Deals Bus	Toddlers & Tiaras							
DISC (47)	Tattoo Hunter (N)	Treasure Quest	Survivorman (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Animal Cops	Animal Cops								
ANPL (50)	Animal Cops	Real Beavers	Cats 101 (CC)												
FAM (51)	Addams	** "Addams Family Values" (1993) (CC)	** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (CC)	"Willy Wonka"											
DISN (52)	Handy	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" (N)	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Tarzan				
NICK (54)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob				
AMC (57)	"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"	*** "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty.	*** "Airport" (1970) Burt Lancaster. Premiere.												
SCIFI (59)	(9:00) ** "10.5: Apocalypse" (2006) (CC)	"Meltdown: Days of Destruction" (2006)	"Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York" (2006)												
CNN (62)	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Situation Room									
CNBC (63)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meals	Paid Prog.	Newsroom	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Profits					
MSNBC (64)	Dead Men Talk	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw					



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PBS (2) 22	Aggie	America	Desert	BBC	Monarch of the Glen	Stress	Red	Gershwin-One	Red Hat Society	Austin City Limits						
CBS (3) 3	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament				To Be Announced	NCIS		48 Hours Mystery	News (N)	CSI: NY "Sweet 16"	Cold					
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	** "Just Like Heaven" (2005)			Castle	News (N)	(-35) Cheaters (N)	Wired					
FOX (8) 14	Legend of		House		Cops (N)	Cops (N)	Most Wanted	News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv (N)		Talkshow	King			
NBC (9) 9	Con	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law Order: CI		Figure Skating: ISU World Championships		News (N)	(-35) Saturday Night Live						
CW (14)	** "Gang Related" (1997) Lela Rochon			Bananas			UFC Wired	Scrub	My Wife	Access Hollywood	Eye Eye	Eye Eye				
WGN (15)	Boston Legal	** "Mickey Blue Eyes" (1999)					WGN News at Nine	Scrub	Scrub	Honeymoon	** "Aces: Iron Eagle III"					
ESPN (26)	SpoCen	Baseball Tonight	Basket	Wm. Basketball				SportsCenter		College Gmday	SportsCenter					
ESPN2 (27)	College Hockey	NHRA Drag Racing: Spring Nationals			Strongest Man			Score	Wm. Basketball				Poker			
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: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						
TNT (32)	"American Beauty"	** "The Rock" (1996)	(1996) Sean Connery	(:15) ** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) Mel Gibson						(-45) ** "Eraser" (1996)						
TBS (33)	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005)			(6:55) "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"				(8:55) "The Wedding Date"		(:40) ** "Spanglish" (2004)						
SPIKE (34)	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	(In Stereo)				Police Shootout		Police Shoot.	Good					
COM (35)	"Employee-Mnth"	** "Legally Blonde" (2001)			** "Beerfest" (2006) Jay Chandrasekhar					Present	Comedy-Roast					
LIFE (39)	"The Secret" (2007) David Duchovny		"Nora Roberts' Midnight Bayou" (2009)							"Nora Roberts' Midnight Bayou" (2009)			Frasier	Frasier		
FOOD (40)	Paula's Party	Top Restaurant	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Iron Chef America	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
HGTV (41)	Curb	House	Divine	Dime	Color	House	House	Property	Rate	Kitchen	Divine	Dime	Color	House		
A&E (43)	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter		
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck			Premiere			Battles BC		** "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck						
TLC (45)	Table 12	Table 12	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Frst	Deals	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Frst	Deals		
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs		
ANPL (50)	Animal Cops	Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	Dogs 101		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	It's Me or the Dog		
FAM (51)	"Willy Wonka & Chocolate"	** "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter						Home Videos		Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.		
DISN (52)	(4:30) "Tarzan"	(:15) ** "Hercules" (1997) (In Stereo)			** "Aladdin" (1992)			(-45) ** "Mulan" (1998) (In Stereo)					Cory			
NICK (54)	Sponge	Sponge	Annual Kids' Choice Awards	Penguins	Annual Kids' Choice Awards	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im		
AMC (57)	(3:00) "Airport"	** "Airport 1975" (1974) Charlton Heston		** "Airport 77" (1977) Jack Lemmon				"Concorde '79"								
SCIFI (59)	"Earthstorm" (2006) Stephen Baldwin	"Polar Storm" (2009) Jack Coleman		"Dark Storm" (2006) Stephen Baldwin				"Polar Storm"								
CNN (62)	Newsroom	Brown-No Bias	Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley-News	Newsroom			Larry King Live	D.L. Hughley-News							
CNBC (63)	Deal or No Deal	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Deal or No Deal	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman	Suze Orman		
MSNBC (64)	Predator Raw	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman	Lockup: Holman		

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PBS (2) 22	(Off Air)				Raven Tls	Mr Rogers	Sid	Wash Wk	Legislators	Santa Fe	Religion	Minding				
CBS (3) 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Nation	Paid Prog.	magicJack	To Be Announced						
ABC (7) 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America	News (N)		This Week With George	The Firm	NBA Count						
FOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faithful	Paid Prog.					
NBC (9) 9	Strikeforce	Old House	Today	Boyd Matson. (N)	Consumer	Reel Talk	Consumer	Home	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Paid Prog.					
CW (14)	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NASCAR				
WGN (15)	Paid Prog.	Facts	Key-David	Graham	Jimmy Swaggart		Children	Paid Prog.	Sports	Sports	Boston Legal					
ESPN (26)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Wm. Basketball					
ESPN2 (27)	Schooled	Coastal	Fishing	Fishing	Fishing		NASCAR Now (Live)		NHRA	ATPA	SportsCtr.	Baseball				
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	* "Head Over Heels" (2001) Monica Potter		** "American Wedding" (2003) Jason Biggs									
TNT (32)	(4:00) ** "Eraser" (1996)		** "Crimson Tide" (1995) Denzel Washington		** "Striking Distance" (1993) Bruce Willis											
TBS (33)	Prince	(-45) "The Prince & Me 2: The Royal Wedding"	(-45) ** "Spanglish" (2004) Adam Sandler		"The Truman Show"											
SPIKE (34)	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Hrsewer	MuscleCar	Trucks! (N)	Xtreme 4x4					
COM (35)	Jim Gaffigan		** "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy		Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Legally Blonde" (2001)									
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Hour of Power	Ab Secrets	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"Lies He Told" (1997) Gary Cole, Ron Lea									
FOOD (40)	All Star Desserts	Emeril	Simply	Grill It-Play	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Cooking					
HGTV (41)	Ground	Yard	Landscape	Get Out	Yard	Super	Curb	Unsellable	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Potential				
A&E (43)	Bio.: Zeppelin	Biography	"The Who"	Private Sessions	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	Exterm	Exterm	Exterm	Exterm				
HIST (44)	Lost Treasures	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest				
TLC (45)	Designing	Ten-Trainer	Baby Read	P90X	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up				
DISC (47)	Profits	Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	The Detonators	MythBusters	Disaster on K2	Planet Earth "Forests"								
ANPL (50)	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Pet Star		K-9 to 5	Breed	It's Me or the Dog	Funniest Animals	Growing Up...	"Hyena"						
FAM (51)	Step-Step	** "Au Pair" (1999) Gregory Harrison	** "Au Pair II" (2001) Gregory Harrison		"Au Pair 3: Adventure in Paradise"											
DISN (52)	You Lucky	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einsteins	Tigger	Handy	Mickey	Mickey				
NICK (54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kids Choice					
AMC (57)	(4:00) ** "Airport 77" (1977)	** "The Concorde: Airport 79" (1979) Alain Delon			** "Million Dollar Baby" (2004, Drama)											
SCIFI (59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Millions	Paid Prog.	WCG Ultimate Gamer	** "Dragonheart" (1996) Dennis Quaid		"Dungeons-Drgn"								
CNN (62)	Newsroom	House Call	Newsroom		State of the Union	Reliable Sources	State of the Union	State of the Union	State of the Union	State of the Union	State of the Union	State of the Union				
CNBC (63)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Millions	Profits	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
MSNBC (64)	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)				

SUNDAY AFTERNOON													MARCH 29, 2009			
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30				
PBS (2) 22	Aggie Alm	NOW	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Healthy	Lassie	Cultivating	Passport	Burt Wolf	Yachting	Antiques Roadshow						
CBS (3) 3	Motorcycle Racing	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Final			College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Final											
ABC (7) 7	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wipeout		Entertainment Tonight						
FOX (8) 14	Raceweek	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Goody's Fast Relief 500. From Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va.								Munsters	Munsters					
NBC (9) 9	Snowboarding: U.S. Open	PGA Tour Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live)								Consumer	Consumer					
CW (14)	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	"The Hunt for Eagle One" (2006) Mark Dacascos	Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game							
WGN (15)	** "25th Hour" (2002) Edward Norton		NewsRadio	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Toronto Raptors				ALF	ALF							
ESPN (26)	Wm. Basketball	PBA Bowling: Long Island Classic	Dog Show Lakeland, Fla. (N)		Dog Challenge			SportsCenter								
ESPN2 (27)	Cheerleading	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semifinal	NHRA Drag Racing: O'Reilly Spring Nationals													
USA (31)	** "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler	** "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey	** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey													
TNT (32)	** "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker	** "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) Mel Gibson	(DVS) ** "The Rock" (1996)													
TBS (33)	"The Truman Show"	(:15) ** "The Wedding Date" (2005)	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez		"My Big Fat"											
SPIKE (34)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)	DEA (In Stereo)				
COM (35)	Legally BI	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	** "Beerfest" (2006)						
LIFE (39)	"The Obsession" (2006) Daphne Zuniga		"Flirting With Danger" (2006, Suspense)		"Maid of Honor" (2006) Linda Purl											
FOOD (40)	Home	Big Daddy	Rachael	Road	Diners	Diners	Food	Food	Cakes	Cakes	Challenge					
HGTV (41)	First Place	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Dime	Color	Divine	Genevieve	House	House	To Sell	To Sell				
A&E (43)	Exterm	Exterm	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett		CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami				
HIST (44)	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest				
TLC (45)	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence				
DISC (47)	Wreck. Nation	1 Way Out	1 Way Out	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	MythBusters	Dirty Jobs							
ANPL (50)	Animal Cops	Natural World	Yellowstone: Battle For Life		10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks				
FAM (51)	Au Pair 3	** "Dr. Dolittle" (1998) Eddie Murphy	"Dr. Dolittle: Tail to the Chief" (2008) Kyla Pratt	** "Snow Dogs" (2002)												
DISN (52)	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	** "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory				
NICK (54)	Kids	Penguins	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Jackson				
AMC (57)	"Million Dollar Baby"	** "Rudy" (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty	** "October Sky" (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal													
SCIFI (59)	"Dungeons-Drgn"	"Dragon Sword" (2004) James Purefoy	* "A Sound of Thunder" (2005) Edward Burns		* "Dragon Wars"			</								

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Coming	PBS	To Be Announced		My Music			BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	I Get That a Lot (N)		Criminal Minds		CSI: NY (C)		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Scrubs	Better Off	Lost (N) (C)		(:02) Life on Mars		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (C)		News (N)	Two Men	Lie to Me (N) (C)		American Idol (C)		News (N) (C)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Chopping Block		Life "Initiative 38"		Law & Order (C)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Next Top Model		90210 (C)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		Coach	Coach	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		ALF	ALF
ESPN (26)	HS Basketball		High School Basketball: All-American		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns.		SportsCenter (C)		NASCAR		Series of Poker		Poker	
ESPN2 (27)	NFL Live	Soccer: United States vs. Trinidad & Tobago			Boxing									
USA (31)	NCIS (C)		House "Alone"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		** "The Skeleton Key" (2005) (C)			In Plain Sight (C)		
TNT (32)	Law & Order		** "Underworld" (2003, Horror) (C)		Bones (C)				Trust Me (C)		Trust Me "Norming"		Cold Case (C)	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	My Boys	** "Mouse Hunt" (1997) (PA)		
SPIKE (34)	UFC Unleashed		UFC Fight Night (In Stereo Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: NY (C)				Disorderly Con.	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	RENO	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	RENO	Futurama	Daily
LIFE (39)	Reba	Reba	Will	Will	"Video Voyeur: The Susan Wilson Story"				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Reba	Reba
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Good	Good	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV (41)	Curb	House	Property	Rate	House	Income	House	Renovatin	Amazing	First	Property	Rate	House	Income
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (C)		The First 48 (C)		Bounty Hunter		Dog	Extern	Extern	Dog	The First 48 (C)		Bounty Hunter	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Predator X (C)				UFO Hunters (N)		UFO Hunters (C)		Predator X (C)			
TLC (45)	Mystery Diagnosis	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate
DISC (47)	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters (C)		MythBusters		MythBusters	
ANPL (50)	Behaving Badly		Wild Kingdom (C)		Human Prey (N)		Lost Tapes		Human Prey		Lost Tapes		Wild Kingdom (C)	
FAM (51)	70s Show	** "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver. (C)			Home Videos				The 700 Club (C)		Whose?		Whose?	Paid
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas	So Raven	So Raven	Suite Life	Montana	"Read It and Weep" (2006)		Wizards	Wizards	Montana	
NICK (54)	Jackson	Jackson	Penguins	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	(2:00) "Patton" (C)		** "Midway" (1976) Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda. (C)				** "A Bridge Too Far" (1977, War) Dirk Bogarde. (C)							
SCI FI (59)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places		Lost (C)	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		American Greed		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball (C)		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball (C)		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 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		News	Aggie	South	Globe Trekker		Travels	Africa	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Tocantins		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Mother	Saman	Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (C)		News (N)	Two Men	Bones (N) (C)		Hell's Kitchen (N)		News (N) (C)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	ER "Retrospective"		ER "Series Finale" (Series Finale) (N)		News (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Eternal"		Supernatural (N)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		** "Little Nicky" (2000) Adam Sandler.		WGN News at Nine				Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	RENO
ESPN (26)	College Basketball: NIT Final				College Basketball: Slam Dunk & 3-Point		SportsCenter (C)		NFL Live		Baseball		SportsCenter (C)	
ESPN2 (27)	Baseball	NFL Live	Strongest	Strongest	MLS Soccer Columbus Crew at Real Salt Lake. (Live)		Strongest		NASCAR		Series of Poker		Poker	
USA (31)	NCIS "Reveille"		House (C)		House (C)		NCIS "Mind Games"		Burn Notice (C)		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Wizards				NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets. (C)						Inside the NBA	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) (C)				Sex &	Sex &	(:10) ** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) (C)			
SPIKE (34)	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		TNA IMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) (C)				The Ultimate Fighter		MAN	Game	MAN	MAN
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	RENO	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Futurama	Futurama	Daily
LIFE (39)	Reba	Reba	Will	Will	** "Ghost" (1990) Patrick Swayze. Premiere.				Will		Frasier	Frasier	Reba	Reba
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Good	Good	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV (41)	Curb	House	Property	Design	House	House	House	For Rent	Property	First	Property	Design	House	House
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (C)		The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)		The Beast (C)		The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Gangland (C)		Gangland (N) (C)		Warriors (N) (C)		Secret Societies		Gangland (C)		Gangland (C)	
TLC (45)	Overhaulin' (C)		Overhaulin' (C)		David Blaine		Heli-Loggers (N)		David Blaine		Heli-Loggers (C)		Overhaulin' (C)	
DISC (47)	The Detonators (N)		The Detonators (N)		De		Treasure Quest (N)		The Detonators		De		Treasure Quest	
ANPL (50)	Cat People (C)		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		Animal Cops		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		Animal Cops	
FAM (51)	** "Scooby-Doo" (2002, Comedy) (C)		"Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed"				The 700 Club (C)		Whose?		Whose?		Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Cory	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	"My Date-Pres."		Phineas	Wizards	Montana	
NICK (54)	Drake	Drake	Penguins	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	(3:15) "Hellfighters"		** "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" (1963) Spencer Tracy.				(:45) *** "Big" (1988, Fantasy) Tom Hanks. (C)							
SCI FI (59)	Highlander (C)		Highlander (C)		"Highlander: The Source" (2007, Fantasy)		Highlander (C)		Highlander (C)		Highlander (C)		Lost (C)	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		The Entrepreneurs		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		The Entrepreneurs	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball (C)		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball (C)		Countdown	

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Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

BEGINNER

	3		9		4		8	
1	4	5	2					9
2				6	7			5
	7		4			6		2
			1		5			
6	8			3			4	
9	6	8						7
3			1	4	2	5		
2	1		3		9			

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

		1	7	3				2
	8		4		2			9
4			1			3		
	1	6				5		
							4	6
		5						
		9		6				4
5			2	7				3
3				9	1	2		

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

		1	6		5	9		
8								7
5								3
	7		9		1		2	
			4		3			
	5		7		8			3
4								1
2								4
		9	1		4	8		

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

9	5	6	1	8	7	3	2	4
1	3	8	2	6	4	7	9	5
7	4	2	9	3	5	8	1	6
6	2	7	4	1	8	9	5	3
3	1	4	5	9	6	2	8	7
8	9	5	7	2	3	6	4	1
5	7	3	8	4	2	1	6	9
2	6	9	3	5	1	4	7	8
4	8	1	6	7	9	5	3	2

CHALLENGER

2	4	9	5	8	1	6	3	7
7	1	8	9	6	3	2	5	4
3	5	6	4	2	7	9	8	1
9	2	3	8	5	4	7	1	6
5	7	4	2	1	6	8	9	3
6	8	1	3	7	9	4	2	5
4	3	5	7	9	8	1	6	2
1	9	7	6	3	2	5	4	8
8	6	2	1	4	5	3	7	9

EXPERT

8	1	3	2	6	9	4	7	5
7	5	4	1	8	3	6	2	9
9	6	2	4	7	5	8	3	1
1	7	6	8	5	2	9	4	3
2	4	8	3	9	6	1	5	7
5	3	9	7	1	4	2	8	6
6	2	1	5	4	7	3	9	8
3	8	7	9	2	1	5	6	4
4	9	5	6	3	8	7	1	2

THEATER

Thomas Judd plays Seymour in Oñate High School's production of "Little Shop of Horrors," April 2 to 6.



Oñate High School presents the 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Production is a tribute to 1950s sci-fi flicks

Oñate High School theater director and teacher Sherrie Aland said she is excited to be directing "Little Shop of Horrors," April 2 to 6, at OHS.

The show opens Thursday, April 2, and continues through Sunday, April 6. All shows begin at 7 p.m. and are in the OHS Performing Arts Center. There also is a 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, April 4. Tickets are \$5 each.

The musical, one of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time, is an affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies. It has become a household name, thanks to a highly successful film version and a score by the songwriting team of Howard

Ashman and Alan Menken.

Oñate students were cast for their parts in the show last May by community members and a few university instructors, said Aland. There are 35 students in the show with junior Thomas Judd as Seymour and junior Alexandria Oemig as Audrey.

The Muses will be played by Brynn Thurston, Nichole Acosta, Jourdan Arce-neaux and Molly Wells. The carnivorous plant is played by James Herndon, with Zack Kimble puppeteering.

Aland is filling the roles of stage director, choreographer and musical director.

For more information, contact 527-9430, ext. 7779, or saland@lcp.s.k12.nm.us.

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The cast of "Quilters" will complete their month-long run of the show on Sunday, March 29, and will perform as part of the AAUW fundraiser.

AAUW hosts fundraiser at Black Box Theatre

Heartwarming 'Quilters' show March 28

The American Association of University Women will hold a fundraiser at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

The heart-warming musical play, "Quilters," portrays a pioneer woman and her six daughters who blend a series of interrelated scenes into a rich mosaic that captures the sweep and beauty, the terror and joy, the harsh challenges and abiding rewards of frontier life. In

the end, when the various patches are assembled into one glorious quilt, the effect is magical.

Tickets are \$20 with profits going to the AAUW Educational Fund and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, an AAUW New Mexico State University scholarship endowment and branch programs such as Girls Can. For further information, call 526-4748.

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Mesilla Valley Film Society celebrates 20 years of movies

CineMatinee offers two unique anniversary events

The Fountain Theatre will hold a special event on Saturday, March 28, as part of the Mesilla Valley Film Society's year-long 20th anniversary celebration. The day's theme will be "A Day with the Artists," and will include the screening of two art-related short films.

"In Place Out of Time" (2008, 45 minutes) is a poetic portrait of a fourth-generation New Mexican who sold his backhoe and picked up a camera in pursuit of a photographic quest. Eight years ago, at the age of 65, Embree "Sonny" Hale had a spark of inspiration and started a quixotic journey to take a picture of every petroglyph and pictograph in New Mexico. This film illustrates Hale's day-to-day triumphs, challenges and survival strategies as he pursues his passion to capture and preserve the memory of ancient inscriptions on rock.

A true-life Western, "In Place Out of Time" is set in the stunning landscapes of New Mexico and captures the grit and gumption of a man who follows his heart and pursues his true life's work. Ultimately, this film takes a gentle and multi-layered look at an individual's eternal connection to community, landscape and memory.

The other film will be "Agnes Martin: With My Back to the World" (2002, 55 minutes). A groundbreaking documentary on the internationally renowned painter Agnes Martin, this documentary was shot over a period of four years, from 1998 through 2002, Martin's 90th year. Interviews with Martin are inter-cut with shots at work in her studio in Taos, with photographs and archival footage and with images of her work from over

five decades. It is a venue for Martin to speak about her work, her working methods, her life as an artist and her views about the creative process.

She also discusses her film, "Gabriel" and reads from her poetry and lectures. It was shot in 16mm film by cinematographer Dyanna Taylor and in digital video by producer, director and invited guest Mary Lance. In keeping with Martin's chosen life of solitude, she alone appears in the documentary.

Both Hale and filmmaker Erin Hudson will be guests at the special event, and will include a reception and a drawing for several prizes. Advance tickets will be \$5 for film society members and students, and \$10 for everyone else.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is at 1:30 p.m. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287.

'The Reader' delivers emotion

Winslet gains an Oscar for performance

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Perhaps one of the most powerful movies of recent memory, "The Reader" should stay with you long after you leave the theater.

Yes, I've probably used that line before, and at times, it might seem like a cliché, par excellence, but it's true. Trust me.

Kate Winslet stars, and won a Best Actress Academy Award for her performance as Hanna Schmitz. Combined with expert direction and cinematography, "The Reader" is a unique story that raises many questions with its distinct three-part story.

In one part, it is post World War II Germany, and Hanna leads a quiet, staid and reserved life. She is a fare collector for the local metro and her daily routine keeps her confined to her somewhat rundown apartment. She does not have any friends, nor does she seem to want any. Her life is ruled by order and punctuality. So much so, that a supervisor who has noticed her attention to detail and her fine work record offers her a promotion.

Michael, age 15, is a student at a nearby school. One day, while on his way home from school, he becomes violently ill. Hanna happens upon him, and in her typical cool and slightly distant manner, takes him to her apartment to help him and clean him up.

He makes his way home, where he is diagnosed with scarlet fever. His health returns and he returns to Hanna's apartment with a bouquet and a thank you, where he accidentally encounters this mysterious and lovely older woman in her bath.

Embarrassed but filled with youthful lust, he flees, only to return again, and after another slightly awkward happenstance, becomes Hanna's lover.

Michael is smitten, but she has another need besides having Michael as a "friend with privileges." She loves being read to, so each of their sexual encounters is accompanied by a reading session, as Michael reads aloud to her from the classics to the tawdry.

Michael is so taken with his lover and her unsparing sexuality, that he never really questions her other desire to be on the receiving end of a story.

After Hanna is offered the promotion by her supervisor, she disappears. Since she has no friends or family, it is impossible for Michael to find out what has occurred until years later.

In a second part, Michael is now in law school, and is one of a small group of students to be selected to observe a high profile Nazi war crime trial.

A group of women, one-time guards at a concentration camp, have been arrested and charged with numerous crimes, the worst of which was allowing the deaths of many Jewish people.

Hanna, much to Michael's shock, is one of these guards. Even worse, it seems that she was the lead guard. To hopefully save their own tasteless hides, the other women accuse and point fingers at Hanna, who musters a meek defense at best. There really is no defense for this kind of crime, but the horror of it could be lessened just a bit if she would tell her own secret.

She is given a long prison term, while some of the other former guards are given much lighter sentences.

Part three has Michael as an adult, played by Ralph Fiennes. His marriage has failed; he is floundering in his emotions. Over the years, he has anonymously taped and sent cassettes of himself reading the classics to Hanna, but they have never made contact until ...

This movie moves in several distinct directions. It is, in part, about seduction – the metaphor of Hanna seducing Michael is hard to miss, much like Hanna being seduced by the fascist cause of her homeland before and during the war. Many things are promised for just a little cooperation. Another part is about forgiveness – is it always possible, whether it is between two people with an emotional connection or for one person to

forgive oneself? It is about love and duty – Hanna's mostly robotic emotional content keeps her safe from the pain and despair that Michael feels from the loss of his wife and daughter, and even earlier from his perceived loss of Hanna, who he never had in the first place. She was safe while uninvolved.

A complex and compelling story, "The Reader"



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Kate Winslet and David Kross star in "The Reader," the film that won Winslet an Academy Award for Best Actress, now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

offers an endless source of intellectual stimulation and discussion.

And it is easy to overlook its one annoying flaw – the makeup used to age Winslet does not work well.

Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only – and not of anyone else connected with the film society. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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AT THE MOVIES

'Duplicity' is fantastically intriguing

Owen, Roberts star in nostalgic, winding story

REVIEW BY J. SHERMAN
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Imagine this: A very attractive female and male exchanging intelligent and witty pick-up lined banter that leads up to a tasteful bedroom scene. Now follow this with a fantastic slow-motion fight sequence between two big-time CEOs fresh off their private corporate jets. Your conclusion – you have definitely chosen the right theater to be sitting in.

"Duplicity" is a mature film with sophisticated humor that has real twists and turns in the story and event sequencing. The film is a refreshing example of modern media that is a welcome break from the overloaded cinematic pool of sequels, prequels and unoriginal themes.

This film definitely qualifies for the romantic comedy genre, but the film also surprisingly exhibits suspense, drama and action. Although I initially expected to watch something similar to "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," I was pleasantly treated to an intricate, heist-themed adventure that is reminiscent of the adored and masterfully directed "Oceans" trilogy.

In "Duplicity," the winding, nostalgic and intertangling story of a former British secret agent (Clive Owen) and an ex-CIA agent (Julia Roberts) is told through flashbacks and the chance encounters that have united the couple. The on-screen couple's chemistry is radiant and conducive to the plot and capability of this film. The cinematography exhibited in the film is creative and impressive.

Patrons of this film will undoubtedly agree that a trip to the movie theater was exactly the appropriate prescription for an enjoyable experience. This film does a masterful job of maintaining suspense and ambiguity throughout the entirety of the story, and just when the audience feels confident in the outcome, another surprise is revealed.

One of the most enjoyable – and distracting – aspects of this film is the manner in which the story is told from the same perspective, but in different timeframes as the plot progresses toward its climax. The stars of the film are so capable and believable that the audience can actually begin to feel the treachery, intrigue and deception that are resoundingly associated with the lives of international spies.

My only qualms with this film are that at times the audience was left unsure of whether to laugh or concentrate. With a bit more intensity in action moments and a few more "over-the-top" comedic sequences, this film would have soared without restraint.

"Duplicity" is a film worth watching for adults of all ages, and is an especially great choice that couples can agree on and enjoy together.



Clive Owen and Julia Roberts star in the blockbuster "Duplicity," about two spies-turned-corporate-operatives, in theaters now.



This cinematic adventure is a great date movie or just a valid excuse to escape watching the other options at the theater.

Grade
B

DUPLICITY

Rated PG-13
Running time: 2 hours, 5 minutes
Directed by Tony Gilroy
Written by Tony Gilroy
Released by Universal Pictures
Starring Julia Roberts as Claire Stenwick; Clive Owen as Ray Kovak; Tom Wilkinson as Howard Tully; and Paul Giamatti as Richard Garsik



POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST



The back of this postcard reads, "Administration building, White Sands National Monument, New Mexico. This pueblo Indian style building houses the offices of the National Park Service and Visitors Center. The White Sands Museum is also inside and has complete information as to how the large gypsum desert was formed – how animals have a protective bleached coloration in this strange environment. The concession stand and snack shop are open for your convenience and for souvenirs to take home."
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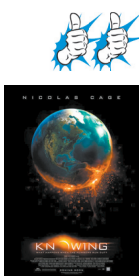
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes To Jail

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Mischievous grandma Madea finds herself behind bars, where she comes to the rescue of a fellow inmate.
Starring: Tyler Perry, Derek Luke
Director: Tyler Perry



Knowing

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A teacher opens a time capsule that has been dug up at his son's elementary school and in it are some chilling predictions involving his family.
Starring: Nicholas Cage
Director: Alex Proyas



Taken

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Liam Neeson is an unstoppable force in this adrenaline-fueled thriller from director Pierre Morel.
Starring: Liam Neeson
Director: Pierre Morel



I Love You, Man

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Friendless Peter Klaven goes on a series of mandates to find a Best Man for his wedding. But when his insta-bond new friend puts a strain on his relationship with his fiancée can the trio learn to live happily ever after?
Starring: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel
Director: John Hamburg



The Last House on the Left

Rated: R
Plot Overview: After kidnapping and brutally assaulting two young women, a gang led by a prison escapee unknowingly finds refuge at a vacation home belonging to the parents of one of the victims.
Starring: Garrett Dillahunt
Director: Dennis Iliadis



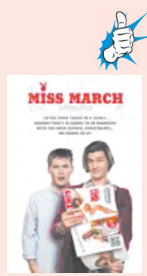
Watchmen

Rated: R
Plot Overview: When an ex-superhero is murdered, a vigilante named Rorschach starts an investigation into the murder, which leads to a much more terrifying conclusion.
Starring: Malin Akerman
Director: Zack Snyder



Miss March

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A young man awakens from a four-year coma to hear that his once virginal high-school sweetheart has become a Playboy bunny.
Starring: Zach Creggor
Director: Zach Creggor



He's Just Not That Into You

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Following the stories of a group of interconnected, Baltimore-based 20- and 30-somethings as they navigate their various relationships.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston
Director: Ken Kwapis



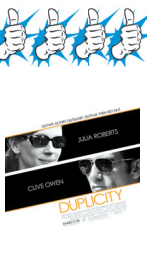
Gran Torino

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A disgruntled Korean War vet sets out to reform his neighbor, a young Hmong teenager who tried to steal his prized 1972 Gran Torino.
Starring: Clint Eastwood
Director: Clint Eastwood



Duplicity

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A pair of corporate spies who share a steamy past hook up to pull off the ultimate con job on their respective bosses.
Starring: Julia Roberts, Clive Owen
Director: Tony Gilroy



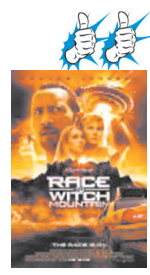
Coraline (3-D)

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young girl walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life – only much better.
Starring: Dakota Fanning
Director: Henry Selick



Race to Witch Mountain

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A UFO expert enlists the help of a cabbie to protect two siblings with paranormal powers from the clutches of an organization that wants to use the kids for their nefarious plans.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson
Director: Andy Fickman



Monsters vs. Aliens

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: When a meteorite from outer space hits a young girl and turns her into a giant monster, she is taken to a secret government compound where she meets a ragtag group of monsters.
Starring: Reese Witherspoon
Director: Rob Letterman
Opening March 27



The Haunting in Connecticut

Rated: R
Plot Overview: As Peter and Sara Campbell settle into their new Victorian home, they come face to face with their abode's unsettling history and the supernatural forces who share the space.
Starring: Virginia Madsen
Director: Peter Cornwell
Opening March 27



12 Rounds

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Detective Danny Fisher discovers his girlfriend has been kidnapped by an ex-con tied to Baxter's past, and he'll have to successfully complete 12 challenges in order to secure her safe release.
Starring: Aiden Gillen, John Sena
Director: Renny Harlin
Opening March 27



New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, March 31 •

Marley & Me

Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Owen Wilson
Director: David Frankel

Slumdog Millionaire

Rated: R
Genre: Drama, Romance
Starring: Dev Patel, Freida Pinto
Director: Danny Boyle

Seven Pounds

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Will Smith, Rosario Dawson
Director: Gabriele Muccino

TOP GROSSING

• March 20-22 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.)	Weekend Gross
1	Knowing (1)	\$24,814,000
2	I Love You, Man (1)	\$18,005,000
3	Duplicity (1)	\$14,402,000
4	Race to Witch Mountain (2)	\$13,004,000
5	Watchmen (3)	\$6,725,000
6	The Last House on the Left (2)	\$5,921,000
7	Taken (8)	\$4,100,000
8	Slumdog Millionaire (19)	\$2,700,000
9	Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (5)	\$2,510,000
10	Coraline (7)	\$2,143,000

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Mar. 27 – Apr. 2 The Reader
 (2008, USA/Germany, 124 min., Dir: Stephen Daldry)

Apr. 3 – Apr. 9 Pray the Devil Back to Hell (DOC)
 (2008, USA, 72 min., Dir: Gini Reticker)

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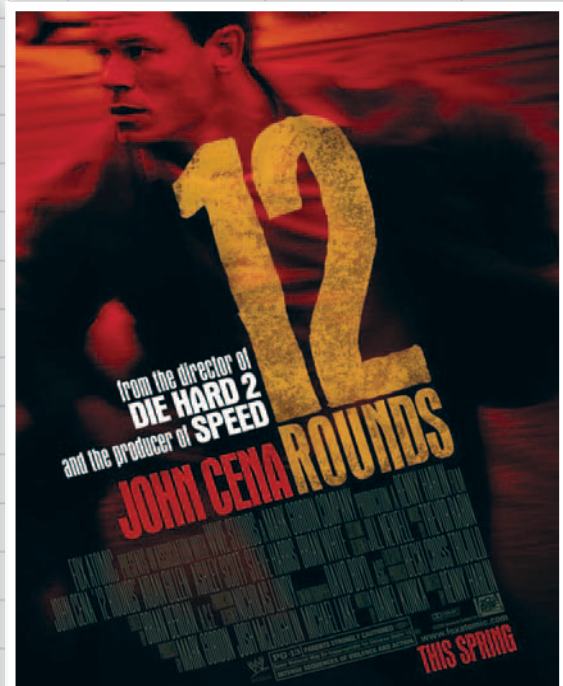


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JOHN KEITH

Sports Editor



Now we're getting somewhere.

The Aggies' equestrian press guide salutes the horses as well as the team that rides 'em. A full page is devoted to the 30 horses NMSU uses in competition. With photos and names, yet.

It's good for recruiting. If I were a horse, I'd come here. Where else could you make the team's brochure and get immaculate care from the students enrolled in the school's animal science program? "As far as I know," said Tyler Dunkel, NMSU's director of media relations, "we're the only school that runs pictures of our horses. Neat, huh?"

For sure, it's humane. Horses, I have always maintained, get a bum deal in life. In racing, the owner, trainer and jockey divide the winner's money, then celebrate with champagne. The horse gets a pat on the rear, then walked back to the stable and watered. No interviews, no nothing.

Trigger stayed broke, making Roy Rogers rich. Seabiscuit's reward for all those victories? An air-conditioned trailer for road trips.

If I were a horse, I'd opt for equestrian over rodeo and racing. Jump a few hurdles, take your rider through a few routines and wait on the results.

According to Andrea Hanson, New Mexico State's equestrian coach, horses are recruited as heavily as athletes are. "We work hard at recruiting horses," she said. "Mostly at shows by the American Quarter Horse Association or the U.S. Equestrian Foundation. The animals have to be safe and trained. And all of our horses are donated. We don't buy any of them."

It also helps if the animals are home bodies. In equestrian, your horses don't travel. The home team furnishes the stock. "Both teams compete on the host team's horses," Hanson said. "On the road, we get to practice on the horse we draw before the competition starts. Familiarize ourselves with the animal. Learn its personality. So it's not that big a deal."

I asked Hanson which horse in NMSU's stable would be the team's favorite. "I'd have to say 'Josh,'" she said. "He's a 22-year old thoroughbred who can still jump."

Josh's photo appears on Page 16 of the Aggies' press guide. Along with others like Talk About Details, M. Squared, The Perfect Machine and Unbridled Prospect. There's Fetchingly Handsome and Divinely Hot. I wonder if the latter might be Josh's fantasy. I will ask the next time I see him.

A new beginning for NMSU

Ags open spring practice Monday

By **JOHN KEITH**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

New coach. New staff. New faces on the roster.

Normally, that would prove problematic for a football team preparing to open spring practice. Coach DeWayne Walker, however, promises little or no uncertainty when the Aggies kick off spring drills at 4 p.m., Monday, March 30.

For openers, Walker already knows where each of his players will be positioned. Game tapes from last season provided the scouting report Walker and his staff needed to evaluate his personnel.

There were off-season conditioning drills this winter under Gary Uribe, the Aggies' new strength coach.

"The team has worked hard during the off-season," Walker said. "Gary has done a good job with the team."

NMSU plans 15 workouts this spring, all the NCAA allows. The Ags will practice on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday each week. The spring game, scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, April 20, will count as the final spring workout.

"Our practices will be quick tempo," Walker said. "We won't have a lot of guys dragging around out there. And our practices won't be long ones - maybe one-and-a-half to two hours each. We're not going to waste time."

The Aggies will scrimmage at approximately 9:15 a.m. on Saturdays. All



BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Head coach DeWayne Walker, right, and his assistant coaches work on the game plan for the Aggies' spring practice that begins Monday. From left: Ernest Wilson, Jesse Williams, Mike Rutenberg, Keith Murphy and Jason Lenzmeier.

practices will be open to the public.

NMSU lost 13 starters from last year's team that finished 3-9, with six on offense. They include quarterback Chase Holbrook and Chris Williams, his go-to receiver and kick returner.

Among the seven defensive players who used their eligibility is safety Derrick Richardson, the nation's leading tackler who averaged 12.5 stops a game.

Walker has plans for the 15 returning starters, including kicker Kyle Hughes. Replacing Holbrook will be vital.

Jeff Flemming, a 6-foot-4, 195-pound transfer from Fullerton, Calif., and redshirt freshman Trevor Walls will battle for the quarterback vacancy. "May the best man win," Walker said.

Defensively, the priority will be stopping the run by solidifying the defensive line. The addition of JC transfers Djuan Yates, Modesto, Calif., and John Finau, El Camino, Calif., will help at defensive tackle. Walker said he likes his linebackers and secondary. Former
See **Ag football** on PAGE D2



CRAIG MASSEY | For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Joe Koerper plays three positions on Oñates' baseball team.

He's Oñate's steadying hand Koerper a solid big league prospect

By **CRAIG MASSEY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With expectations sky high for the Oñate High School baseball team, it's important to have a steady hand on the roster. Someone who leads by example. A stabilizing force.

And it doesn't hurt when that someone is one of the most talented players in the state.

Joe Koerper is one of several seniors who are playing key roles for the Knights. The 6-5, 240-pound slugger plays first base, third base and sometimes pitches. While hitting in the middle of the lineup is his favorite thing about playing baseball, he understands his responsibilities and role on the team go beyond simply producing on the field.

"I try to keep everybody together no matter what happens," he said.

"He's the rock of the team," said Oñate coach David Reyes. "The other kids look to him as one of our clutch players, one of our go-to guys who provide leadership. He's a great ballplayer who responds well to everything you try to do as a coach."

Koerper, who led the state in home runs last year with 14, has already signed to attend New Mexico State next fall and play for the Aggies. There, he will be joined by current teammate Randy

Montoya, the Knights' pitching ace. He'll also be reunited with one of his brothers, Kris, who starred for Oñate two years ago, but has been on a church mission since then and will enroll at NMSU this fall.

"I love Las Cruces," said Joe Koerper. "New Mexico State gave me a good scholarship and that was definitely a big factor. The coaching staff is amazing and they're very supportive of my mission. I needed a coaching staff to understand that and help facilitate that."

After his freshman year at NMSU, Koerper plans to go on a two-year mission, then return to Las Cruces and finish his final three years for the Aggies. With professional scouts watching Koerper closely (a Chicago White Sox representative was at the New Mexico Invitational last weekend in Las Cruces), the possibility exists that Koerper could be selected in Major League baseball's amateur draft in June.

Koerper, who also was a late-season star for the Knights' football team last fall, said if he's fortunate enough to play professional baseball, it will have to wait until his church mission and his eligibility at NMSU are complete.

"It's the most important thing in my life," he said of his responsibilities to his church.

See **Oñate** on PAGE D2

High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

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Boys Baseball..... Tuesday, March 31.... at Deming..... 3 p.m., 5 p.m.
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 Saturday, March 28.... Deming..... 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (FOD)
 Tennis Saturday, March 28.... Mayfield Invite..... 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (LP)
 Golf Monday, March 30.... Doña Ana Classic 1 p.m. (SRGC)
 Tuesday, March 31.... Doña Ana Classic . 7:30 a.m. (NMSU)



Mayfield High School

Boys Baseball..... Tuesday, March 31at Gadsden..... 4 p.m.
 Girls Softball Saturday, March 28.... Carlsbad Senior 1 p.m., 3 p.m. (FOD)
 Friday, April 3at Deming 3 p.m., 5 p.m.
 Tennis Saturday, March 28.... Mayfield Invite..... 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (LP)
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Oñate High School

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 Tuesday, March 31.... Alamogordo 5 p.m., 7 p.m. (AP)
 Tennis Saturday, March 28.... Mayfield Invite..... 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (LP)
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 (LP) Lions Park (SRGC) Sonoma Ranch Golf Course (NMSU) NMSU Golf Course

NMSU No. 24 in baseball

Aggie off to best start since 1990

The New Mexico baseball team (20-3 before Tuesday's game at UT-Brownsville) jumped into the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper NCAA Division I baseball poll, after an impressive showing against San Francisco last week.

The Aggies, at No. 24 in the poll, are off to their best start in program history and continue to be among the best teams in the nation offensively with a team batting average of .381 that included 58 home runs. NMSU hasn't had a start close to this since the 1990 team went 19-3 to open the season.

"What this does, is recognize what we have done to start the season, and it justifies that we beat a well-respected team in San Francisco," head coach Rocky Ward said. "People were waiting to see if we could be a team like USF and we did just that."

The Aggies have won 10 games where their opponents have scored first and have won five games when going into the sixth inning without a lead. Senior shortstop and the Louisville National Player of the Week (March 15) Bryan Marquez (Bonny Lake, Wash.) helped in a few of those come-from-behind victories, with a clutch hit in a 5-4 victory over No. 20 New Mexico and a game-tying grand slam against Hartford. Junior Mike Soddors (Moreno Valley, Calif.) has also been clutch for NMSU as he heads into week six second in the Western Athletic Conference in batting average at .429, behind senior catcher Jeff Farnham (Las Vegas, N.M.), who is hitting .430.

"This is good for our program and good for recruits, because it shows them that we are building a good team here," Ward said. "This also shows that we are working hard and the players are putting in the time and effort to get the wins. They deserve the recognition."

This is the first time NMSU has been ranked in any polls since 2004, when the Aggies started 19-4. The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll is the oldest college baseball poll, which started during the

1957 college baseball season.

NMSU is on its first extended road trip taking on the University of Texas-Brownsville, March 24-25 before playing the University of Texas-Pan American, March 26-28.

The CBN poll

- 1 Georgia (19-2)
- 2 Cal St. Fullerton (16-3)
- 3 Georgia Tech (16-2)
- 4 LSU (17-2)
- 5 North Carolina (17-4)
- 6 Miami, Fla. (18-4)
- 7 Arizona State (17-3)
- 8 Virginia (19-2)
- 9 Arkansas (16-4)
- 10 Rice (14-6)
- 11 Baylor (14-5)
- 12 Cal Poly (14-4)
- 13 UC-Irvine (12-6)
- 14 Mississippi (15-5)
- 15 Oklahoma (20-5)
- 16 Ohio State (17-2)
- 17 Texas (14-6)
- 18 TCU (13-6)
- 19 Oklahoma State (15-7)
- 20 New Mexico (22-3)
- 21 Coastal Carolina (18-4)
- 22 Clemson (14-6)
- 23 Florida (14-7)
- 24 New Mexico State (20-3)
- 25 Illinois (12-4)
- 26 Alabama (15-7)
- 27 Pepperdine (16-6)
- 28 South Carolina (14-6)
- 29 UC-Santa Barbara (14-6)
- 30 College of Charleston (17-3)

Ag football

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linebacker Jason Scott has been moved to strong safety for additional strength there.

"I've been watching tapes of the other WAC teams, and I think their coaches are very smart, especially at running the football," Walker said. "They all have very high IQs."

NMSU's running game will also be priority this spring. "We need to take the pressure off the quarterback," Walker said. "To do that, you have to be able to run the football, use your tight end well and use the receivers wisely. I think we have the kind of receivers to get it done. We want to be balanced offensively and control the football better."

Walker said he and his staff have

split the Aggies' roster into an "A" list and a "B" list. Starters and backups, in other words. "We're going to work hard with the guys on the "B" list," Walker said. "A lot of them are going to play next season. We have to be able to replace injuries. You never get through a season without them."

Walker feels comfortable with his coaching staff. "I wouldn't trade them for anything," he said. "They've coached in the NFL, and that's important. They're experienced. They know what it takes to get to that level, and every kid wants to play professionally."

The Aggies, also by NCAA rules, must practice in shorts and helmets the first two days of practice. Walker said that his team will work in full pads most of the time and hold contact drills often. "How much contact we have will depend on how healthy we stay, how tired the players are and that sort of thing," he said.

Oñate

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Reyes said Koerper combines on-the-field competitiveness with a low-key, humble demeanor off the field.

"He's a strong player with a lot of intensity," Reyes said. "Off the field, he's mild-mannered and a very respectful kid."

Koerper, whose brother Weston, a sophomore, also is a member of the Knights' baseball team, is enjoying his role as a leader for the squad. The high expectations have created added pressure and that's fine with Koerper.

"Now everyone is aware of us," Koerper said. "We can't afford to change our focus. We need to make sure we don't overlook anybody and just keep our focus."

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Leah Benton

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Junior, Track and Field

New Mexico State junior sprinter Leah Benton led the Aggies at the Arizona Willie Williams Invitational with a gold medal in the 200-meter run. Not only did Benton post a personal-best mark in the 200-meter dash, but her 24.08 performance placed her third on NMSU's all-time record list. She also placed second in the 100-meter dash after recording a time of 11.79 – fourth on the school's all-time record list.



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An interview with the Golf Doctor, Charlie Blanchard

This week, Charlie Blanchard, publishes his 150th golf column with a question-and-answer session with the Bulletin.

Most of our readers know you as a golf writer and a sport psychologist. Give us a sense of your work and professional background.

I grew up in Cleveland, but from 1971 until 1988 – when I moved here – I lived in suburban Detroit where I owned a small chain of specialty athletic footwear stores called Total Runner. In the mid-1980s I had a calling to go into professional psychology. So I basically reinvented myself at the tender age of 45. My doctorate is from New Mexico State University. Currently, much of my work is in geriatrics, where I do a lot of mental competency assessments, behavioral consultations and Alzheimer's evaluations. I also train Native American drug and alcohol counselors and do some executive coaching. I'm busy.

You're regarded as a pretty good golfer. We suppose you would have to be since you're connected so closely as a partner with Herb Wimberly in Performance Golf Schools. Have you always played golf?

Yes and no. In college I was a swimmer. Actually, captain of the Notre Dame (Irish) swim team in the 1960s. Then, as I approached middle-age I got involved in running marathons and later triathlons. I did the Ironman in Hawaii four times. But I have played golf since I was a kid. When I settled in Las Cruces, I played a lot at the University Golf Course where I met Herb and Ross Nettles who was coaching the men's golf team in 1994. Nettles came up to me one day and said, "You're a shrink, and I've got some head cases on my squad, so do you think you could help out?" I told him I would and then proceeded to take golf more seriously. Soon after, I did some mental golf clinics for the Sun Country PGA guys and then started doing clinics with Herb.

Even though you're not retired we know you play a lot of golf, and we know you're pretty good. Dave McCollum (Bulletin publisher) even told us that. What we don't know is why you play golf.

I come from a "golf is life" perspective. The game reflects the trials and tribulations and sometimes triumphs of living and striving every day. Like many of my friends, I'm a nearly compulsive achiever and golf is something you can always get better at. Plus, you can be good and improve at any age. Because it's such a difficult sport to become consistently proficient at, there is a sense of success and satisfaction when things go well. Truly, I think it's the difficulty factor that is the reason why the best players in the world make so much money. As Herb says, "The swing is easy, it's the game that's hard." I'm someone who thrives on competition, not necessarily gambling, and golf feeds those juices. Whether it's the joy

of winning or the bitterness of losing, I still appreciate testing myself. That's why I did triathlons. I lost Ironman championships two years, but I won Masters Championships two years (1982 and 1983). But mostly, I feel that golf is a gentleman's game played with honor and passion. To some extent we're losing that measure of civility in our culture.

You have written about playing in and passing the PGA's Playing Ability Test (PAT). What was that like for you?

As I mentioned earlier, I started working with college golfers in the mid 1990s and that included a number of Professional Golf Management students at the University. They have to qualify in a 36-hole tournament (the PAT) that's actually a pass-or-fail situation. It's sort of a mini Q-school for future PGA club professionals. As I kept working with these guys to help them pass, I realized that I needed the experience of actually playing in a PAT. So ten years ago, when I was an 8-handicap, I quietly entered the tournament in Albuquerque. I was the oldest of 85 players. Out of 85, only five passed that day including me. I think I shot 75. It was a heck of an experience, and I was emotionally exhausted when it was over. My two most lasting memories are calling a penalty on myself and that it made Herb Wimberly proud.

You mentioned coaching and golf schools. What about your brief time as an assistant coach at NMSU?

In the late 1990s the NMSU Athletic Department invited me to be their "sport psychologist." What happened is, they didn't want performance coaching, they wanted behavioral management and counseling, and they didn't want their athletes showing up at the counseling center. So, I basically had to deal with students who couldn't obey the rules, along with bulimia and depression from career-ending injuries. Not much fun. A few years ago I worked with the Aggie men's and women's golf teams, but it was very unrewarding. When a coach wanted me to "talk" with a player it was seen by the player as "punishment." It wasn't anybody's fault, it just that there is a stereotype throwback to the days when seeing any mental health professional was a perceived as a stigma, as if something is really,



DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

really incurably wrong with you. It's like when TV legend Jackie Gleason used to call Norton a "mental case." Fortunately, some of that is changing since the biggest names in sports all have performance coaches, because they know that they need to be mentally superior than those they're going to beat. Back then it was too hard a message to sell.

Do you work with any big time golfers today?

The answer is no. I have a couple of PGA professionals who want to make their mark on the Champions Tour, a few young players who rely on me for some inspiration and some pretty good amateurs who want to take it to the next level. But I have no delusions of being another Bob Rotella – I didn't start soon enough. Over the years I have worked with quite a few junior athletes. Now I get calls every few months from a parent who sees her child as the next Lorena Ochoa or Tiger Woods, but they usually don't want to connect for a long-term relationship once they know the financial commitment. I shy away from single sessions.

If one were to read your Bulletin column from the first one three years ago up until now, is there some sort of theme you think runs throughout?

That is good. You're making me think back. Naturally I focus on the mental game, but I've revived Wimberly's archives and I've showcased products and I've made commentary on the professional world of golf. I've even tried to raise the bar for upkeep, service and play at local golf courses through gentle prodding. I've taken some heat for that. I guess the theme would be that standards for business, personal behavior and performance should be raised. People who know me know that I pride myself on very high standards of performance and professionalism in work and play. I tend to hold others to very high standards as well, right or wrong. I just wish my golf game measured up to my own standards every time I teed it up. But I guess that's why we all play – to see if we measure up each day we play.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructor at Performance Golf Schools. Through his seminars, motivational speaking and individual coaching, he assists executives and organizations to strengthen leadership effectiveness. He can be contacted at drblanchard@lascrucbulletin.com.

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AGGIE INSIDER

Ag swim team blossoms

NMSU sets records in the pool and in the classroom as well

There's good news and achievements popping up all the time for New Mexico State's athletes and teams. In your haste to fill out your March Madness bracket, you might have forgotten to check out the NMSU swim team and all the good news that came from them this season.

A first was recorded last weekend when Aggie freshman swimmer Maria Spies earned a berth in the NCAA Championships. Spies concluded the season with a 2:15.68 showing in the 200-yard breaststroke. She qualified for the NCAA meet after sweeping the breaststroke events at the WAC Championships while setting school records in the 100 and 200 and a WAC record for the 100. She is a native of Magdeburg, Germany, and is studying engineering. Spies is in good company for a tough area of study, but I'll tell you more about that later.

It was a year of glory all around for the NMSU swim team. Head Coach Rick Pratt was named WAC Coach of the Year, and the Aggies set 15 school records. But it is a team effort, and this team had its best finish in the WAC championships to boot. At the conference meet, sophomore Kelly Conrad broke the 100-yard freestyle record and junior Meghann Percy set the 200-yard free record. But that was just the beginning, as freshman Ana Smith rewrote the 1,650-yard free mark and junior Liz Thomson did likewise in the 500-yard free and



PETE
Pete's Ponderings

the 400-yard individual medley records.

Senior Stephanie Peacock didn't want to be left out so she bettered the 100-yard backstroke record time as well.

The Aggies broke all five relay records and the divers did their thing, too. Sophomores Mariesa Cloud and Kristin Pickett led the Aggie divers and qualified for the NCAA Zone Diving competition. At Northern Arizona, Cloud set a pool record on the one-meter springboard and took third place on the three-meter.

It wasn't all just records and individual success. The Aggies recorded 10 victories this season, beating the University of New Mexico for the second straight year in the process.

Now all of this is great, but ole Pete wants to remind you that this is the same team that was second in the nation in team academics as well. Remember Spies tackling a degree in engineering. This whole team is meeting the challenge in the pool and in the classroom.

Wherever you look this spring, there was new buds a sprouting. Pratt has a bumper crop of talent that he nurtured to bloom at the right time.

PETE

Baseball's 'been good' to New Mexico State in '09

Aggies ranked 24th nationally

More validation of Rocky Ward's Aggie baseball team came this week. New Mexico State is now No. 24 nationally in a poll of college division teams.

The Aggie baseball team is off to its best start ever in program history, as far as wins and losses, and continues to be among the best teams in the nation offensively with 58 home runs and a team batting average of .381.

The previous best start was from the 1990 Aggies, who went 19-3 to open the season. All of this hopefully leads to a return to the NCAA postseason. Ward had NMSU there twice before and the needed components of pitching and defense seem to be in play in 2009.

The move into the top 25 came after taking three of four games from San Francisco. "What this does is recognize what we have done to start the season, and it justifies that we beat a well-respected team in San Francisco," Ward said. "People were waiting to see if we could beat a team like USF, and we did just that."

I mentioned the intangibles. More proof of that is the fact that the Aggies have won 10 games when their opponents have scored first and have won five games when going into the sixth inning without a lead. If you follow Aggie baseball, you know that is a major improvement.

I told you last week about the individuals who are getting noticed by national and



JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

conference observers. Senior shortstop Bryan Marquez was the Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week and played a big role in the come-from-behind victories. He had a clutch hit in a 5-4 victory over No. 20 New Mexico and hit a game-tying grand slam against Hartford. Junior Mike Soders has also been clutch for the Aggies with the second best batting average in the WAC at .429. Catcher Jeff Farnham is now on the Johnny Bench Award watch list for the country's best backstops.

Success breeds success, and no one knows this better than Ward. "This is good for our program and good for recruits, because it shows them that we are building a good team here," he said. "This also shows that we are working hard and the players are putting in the time and effort to get the wins. They deserve the recognition."

If you are wondering when the last time NMSU was in the national baseball polls, you have to go back to 2004, with a 19-4 start. The rankings come from the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll, which is the oldest college baseball poll, operating since the 1957 college baseball season. Obviously there is a long way to go, but good starts often lead to great endings.

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Friday, March 27

Softball
Fresno State
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Baseball
Texas-Pan American
Edinburg, Texas
6 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Men's Tennis
Brown
Tampa, Fla.
8 a.m.

Women's Tennis
Tulane
Las Cruces.
10 a.m.

Softball
Fresno State
Las Cruces.
2 p.m.

Baseball
Texas-Pan American
Edinburg, Texas
6 p.m.

Equestrian
West Texas A&M
Las Cruces
TBA

Track and Field
Springtime Invitational
El Paso, Texas
All day

Tuesday, March 30

Men's Golf
Morris Williams
Invitational
Austin, Texas
All day

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Stephanie Eusebe
Senior
Women's Tennis

Senior Stephanie Eusebe posted a 2-1 record in both her singles and doubles matches last week for the Aggie women's tennis team who went 1-2 in the 2009 Barnes Collegiate Invitational

in San Diego, Calif. Eusebe, playing at No. 3 singles, defeated Elizabeth Johnson in three sets against No. 53 Utah to open the weekend, and then capped it off with a straight-set win over Texas-Arlington's Diana Negreanu. In her doubles matches, Eusebe went 1-1 at No. 1 and 1-0 at No. 2 with Isabela Kulaif.



Kristi Randall
Senior
Softball

New Mexico State senior left fielder Kristi Randall had a record-breaking performance during the WAC season opener against Nevada. Randall topped the program's all-time

career walk record, following a pair of walks against the Wolf Pack, pushing her career walk record to 84. She also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and a triple, along with scoring a run.

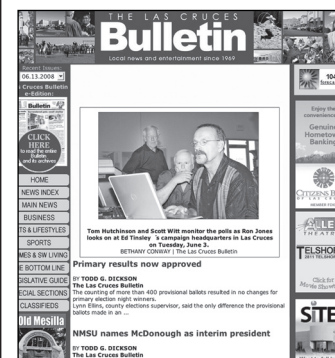


Jordan Veney
Junior
Track and Field

Junior thrower Jordan Veney earned two bronze medals in the Aggies' season opener, the Willie Williams Invitational. She recorded the first in the hammer throw with a launch of 48.82 and the

second after recording a throw of 46.64 in the discus. She also placed eighth in the shot put from a toss of 12.81 meters.

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Starting pitcher Sabastien Vendette delivers a pitch during the Aggies' 10-6 come-from-behind victory against San Francisco Sunday, March 22, at Presley Askew field.



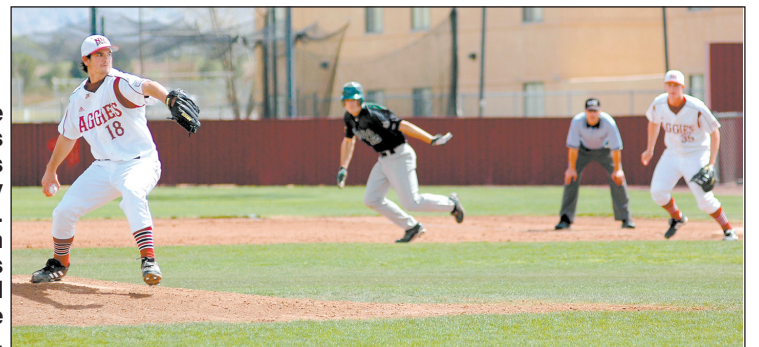
Richard Stout had a good eye in the final game against San Francisco, getting a hit and a walk in four at bats.



Nate Shaver had 3 hits and drove in 2 runs on Sunday.

A San Francisco base runner attempts a steal as Sabastien Vendette delivers a pitch and Ben Harty covers first base.

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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

FOR SALE OF LAND BY SEALED BID

Sale No.5974, Otero County, New Mexico

The Commissioner of Public Lands gives notice that pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), N.M.S.A. 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, Rule 19.2.14 NMAC, and the public auction process described in this Notice, he is offering for sale, by sealed bid, the surface estate of the following state trust land (the "Land"): Pt. Lot 4, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2; Lot 1, Pt. Lot 2, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 6 East, N.M.P.M., Otero County, New Mexico, containing 325.263 acres, more or less. The Land is located approximately one mile west of Highway 54 and south of the paved road which parallels the southern boundary of Ft. Bliss Military Reservation.

1. The Land is offered "AS IS"; The Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its condition or fitness for any purpose. The Land is offered as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered.

2. Details of this offer, applicable rules, instructions for submitting a sealed bid, and the required form on which a sealed bid must be submitted are in the Bid Information Packet, which may be obtained by written request, in person, by telephone or emailing. Contact the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501, Attention: Dallas Rippey, Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Resources Division, phone (505)-827-5760 or emailing dbearden@slo.state.nm.us. The Bid Information Packet is incorporated in this Notice by reference and should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid. Sealed bids not complying with the requirements set forth in the Bid Information Packet are subject to disqualification. Conforming bids received will be evaluated by the Commissioner. The Commissioner reserves the right to withdraw the bid or reject all bids submitted and to re-offer the Land for sale and/or exchange on the same or different terms.

3. The Minimum Bid is \$736,000.00. Bidders are encouraged to offer amounts greater than the Minimum Bid.

4. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction and Performance Deposits in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the forms specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable \$30 Sale Application Fee, the Performance and Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Deposits.

1. Transaction Deposit: Sale Application Fee (non-refundable) \$30.00
Advertising Cost \$3,086.21
Appraisal Cost (State Trust Land) \$2,600.00
Survey Cost (State Trust Land) \$ 4,012.50
Total Transaction Deposit \$9,728.71

2. Performance Deposit (10% of Minimum Bid) \$73,600.00

3. Total of Deposits - \$83,328.71

5. Transfer of the Land will be subject to all valid leases,

encumbrances and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in the records of the State Land Office and the Otero County Clerk's Office. Authorized improvements associated with the encumbrances are not included. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land.

6. The Land will be conveyed by a single patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

7. Bids, including one (1) paper copy of required information and materials as well as any transmittal letter and supplemental materials, and the required Deposits, must be submitted in a sealed container, clearly marked Sealed Bid for Sale No. 5974, addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Assistant Commissioner, Dallas Rippey, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. April 30, 2009.

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX (505) 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 10th day of February, 2009.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub #8502
Dates 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-3166
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINE Y. CHAVEZ, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot numbered 8 in Block numbered 2 of Valley Gardens Subdivision Unit No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Valley Gardens Subdivision Unit No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 19, 1985 in Plat Book 13, Folio 380-381.

The address of the real estate is 2062 Windsor Place, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 23, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$159,319.05 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 26, 2009.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
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Submitted by:

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2828
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.
OTHAN ZAMARRIPA AKA OTHON C. ZAMARRIPA AKA OTHON ZAMARRIPA AKA OTHON ZAMARRIPA, MARIA MARGARITA ZAMARRIPA AKA MARIA MARGARITA ZAMARRIPA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 4B, VALLE DE ORO SUBDIVISION, NO. 1, REPLAT NO. 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on November 22, 1989, recorded in Book 16, at Page 167, of Plat Records, New Mexico.

The address of the real estate is 14 Sierra Madre Drive, Mesquite, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 23, 2009, in the above-

entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$37,439.93 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 26, 2009.

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Pub #8545
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2973

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs.

PAULA L. PELKEY and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 1, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3572 Ewy Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in

Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 3, Block B, NORTHPOINTE SUBDIVISION NO. 5, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 18, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 589-590 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 27, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$222,452.43 and the same bears interest at 7.000% per annum from March 1, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,365.19. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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,
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c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
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575-524-2121

Pub #8548
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-3139

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM DEWAYNE EDGAR; LUCIA EDGAR; CITIFINANCIAL, INC.; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 1, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 108 Calle Pequena, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 12, VALLE HERMOSO PHASE 1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4371 on 05/10/2006 in Book 21 Page(s) 617-18 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 25, 2009, being an action to

foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$175,378.93 and the same bears interest at 7.85% per annum from February 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,307.44. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$246,787.95 and the same bears interest at 9.625% per annum from February 16, 2009. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,928.49. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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.

Pub #8549
Dates 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-3006

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

TODD EMERSON SCARBROUGH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 1, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4007 Pine Needle Bend, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 7 in Block numbered H of Sandhill Center Heights, Phase 6, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sandhill Center Heights, Phase 6, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 16, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 13-14.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 25, 2009, being an action to

foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$175,378.93 and the same bears interest at 7.85% per annum from February 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,307.44. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-3006

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

TODD EMERSON SCARBROUGH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 31, Block 4, THE PINES, UNIT TWO, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 2694 on 08/01/1995 in Book 18 Page(s) 303-04 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February

foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$175,378.93 and the same bears interest at 7.85% per annum from February 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,307.44. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1019

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF CAROL A. ALBA aka CAROL ANN CHAVEZ, Deceased; MELISA ANN PUENTES, Individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol A. Alba aka Carol Ann Chavez, Deceased; AARON PUENTES; ALBERT CHAVEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF CAROL A. ALBA aka CAROL ANN CHAVEZ, Deceased; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 1, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4007 Pine Needle Bend, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February

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27, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$107,343.17 and the same bears interest at 6.25% per annum from October 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,087.95. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NITA M. VREELAND-BRITTON, Petitioner,

vs.

DAMIAN T. BRITTON, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property and debts.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 20 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Nita M. Vreeland-Britton, 1030 Hare Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Pro Se

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 2nd day of March, 2009.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Roise Stewart
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-1128
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

WARREN LEGGETT, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (unknown occupants), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

A tract of land situate southwest of the village of Doña Ana, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 23, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as U.S.R.S. Tract 4-85G2 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found on the northerly line of the Doña Ana Arroyo Channel for the southeast corner of this tract; whence the northwest corner of Section 23, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N.13°25'45"W., a distance of 2539.83 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning along the northerly line of said channel S.60°01'00"W., 195.66 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving said channel N.24°39'45"W., 111.62 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.60°01'00"E., 196.27 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the easterly line of a 30 foot wide road and utility easement for the northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE along the easterly line of said easement S.24°21'10"E., 111.68 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.500 acre of land more or less.

The address of the real estate is 430 Eagles Nest Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 25, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$86,956.86 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the

property, if any.

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 9, 2009.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:
VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E., Suite 500
Albuquerque, New Mexico
(505) 884-8444

Pub #8558
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NOTICE is hereby given that on March 4, 2009, Patrick L. Gose on behalf of the Gose Family Trust, 741 Homestead Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88011, filed application numbered LRG-10647-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-10647 located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 2 East NMPM, and drilling replacement well LRG-10647-POD2 with 4" casing to an approximate depth of 120 ft. on land owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 8 at approximately X=1,481,781 Y=451,208 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued diversion of 4.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for beneficial use for the irrigation of 0.5 acres of land owned by the applicant and commercial use to fill spray tanks for fertilizers and pesticides, located in the Pt. SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 8. Well LRG-10647 and proposed well LRG-10647-POD2 are located approximately 700 ft. southeast of the intersection of Pajaro Rd. and NM Highway 28, southeast of Mesilla, NM. Old well LRG-10647 will be properly plugged.

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

Pub #8565
Dates 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 2009

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 12, 2009, Maria D. Benepe, 621 Marwood Lane, Las Cruces, NM- 88007, filed application numbered LRG-9237-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-9237 located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 23S, Range 1E NMPM, and drilling new well LRG-9237-POD 2 with 4 inch casing to an approximate depth of 300 feet on land owned by the applicant located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 20, at approximately X=1,453,031 Y=470,606 Feet (NMSF, Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use at the applicant's residence located within NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 20. Well LRG-9237 and the proposed well site are located approximately 170 feet northwest of the intersection of Marwood Ln. and Morton Ln. in Doña Ana County. Old well LRG-9237 will be plugged.

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Pub #8563
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NOTICE is hereby given that on Alvaro B. Sanchez, 975

Ironshoe Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-9479-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-9479-POD1 located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplemented to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 100 feet and fitted with 6 inch casing and located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of said projected Section 25, where X=1,439,932 feet; Y=532,095 feet NM State Plain Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD83 on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 2.201 acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, of said projected Section 25 located on map LRN-2 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRN-2800020107-A.

Proposed change location of well LRG-9479 can be found at 975 Ironshoe Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The old well will be plugged.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 22, 2008, Fred B. Lucero, PO Box 1970, Canutilo, TX 79835, filed application numbered LRG-5210-POD 4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-5210 located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and drilling replacement well LRG-5210-POD 4 with 4 inch casing to an approximate depth of 160 feet on land owned by the applicant within the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 29, at approximately X=1,514,868 Y=338,343 Feet (New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD 1983), for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic and livestock use at a residence located in the Pt. SE 1/4 of said Section 29. The change-from well and proposed change-to well site are located at the

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NOTICE is hereby given that on March 4, 2009, Shayne Franzoy, 2552 Calle de Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-14639 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing domestic well LRG-14639 located at X=1,467,257 Y=485,673 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet and drilling a replacement well 120 feet deep with 4-inch casing to be located at X=1,467,117 Y=485,649 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. The proposed replacement well site is located in Las Cruces, NM and can be found at the physical address of 2552 Calle de Vista. Old well LRG-14639 will be plugged.

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physical address of 1017 Casad Rd., Anthony, NM 88021. Old well LRG-5210 will be properly plugged.

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

No. CJ 09-695
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JOHANN IVAN MARTINEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Johann Ivan Martinez, 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 his name from Johann Ivan Martinez to Jovan Martinez.
4. There is no sufficient cause to the contrary why his name should not be changed to and established as Jovan Martinez

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That the Court set 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 Jovan Martinez

Respectfully submitted,
Signature: Johann Martinez
Petitioner, pro se

Print Name:
Johann Ivan Martinez

Address:
5242 Melanite Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Mailing address if different:

Telephone:
(915) 539-2434

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

NO. D0307CV200900116

HSBANK BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff,

vs.
DAVID PIMENTEL;

**JOHN PIMENTEL;
TINA PIMENTEL;
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID PIMENTEL, Defendants**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants David Pimentel and Unknown Spouse of David Pimentel.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1225 Hachita Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 8, REPLAT NO. 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before May 4, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
999 18th St.,
Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 27th day of February, 2009.

Nadine A Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

08-2368/ Pimentel, David
P546787

LEGAL NOTICES

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situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2 in Block 3 of Ponderosa Mobile Home Subdivision, Phase IIIB, 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 January 28, 1999 and recorded in Book 19 at Pages 235, Plat Records, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2003 Palm Harbor Singlewide, VIN PH1903718, FMH #ARZ262085.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 27, 2009 being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$85,447.77 and the same bears interest at 6.75% per annum from January 31, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,185.15. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8573
Dates 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 2009

El Paseo Self Storage
1585 El Paseo
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Donna Perez
999 W. Amador
Las Cruces NM 88001

C/O Katherine Kimball
137 E. Coronado Apt. #29
Phoenix AZ 85004

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #46 at **El Paseo Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$342.85. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Bicycles, Misc. Items & Lots of Boxes

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:40 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
El Paseo Self Storage
1585 El Paseo
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña

(575)525-0808
Pub #8579
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Cecilia Garcia
7585 Moonstone Cir.
Las Cruces NM 88012

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #61 at **Pecos 2 Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$426.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Mattress & Box Spring Sets, Refrigerator, (4) Chairs, T.V. Stand, VCR Tapes, Clothes, Kids Toys & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8580
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To

Paul Jacquez
820 Fir Ave. Apt. B
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #C-16 at **Rawson Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$520.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Cabinet, Baby Chair, Lawn Chairs, Ice Chest, Trash Cans, Christmas Tree, Stereo, Clothing & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8581
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005

To
Ina Arrellano
321 S. San Pedro Apt. #A
Las Cruces NM 88005

4009 Calle Estados
Las Cruces NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #H-8 at **South Main Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$420.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Entertainment Center, Mirror, Exercise Machine, Kids Bicycle, Changing Table, Baby Crib, Coffee Table, "Razor" Scooter & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:15 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.

Carol Peña
(575)525-0808
Pub #8582
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Hwy 70 Self Storage
2465 Bataan Memorial West
Las Cruces, NM 88012

To
Rachelle Kulak
2751 E. Idaho Apt. S1C
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #26 at **Hwy 70 Self Storage** moved to holding unit #C-5 at 1103 N. Solano, will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$310.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Couch, Love Seat & Desk

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano, Unit #C-5
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8583
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To

Minnesa Trout
2521 N. Main St. I-228
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #62 at **Rawson Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$1,080.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Exercise Machine, Sewing Machine, Armoire, (3) Suitcases, Bed Frame, Boxes & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub # 8584
Dates: 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
Teri Byrd
2190 Mars #1
Las Cruces NM 88012

2521 N. Main St. #1
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #C-14 at **Rawson Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$455.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Chairs, Dresser, Shelf, Lamp, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8585

Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009
Westside Self Storage
1712 W. Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005

To
Ashley Corps-Martinez
10960 Joe DiMaggio
El Paso TX 79934

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #27 at **Westside Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$169.84. The contents of the unit consist of:

Hanging Light Fixture, (2) Vacuum Cleaners, Toaster Oven, Bar Stool, Coffee Table & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Westside Self Storage
1712 W. Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8586
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To

Victoria A. Artiaga
301 N. Roadrunner Pkwy.
Apt. 1210
Las Cruces NM 88011

2528 Elfego Rd. NW
Albuquerque NM 87107

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #3 at **Pecos 2 Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$440.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Washer -n- Dryer & Baby Swing

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Pecos 2 Self Storage
1300 Pecos
Las Cruces NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8587
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To
2521 N. Main St. #1
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #C-14 at **Rawson Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$455.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Chairs, Dresser, Shelf, Lamp, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Rawson Self Storage
1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8588
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

South Main Self Storage

1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005

To

Cynthia Darego
506 E. Griggs
Las Cruces NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #F-32 at **South Main Self Storage** will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$730.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Couch, (2) Lawn Chairs, Plastic Tub, Paintings, Boxes & Misc. Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
April 18, 2009

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:15 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8589
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is given by Rollag & Associates, Inc. of the public sale of a Cessna TU206 (N4951F) aircraft and Jena LMK 50F Camera with accessories on April 4, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at 8000-10 Airport Road, Doña Ana County Airport, Santa Teresa, New Mexico.

Pub #8590
Dates 3/27, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1360

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CitiGroup Mortgage Loan, Trust, Inc., Asset-backed Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-AMC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

MANUELA HERNANDEZ, FRANK G. MANCHA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 22, 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 1735 Paxton Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 18, Block B, SIERRA HEIGHTS' NUMBER ONE, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 519 on 12/18/1959 in Book 8 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 March 13, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$98,763.51 and the same bears interest at 9.600% per annum from September 16, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,688.78. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or

any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 525-2711

Pub #8591
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-08-3141

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Trustee on Behalf of the Certificateholders Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-backed Pass-through Certificates, Series 2005-WCW1, Plaintiff,

vs.

ISIDRA AGUIRRE; FELIPE AGUIRRE; and JOHN DOE I and JANE DOE II; JOHN DOE II and JANE DOE II; JOHN DOE III and JANE DOE III; and JOHN DOE IV and JANE DOE IV, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 22, 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 2427 Lester Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
The East 1/2 of Lot 1, Block 2, LA FONDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat #759 thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 28, 1972, in Book 11 Page 16 of Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, more fully described as follows, to wit:
A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being part of the East 1/2 of Lot 1, Block 2, LA FONDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, filed July 28, 1972, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, identical with the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 2, LA FONDA ESTATES, Thence S.75 deg., 50'00"W., 93.48 feet along the North line of Lester Avenue to the Southwest corner of this tract;
Thence N.15 deg., 26'00"W., 121.86 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract;
Thence N. 74 deg., 34'00"E., 93.48 feet to the Northeast cor-

ner of this tract;
Thence S. 15 deg., 26'00"W., 123.93 feet along the West line of La Fonda Drive to the place of beginning.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 13, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$151,014.24 and the same bears interest at 9.4% per annum from March 14, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,555.65. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 525-2711

Pub #8592
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-09-61

COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,

vs.

EZAU RIOS, and if married, JANE DOE RIOS (true name unknown), his spouse; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Ezau Rios, and if married, Jane Doe Rios (true name unknown), possible spouse of Ezau Rios, is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above entitled cause of action. Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMR 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A.
4501 Indian School Road NE,
Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509
(505) 254-7767

FAX: 254-4722/4706

March 10, 2009
By/s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County,

LEGAL NOTICES

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Thence S.30°30'00"E., 502.07 feet along the westerly line of said 2.2400 acre tract to the Southwest corner thereof and the identical Southeast corner of the tract herein described, being a point on said northerly line of Carver Road;

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001**
To:
**Kassia Porter
320 E. Union Apt. 1531
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Thence S.60°03'30"W., 635.83 feet along said northerly line of Carver Road to the southwest and beginning corner of the tract herein described, containing an area of 11.8335 acres of land, more or less, together with all improvements thereon and all water rights appurtenant thereto and commonly known as 680 Carver Road.

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0695 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$377.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: boxes

Date of Auction:
April 20, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8597
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

The Plaintiffs Judgment is in the amount of \$126,872.06, plus interest accruing on said amount after March 23, 2009 to date of sale \$1,524.60. The property is encumbered by a prior mortgage dated June 23, 2006, given to Sebring Capital Partners, Limited Partnership securing a note in the original principal sum of \$384,800.00. Any purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take the real property subject to existing liens on the property, including the Sebring mortgage and any unpaid taxes liens having priority

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at 224 N. Anthony Drive, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the above-described real property situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, subject to approval of the Court, and the Defendants' one month right of redemption with respect to the real property.

Dated this the 24th day of March, 2009.

JAMES G. SCOTT,
Special Master
224 N. Anthony Drive
Anthony, New Mexico 88021
(575) 882-4500

Pub #8594
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 2009

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:
10071375-P Air Conditioning
Units

Bid Opening Date: 4/7/09

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://scquest.ion-wave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub #8595
Dates 3/27, 2009

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To:
**Colleen Antone
2462 El Dorado Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0263 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$432.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: couch, tires, box

Date of Auction:
April 20, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8596
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: tools

Date of Auction:
April 20, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8600
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To:
**Bernadette Ontiveros
462 Purdue Ct. #D
Mesilla Park, NM 88005**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0596 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$443.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: 2 refrigerators, misc.

Date of Auction:
April 20, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8601
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

To:
**Raymond Martinez
1218 Triviz Apt. B
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0656 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$606.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: bed, couches, pool table, boxes

Date of Auction:
April 20, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8602
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

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

No. CV-09-157
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

**RICHARD STANTON,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on May 6, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the

following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lots 9, 10, 11 and the North half of Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 36, PALMERS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 7, 1912, in Book 4 Page(s) 44 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 825 McFie Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 10, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$91,068.51 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 18, 2009.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578
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Dates 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 2009

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

No. D-307-CV-200800942

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, as Trustee
for the Certificateholders
CitiGroup Mortgage Loan
Trust Inc., Asset-backed
Pass-through Certificates,
Series 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff,**
vs.

**DOÑA STOUT; STAN
STOUT; SARAH STOUT;
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., as nominee; JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE
OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 22, 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 571 Spanish Broom Road, Anthony, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate West of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of the Refugio Colony Grant located in Section 6, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron rod found for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; WHENCE the Section corner common to Section 31, T.26S., R.3E., and Section 6, T.27S., R.3E., bears the following three courses and distances: N. 43°12'15"W., 643.70 feet; Thence N. 51°46'41"W., 964.12 feet; Thence S.31°47'30"W., 807.48 feet to the Section corner;

THENCE from the point of beginning, S.13°28'30"W., 122.64 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.80°44'50"W., 568.72 feet to an iron rod set at the East line of an existing road for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the East line of said road, the following two courses and distances: N.09°15'10"W., 240.56 feet to a point of a curve;

THENCE around the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 450.45 feet, through a central angle of 11°44'33", with an arc length of 92.32 feet, and whose long chord bears N 03°22'54" W., a distance of 92.16 feet;

THENCE leaving the road, S. 79°23'40"E., 645.03 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract of land contains 3.105 acres of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 12, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$777,554.54 and the same bears interest at 7.325% per annum from January 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$15,136.22. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if

any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
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Dates 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 2009

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

No. D0307CV200802027

**NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,**
vs.

**GEORGE CORRALES;
STATE NATIONAL BANK;
OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF GEORGE CORRALES,
IF ANY; UNKNOWN
MANUFACTURED HOME
OWNERS; UNKNOWN
MANUFACTURED
LIENHOLDERS,
Defendant(s)**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
SUIT**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Unknown Manufactured Home Owners and Unknown Manufactured Lienholders. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 150 Rinconito Court, Rincon, NM 87940, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 7, RINCONITO SUBDIVISION, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 9, 2003, RECORDED IN BOOK 20, PAGE 306, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before May 11, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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By: Sharon Hankla
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
JERALD A. VALENTINE,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of
the Third Judicial District of
New Mexico Judicial District
Court, Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, this 13th day of March
2009.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
By: Deputy

08-1259/Corrales, George;
P549453

Pub #8605
Dates 3/24, 4/3, 4/10, 2009

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

No. CV-08-1806

**CHASE HOME FINANCE,
LLC, Plaintiff,**
vs.

**TRACY S. ALEXANDER
and, if married, JOHN
DOE A, (True Name
Unknown), her spouse;
ARGENT MORTGAGE
COMPANY, LLC; CITY
OF LAS CRUCES; JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), Tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 22, 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 1145 North Mesilla Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 5, PARKER MANOR SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 1, 1961, IN BOOK 8 PAGE(S) 73 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 March 18, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$133,124.40 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 1, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,115.26. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Pub #8606
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 2009

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership of Liquor License No. 2654 from Tortilla, Inc. d/b/a Garduño's of Mexico to New Concepts Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a 500 South Restaurant and Bar, to be located at 500 South Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, April 20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 17th day of March 2009.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub #8607
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership of Liquor License No. 2654 from New Concepts Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Garduño's Vaquero Steak House to Springer Management of Las Cruces, LLC d/b/a 500 South Restaurant and Bar, to be located at 500 South Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, April 20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 17th day of March 2009.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub #8608
Dates 3/27, 4/3, 2009

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF NADINE E.
SANCHEZ, Deceased.**

No. PB-08-136 (Martin)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: December 17, 2008

Melinda S. Gamboa,
Personal Representative
of the estate of Nadine E.
Sanchez, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY:

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Featured home: 6835 Cottontail Lane

Details Details

Address
6835 Cottontail Lane

Square footage
3,800

Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
Three and a half

Fireplaces
One

Special features
Designed by celebrated architect Bruno Leon, this 1970s home was created in the shape of a Chambered Nautilus.

Raabe-Asprey chose a line of furniture from the Drexel Heritage Walt Disney Collection for her bedroom, modeled after a desk designed by Walt Disney himself.



The main living space of this Raasaf Hills home designed by Bruno Leon is large and open, giving the owner plenty of space to display her collection of art.

PHOTOS BY
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Along with the addition of travertine floors, the home's giant wall of east-facing windows was replaced with energy efficient Low-E panes.



The "Sticks room" includes furniture made custom for its owner, Jo Raabe-Asprey.

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If homes could fly, this one would soar

Renovation and decoration gave this Bruno Leon home new life

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Only a handful of residents in Mesilla's Raasaf Hills are fortunate enough to reside in a home by architect Bruno Leon. Former dean and co-founder of the University of Detroit School of Architecture, Leon built the first dwellings to grace the hills in the 1970s, which some might argue are still the best examples of contemporary architectural design in the Mesilla Valley.

It's no surprise that Jo Raabe-Asprey, owner of Adventure Aviation in Las Cruces and the acclaimed Signature Gallery in Huntsville, Ala., was drawn to Leon's captivating creation at 6835 Cottontail Lane.

A pilot and long-time fan of contemporary style, Raabe-Asprey needed to walk through the home for only 15 minutes before

she knew it was the one. Designed in the shape of a Chambered Nautilus, its curves, which are typical of Leon's homes, reminded her of the smooth wings of a plane and she felt right at home.

When Raabe-Asprey found it, the home wasn't exactly the epitome of elegance that it is today. At one point, someone blind to its architectural significance actually suggested that she tear it down and start over. But with a little updating and a great deal of patience, the home became the vision Raabe-Asprey had in her mind all along.

It took a great deal of sacrifice on her part, as she had to live in an apartment for months to facilitate its renovation.

"The whole thing was totally redone. I moved completely out," Raabe-Asprey recalled.

It was Dale Schueller and Kindell Cook of Dale Schueller Homes who would infuse the home with new life – a job easier said than done.

Remodeling tasks included installing travertine tile with in-floor radiant barrier heating, replacing the home's giant wall of east-facing windows with the more energy-efficient Low-E panes and updating the home's air-conditioning and cooling systems.

"I went to Italy last year and I saw travertine and said, 'That's it. I've got to have it,'" Raabe-Asprey said of her new floor.

Once the main renovations were done, Cook proceeded to add in light fixtures that would turn heads in an instant from the puzzle-like pieces in the kitchen to the contemporary chandelier in the dining room. According to the Raabe-Asprey, the home is a stunning sight at night as light pours out its windows in every direction.

Lucky for Raabe-Asprey, her sister, Ginny Despina, owns Subcon of Las Cruces and found her some of the most unique hardware around, including door knobs shaped like people, which she calls

"man handles."

When it came to decorating the newly renovated home, Raabe-Asprey said she approached this task differently than she does as curator of Signature Gallery. While she fills her gallery with cohesive lines of high-quality art and furniture, her home is filled with items that are a bit more diverse.

"I had all this stuff, and I had to figure out how to bring it all together," she said.

Her artwork, most of which is from her Alabama gallery, includes glass pieces by Stephen Gartner and Danielle Blade, paintings by Doug Odom and Brian Andreas and clocks by artist FB Fogg. Eye-catching pieces can be found everywhere from the living room's built-in shelves to the outdoor sculpture garden, which includes metal works by artist Dale Rogers and pieces from Desert Walk Desert Steel Sculpture, a line carried by Subcon.

Some of the décor, such as the large granite fountain in the home's entryway, Raabe-Asprey simply stumbled upon by accident.

Along with bringing everything together, she also gave certain rooms their own theme, such as the "Sticks room." Filled with furniture by the Idaho-based company Sticks, the set includes a table with a surface that alternates between a chess and backgammon board, and includes matching playing pieces.

"It's a line of furniture that I sell at my store and each piece is unique," she said.

"I had all this stuff, and I had to figure out how to bring it all together."

JO RAABE-ASPREY



The roof's spiral, the center of its shell-like shape, creates an eye-catching lighting effect.



Set off to the side of the main living space is a quaint area where Raabe-Asprey can relax.

"You can buy it off the showroom floor, but what they like to do is let you pick the basic piece that you want, and then you pick out a finish and then you pick out a color theme."

The home also is not without its share of luxury amenities, including a combination shower/jetted tub/steam room in the master bedroom with its own remote control and sound system.

"My favorite so far is the steam," she said. "I love my tub."

The master bathroom also includes an electric toilet seat that automatically goes up and down, leading one to believe that in the future, men will have no excuses for leaving the seat down.

While the home has come a long way, there is still something missing for Raabe-Asprey. Sitting on 10 acres, there is plenty of room to grow, and she has enlisted Leon's help in this matter.

"He's done some drawings for me because I'd like to put a swimming pool out here," she said. "He and I over the years have become really good friends. I have flown him down here several times and he helped me remodel the casita."

After becoming friends with the famous architect, Raabe-Asprey said she can only hope she has made the most of his modern masterpiece.



The master bathroom includes a combination jetted tub/shower/steam room with a remote control and surround sound.

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When is the best time to prune? For starters, the best time to prune is during the day time, because you can see what you are doing. The next-best time would depend upon the plant you want to prune.

The majority of pruning should be done during January. This includes most plants and trees that go dormant – or lose their leaves – during the winter.

Most plants that do not produce flowers early in the spring would follow this rule. This may include most shade trees such as Ash, Oak, Willow, Crape Myrtle and so on.

Some of the exceptions to pruning in winter would be plants such as Wisteria, Lilac, Forsythia, Indian Hawthorn, Spanish Broom and other early-blooming plants. These would be best pruned after they have blossomed. The reason for this is so you do not remove any potential flower buds that are developing during the late winter months. This way you can enjoy the plant's full blooming spring show.

After the plants, such as those listed above, finish blooming, you can then remove flowers, seed heads and dead twigs as needed. In some cases, this practice may help the plant re-bloom even after its prime growing time.

Roses should already have been pruned before Valentines Day, but if you need to lightly prune, you may do so now. If you have a limb or branch that may pose a threat to someone walking by, then by all means remove it. Remember, if you cut back your roses drastically, you will typically have larger but fewer flowers. If you prune lightly, you may have more flowers that are smaller in size.

Trees such as Mexican Elder, Mesquite and Desert Willow can be pruned at any time of the year, including

mid-summer, with no signs of stress. Remember, it is best to remove a smaller amount at a time when pruning, rather than waiting more than a year and then removing large limbs and branches. Don't put it off – the longer you wait, the more time, energy and money it will cost you. Most vines will fall into this category as well.

Regular light shearing will keep vines from giving you a headache later on.

Most evergreen plants can be pruned now. Oleander, Euonymus, Ligustrum and the like fall into this category. When the sap flow starts, they will recover quickly. Do not trim too deeply or you may cut into "woody" areas that may not leaf back out. Make sure there is still foliage left when trimming.

Remember, all the yard waste can be composted. If it is not practical for you to have a compost pile, it can still be separated (without any trash in it) and taken to the Solid Waste Transfer Station. There, it will be recycled into mulch and can be picked up by anyone free of charge.

There is no real mystery or magical solution to pruning.

Every plant and situation will have different

circumstances. Always remove any dead, dying and diseased plant tissue immediately, regardless of the time of year. While pruning, examine your tree closely, looking for signs of insect damage in the bark or leaf tissue. Keep in mind what the plant will look like in winter. It



GARY GUZMAN
The Gardening Guru

should still have a good shape and structure to it even without leaves. When pruning, step back after each cut and look at what you are doing. Have a "reason" for every cut you make. Ask yourself, "Why do I need to remove this branch or limb?" This brings us back to the first answer of pruning in the day. Some pruning practices I have seen out there actually look like something out of a Sci-Fi movie. I wonder if these were done at night!

Gary Guzman, owner of Color Your World and Guzman's Greenhouse, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com

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large great room and more. In-floor heating throughout the home. Appraised for \$650,000 September 2008. MLS # 806343 Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$429,000 - High Range - 557 Corona del Campo, Mint condition, custom built home- 2 master suites. One suite ADA compliant with 5'

roll in shower, separate tub, walk-in closet, access to private patio. Great room with kiva FP, tongue and groove ceiling, built-in bookshelves. Kolbe windows, solid wood doors, 2-zone heat/cooling systems. Custom kitchen, oversized pantry, island seating. MLS # 806693 Cecelia Levatino - 644-6763, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main 523-2850

\$406,065 - E. Mesa-Weaver Rd. - 5067 Vista Chico Loop, Very nice southwest home on over 3/4 of an acre. Kitchen is very bright with views of the Organs, opens to eating area and family room with kiva fireplace. Pass through lighted hall to the "party area" complete with the coolest cantina/bar and large game-room. Definitely worth a look. MLS # 806236 Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$300,000 -
\$399,999**

\$375,000 - High Range - 3075 Eclipse Ridge Lane, Beautiful entry. Great formal dining, gorgeous chandelier. Living room gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, ceiling fan. Custom kitchen, granite countertops, built-in dishwasher, oven, microwave. Office or fourth bedroom. Fabulous master suite with fireplace. Large walk-in closet. Walk-in shower, jet tub. Bedrooms have own bathroom. Hallway powder room. Valley views. Fully landscaped. MLS # 806875 Laurel A. Coyle - cell: 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main: 523-2850

\$365,000 - Sonoma Ranch - 4114 Bella Sierra Ct., This was a 2007 Parade Home. Has a detached 4th bedroom

with bath, heating/cooling. 2,345 square feet. Lots of tile, granite countertops, stainless steel kit. Built-in entertainment center in great room. Built-in wet bar, 4 baths. Professionally landscaped. Outstanding home. MLS # 807023 Open house Saturday and Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Roger Marr, Galeria de Casas Real Estate, 522-1086

\$359,000 - Sedona Hills - 2161 Southern Star Loop, Beautiful two story home on a large lot. This home has been lovingly cared for and looks like a model home. The vaulted ceilings and large windows make this home feel bright and spacious. Please ask your agent to show you this home. MLS #806892 Billie Haynie - cell: 635-8921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. -Main: 523-2850

\$329,900 - Mesilla Area - 2002 Avenida de Antigua, 4th bedroom/office with private entrance; courtyard entrance with fountain; Heated pool, auto cover; latilla covered extended patio; open deck for patio furniture; gracious master suite has walk-in curved shower, double vanities, jetted tub, large walk-in closet; beautifully designed kitchen cabinetry, well-accented tiled countertops, walk-in pantry; large utility room with workstation. MLS #806434 Laurel A. Coyle

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**\$200,000 -
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\$298,900 - Picahills-Laqui - 1555 Fairway Village, Top of line home - Fairway Village gated community. Solid surface counters. Travertine tile, except in bedrooms. Great room built-in entertainment center, fireplace. Open kitchen, custom hickory cabinets. Gas available at stove island and for dryer hookup. Reverse osmosis water system with recirculating hot water. Enclosed patio, natural gas outdoor barbecue. MLS # 806771 Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. -Main 523-2850

\$274,900 - High Range - 2744 Custer Way, Convenience and Privacy - .35 acre park-like setting in the middle of Las Cruces. 3bedroom, 3.5 baths, 2 living areas, dining room, elegant foyer, updated appliances, isolated master with sitting area, fireplace, private deck, jet tub and walk-in closet. Private sundeck, patio, and in-ground pool. Minutes away from shopping, dining and medical facilities. MLS #806344 Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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The New Mexico Pecan Growers Association is notifying the citizens of the Mesilla Valley of planned increases in agricultural burning between the months of January and June of 2009. During this time of year, the pecan growers of New Mexico burn agricultural waste from their operations, which can result in increased levels of smoke. If you have any questions regarding smoke from agricultural burning, please call the New Mexico Environment Department of Air Quality Bureau at 1-800-224-7009.

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Saving veggies from the flames

Kabob baskets a great addition to grilling gadgets

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Spring is in full swing and college students are no doubt enjoying a few days of sun and fun in the City of the Crosses.

Perhaps the most enjoyable times in the coming months will be those when friends gather to cook up a smorgasbord of food by the pool. Luckily, grilling – one of the simplest ways to make a great meal – is being made even simpler these days with the advent of helpful tools.

Adding a few brightly colored skewers in the mix is an easy way to incorporate veggies into a meal that might otherwise consist of simply hotdogs and hamburgers. But just when skewers are on the edge of perfection, a simple turn can lead to disaster – those gushy tomatoes fall into the grill, a mushroom cooked to perfection finds

its way into the flame, a peace of pineapple falls to its death. This doesn't have to be so.

What is it?

Kabob baskets are making their way into the aisles of kitchen supply stores nationwide. They solve the annoying problem that comes with regular skewers by keeping precious bites from falling into the grill.

Therefore, in addition to meats, foods such as tomatoes, squash, fruits, shellfish, small pieces of fish and other soft delectables can be nicely grilled and always end up on a plate.

How does it work?

Kabob baskets are typically produced using stainless steel formed into a long, rectangular, cage-like shape. They can range anywhere from 10- to 20-inches long. Some designs consist only of the container section of the basket while others may have long handles attached so the gadget can be easily moved over the grill.

To fill the basket, unlock the clasp on the front and open the top. Fill it with every item desired and make sure to close it tightly.

How much does it cost?

Kabob baskets can be purchased individually, in a pair and in a set of four. For those skewers lovers out there, purchasing a set is always a good idea so that food doesn't have to be grilled in shifts.

A single basket can cost anywhere from \$7.99 to \$10, while a set of two costs around \$15, and a set of four can be purchased in the neighborhood of \$25.

Where can it be found?

To help people gear up for grilling season, stores are putting out all of their grilling goodies, including kabob baskets. Check out the local grocery, kitchen supply or hardware stores and they are sure to be in stock.

Grilled Fruit Kabobs

Instead of making the traditional fruit salad, try these quick-and-easy kabobs.

- 1/2 fresh pineapple, trimmed and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 medium nectarines cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 medium pears cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 medium fresh peaches cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 to 4 medium plums cut into 1-inch chunks
- 10 apricots, halved
- 3 tablespoons honey or light corn syrup, warmed

Place fruit alternately into kabob baskets. Grill, uncovered, over medium-hot heat until fruit is heated through, about 6 minutes, turning often. Brush with honey or corn syrup during the last minute of grilling time. (Recipe adapted from www.rd.com)



Featured gadget:
kabob baskets

Teriyaki Shish Kabobs

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 pounds boneless beef sirloin steak (1-1/2 inches thick), cut into 1-1/2 inch cubes
- 1/2 fresh pineapple, trimmed and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 to 3 small zucchini, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 pound whole, fresh mushrooms (medium sized works best)
- 1/2 pound onions, peeled
- 1 large green or red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces

Combine first five ingredients; toss with the beef. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Drain beef, reserving marinade.

Place meat and vegetables alternately into kabob basket. Grill for 15 to 20 minutes, turning often, or until meat reaches desired doneness and vegetables are tender.

Simmer the marinade in a small saucepan over low heat for 15 minutes. Remove meat and vegetables from skewers; serve with marinade. (Recipe adapted from www.rd.com)

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\$208,000 - Mesilla Park South - 816 Raleigh Road, Well maintained home in desirable Mesilla Park area. Newly painted inside and out. Newer roof and covered patio. Fenced backyard. Great location. MLS # 806764 Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main 523-2850

\$100,000 - \$199,999

\$199,999 - Sonoma Ranch - 2506 Tierra Grande, This is a beautiful home that has been upgraded, includes full landscaping, large deck, window blinds. Backs up to community common area. You will only have one immediate neighbor to the left. End of cul-de-sac, low traffic. Priced below builder's price, includes all upgrades. 10 year structural warranty by builder. MLS #806648 Billie Haynie - 635-8921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main 523-2850

\$197,325 - Telshor Area - 1725 Pomona Drive, 2096 sq ft., 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2-car garage. Large pantry (pre-plumbed for a commode). Private backyard with mature perennials,

Newer Morgan storage shed. 37 by 12 covered rear patio. Breezeway from garage to dining room. Separate den with brick fascia fireplace. Fourth bedroom possible office. Only \$94.00/sq ft., MLS #806445 Ronald Leone - 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$193,000 - Peachtree - 6199 Cloud Dance, 2300 sq. ft., and only 3 years old. This 5 bedroom 2.5 bath home offers a lot of bang for the money. MLS #806877 Carl Topley - 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

\$190,750 - Mesilla Area - 2117 Via Tesoro, Refrigerated air, 2 by 6 construction, great insulation, security doors. Large living room. Utility room has extra space with work station sink and storage. Large master with ceiling fan. Great covered patio with fountain, vegetable garden, shade trees and numerous roses. Wood laminate floors are just lovely. Very well maintained home. MLS # 806433 Laurel A. Coyle - 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$178,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4361 Levante Drive, Great location, great Organ Mountain views. This end-

unit town home has lots to offer. Tiled courtyard plus nice desert landscaping. Enjoy the gas fireplace in the living room as well as the nice open floor plan. Granite counters and great appliances are just a few features this home offers!. MLS #806417 Quint Lears - 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$173,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4401 Levante Drive, Great location. Nestled in the gated Pueblos at Alameda Ranch Community. Combining the talent and expertise, John Curry and Brian Hurd have constructed a captivating

southwestern home with fabulous views. Many features are typically seen in homes ranging from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Community pool and workout room coming soon. MLS # 806333 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$169,900 - Telshor Area - 2329 Terrace Court, Beautifully remodeled inside. Two living areas, French doors, pueblo fireplace, tiled entry courtyard. Currently tenant-occupied. Large lot, new lawn in back and covered patio. Huge sandbox for the kids. Close

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Helping clients find their fit

Elaine Brown happy to be a hometown girl

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Born and raised in the Mesilla Valley, Realtor Elaine Brown of RE/MAX Classic is always happy to regale her clients with stories of Las Cruces' history – the buildings that have come and gone, the expansion of the city.

Proud of the part she has played in its growth, Brown drives through the streets of Las Cruces with homebuyers, helping those who have moved from other areas of the United States get to know their new place of residence.

"Sometimes I get out of hand telling stories about what used to be here or there, which structures are the old places that are still with us," she said. "They probably don't want to know all of it."

Still, according to Brown, there is one thing everyone wants to know.

"I always tell them where to eat and where the best Mexican food is," she said.

Born in the original Memorial Medical Center on Alameda Boulevard, where she also worked as a candy striper, Brown said being a hometown girl does tend to earn her brownie points among clients.

"When you work with folks, they don't hear too much of that, and they get really excited," she said.

In some ways, Brown's love for her hometown is what drew her to the business from the start.

"I've always wanted to be in some form of real estate. I always liked it," she said.

Entering the industry in 1971, she began as a data clerk for the county assessor, a position she would fill on and off for 14 years.

Taking time to explore, she then lived in Texas, Utah and northern New Mexico before returning to Las Cruces to begin her life as a Realtor.

She started with ERA, later moved to Coldwell Banker Results, and then finally found the right fit with RE/MAX Classic.

"Elaine (Johnson) was just starting out, and I thought, hey, I am excited about RE/MAX. It's a great company. It's No. 1 in the nation right now," she said.

It was the company's international presence and

well-known moniker that attracted Brown.

"They are internationally known," she said. "They have companies all over the world from Africa to England."

Though she admits "the last few years have been kind of crazy," Brown said on average she sells 10 to 20 houses a year and works with buyers and sellers of every kind.

As a representative of Sun West Homes, owned by Lloyd and Diana Burson, she spends a great deal of the time working with first-time homebuyers.

"They are great people, great builders and they are easy to work with," she said of the Bursons. "They build from \$150,000 all the way up to \$300,000."

No matter what the price range, she said she often becomes more than just a Realtor showing a house.

"I feel like I am part of the family when they buy a home or I am teaching them what to look for. It's just exciting," she said. "And after the deal is done, I feel like I am still part of the family. I like to keep in contact and see how things are going."

Nancy and Richard Norton can attest to this. When they moved to Las Cruces from Connecticut, Brown helped them find everything from the lot on which they built their house to the builder that constructed it.

"She helped us with everything and let us know who we should contact about anything," Richard Norton said.

Though the state of the housing market can be a bit discouraging for sellers – a recent article from U.S. News and World Report touched on the continuing fall of asking prices nationwide – Brown still encourages them to stay positive.

"They have to have a little bit more patience," she said. "A lot of them know that."

"I have faith that (the market) is going to come back around soon."

While the market is by far the biggest challenge, after acquiring her broker's license in 2003 and working as a Realtor since '95, there is one aspect of the trade in which Brown is not afraid to admit that she still struggles.

"You won't believe it, but doing my ads. They can be so difficult," she said. "I look at it as if I am the buyer and what would attract me."

It helps that her "significant other," Bill Smith also



Describing herself as an easy-going, caring person, Elaine Brown said she goes above and beyond for her clients.

works for RE/MAX Classic as a commercial broker.

"He helps me a lot with developing my ideas," she said.

Lucky for Brown, there are some homes such as her listing found at 3170 Eclipse Ridge that practically sell themselves.

"The builder is Paul Curry, and he is a very good builder. It has a lot of extra features in it," she said of the home. "The kitchen is for a chef. It has all of the high-dollar appliances and a Wolf range."

The home also includes a pool and Jacuzzi, original artwork on the walls and a three-car garage with two car lifts.

"This is a great area," she said of the neighborhood near Morning Star Drive where 3170 Eclipse Ridge is

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Featured Realtor: Elaine Brown

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located. "You are close to the city and shopping."

Of course, as a longtime resident, Brown said there are advantages to every area of the city.

"Some people like the old Downtown, other people may want the golf course, and others would just like a nice, reasonable home," she said.

Though the city will continue to change from the East Mesa to the revitalization of Downtown, as she takes her clients on the tour, Brown will always recall how it once was and share this vision with those around her.

"I might be 70 years old and still selling houses," she said.

PHOTOS BY
BETHANY CONWAY

This Southwest-style listing of Elaine Brown's at 3170 Eclipse Ridge was built by Paul Curry.



Brown's listing on Eclipse Ridge also features a "man's garage" with two car lifts.



With a pool, jacuzzi and outdoor bar area, future residents of this home at 3170 Eclipse Ridge will have a great place to enjoy the coming summer months.

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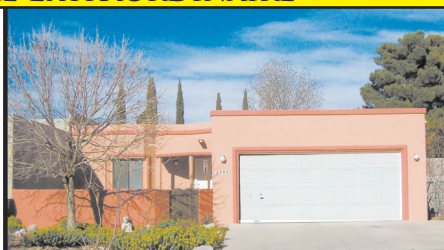
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What to do when the beer goes flat

Use these suds for cooking, cleaning and eradicating

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

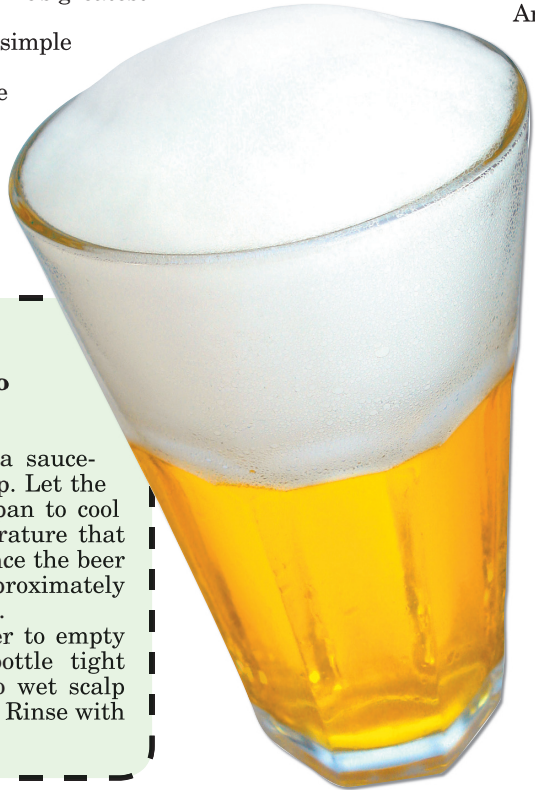
Beer, one of the world's oldest beverages, has been brewed and enjoyed by mankind since ancient times. From Mesopotamia to the middle ages, drinking beer has served as a way of celebrating some of mankind's biggest feats, as well as distracting people from some of life's greatest hardships.

It's hard to believe that a simple combination of barley, hops, wheat and water can produce the great variety of ales, lagers, porters and stouts that we enjoy today. The flavor simply depends on their combination and the way in which they are brewed. Reportedly, more

than 133 liters, or 35 billion gallons of beer, are sold per year, producing \$294.5 billion in global revenue.

From the United States to Europe, countries all over the world have beer brewing museums showcasing their most prized brews from the Heineken Experience in Amsterdam to the Guinness Brewery at St. James Gate in Ireland.

In the U.S., the Anheuser-



Beer shampoo

1 cup favorite shampoo
1-1/2 cup beer

Heat beer to boil in a saucepan and reduce to 1/4 cup. Let the reduced beer sit in the pan to cool until it reaches a temperature that can be handled easily. Once the beer is cooled, pour it into approximately 1 cup of regular shampoo.

Add shampoo and beer to empty squeeze bottle. Close bottle tight and shake. Massage into wet scalp and hair. Wait 2 minutes. Rinse with cold water.

Around-the-house item: beer

Busch Brewery features five locations offering tours of their facilities.

Why do people make such a big deal out of this fermented liquid? To each his own, but no matter what your reaction might be, you could be surprised to learn there are some beneficial and extraordinary uses for "brewski."

In a tight economy, I say just drink it. But for those with a surplus, or a few flat, unfinished bottles, here are some worthwhile suggestions.

1. Brighten the lawn: The acids in beer can help kill off bugs, while other ingredients, such as yeast, will help promote growth. For those with brown spots on their lawn, pour a few teaspoons of flat beer on these unsightly areas to give grass a boost.

2. Marinade and tenderize meat: For those who don't know it yet, beer is one of the most popular marinades for red meat. A great tenderizer, beer can be added to just about any mixture, but make sure to let it sit at least an hour.

3. No more ordinary rice: Looking to turn the everyday side into something extraordinary? The next time rice is on the menu, cook it in a bit of brew. Use an ale or stout with a bold taste. The rice will absorb the beer and have a robust flavor and a brown hue.

4. Kill slugs and snails: Slimy pests wreaking havoc in your garden? Bury a few wide-mouthed bottles of beer, about a quarter to half way full, in the garden. Slugs and snails will be attracted to them and drown.

5. Kill tiny rodents: Believe it or not, mice are actually attracted to the sweet smell of beer and will jump into a pale or bucket of it if they are given access. As long as the bucket is not too full, they will have no way of escaping and drown. Not a bad way to die, but some may think it a little inhumane.

6. Polish gold: Have gold jewelry that is losing its shine? Wet a piece of cloth with some beer and start rubbing to get the shine back. Use a second cloth to dry it.

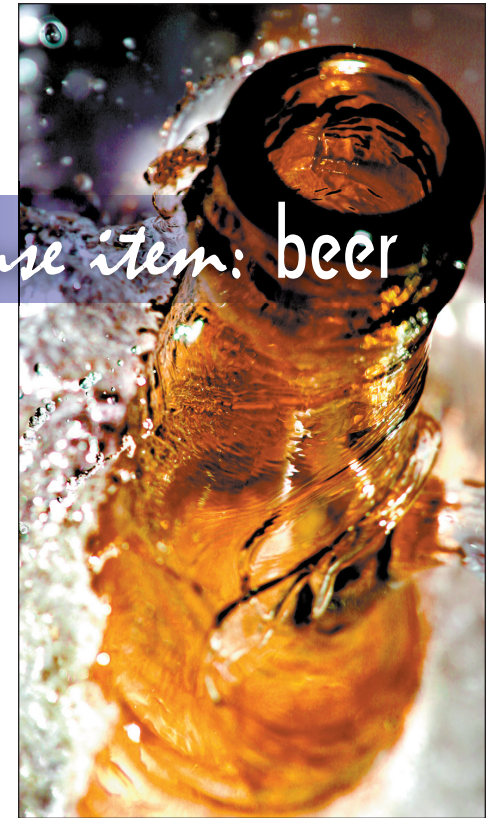
7. Polish wood furniture: Let some beer sit until it goes flat. Then, dampen a washcloth with it and rub it on wooden furniture. This will polish it and give it a shimmering, healthier look.

8. Shampoo your hair: Speaking of shimmering, beer shampoo adds body and shine without harsh chemicals. You can make your own beer shampoo at home (see recipe).

9. Cook with it: Whether boiling shrimp or steaming clams and muscles, beer can be put to use in the kitchen in more ways than one. To boil or steam, simply add equal parts beer and water and go to work. When boiling, add a bit of Old Bay seasoning to spice it up.

10. Kill annoying bees: To keep bees away during a barbecue, cut holes in the lid of an old jar just large enough for the bees to fit through, and then fill the jar with beer. Screw the top back on and set the jar out in the yard where bees and wasps are a problem. The bees will love the beer, slip through the holes to have at it, and then get stuck inside the jar.

11. Polish copper: Along with gold, beer has been used for centuries to polish dirty pots and pans. In the old days, the last bit of beer from spent kegs was collected and used to polish the copper vats in breweries. For those with copper counters or kitchenware, use those last drops to give them a shine.



Basic beer batter recipe

This is a quick and easy recipe for a beer batter that goes great with nearly any fish or seafood. It's basically a fish and chips batter made with a good beer, flour and a little oil. The keys here are cold batter, hot oil and quality fish. This recipe works well with tilapia, cod, haddock, walleye, sea bass, snapper and halibut – really any firm fish. You can even use it for shrimp, calamari or oysters. Serve this with chips, and a dipping sauce. This recipe makes enough batter for 2 pounds of fish or seafood.

2 pounds fish, shrimp, oysters, clams or squid
8 tablespoons self-rising flour
2 tablespoons olive oil
About a half a bottle of your favorite beer
1/2 teaspoon salt
Oil for frying
Kosher salt

Mix the flour, oil and salt together in a bowl. Add the beer last, and do it slowly, stirring all the time. You want enough beer in the batter to make it the consistency of house paint or pancake batter.

Put the batter in the fridge for 20 minutes.

After 10 minutes, take out the fish and salt it liberally. Let it sit on the counter for 5 minutes or so, then slice it into pieces about the size of a large shrimp.

Heat oil to 350 degrees. Any vegetable oil will do.

When oil is hot, dredge the fish into the batter and let it get coated thickly. Gently place it in the oil and repeat. Do not crowd the pot or deep fryer. Do this in several batches.

Fry until the fish is golden brown, moving it around in the oil so it does not stick anywhere. This takes about 5 to 8 minutes.

Let the fish drain on a wire rack or paper towels.

Serve at once with a sauce (tartar sauce, cocktail sauce, mustard, hot sauce, ketchup, etc.) and an ice-cold beer. (Recipe adapted from <http://fishcooking.about.com>)



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One way to stay on budget is to take the advice of the National Kitchen and Bath Association and prepare a top-10 list of must-have items. Look around the kitchen and bathroom and decide what needs to be replaced and what can be added later. If remodeling an entire kitchen is too expensive right now, perhaps it's

a good time to update a kitchen island in a contrasting cabinet style, add a bathroom storage cabinet, put in new countertops or refresh paint and flooring.

Make every inch count

To get the most out of a budget, squeeze as much as possible out of the space. Many cabinetry designs offer built-in storage and organization features – even in spaces just a few inches wide. A 3-inch base filler pullout, for example, is a vertical cabinet that features adjustable shelves with chrome rail sides and a full extension guide. This clever cabinet provides added storage space that homeowners didn't even know they had.

Scope out design trends

Remodeling on a budget doesn't mean one has to forgo fashion. A little research now will help one keep up-to-date on the newest design trends, so look through decorating magazines and watch TV remodeling shows. Also, since home design often follows fashion design, look through fashion publications to check out colors that can be incorporated into a home. For example, in all areas of décor, the popular blues that remind us of sky and water remain prominent, even in the kitchen, according to the Color Marketing Group.

Complement personal style

After forming a plan that includes all the desired design themes, homeowners will find that many stylish cabinetry products are available at affordable prices. For example, for those drawn to simple, clean lines, cabinets in the Teagan door style from Aristokraft can help put a classic spin on contemporary style. Designed to complement a traditional home or a city-style loft, this economical, stock-cabinetry offers a blank canvas for those who want to personalize their kitchen. The Teagan's uncomplicated design embraces a variety of finishes and colors to emphasize both elegant and bolder styling that endures over time, even if other design changes are made later.

Stock cabinets also allow the homeowner to create a custom look without paying a custom price. Style seekers have endless options to personalize cabi-



A vertical cabinet that features adjustable shelves with chrome rail sides and a full extension guide provides added storage space.



Research, both online and at the showroom, is the key to achieving a great kitchen.

netry to create a one-of-a-kind look for kitchens and baths, whether it's choosing unique hardware, adding embellishments such as crown molding, or incorporating fashionable wood finishes in delicious colors.

Go online to visualize

Try checking out remodeling products online before going to a store or showroom. In 2007, 19.4 percent of U.S. shoppers researched home improvement items online before purchasing them in a store, according to a report by eMarketer.

Aristokraft cabinetry, for example, offers easy to use planning tools on www.aristokraft.com to help shoppers prioritize their kitchen needs based on budget, space and the design vision. Shoppers

can "browse" an online room gallery of completed bathrooms and kitchens in different styles, finishes and types of wood. They can even see how the cabinets will look in the kitchen space using an online visualization tool, and print out a plan to keep track of their selections.

Once design styles and trends have been researched online, it's time to visit cabinetry showrooms. Seeing products and construction quality in person can help a homeowner finalize their decisions. It is always good to share ideas with the showroom's design staff and ask them to develop a plan that meets objectives and of the set budget. As an educated shopper, homeowners are more likely to get the most from their remodeling dollar.



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to Memorial Medical Center and NMSU. MLS # 806239 Gregory D. Sherman - 642-8500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$167,825 - Elks Club - 2714 Winston Avenue, 1,856 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 living areas and separate dining areas. Den brick fascia wood-burning fireplace with slider to large covered patio. Master bedroom access to patio/backyard (.30 ac). Two evaporative coolers. Walk-in closets in bedrooms. Seller will consider all fair offers.

MLS #806563, Ronald Leone - 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

\$162,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 4856 Calle Bella Avenue, Absolutely charming. Split bedroom plan. Fourth bedroom can be an office. Must see upgrades and special touches this home offers. Pergola covered back patio has been extended and perfect for admiring the beautiful view of mountains. Ceiling fans in every room. Beautiful tile. Large, efficient kitchen and so much more. MLS #806337 Renee Peterson - 640-7228,

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\$158,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4381 Levante Drive, Courtyard entrance invites you into this 2-bedroom, 2-bath townhome. Nice open floor plan. Beautiful tile in living room, kitchen, baths and hallway. Granite counters. Carpet in bedrooms. Covered patio out back. Desert Landscape. MLS #806528, Quint Lears 365-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

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ARRA offers greater tax credits for energy-efficient upgrades

Homeowners should take a 'whole house' approach

By **MILES DYSON**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, introduced as part of the federal government's stimulus package in March, has made significant increases to IRS federal tax credits for existing home energy efficiency upgrades.

The tax credit limit has been raised from 10 percent to 30 percent on qualifying improvements. Some tax credits that were for a specific dollar amount – for example, \$300 for an energy efficient central air-conditioning system – have been converted to 30 percent of the total cost (no project money limit). The list of home improvement projects that can qualify for credits includes:

- Windows and doors
- Insulation
- Geothermal heat pumps
- Solar panels
- Roofs
- Solar water heaters
- HVAC
- Small wind energy systems
- Fuel cells

Even with the help of these improved tax credits, most homeowners will need to budget for efficiency upgrades and will need to make informed decisions that impact home performance for the life of the residence. Fortunately, help is available in rating the cost effectiveness for these types of programs, as well as for insuring that important safety measures are considered.

Certified Home Energy Raters and Auditors have tools and training to implement a "whole house" approach in recommending residential weatherization and efficiency upgrades. Using a systematic inspection and testing process, a Home Energy Rater will determine a home's current energy efficiency relative to a national standard (HERS rating score). With the information developed during this process, key efficiency problems are identi-

fied and ranked for impact on home performance. Estimated project costs are included and potential efficiency upgrade projects can be ranked based on the best utility savings per project investment.

A Home Energy Rating insures the best use of the homeowners efficiency upgrade investment dollar.

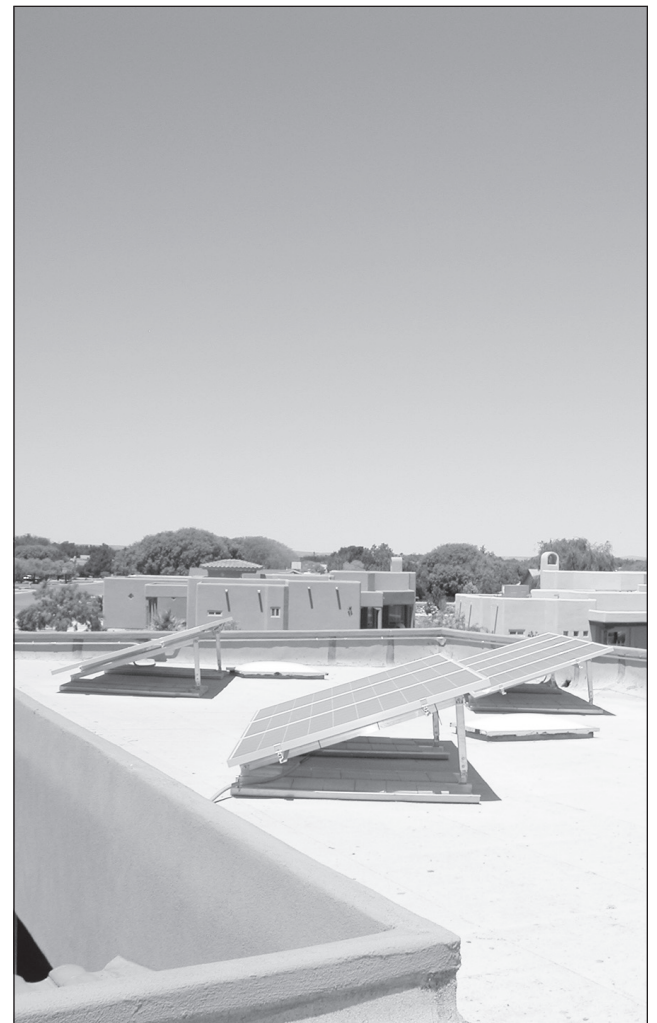
Homeowners interested in installing solar- or wind-generating equipment can use a Home Energy Rating to determine required equipment capacities. The rating may reveal efficiency upgrade opportunities that will enhance the performance of "green" power-generating equipment or recommend changes to the home that will reduce the size and cost of equipment while still achieving desired results.

For specific IRS energy efficient tax credit details, visit www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#chart.

More information on Home Energy Ratings is available at www.resnet.us or www.icenergyrate.com.

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Miles Dyson is the owner of Inspection Connection LC - Professional Home Energy Rating and Home Inspection Services in Mesilla Park and can be reached at 202-2457. Dyson is a RESNET certified Home Energy Rater and ASHI certified Home Inspector.



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Adding solar panels is one home improvement project that will qualify a homeowner for a tax credit.

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\$158,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4385 Levante Drive, Nestled in the lovely Pueblos at Alameda Ranch Community, you'll love this one. Granite counters in kitchen and baths, nice open

floor plan. The laundry room has lots of shelving for storage. Great mountain views. Covered patio out back. Desert landscaping. MLS #806525, Quint Lears 365-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

\$158,900 - Sonoma Ranch - 4365 Levante Drive, This townhouse is nestled in the lovely Pueblos at Alameda Ranch Community. Features include granite counters, nice light fixtures, utility room with shelving, great views and more. Out back you will find a nice covered patio and desert landscape. MLS # 806416, Quint Lears - 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

molding. Master bath dual sinks. Kohler cast iron tub with tile surrounds in both master bath and guest bath. Tiled entry, living room, kitchen, dining room, hallway, utility room and bathroom. Upgraded carpet in bedrooms. Vinyl Low-E windows. Front landscape has drip system and timer. MLS # 806336 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$145,000 - High Range - 2512 Los Alamos Court, Owner/Agent. Lot sits approx. 25' above street grade, can accommodate 2-story home. Vacant lot across street restricted single-story, leaving west view protected. Back boundary borders 2.5 acres of "designated open space", cannot be developed. Current lots from approximately \$120,000 to \$180,000. MLS #806570, Carl Topley - 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - 523-2850

\$139,900 - Glendale Gardens - 1024 Organ View Ave., Here's your opportunity to own a charming home tucked away in one of Las Cruces' most desirable historical neighborhoods. Constructed of stone with original wood floors and plaster walls in the original part of the house. Addition in back includes the dining room, master bedroom and master bath. MLS #806868 Renee Frank - cell: 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main: 523-2850

\$144,947 - San Andres - 2827 La Union Court, Wood cabinets and Formica counters in kitchen. Tile in kitchen, dining room, hallway, living room, and bathrooms. The light fixtures accent the tile. Master has large walk-in closet. Ceiling fans in both the living room and master. Nice, open floor plan. MLS #806659 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. - Main 523-2850

\$123,900 - E. Mesa-Weaver Rd. - 5219 Creek Trail, Priced to sell and move-in ready. Charming home located in quiet suburban neighborhood. Excellent first time home buyer or investment property! Nice curb appeal situated on .25 acre lot. Home reflects pride of ownership, must see inside. Master-Cool air conditioner just installed. Extended driveway great for RV Access. MLS # 806305 Renee Peterson - 640-7228, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$139,990 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 4942 Sherwood Rd., Maple cabinets, crown

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	3	1	5

Homes Sold Existing	11	16	9
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Pending Home Sales (All)	178	173	197
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	114	122	122

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$177,000	\$164,075	\$281,000

Median Price Existing	\$163,363	\$117,000	\$207,000
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,335	1,325	1,596

Real Estate Agents	536	535	608
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"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 03/16/09 - 03/22/09
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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Bring on the springtime

Elephant-sized lemons a treat for tart lovers

The weather today – Sunday, March 22 – is nearly ideal, with temperatures in the high 70s and blue skies. I report “nearly” for good cause. The windstorms forecasted for Sunday arrived Saturday evening. My cats got spooked from “things that go bump in the night.” They joined me under the bedcovers – one at my feet, the other under an armpit. Moving wasn’t an option for this feline lover. I slept on and off and woke up with a crick in my neck and sore limbs.

By daylight, the gusty winds had subsided, but by mid-morning they returned. Stubborn, they lasted into the night. I was disappointed. My planned early evening barbecue-on-the patio was kaput. Fortunately, what couldn’t go on the grill – Simple Spicy Lemon Chicken – could be baked in the oven.

To back up a bit: Earlier in the week, I discovered a bag of enormous lemons at my front door – a kind gesture from a neighbor whose backyard is cluttered with gnarled and sprawling citrus trees. I was shocked by their size – 10 inches in diameter and 5 inches long. “Just picked,” they promised lots of juice and didn’t disappoint. I saved all but one for homemade lemonade; the loner for the Simple Spicy Lemon Chicken recipe that, in retrospect, probably tasted better baked than on the grill. (Baking retained all the juicy savories.) It’s an ideal meal to usher in spring – turbulent winds and all.

Other springtime favorite recipes are shared below.

Simple Spicy Lemon Chicken in a Bag

Put the following ingredients in a gallon-sized Ziploc baggie:

- 4 boneless, ribless chicken breasts
- 4 medium red potatoes with skins cut into quarters
- Lawry’s Seasoning Salt, 4 shakes or to taste
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced (from jar)
- 1/4 cup white onion, chopped
- Pepper to taste
- 2 serrano chile peppers, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 4-to-6 medium-sized juicy lemons cut in quarters

Squeeze juice in baggie and toss in the rind*. Add other ingredients and shake. Marinate overnight in the refrigerator. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375 degrees. Remove lemon rind from baggie. Depending on size of chicken breast, bake in a casserole dish approximately 45 minutes or until fork tender. Serve with a sprightly salad prepared with mixed greens, mandarin oranges, sliced red onion and tomatoes. Top with favorite dressing.

*When purchasing lemons, Sharon Tyler Herbst, author of “Food Lover’s Companion,” suggests choosing fruit “with smooth, brightly colored skin with no tinge of green ... Lemons should be firm, plump and heavy for their size.”

To get the most juice from a lemon, roll a room-temperature lemon on a

hard surface several times or place in a microwave 15 to 30 seconds or until very warm.

Shrimp and Fruit Salad with Spicy Ranch Dressing

- 1 ounce lettuce leaves, chopped or torn
- 1/2 pound small shrimp, cooked
- 1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 small cucumber, ends trimmed, and thinly sliced
- 3 small oranges, peeled and cut crosswise into 1/4 inch slices – remove as much membrane from oranges as possible
- 1 medium-ripe avocado, thinly sliced lengthwise
- 1 cup commercially prepared Ranch style dressing (or see recipe below) mixed with 1 dried chile de arbol or tepin, stemmed, seeded and crushed

Put lettuce in a large, shallow salad bowl. Arrange shrimp, onion, avocado and cucumber on lettuce. Arrange cucumber and oranges on salad. Pour dressing over salad and gently mix. Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Homemade Spicy-Red Chile Ranch Dressing

- 1 cup plain, low-fat yogurt
- 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing mix
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup skim milk
- 1 dried red chile pepper, stemmed, seeded and crushed

Combine all ingredients. Refrigerate until chilled. Serve over green salad or use as a vegetable dip. Yields 1-1/2 cups.

Chile-Seared Salmon with Sweet Pear Pineapple Salsa

Chiles love salmon – they add just the right accent to flavor the salmon to its greatest dimension. Fruity salsa, spiked with chiles, adds just the right compliment.

- 1 tablespoon mild red chile, ground
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more for sprinkling
- 1/4 pound fresh salmon filet, deboned
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil (optional)
- 1 cup Sweet Pear Pineapple Salsa

In a small bowl, combine the chile, sugar and salt. Cut the salmon into 2 pieces. Rinse, and then pat dry with a paper towel. Rub the chile mixture evenly over the salmon.

Sprinkle salt in a heavy, seasoned skillet (or an unseasoned skillet to which you have added the oil). Place over medium-high heat until hot.



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Usher in springtime with Simple Spicy Lemon Chicken and a side of crisp mixed greens tossed with mandarin oranges.

Sauté the salmon for 3 to 5 minutes per side, until crisp and brown on the outside and still moist and bright pink on the inside. Serve on a pool of salsa. Yields 2 servings. (Recipe from “Real Women Eat Chiles” by Jane Butel)

Sweet Pear Pineapple Salsa

This sweet salsa combines the mellow flavor of pear with pineapple and the tart craisins or dried cranberries. The chile pulls all of the flavors together. Pork, poultry or seafood are each equally good with this salsa.

- 1 Anjou or Bartlett pear, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup dried cranberries or craisins
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pequins, or more to taste

In a nonreactive bowl, combine the pear, pineapple, cranberries and chile. Allow to stand for at least 10 minutes before serving. Yields about 2-1/2 cups, or 6 generous servings.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, 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.



Tiny aphids can do big damage

Insect is one of the most pervasive pests on the planet

Now that spring has sprung, it's time to guard our gardens against one of the most pervasive pests – the aphid.

Aphids are the bane of gardens large and small. There's a variety of aphid for just about every plant, and in large numbers they can do hefty damage.

They'll cause leaves to curl and yellow and become distorted – and may do the most damage in warm weather. Grown plants can withstand the damage, but it still warrants controlling. Aphids can also spread viruses among crops such as pumpkins, melons and cucumbers.

The small insect, which emits a sticky substance known as honeydew, has many natural predators, giving gardeners a choice other than a chemical attack. Insecti-

cides will kill beneficial bugs right along with aphids.

Other insects, ants in particular, may work to protect the aphid as their honeydew is a source of food. The presence of ants as well as insects that are the aphid's natural predator – ladybugs and lacewings to name two – may be a clue that you have a large aphid population, according to the University of California Integrated Pest Management Program Online, a website that's a great resource.

Check for aphids often – at least two times a week – to catch evidence of the insect before the population gets out of hand. Aphids become more difficult to control when damage appears because they can take refuge from chemicals and predators behind the curling leaves.

Before planting your garden, make sure to check sur-



BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

rounding plants and trees for aphids. If you find any, clip leaves and discard them.

The parasitic wasp is an archenemy of the aphid, laying eggs inside the aphid. When you start to see aphid "mummies," skin that's turned crispy and brown, you may soon see a reduction in the aphid population thanks to this natural predator, UC says.

Ladybugs, lacewings and syrphid flies can also help control aphids. The offspring of lacewing, called aphid lions, have a voracious appetite for aphids. The best enemies are those that are native to your garden. Buying a batch of ladybugs from your local nursery may help control the population, even if they'll tend to fly away in a few days.

You may want to research reflective mulches that can help protect against aphids. Meanwhile, blasting plants with a hard spray of water will knock many aphids off as well as clean the plants of honeydew. This is a practice for the morning, so that the rising sun will burn the moisture from your plants.

Probably the safest chemicals available for do-it-yourselfers are insecticidal soap, neem oil and narrow-range oil, according to UC. But they will kill predators, too. You can spray these on plants with water to thoroughly cover them. But remember, they will only kill the aphids – and predators – that are present on the day of spraying. They won't kill the insects that come in after the application.

There are other chemicals that can be used if these remedies don't do the job. But hopefully, this is enough to give you a starting point.

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No. CV-08-2979

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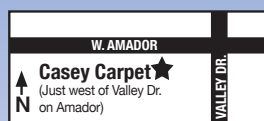
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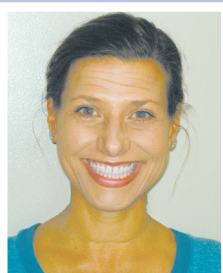
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