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Telshor-Lohman expansion work starts

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RT Electric employees Antonio Rodriguez, left, and Jose Aguilar work on digging a hole Wednesday, July 29, for traffic light wiring on the corner of Telshor Boulevard and Foothills Road.

New work schedule spares Christmas shopping season

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

Expansion of the busiest intersection in Las Cruces has begun and won't take as long as originally estimated, nor will it put a squeeze on Christmas shopping.

When Las Cruces city officials first announced they landed state funds to expand the intersection of Telshor Boulevard and Lohman Avenue, the bad news was that it would take 18 months to complete and would have to begin as soon as possible to secure that state money, which meant the street work would be happening during the holidays.

But the $2.28 million intersection expansion will now be done in five phases with a work stoppage between Nov. 25 and Jan. 4.

After Jan. 4, the road construction contractor will have 60 days to get the job done or pay a $1,500 per day penalty. Also, a $3,500 per day penalty will be assessed if work to be completed by Nov. 24 falls behind.

Michael Johnson, city public works director, said the city put the new requirements into the project when taking bids to see if a contractor would be willing to work quicker and work around the Christmas shopping season.

The idea worked and bids also came in lower than expected because of the recession, Johnson said. Morrow Enterprises won the bid.

The expanded intersection will allow simultaneous left-hand turns off Telshor, reducing the amount of traffic light phasing and lessening the north-south traffic backups that are now commonplace during rush hours.

As a result, traffic lights and utilities at the intersection will be upgraded. The driveways and sidewalks will be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and, of course, the road will be resurfaced. The project scope on Telshor reaches south to Foothills Road.

The first phase of work includes improvements to utilities from Lohman to Foothills. The next phase will take place north of Lohman and include more utility work and widening of the road. The third phase will involve the actual intersection and will include sewer work. The fourth phase will make changes to medians and the last phased will be final road surfacing and shoulder work.

"This has been long awaited and long overdue," Johnson said.

It is the city's busiest intersection used by about 42,000 vehicles a day.

Assistant Manager Robert Garza knows that well. He was still with the state Highway Department when Telshor was first widened as the current Interstate 25 interchange was put in on Lohman Avenue. A larger intersection was envisioned, but there wasn't enough funding, Garza said.

"It should have been done eight to 10 years ago," Garza said.

In anticipation of future widening, new businesses such as the Garduño's restaurant were required to be set back further than their owners would have liked with right-of-way agreements in place.

Though the city will be able to dodge some criticism by stopping road work during holiday shopping, with an intersection that gets as much use as Telshor and Lohman does, "on a project like this, there is never a good time to do it," Garza said.

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Volunteer group to help searches for elderly

Smoot death shows need for Alzheimer's response network

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

A group of volunteers are organizing in response to the recent death of a man with Alzheimer's whose body was found in the desert after he walked away from his senior living center.

When Brayton Smoot wandered off July 3, Audrey Hardman-Hartley was one of many local people who tried to help authorities find the missing 77-year-old. She took her husband's four-wheel drive vehicle into the desert around the Roadrunner Parkway senior center trying to find him. Hardman-Hartley now knows she drove in the area where his body was found late last week.

SMOOT

But even before the tragedy had revealed itself, Hardman-Hartley and others in the community who work with the elderly and Alzheimer's sufferers began talking. They were concerned that there wasn't a more organized

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NMSU professor services set

McCarthy advocated for disabled students

MCCARTHY

New Mexico State University civil engineering professor William McCarthy, who was an advocate for students with disabilities, died Tuesday, July 28. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at St. Albert the Great Newman Center, 615 S. Solano Drive.

"Bill McCarthy was a great inspiration to us all – students and faculty alike," said Kenneth White, interim dean of the College of Engineering. "He was always student-oriented and put the needs of the student foremost in any decisions.

"I first met Bill as an undergraduate working diligently to complete the challenging curriculum in civil engineering in the days before NMSU or others had made accommodations for those with disabilities either physically or mentally. It was my privilege to be his adviser for his Ph.D. and mentor in his early days on our faculty. He was a primary force in making changes on the campus to help students with disabilities enter science and engineering careers.

"We will all miss Bill and miss his leadership and loyalty to the students at NMSU. He was such a role model for students in engineering at NMSU, around New Mexico and the nation."

McCarthy was director for the Regional Alliance for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Squared (RASEM2) for students with disabilities, a National Science Foundation-funded program that he started in 1999. The first of its kind, RASEM2 is a regional alliance between New Mexico and west Texas to support students with disabilities, helping them overcome the educational barriers they face in considering science, engineering, math and highly technical careers. The program provides support for student mentors, holds an annual summer camp for pre-college students and conducts a teacher outreach program.

McCarthy received a presidential appointment to the NSF Committee for Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering and served as a member of the NSF Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee. He was a member and vice president of the Engineering Foundation Board of Directors.

Paralyzed in a car accident in 1966 as a senior at Las Cruces High School, McCarthy was told to abandon his dream of becoming an engineer. He achieved his dream and more. McCarthy earned his doctoral degree at NMSU in 1981 and served as a graduate assistant during his advanced studies. He was a registered professional engineer in New Mexico.

McCarthy joined the civil engineering faculty in 1981, reaching the rank of full professor in 1995. He subsequently served as associate dean of engineering, interim dean of engineering and interim associate provost at NMSU in charge of student success and academic programs. He then returned to the civil engineering faculty in 2006.

During his tenure, McCarthy received numerous awards and recognition for teaching excellence, including the Frank Bromilow Award, The Chi Epsilon Southwestern District James M. Robbins Award and the Dennis Darnall Faculty Achievement Award. He served as president of the NMSU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and was a member of Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi Honor Societies.

A scholarship honoring McCarthy is being established. For more information, call 646-2913.

Keeping 'Waste in Place'

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

South Central Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator Bonnie Yafoya, above left, tells a group of students Wednesday, July 29, about the different recycling features for metals and plastics at the Transfer Station at 2865 W. Amador Ave. Below, Mesilla Park Elementary teacher Lora Armendariz gives Matt Behrens, 7, a piggy-back ride as they tour the plant.

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Doña Ana County website still among the nation's best

Now second-ranked site

For the fourth consecutive year, the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties (NACo) have named Doña Ana County's website among the best in the United States for counties with populations under 250,000.

The county's website is ranked second in the nation in its category – up from fourth in 2008, eighth in 2007 and ninth in 2006.

The website was overhauled in March 2005 in a joint project by the Doña Ana County Public Information Office and the Doña Ana County Information Technology Department. It is updated on a near-daily basis.

Doña Ana County will be among the top digital counties honored at a national awards ceremony, which will coincide with NACo's national conference in Tennessee this weekend. District 1 Doña Ana County Commissioner Oscar Vásquez Butler will be on hand to accept the award on behalf of Doña Ana County.

The full list of winners can be viewed at www.center-digitalgov.com

Each April, all counties in the U.S. are invited to participate in the Digital Counties Survey. County officials respond to questions that include more than 100 measurements and data points about online service delivery, infrastructure, architecture and governance models.

"Our website is constantly being improved due to teamwork and innovative ideas between the technicians and department heads and users," said Doña Ana County Manager Brian Haines.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government.

NACo is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress.

Doña Ana County's award-winning website can be accessed at www.donaanacounty.org.

Lions Club scholarships

Las Cruces High School student Audrey Houpt received a $500 college scholarship from the Lions club in May.

Oñate High School Student Adam Tellez received the $500 Harvey Wilke college scholarship from the Lions Club in June.

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Summer learning academy teaches new math skills

Teachers from area school districts learn at NMSU sponsored event

Las Cruces Public Schools Summer Math Learning Academies were held during the week of July 20 to 24, with a total of 175 elementary teachers participating, including 136 teachers from LCPS and 39 from Hatch, Cloudcroft, Gadsden and Las Cruces Catholic Schools.

The academies were sponsored by LCPS and New Mexico State University's Mathematically Connected Communities Project (MC^2).

"The goal of the academies was to provide professional development for K-5 teachers in order to deepen their knowledge and level of implementation of the math investigations core program with the students," said LCPS Director of Elementary Instruction Elizabeth Marrufo.

Session I was titled, "Mathematics in the Classroom K-5."

In the session participants:

- Explored numbers with an emphasis on the development of sound number sense and a deep understanding of numerical relationships and arithmetic operations
- Worked on visual and spatial problems to learn more about 2-D and 3-D geometry and their relationships to numbers
- Collected, organized, represented, and described data
- Studied implementation of investigations at their own grade level
- Assessed students' understanding by examining student work
- Explored adaptations and extensions at all levels to reach all students
- Addressed issues of communication with parents and the larger community

"Building Computational Fluency K-5" was the focus of Session II.

In the session participants:

- Learned about the structural foundations of computational fluency
- Examined their own and children's computational strategies
- Looked closely at the ways in which strategies for fluency develop
- Focused on activities/games in the Investigations curriculum that support the development of computational fluency
- Discussed the development of number and computation ideas at different grade levels
- Used assessment to make instructional decisions that support the development of computational fluency

Feedback was very positive for both academies. Comments written on the evaluation forms included:

- "I had a wonderful learning experience."
- "I gained great insights into how to create a community of learners."
- "I feel more comfortable with the Investigations curriculum."
- "I am feeling confident and excited about teaching the Investigations curriculum."
- "I have a better understanding of how a student might solve a problem, and I have learned strategies that I can use to reach a variety of learners."
- "The Investigations curriculum builds on computational fluency from K-5."
- "I can support math learning in more meaningful ways."

For more information, contact Sandy Nakamura or Mary Sloan of the LCPS Professional Development Center at 527-6054, or visit http://mc2.nmsu.edu/academy/general.htm.

Teachers from around southern New Mexico participate in the Math Learning Academy held at New Mexico State University, July 20 to 24.

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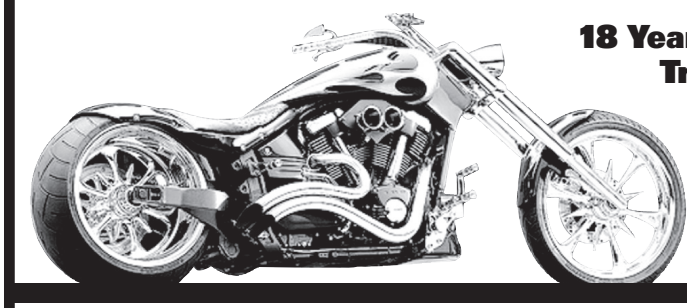

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Life is good in Las Cruces

Bulletin's 2009 Community Guide features something for everyone

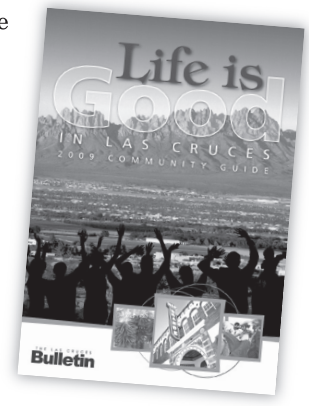
BY DAVID E. MCCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

McCOLLUM

In this week's edition of the Las Cruces Bulletin readers will find a colorful 116-page magazine titled "Life is Good in Las Cruces." This special publication has been in the works for a couple of years, and despite the challenging economy, we decided that this is the year to produce our premiere issue.

Our original plan was a bit more conservative in that we expected the magazine to be 48 pages. However, local businesses, organizations and institutions caught the vision of what we were trying to accomplish. Before we knew it, our publication grew to 116 pages, and could have been larger, except for the fact that we were already overwhelmed by advertiser and community response.

The guide is included with this week's Bulletin. We originally planned to publish the guide on July 24. However, because of the increased number of pages, and our demand to maintain our quality standards, we chose to delay the printing and distribution of the magazine until July 31. Additional copies will be available throughout the year at more than 100 locations in the Doña Ana County area. We will also deliver guides throughout the state at tourist locations and chambers of commerce as well as city, county and state offices.



The cover design includes a late afternoon photo, taken by our Art Director Theresa Montoya Balsadua, of our majestic Organ Mountains overlooking the city of Las Cruces. In the foreground are silhouettes of real Las Crucens celebrating the fact that they live in such a wonderful city. Actually, the silhouettes are Bulletin employees whom Theresa cajoled into meeting at 6 a.m. somewhere on the West Mesa for the early morning photo shoot.

Our sales and marketing team, led by Claire Frohs and Jaylene Watkins, did an outstanding job of presenting the benefits of the "Life is Good in Las Cruces" concept to their clients. Our design team, under the thoughtful direction of Production Manager Rachel Courtney, did an outstanding job in producing the 150 ads and designing the 116 pages. The news team, headed by editors Kristine Sandrick and Gabe Vasquez, exceeded expectations as they produced a wide range of interesting and informative content. Using our own "Shop Local, Shop Las Cruces" business guidelines, the magazine was printed locally by Signature Offset at its modern printing facility on the west side of Las Cruces.

We are proud of our historic Las Cruces community. Hopefully, this feeling shows clearly through this publication, and will help other local residents share the positive attitude that our Las Cruces lifestyle is among the best in our country.

We trust you will enjoy "Life is Good in Las Cruces." If you need additional copies, just come see us during the week at 840 N. Telshor Blvd.

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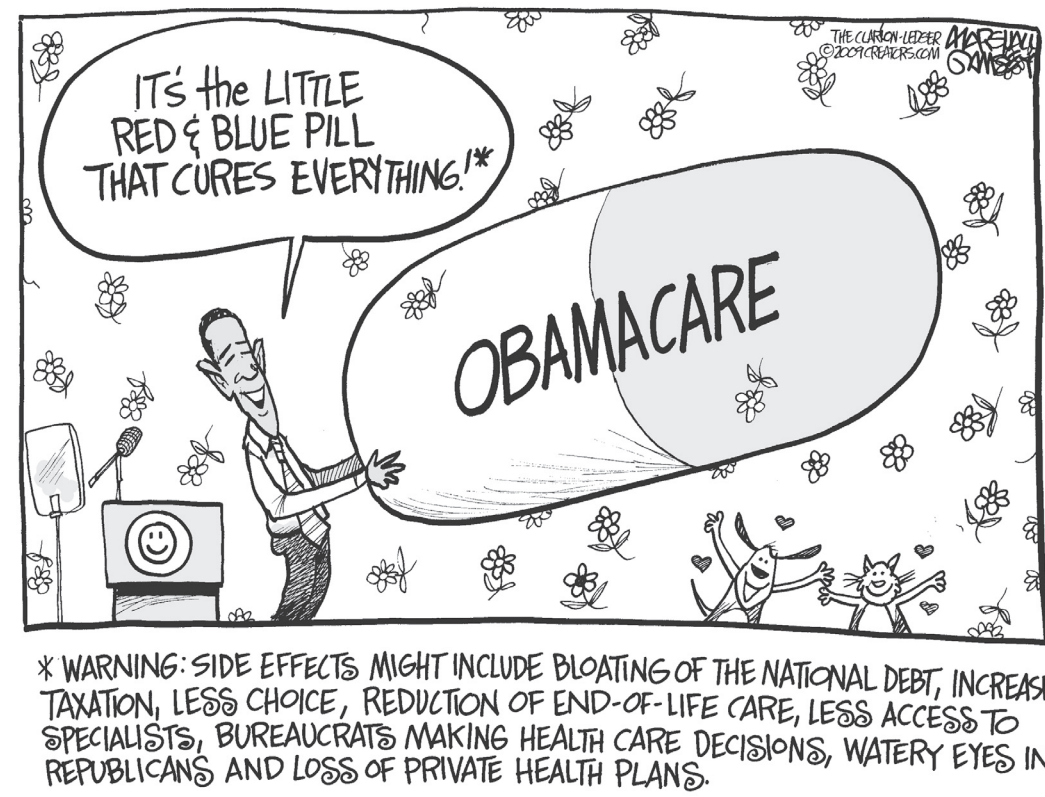

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School situation a mess

This is in reference to Beth Sitzler's article regarding the Palmer, Ethel, and Parker streets' opposition to Las Cruces Catholic School's request for a variance (Las Cruces Bulletin, July 3). The subsequent appeal on the variance by the neighborhood; and then the appeal on the appeal of the variance by the schools.

If there is a possibility of an increase in student population, why not copy Las Cruces Public Schools' policy of building a new school on a new site? Surely the diocese has other parcels of land on which to build a school, even at the pre-primary to secondary levels and room to build a chapel.

Why provoke neighborhood ire by proposing expansion, on an 11-acre tract already densely-packed and congested by traffic – traffic that has to come from different directions to a one-sided site?

The proposed compromises by the school seem entirely in the interests of the school and do not offer any viable alternatives to the neighborhood, such as decreasing traffic flow, albeit during certain times of the day, but with an overflowing concentration.

Why has this been turned into such a mess? If the diocese really wants a high school, why can't it emulate St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe, or Cathedral High School in El Paso?

LEE GEMOETS

Comments inappropriate

On Saturday, July 11, I attended the "Thank You" ceremony at Veterans Park for J. Joe Martinez.

Martinez received accolades from veteran's organizations and the public for all the hard work he does for veterans. It was great to hear his stories of family and friends. He also told everyone how Veterans Park and the Bataan Memorial came to be. It was very moving.

Earlier Martinez told me that he was glad to see me there because he had a special announcement to make after the ceremony. His announcement was that he had preliminary plans to build a monument for Vietnam veterans. The renderings were beautiful.

The ceremony was great, except for the very end. The organizer of the event began to make political and religious comments to the crowd.

I'm sorry, but that was not the time or place to state personal view points to the audience. We were there to give thanks to a very special person and as for myself, it made me very uncomfortable. I also noticed that I wasn't the only one that felt that way.

I'm a Vietnam veteran and when we were "in country," I don't remember discussing our political or religious views with one another. Our main concern was if we were going to make it home safe and sound.

So please, choose wisely where and when you feel that it's necessary to state your views.

RICHARD CASAUS

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State employees take pay cut to court

Little sympathy likely to be found from the general public

JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol

As I predicted early this month, the state's public employees were denied a request for a temporary injunction prohibiting public employers from adding an extra 1.5 percent increase in their retirement contributions.

Early this year, the 2009 Legislature, decided to cut public employer contributions to employee retirement and add it on to employee contributions. It will save the state around $43 million this year.

The legislative action affects all 57,000 public employees at the state and local levels of government, including education employees in public schools, colleges and universities. Their pay for next year will be 1.5 percent less.

It seemed evident when the hearing on the temporary injunction was postponed from its June 29 setting that the state district court didn't see a need for temporarily stopping the pay cut that would begin on July 1.

The actual hearing on the merits of the case will be scheduled for a later date. Although the public employee unions involved in the suit can point to some constitutional questions the legislation raises, Judge William F. Lang indicated he feels the proper place to resolve the differences is the Legislature.

That's a good indication of how the hearing on the merits of the case is likely to be decided. Public employees have heard that message and are gearing up for some heavy-duty lobbying of lawmakers.

Don't be surprised to see an effort made to get it on the agenda for the possible special session of the Legislature this fall. The session will be necessary if August revenue projections indicate revenues sagging even more than anticipated during last winter's regular legislative session.

It is widely expected that will happen, however, at this point legislative leaders are said to be shying away from a special session, possibly because so many special interest groups are applying pressure to put additional items on the agenda.

A monkey wrench thrown into the works following the hearing on the preliminary injunction has been a news release from the Attorney General's Office announcing that Judge Lang granted the attorney general's motion to dismiss the case entirely.

During the two days following the attorney general's announcement, I have been in contact with the office seeking a clarification of the statement.

There has been no clarification or retraction of the announcement yet. I understand other news sources are now in contact with the Attorney General's Office so that may be clarified by the time you read this.

The public employees make the point that they are being subjected to discriminatory treatment because employees in the private sector are not subject to the pay deduction. While that is true, no public employee has been subject to a job loss, furlough, wage cut or loss of benefits as have many private sector workers.

That would seem to put public opinion on the side of the lawmakers who decided on the pay cut. But lawmakers are due some embarrassment themselves. They neglected to cut their own retirement contributions by the state and add it on to their contributions. That's an issue that is likely to arise the next time they meet.

As for the public employee cuts, lawmakers said it is the least painful alternative to find another $40 million to balance the state budget. The state employees' union has constantly advocated that twice as much revenue can be gained from making big out-of-state corporations pay their fair share in taxes to the state.

Because New Mexico doesn't require something called "combined reporting," these companies can hide their New Mexico income by reporting it in states that charge a lower corporate tax.

Maybe docking public employees is less painful than disappointing big corporate lobbyists, but it shouldn't be. Local businesses are hurt too. Maybe some of the $80 million the state should be getting from the big boys could be used to lower taxes on local businesses.

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

Letters to the Editor

Bill costs jobs

Have you read the health care bill before the U.S. House of Representatives? No wonder the congressmen don't read these bills before they sign them, it's subsection this and subsection that, the pages become twisted and helter skelter, the meaning is lost from page to page. It's no wonder when our government becomes involved, lines form and prices rise. Have you ever seen the government do anything efficiently? Good luck with that.

This bill is not friendly to any of us. It is going to hurt in many ways. Because of the increase in taxes to pay for this health care debacle, small employers will cut jobs.

Estimates of 1.6 million jobs will be lost because of new small business taxes, mandates and bureaucracy according to The National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Over the next 10 years, this government takeover of health care will cost 4.7 million jobs according to Dr. Christina Romer, the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors. Since we are in the worst recession since the Great Depression, how can this government expect its citizen taxpayers to put up with this?

This is another bill that the president wants to be hurried along. Stop, look and listen, don't be caught up again in the spur of the moment. It has not worked for the country so far.

BETTY FRETTEM

On Roewe

Thanks for your recent profile of David Roewe, new executive director of what was formerly the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association.

Roewe makes no apologies for vigorously representing his "industry," and people need to take him at his word. After only six months in the area, he clearly states his intention to transform the building association into a political power.

He has been belligerent and insulting in his public interactions, and excuses his rude conduct by saying, "It isn't a personal thing."

Yet, Roewe has gone out of his way to make it personal with his aggressive approach to anyone who disagrees with him.

I witnessed his conduct in the lobby of City Hall on July 6, and was basically told by him to "mind your own business" when I attempted to question his tirade.

I have known several builders who are conscientious and have good reputations. I am confident those builders are not going to agree with Roewe's combative approach. Most builders, like most citizens, want the best for Las Cruces.

We do not need or want Roewe's divisiveness. I sincerely believe that residents and home builders can work together for the common good. We have a mayor and city council who are willing to stand up to bullies like Roewe, and for that we're grateful.

We hope they will continue to do what is best for all the people of the city.

VIOLET CAUTHON

Poison reform

America's health care system does need reform. What is being considered in the kingdom of Washington, D. C., is not reform. It is poison. It reminds me of kingdoms that engage a "royal food taster" to sample the king's food before he eats it to make sure it isn't poisoned. Better to have the taster fall down dead than the king.

Congress and the president cooked it up. They know it is poison. They are trying to force the concoction on us. They know the results will not be pretty because they exempted themselves from having to eat from the same bowl.

The president said some will taste it and will have to decide to go to hospice and wait for the end of their life because they are too old, have too many health issues, or have too little to offer the kingdom to be qualified to get the antidote.

Few legislators admit that he/she has read it. The president admitted that he was "unfamiliar" with it. The legalese is annoying but one can read and find the bad ingredients.

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Line 1 Section 102 seems to allow one to keep "current" coverage. But starting at line 7 it makes it clear that one must be in private plan by the first day that the legislation is enacted. Line 10 makes it clear that if you are not in a private plan before day one, you cannot enroll in a private plan any day after that. If you have to change from your "current" coverage, sorry, you have to eat the public stew.

I am reading it. It's a killer. Tell our congressmen and Obama when they agree to be the tasters, giving up their current plan, then you will take a taste.

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Political bait and switch schemes

Will the public ever learn from past government scams?

By Michael Swickard
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A political phrase used often these days is "bait and switch." It refers to political promises to create attractive government programs, which then are switched to the detriment of the citizens. The health care debate smells of "bait and switch" like past government betrayals.

An example is income tax. Our current income tax came from the 16th Amendment in 1913. That first year, less than 1 percent of the population paid federal income tax.

The bait was that only the "rich" would pay income tax and almost every American was not going to be bothered by this tax on the rich. The switch came little by little as more Americans were required to pay income tax. If Americans had understood in 1913 that income tax would be applied to them at some point, it would not have passed. Likewise, it would be abolished if all Americans could today vote on having it.

> "When unlimited desire meets limited resources something must give."

In 1913, the people baited by the federal income tax were the 99 percent not paying the tax. In 1935, a new program baited Americans. It was the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program, which we now call Social Security.

Initially 3 percent of a worker's wage went into a savings fund. Today it is 12.5 percent. But the switch was that in 1969 Congress turned Social Security into a Ponzi scheme by no longer saving any of the money paid into it. Instead, they put all of that money into their current government coffers and wrote an IOU from themselves to themselves.

I started paying Social Security in 1969 and not one cent of the money I paid into Social Security over my 40 years of work has been saved for me. The Social Security lock box only has an IOU instructing the future government to tax their citizens if I need any benefits.

Imagine if the citizens of 1935 were told that Social Security was going to take their money and not save it. They may have fallen for it because they did not learn from the bait and switch income tax. Will we learn our lesson before approving government health care?

The core bait on health care reform is the notion that with the government in charge of health care it will be available to all citizens and in unlimited abundance. Our desire for health care in America is unlimited. The resources for health care are limited. When unlimited desire meets limited resources something must give. That is the switch coming.

We all want to live longer and better but the resources to provide that health care are limited. Someone will have to decide which of our desires are wants and which are needs. An old saying goes, "Needs come in two sizes: yours and mine."

My problem is that the government and I may not see eye to eye on my needs. Then what?

President Herbert Hoover campaigned in 1928 saying everyone would be prosperous with him, "A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage." When you see depression era pictures, there seems to be lots of cars and chickens missing amid the lack of prosperity.

Given the track record of our government in bait and switch, all of the promises of national health care are just that, promises to be broken. Maybe there will be a few years before citizens feel the full impact of the bait and switch. But given the past actions of our government when implementing programs, our future is clear.

What is the litmus test for this bait and switch? Will Congress drop their own health care and embrace with the common peons this new plan? No, they understand that they do not want that health care. What they want is control of you.

Will we ever learn from the past government scams? Evidently it is doubtful.

Contact Michael Swickard at michael@swickard.com.

Letters to the Editor

Supervised care is OK

For more than 17 years, my husband was treated for cancer. He underwent more chemotherapy sessions than I can remember, and had several hospital stays when things went badly. When his immune system suffered, a home health nurse gave him gamma globulin injections, and when he needed a PIC line in his arm, she cleaned it as well.

All this excellent care kept him on the job and active in his family and church, so that he was able to enjoy a bit of retirement before his health deteriorated and he died.

All this excellent care came from his health insurance plan, which I was glad to inherit. I needed knee surgery a few months ago, and the plan provided both the medical care and physical therapy afterward. As with a prior surgery several years ago, the insurer let me pick my doctors and therapist, and I didn't have to wait for years, as a friend is, until she is covered by Medicare.

This excellent health insurance is a federally supervised plan, which has covered us with no denials, no argument and no lack of choice. I have seen just how good federally supervised health care is, and I look forward to the day when such care is available to all Americans.

DINAH LEA JENTGEN

Bill gives government control

President Obama is trying to pass a $1 trillion experiment on our health care system, hoping it will work and deliberately opening the door to rationing of health services.

Those targeted for minimum services will be the unborn, the elderly and the disabled. This legislation will give our federal government complete control over the life and death of American citizens.

Please ask your congressman and senator whether he or she is willing to exchange their current health plan for the one that the government designs as its public option. Then, make your decision on whether you really want to support the president's legislation.

VIVIAN E. WOLFE

Charlotte, the GPS

BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Lately I've been packing a GPS locator when I'm checking cows. Now, I can find my way back to the horse trailer. But the GPS in rental cars with all the streets and highways displayed turns my blood cold.

Jim, Steve and their wives rented a big SUV. They planned to tour New Mexico, take the side roads and see the sights. The vehicle came complete with a GPS ... that talked!

"Great!" said the Lewis and Clark of the Pecos Wilderness. "We can set our course and not get lost!"

"Welcome to the all-star, transgender, finda-fool-anywhere global-positioning-satellite device. My name is Charlotte, but chew may claw me Charlotte. What is u name?"

"Jim," said Jim.

"Chimp, it's nise to me chew."

"It's Jim," said Jim to the robot voice.

"Chin, iz to me chew."

"Jim." "Slim?" "Jim." "Chim?" "OK."

"And I am Steve," said Steve.

"Sleeve?"

"Steve." "Sleeze?" "Steez." "Sneeze?" "Streeze." "Squeeze?" "You win."

"OK, Skim and Cheeze, where wut u lik to go?"

"Truchas," said Skim.

"I'm searching. Is it in the state of Santa Fe in Argentina?"

"No! It's Truchas, north of Santa Fe, near Chimayo on the reservation."

"We can make reservations," said Charlotte politely.

"No! Not Argentina, you ..."

"You do not have razor voice. I am chirping for a hotel on the village of Tostado."

"No, Tostado! Not Truchas! I mean yes, Truchas but in New Mexico!"

"Pleez do nut shout, u will override my audio. Are you driving?"

"Can't you even tell if we're driving? You hair-brained bug psychic! I'm pulling onto highway ..."

"Wot! Sleeze nd Cheeve, you've gone too far ... You're past ..."

"Shut your trap you jabbering two-bit satellite sign post!"

"Do not yell at the monitor, you are 250 meters beyond the turn to Argentina, please go back, if you do not wish to go to Tortugas, I mean Tostado ..."

"We are going to Truchas you incompetent map snatcher!

"You have taken the wrong turn ... If you continue at this speed you will ..."

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Report: Welfare of children in New Mexico improves

State moves up 5 spots in national rankings

New Mexico has moved up from last year's ranking of 48th in the nation for child well-being to 43rd according to the 2009 Kids Count data book, the newest edition of the annual state-by-state study on the health and welfare of America's youth.

The data book, published by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, was released July 28. It shows that New Mexico has also improved its ranking on six of the 10 key indicators of child well-being since 2000.

Still, the report presents a mixed picture for the state's children. New Mexico ranks among the bottom 10 states on four of the 10 key indicators used in the report: teen birth rate (ranking 49th among the states), children without secure parental employment (ranking 44th), child poverty rate (ranking 47th) and children living in single-parent families (ranking 48th).

Some of the most striking improvements are in New Mexico's infant mortality and teen dropout rates.

"Our low infant mortality rate has long been the highlight in the Kids Count data book," said Christine Hollis, Kids Count program manager at New Mexico Voices for Children.

New Mexico's infant mortality rate is lower than the national average, ranking 14th in that indicator.

In addition, New Mexico's teen dropout rate has been cut in half since 2000, ranking New Mexico 36th nationally. Kids Count defines this indicator as the percentage of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates. This definition may not track exactly with New Mexico's Public Education Department determine dropout rates, however.

"The expansion of our investment in Medicaid and education, especially Pre-K and K-12, during the Richardson/Denish administration is starting to pay off," Eric Griego, Executive Director of New Mexico Voices said. "However, more investment is still needed to move these numbers further, particularly given the current economic downturn."

The 2009 Kids Count report contains the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data available – most of it from 2006-07 – which does not reflect the effects of the current recession.

NM Voices, the Annie E. Casey Kids Count state affiliate, has prepared a supplement to the Data Book, available at www.nmvoices.org/kidscount.htm, showing more clearly New Mexico's ranking on each of the 10 measures, what the state would need to do to gain a national ranking of No. 1, and policy efforts that could help move New Mexico in this direction. A link to the national data book can also be found there.

Nationally, the data book shows large disparities for children based on race or ethnicity, which may impact New Mexico's ranking.

"Because New Mexico is a minority-majority state, we are concerned that the report shows that, on several measures, Hispanic child well-being is worse than child well-being in the U.S. as a whole," Hollis said.

Hispanic teens, for example, have the highest teen birth rate nationally (83 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19, compared to the overall teen birth rate of 42 per 1,000), and more than one-third of the country's Hispanic children live in single-parent families.

"New Mexico also has the second highest percentage of Native Americans, and the indicators for Native American children are dismal," Hollis added.

Nationally, Native Americans have the highest teen death rate (95 deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19, as opposed to the national average of 64/100,000), and more than half (52 percent) of Native American children live in families where no parent has full-time, secure employment, versus 33 percent of U.S. children overall.

This year's report marks two decades of Kids Count data collection and includes an essay that takes stock of how much progress the country as a whole has made in collecting data that can help move public policies that improve children's well-being.

In the 20 years of data books, New Mexico has always ranked in the bottom 10 among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The state hit its highest overall ranking of 40th in 1995. the state's lowest ranking of 48th dogged it for five years in 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

This year's Data Book is complemented by the launch of an expanded web-based Kids Count Data Center (http://datacenter.kidscount.org/databook), containing multiple measures of child well-being that include information on national, state, county and metropolitan levels. Information specific to New Mexico is found at http://datacenter.kidscount.org/nm.

Kids Count is a program of NM Voices for Children and is made possible by grants from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

NM Voices for Children is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advocating for policies to improve the health and well-being of New Mexico's children, families and communities.

Soldiers Show at OHS Aug. 12 and 13

The U.S. Army Soldier show will return to Las Cruces at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, and at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, in the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. The theme of this year's show is "Lights! Camera! Action!"

The show is a high-energy, 90-minute live musical review showcasing the talents of active duty soldiers who were selected by audition. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing.

The cast is composed of soldiers coming from aviation, biological, infantry, medical, musical, signal, transportation and other tactical units. The show is assembled in five weeks, and tours across the country and overseas for six months.

The Soldier Show always invites someone from the local military installation to join them to sing one song during the show. This year Spc. Victoria Chang is excited that she is the "one." After a series of auditions and permission from her unit she headed to Ft. Belvoir, Va., the base of operations for the group. Chang is stationed with the McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic as a preventive medicine specialist.

The Soldier Show is free and seating is on a first come, first-served basis.

For more information, call 678-1256.

Parole officers join in food drive

Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week was observed nationally during the week of July 19 to 25. CYFD Juvenile Probation and U.S. federal probation officers in Las Cruces celebrated by promoting awareness through community presentations. The Las Cruces CYFD Juvenile Probation Office teamed up with other local agencies, including the Doña Ana County Juvenile Detention Center, OptumHealth, Families & Youth Inc., Bair Foundation, Mesilla Valley Hospital, the Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Drug Court Program and others to hold a food drive. All food donations were delivered to Casa de Peregrinos Food Bank and Jardin De Los Niños.

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- Link from Festival website to your website

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Fresh Picked - $100
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- Link from festival website to your website

Friends of MainStreet SalsaFest – $50 or less
- Name listed on event thank you advertising
- Link from festival website to your website

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership Achievements in 2009

These projects have been accomplished through partnership with many entities, most notably, the City of Las Cruces and the New Mexico MainStreet Program.

Dollars, Distinction and Developments

- Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletano and Popular Artisan Bread Bakery opened in Downtown in January 2009. Additional restaurant recruitment underway
- Las Cruces Academy – new day school recruited to downtown – elementary grades with focus on science and math for gifted students opened June 2009
- El Paso Electric "Energizing Business" incentive program demonstration program to begin Fall 2009 at Popular Building in conjunction with new tenant recruitment
- Completed first "Callejoneada" street celebration in Downtown as a part of WinterFest
- Planning for first MainStreet SalsaFest to be held Aug. 29 and annually thereafter
- Installed new Design, Economic Development and Organization Committees
- Completion of Façade Design Assistance to 13 Downtown property owners
- Design of new Downtown Las Cruces Partnership logo
- Completion of first Downtown Business Directory
- Kick-off Viva Ventanas-Art Windows program in Downtown
- National Main Street 2009 Community Accreditation
- Began hosting monthly Downtown Business Breakfast programs – 35-50 attend each month
- Started Music on Main Street to support Art Ramble downtown on First Fridays
- Design of street banners, shopping bags, aprons for Farmer's Market transition to reconstructed block of Main Street. Provision of enhanced entertainment for 8-week transition period to new location
- Planning beginning for Organ Mountain Music Festival – October 2010
- Assisting with implementation of $298,270 award from New Mexico MainStreet Capital Outlay FY08-Special Appropriations for La Placita. Collaborating with the City of Las Cruces on Design and public participation.
- Award of $10,400 state EDD Co-Op Advertising Grant FY09
- Award of $50,000 from New Mexico MainStreet Capital Outlay FY09 Special Appropriations for public art in La Placita. Assisted the city with selection of artist, implementation of art design/build of decorative walkway and tile mural components
- Expanded board membership to include the participation of the Mesquite Historic and Alameda-Depot districts on the DLCP Board of Directors
- Co-sponsor of Southern New Mexico Arts Convention –"What's Art" October 2009

CINDI FARGO
Executive Director of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

What we want Downtown to be: A team brainstorm

- Gathering place
- Food and dining destination
- Place where community rituals and celebrations take place
- Art and culture center
- Recreational shopping, shopping for essential goods and services
- Walkable place
- Friendly place
- Good wayfinding
- Pedestrian scale
- Great window designs
- Outdoor seating
- Public art
- Not mediocre
- Feeling/sense of our outdoor environment
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Alzheimer's

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effort to find the man and how an action plan called for in a 2007 state "Code Helen" law wasn't in place.

At a press conference Tuesday, July 28, Hardman-Hartley and others announced the formation of the Senior Safety Network to provided organized volunteer support next time an elderly person or Alzheimer's sufferer goes missing. The group will act as "a second set of eyes and ears for the members of law enforcement to assist in locating the person as quickly as possible," Hardman-Hartley said.

The group – which includes many with expertise in dealing with Alzheimer's patients, those with dementia and the elder – also will offer consultation and assistance to authorities during the search, as well as provide training to officers in dealing with the population.

The Senior Safety Network will begin establishing a database of telephone numbers, text numbers and emails to provide immediate notice of a missing elderly person. "It's basically a telephone tree," Hardman-Hartley said.

When a person is missing, a "Code Helen" will be called and a team from the network will begin consultation with those involved – family members, health care providers and police – to determine what services may be needed.

The Senior Safety Network volunteers also will begin giving regular training sessions to family members and others on how to deal with the elderly who suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's.

"This is about preventing another tragedy," Hardman-Hartley said. "We cannot bring Mr. Smoot back to us or take away the pain that the people who loved him most are feeling."

Hardman-Hartley, who spent a good part of the press conference explaining to reporters she wasn't the person to explain why Smoot wasn't found earlier or why a "Code Helen" system wasn't already in place, said the Senior Safety Network is a way to help care for a significant population in Las Cruces – the elderly.

> "We're hoping this will be the catalyst for making a better system."
>
> AUDREY HARDMAN-HARTLEY

Hardman-Hartley said the group isn't being formed to affix blame to local authorities, but rather to "back these guys up."

Alaina Johnson, Heritage Assisted Living assistant administrator, said public outreach and education will be an important function of the network to combat denial that family members may have about an elderly person in the early stages of Alzheimer's or dementia.

"When it comes to this, people need to plan for the worst and hope for the best," Hardman-Hartley said.

A misnomer addressed at the press conference is that a missing person has to be missing more than 24 hours for authorities to begin looking for them. Someone can be classified as a missing person immediately if it its determined they may be in danger, especially an elderly person missing from an assisted living situation.

"We're hoping this will be the catalyst for making a better system," Hardman-Hartley said.

Crime Stoppers: '94 homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a $2,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a murder that occurred 15 years ago near the Rio Grande.

At approximately 10 p.m. on June 28, 1994, Robert Rocha, 43, was found shot to death on the west side of the Rio Grande, north of the Mesilla Dam Bridge, at an area known as Shady Grove. Rocha was found next to his pick-up truck.

Doña Ana County Sheriff's investigators learned that Rocha was employed at White Sands Missile Range but never arrived for work on that day. It is believed he drove to the river late in the afternoon or early in the evening and was killed shortly thereafter.

The Cold Case Unit from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

If you have any information regarding the Rocha's homicide, 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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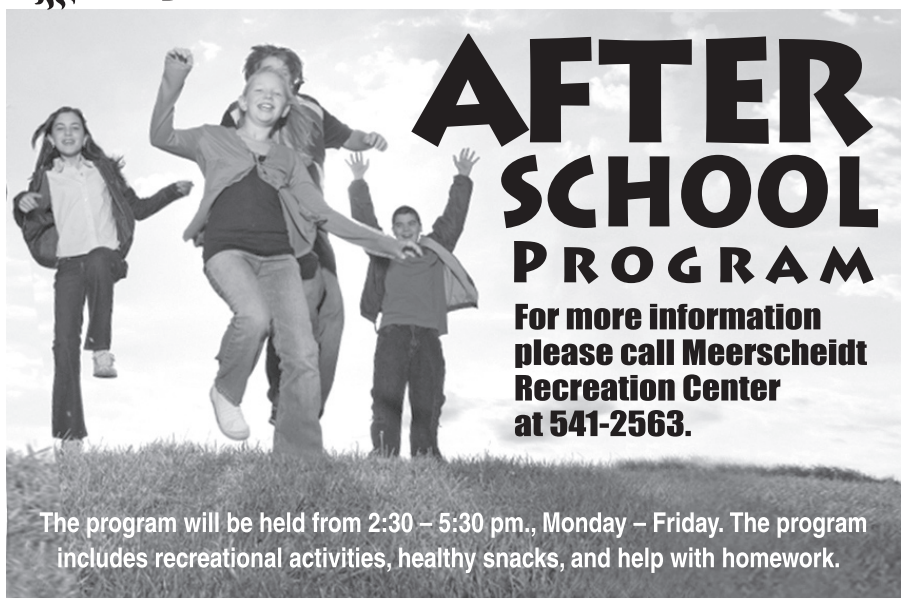

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Animal food drive and adoption

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) will have an information table at Sam's Club, 2711 N. Telshor Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, July 31, Saturday, Aug. 8, Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 23. At the booths, patrons may donate pet food or pick up animal-welfare information. "You Win Half the Cash 50/50" raffle tickets will also be available through Aug. 8. The drawing will be held at the next food distribution on Saturday, Aug. 8.

For more information, call 644-0505 or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) will host a pet adoption event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive. 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 microchip.

In addition, there will also be micro chipping available to the public for $20 for those who already have pets. Pet licenses will also be available for $5 with proof of current vaccination.

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

Gymnastics and cheerleading classes

The City of Las Cruces will begin taking registration on Monday, Aug. 3, for youth gymnastics and cheerleading classes at the Henry Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road.

Preschool Gymnastics I for ages 3 to 5 will be held from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Beginning Gymnastics II for ages 6 to 9 will be from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Intermediate Gymnastics III for ages 9 and up will be from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Beginning Cheerleading I for ages 6 and up will be from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Advanced Cheerleading II for ages 10 and up will be from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first session will be held Monday, Aug. 31 to Thursday Sept. 24, session II will be held Monday, Oct. 5 to Thursday, Oct. 29, and session III will be held Monday, Nov. 9 to Thursday, Dec. 3. Cost is $30 per person per session. The classes are open to girls and boys who would like to acquire basic gym skills, coordination, strength development, direction and discipline. Opportunities will be available to display skills and routines at youth athletic games.

For more information, contact the Henry Benavidez Community Center at 541-5185. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Oral history group meets

The Mesilla Valley Oral History Group will present "Global Warming: Why an Astronomer Says It's Real," by Donald F. Neidig, PhD., emeritus astronomer, at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, in the Days Inn & Suites Columbus Conference Center. The cost is $13 and includes dinner. Reservations are required.

For more information or to make reservations, call 524-0589 or 522-0548 by Sunday, Aug. 2.

Training provider fair

The New Mexico Workforce Connection will host a Training Provider Fair for training organizations to showcase their schools and curriculum. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. There will also be a workshop for training providers prior to the fair. All residents of southern New Mexico looking for new employment opportunities are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 524-6266.

American Legion breakfast

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10 will host its Second Sunday breakfast at the American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Attendees may choose from sausage, eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, all-you-can-eat pancakes and eggs, cooked to order. Low-carb options will also be available with sausage, eggs and fruit cups. Breakfast will cost $5.

Native plant walk

Ray Bowers will lead a walk at the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle de Norte, in Mesilla, at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, to see native plants. Participants will meet at the park and should bring water, sun protection, plant field guides and good walking shoes. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

For more information, call Ray Bowers at 541-1877.

Master gardener classes

The Doña Ana County Extension Service is accepting applications for the 2009 Master Gardener Program. Applications are available at garden centers and at the Doña Ana County Extension office, 530 N. Church St. Applications must be submitted prior to Wednesday, Aug. 12. The classes begin on Aug. 27 and continue through Dec. 10. The classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The class fee is $80 to cover materials.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a volunteer gardening program established in 1972 and exists in all 50 states. Volunteers are given an intensive training program in plant basics, cultural requirements, landscape design principles and other gardening topics. The volunteers then serve the community under the direction of the County Extension Service. Master gardeners are required to donate a minimum of 50 hours of community service.

For more information, call the Doña Ana County Extension office at 525-6649.

Moongate flood control meeting

Doña Ana County will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed Moongate Stormwater Diversion Channel west of Moongate Road.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Oñate High School Cafeteria, 5700 Mesa Grande Dr., with representatives from the Doña Ana County Flood Commission and Public Works Department as facilitators.

This will be the first meeting of its kind devoted solely to the proposed stormwater-diversion project. Residents in the affected areas are invited to attend, ask questions and provide input.

The proposed Moongate Stormwater Diversion Channel is one part of a much larger stormwater diversion and containment strategy designed to help protect property on the East Mesa from flooding during heavy seasonal rains.

For more information on the Aug. 13 meeting or the proposed Moongate Stormwater Diversion Channel, contact Noma Borde at the Doña Ana County Flood Commission Office at 525-5558.

Tikes in Spikes league

The City of Las Cruces is sponsoring a Tikes in Spikes Mini-Football League for children ages 4 to 7. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 15, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is $250 per team with a roster of 10 players.

The league will be divided into two divisions: ages 4 and 5 and ages 6 and 7. This six-week league season will take place from September to November. The goal for this season will be to teach kids fundamental football skills with an emphasize on character education. Volunteer coaches are needed. To coach in the Tikes in Spikes Mini-Football League, contact the City of Las Cruces Athletics Office at 541-2560. Parents may place the name of children not on a team on a waiting list.

For more information, contact Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Audubon presentation

A presentation by the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society titled "eBird: What, Why, and How" will be given Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park Visitor Center, 5000 Calle del Norte. eBird is a web-based database for bird sightings that is becoming increasingly valuable for birdwatchers as well as for conservation efforts. During the program, participants will find out more about its value and receive a quick training session on how to use it. For more information, contact Storm Sermay at 382-3348.

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will also host a field trip to the Pitchfork Ranch, Saturday, Aug. 22, with a possible overnight extension. The group will visit some of the areas covered at the society's June 17 chapter meeting and will stroll along the flowing Burro Cienega looking for riparian species and early fall migrants. Our target species will be the rare Botteri's Sparrow, which if summer rains have been good, should be singing and undergoing its late season breeding in the tall native grasses.

The trip will include easy to moderate walking, but some rough terrain is possible. To register for this trip or for more information, contact David Griffin by Thursday Aug. 20 at 382-2080 or griffinbio@gmail.com.

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Las Cruces firefighters spray down a gas leak Wednesday, July 29, in central Las Cruces.

Gas leak causes home evacuations

Incident contained quickly

Las Cruces firefighters evacuated a central Las Cruces neighborhood after a utility crew damaged a gas line.

Firefighters were dispatched just after 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, to the intersection of Hadley Avenue and Manzanita Street. A utility crew working in the area bored through a gas line causing a natural gas leak.

When fire department units arrived, they immediately evacuated residents and secured the area. Crews from the City of Las Cruces Gas Department were able to control the leak in approximately 90 minutes, according to a press release.

Displaced residents were allowed to return to their homes. No injuries were reported during the incident.

New space opportunities focus of ISPCS

Space symposium to explore payloads other than tourists

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The program for this year's International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight (ISPCS) is taking shape and will focus on what it takes to safely fly people into suborbital space and what other opportunities the new generation of space vehicles offer.

The ISPCS will be held Oct. 21 and 22 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Since 2005, it has been attracting spaceflight industry leaders, from new entrepreneurs to established companies such as Ariane Space.

With construction starting on Spaceport America north of Las Cruces, the symposium's focus will be split between two main topics during the two days, said Pat Hynes of the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, which sponsors the ISPCS.

The first day will bring in experts on space flight safety, such as Bryan O'Connor, chief of Safety and Mission Assurance at NASA. He will be part of a panel that will include representatives from new space entrepreneurs such as Space X, the leading company in NASA's contest to find new vehicles to service the Space Station, and Virgin Galactic, Spaceport America's anchor tenant that will be flying tourists into suborbital space.

The symposium's first day also will look at the role research universities such as New Mexico State University can play in helping the new industry.

Besides developing a passenger spaceliner, Virgin Galactic also is planning to build what it is calling Spacecraft2 to carry scientific payloads into suborbital space, Hynes said.

Virgin Galactic's mid-air launch system has been able to reach suborbital space at 62 miles above the Earth's surface. Exploration and understanding of this realm of the atmosphere has been limited in the past, Hynes said. Yet, it is where much of our weather is formed and where communications traverse.

In light of this additional need for suborbital spaceflight not linked to space tourism, the second day will look at what potential experiments and other activities will find a home in the payloads of Virgin Galactic and other suborbital rockets, Hynes said. With its weightless environment, the area of suborbital space provides opportunities for micro-gravity experiments and technology development at a much more affordable scale than with traditional launches of orbital rockets, she said.

The second day of the symposium also will look at the growing potential from new space delivery systems for smaller, more compact satellites.

Scheduled to speak on the ISPCS second day is Yngve Bergqvist, CEO and founder of the Ice Hotel at Spaceport Sweden. By building a hotel completely out of ice, Bergqvist has created a popular tourist attraction at the Swedish spaceport, drawing many tourists who aren't even interested in space, Hynes said.

"He made something out of nothing in the middle of nowhere," she said. "We can learn from that."

Other symposium speakers include: XCOR President Jeff Greason; Gary Payton, deputy under-secretary of the Air Force for Space Systems; Wayne Hale, deputy associate administrator for Strategic Partnerships and past Shuttle Program manager; astronaut Michael Lopez Alegria; and Ken Bowersox, vice president of Astronaut Safety and Mission Assurance, Space X.

Attendees who register before Oct. 1 get a discounted price of $375 for the full two-day conference. Registration after Oct. 1 is $445.

For more information on ISPCS 2009, visit www.ispcs.com.

As in past years, there will be the free Leonard R. Sugerman Public Forum Oct. 20.

Girls collect for wounded warriors

Camille Debroux and Santana Sanchez of Girl Scout Troop 97 recently hosted a booth at the Downtown Farmers & Crafts Market to collect health and comfort items for military personnel recovering from war wounds. Their troop is working with the American Legion Riders to get donations of personal hygiene items (toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, etc.), clothing (sweat pants, lap blankets, pajama bottoms, rubber soled slippers, etc.), and recreation items (calling cards, portable CD and DVD players, board games, playing cards, forever postage stamps, etc.). Donations may be dropped off at the local Girl Scout location. For more information, contact Anna Debroux at 496-8575.

Nominations sought for child advocates

October dinner will honor public service, citizen advocacy

Nominations are being sought for two awards named for New Mexico child advocates Alice King and Patty Jennings. Winners of the awards will be honored at New Mexico Voices for Children's Spirit of Hope Celebration dinner in October.

The First Annual Alice King Public Service Award will honor a public leader who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to and service for New Mexico's children and families. The Patty Jennings Citizen Advocacy Award will be presented to a New Mexican who has demonstrated outstanding community service in advocating for New Mexico children. NM Voices is also seeking nominations for its 16th Annual Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award, which honors youth ages 13 to 26 for their outstanding contributions in the public interest.

Alice King was New Mexico's longtime first lady while her husband, former Gov. Bruce King, served three terms in office. She founded the New Mexico Girls Ranch and the New Mexico Children's Foundation, was chair of the New Mexico Children's Trust Fund and was a major supporter of the Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital.

Patty Jennings, the late wife of state Senate President Pro Tem Tim Jennings, was an advocate for early intervention, special education and other services for children with special needs. She was instrumental in the creation of the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool. Both women passed away within the last year. This is the first year NM Voices is giving awards in their names.

"Both Alice and Patty were champions for children, and we owe them a debt of gratitude," said Eric Griego, executive director of the child advocacy organization. "The former first lady's work, in particular, really paved the way for much of the work we do now to improve the well-being of New Mexico's children."

Amy Biehl, a graduate of Santa Fe High School, lost her life while working to end apartheid in South Africa. NM Voices has given awards in her name to New Mexico youth since 1993.

Nomination deadline for all three awards is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. Awards will be presented at the Spirit of Hope Celebration, at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. Our Spirit of Hope Host Sponsor for this event is Pachamama.

Nomination criteria and forms, as well as submission instructions, are available online at www.nmvoices.org. Forms are also available at NM Voices during regular office hours at 2340 Alamo Ave. SE in Albuquerque.

For more information, call 505-244-9505.

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Recent Las Cruces High School graduates, Clark and Cody Pederson said their experience as Eagle Scouts will last them a lifetime.

After 100 years, Boy Scouts are still making a difference

Yucca Council makes a positive impact in El Paso and southern New Mexico areas

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For almost 100 years the Boy Scouts of America have helped young boys transform into productive citizens. Celebrating its centennial in February 2010, the organization hasn't changed its core values, but has adapted to the demands of modern-day life.

The Yucca Council, which oversees BSA in the El Paso and southern New Mexico areas, has churned out a number of successful local citizens who have made contributions to their schools and communities, including professors, clergymen and lawyers.

In its annual Scouting for Food event, the local BSA collected more than 8 tons of food to donate to food banks. With plans for a new scouting park between Las Cruces and El Paso, in addition to a new venture program, BSA seems to be thriving.

"We often find in our society that there's a struggle for character and life skills," said Yucca Council District Director Randall Andreasen. "More and more we're seeing single-parent families, and often it's hard to have a positive male influence. We try to provide those services."

Opportunities abound for children to grow, learn and be challenged, ultimately giving them invaluable life skills they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Just ask recent Las Cruces High School graduates Cody and Clark Pederson, both Eagle Scouts who plan to attend University of Arizona, and will later participate in a two-year mission abroad for their church.

"It's a great program all in all. It teaches career paths, personal responsibility, physical fitness – it's a great venue to learn about everything," Clark Pederson said.

The boys said they remember times when balancing Advanced Placement level classes, band and track with BSA became difficult, but they remained faithful to the program and said they are now glad they did. Balancing such a workload, Clark Pederson said, was part of the learning process at BSA.

"Even if you don't feel like you will succeed much right now, stick with it. Just keep working and results will come up," Clark Pederson said.

Andreasen said he is excited about the BSA and its future impact on the community; however, he said he would like to see more youth and community members getting involved with the BSA.

"It's a family program and gives the opportunity for families to get involved with their children's lives," Andreasen said. "BSA is not a babysitter. It's not a dumping ground for your kids. It's about getting involved with your kid's lives."

Although both Cody and Clark said they plan to eventually settle down and raise families, there are still very career-driven. Both boys seek futures in engineering and said their experiences in BSA have prepared them. Offering opportunities in computer science, aviation and technology, BSA has come a long way from the old days of tracking, pinewood derbies and rabbit raising.

Andreasen said it is easy to get involved with BSA, and fees usually only come out to around $15 a year. For more information, visit www.yuccabsa.org.

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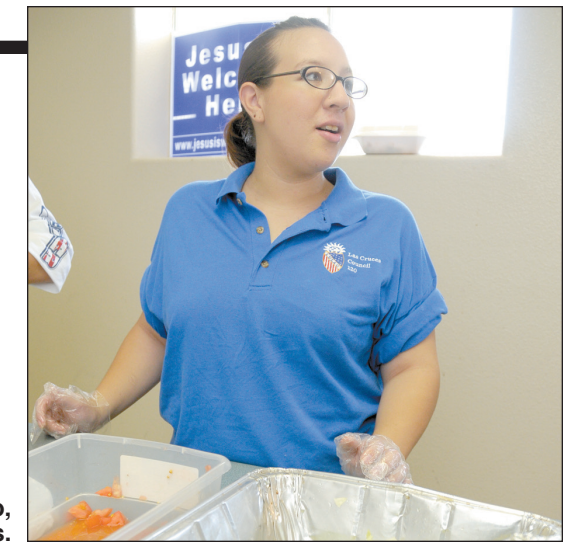
At the LULAC Council 120 – awards celebration



League of United Latin American Citizens Council 120 members Ralph Misquez and Robert Rodriguez host a table in the yard sale area outside the Living Water Church on Bowman Street Saturday, July 25. The yard sale was a fundraiser held in conjunction with the council's award celebration at the church.

LULAC member Sasha Escudero, 21, prepares enchiladas for guests.

Phillip Archuleta, president of LULAC Council 120, holds up an Award of Excellence given to his group. Council 120 competed against approximately 700 other councils nationwide for the award.

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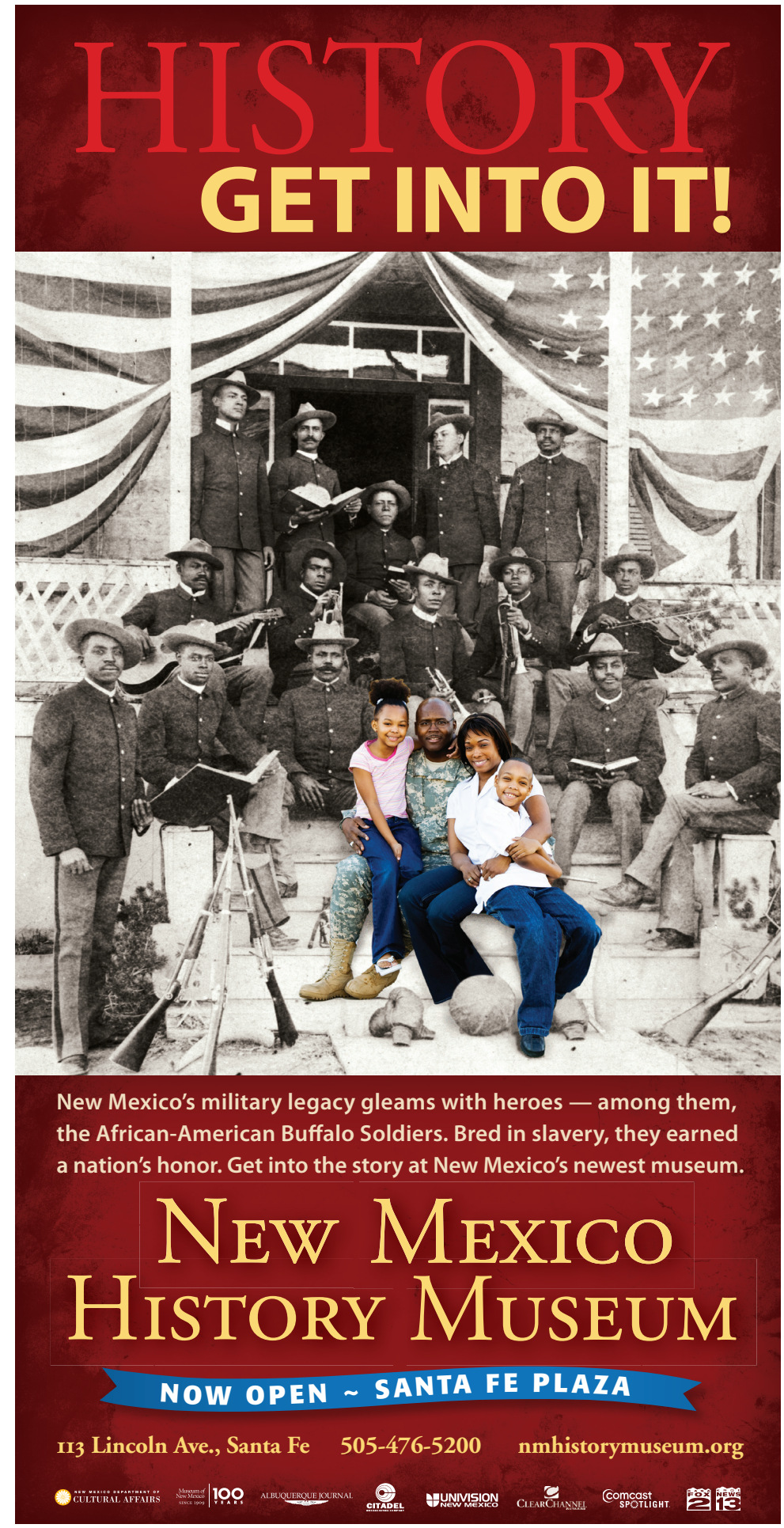
Marcus Austin, 1, holds a football given to him by his grandmother Michelle Austin, who is standing behind him.



At the End of Summer Bash

Rione Walton, 10, tries her luck at the bungee run.

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Left, Ashley Sullivan, 12, battles with Roberto Duran, 12, at the End of Summer Bash.

Toussaint Clark, 9, is well prepared for the heat with both a snow cone and a bottle of water.

Children enjoy the waterslide set up at the End of Summer Bash held Friday, July 24, at the Ron Galla T-ball Complex.

Jacob Nikolaa, 9, cools off with a snow cone.

Matthew Ray Gallegos, 13, takes aim at a piñata.

A large tent was set up at the Ron Galla T-ball Complex for the End of Summer Bash.

Vista Middle School student Michael Aldrette, 11, takes a whack at the piñata.

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Students examine energy use

NMSU group will produce materials targeting wasteful use of cell phones, lap tops and chargers

A group of New Mexico State University computer science student researchers this fall semester will compile a list of energy saving solutions by examining and analyzing data about the energy consumption of electronic devices used by students.

The Computer Science Graduate Students Organization at NMSU, led by president Hadi Sharifi, will create posters and literature for the campus and surrounding school districts outlining ways people can live a more sustainable lifestyle by performing simple tasks to prevent energy waste.

Sharifi, a computer science doctoral student, said the research team will conduct surveys on campus beginning in the fall 2009 semester to get a sampling of how the NMSU community is using and charging their electronic devices, in particular cell phones and lap tops.

While the surveys have not been done, the group does have predictions on what some of the biggest energy consumers for the cell phone user surveys will be: animated backgrounds, playing music files, leaving the phone on when not in use and improper charging.

"We would like to educate others on energy saving techniques so they can customize their settings to use the least amount of energy while still getting the maximum quality service from their product," Sharifi said.

The group has made many similar predictions for results from the laptop-user surveys including using the computer when it is plugged into the electrical charger.

"While you're charging anything (whether a cell phone or laptop) you shouldn't use it during charging because it shortens your battery life," Sharifi said.

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New Mexico State University computer science doctoral student Abdulla Alqaddoumi, at center, points out a feature on his cell phone that aids in saving energy. Fellow computer science doctoral students Hadi Sharifi, at left, and Amjad Nusayr look on.

Once the group's findings are assembled, they will disseminate the information campus and communitywide and to cell phone and laptop manufacturers.

"We are hoping to educate others. If they know how much energy they are wasting, they might find it more acceptable to use other techniques to save energy," he said.

"The department of computer science recognizes the importance of developing and assessing new knowledge with relevance to the roles of energy and sustainability and has many other projects for the Year of Sustainability at NMSU," said computer science department head Enrico Pontelli.

Two other projects include studying the best energy saving practices within the department's computer network and also using sensor networks to more efficiently manage temperatures in the department offices.

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A peaceful sport at NM State

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

They riot at European soccer matches.

Fights ensue. There's an occasional fatality.

Passion runs deep when they tee it up in soccer overseas, often before crowds of 100,000 or more.

Michael Needham, the very first women's soccer coach at New Mexico State University, expects no violence when the Aggies play here this season. He'd settle for a crowd, though, at NMSU's Saturday, Aug. 15 exhibition home opener against New Mexico Highlands.

Needham, short in height, long on energy, will welcome a roster of 30 when practice opens Wednesday, Aug. 5. Nine players are from New Mexico and four are locals. Janell Montoya, Jordan Baneges and Cassie DeLeon played at Mayfield. Cristianna Smith is a Las Cruces High graduate.

Many of us have never seen a live college soccer match. I caught a glimpse of one on television while surfing for Baywatch re-runs.

Soccer looks like a lot of hustle and little scoring. Like trying to sell real estate these days.

Needham relishes coaching NMSU's inaugural team. "I don't have to follow another coach," he said. "There's no pressure of following a big winner. I don't have to teach a new system. Our players don't have to re-learn anything.

"We're starting from scratch. I told our rercruits that they will be making history as the first team ever here."

The Aggies will dress in new quarters located next to the football locker room. Needham will office there. They'll play home games in Aggie Memorial Stadium.

NMSU will probably be outmatched in its regular-season opener at UTEP on Friday, Aug. 21. "They're a top-100 team, and that's better than you might think, considering there are probably 300 D-1 teams in the country," Needham said. "They're very athletic. It'll be our 18- and 19-year-old players against 23-year olds."

Needham said he is not a shouting coach. "I'd like to think I'm a players' coach," he said. "A facilitator, not a dictator.

"Right now, since we are a young team, I want to get good team chemistry. That's important."

Until this season, New Mexico State was the only absentee in WAC soccer competition. All nine teams participate now. Fresno State won the post-season tournament last year and qualified for the NCAAs. Utah State and Hawai'i are also among the WAC's best, Needham said.

He promised the Aggies will be fun to watch this season. I sincerely hope so. Television has apparently pulled its Baywatch re-runs.

There's nothing like optimism

Ags open football drills Aug. 5

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At this time each year, when New Mexico State University nears the opening of fall football practice, optimism runs high.

For good reason.

Right now, the Aggies are undefeated, untied and un-injured personnel-wise. They have a new coach, a three-game home schedule to open the 2009 season and enough new faces in the lineup to be hopeful.

"I think we're a hungry football team," said coach DeWayne Walker, the new man on the block. He will welcome 90 players when NMSU opens fall drills at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.

"These kids are tired of losing," Walker said. "Yes, I'm optimistic." The goal this season, Walker said, will be at least seven victories, which would make the Aggies bowl eligible.

Walker may be the first NMSU coach in years to start the season with three winnable home games. The Ags open against Idaho on Sept. 5, and follow with Prairie View on Sept. 12 before hosting UTEP on Sept. 19. Historically, NMSU has opened on the road against the likes of Nebraska, Texas and Georgia. Money games they are called.

This season, the money game is at Ohio State on Oct. 31 and the payoff is a meaningful $900,000. One game in the middle of the season when Walker's team is grooved and hopefully healthy.

The key to success this season will hinge largely on NMSU's mentality, Walker said. "When we have adversity during a game, can we pull together and overcome it and win?" he asked. "In the past, when the team got behind, it seemed like they told themselves 'well, here we go again.'

"We have to change our mental attitude.

"Walker said Gary Uribe, the Aggies' strength and conditioning coach, is optimistic about where the team is now following summer conditioning drills.

"I think," Walker said, "we'll be strong offensively. "We are deep at running back with Tonny (Glynn) and Marquell (Colston). They're mature running backs.

"Our offensive line will be solid, and I think we have some playmakers at the receiver positions.

"Our quarterbacks (Trevor Walls, Jeff Fleming and freshman Tanner Rust) are young but athletic. I think there is room for improvement at that position.

"Defensively, we'll be fast. We have a good defensive line, four good linebackers (Jason Scott, Sam King, Jamar Cotton and Ross Conner). Our secondary looks good."

Walker said the team will miss senior linebacker Nick Paden, a force in NMSU's defense last year with 107 tackles, seven for a loss and two pass interceptions. Paden has a knee injury that has failed to respond. He is expected back in 2010. "As a new staff, we were anxious to see Nick play," Walker said. "We will miss him."

All practices will be open to the public. For the first two days, NMSU will wear shorts and helmets only. They'll add shoulder pads on Aug. 7 and practice in full pads for the first time on Aug. 9.

The first two-a-day practices will be held at 9:15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Aug. 10.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
Running back Marquell Colston will be in the lineup when the Aggies open football practice on Wednesday, Aug. 5

Growing up with the Bulldawgs

Patrick Jaquess headed for North-South game

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Father and son, Brent and Patrick Jaquess, celebrated a state football championship last fall at Las Cruces High. Patrick will be among 14 city athletes in the North-South Football All-Star Game on Friday in Albuquerque.

CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When the Las Cruces Bulldawgs were winning state football championships in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Patrick Jaquess was there.

You had to look closely, but he was there ... the little kid helping with the football equipment, following the players around and staying close to dad, defensive coordinator Brent Jaquess.

"I traveled on the bus with the team and hung out with the players," Patrick said. "I was always around. I always wanted to play

See **Jaquess** on PAGE A23

At the Aggie Soccer fundraiser

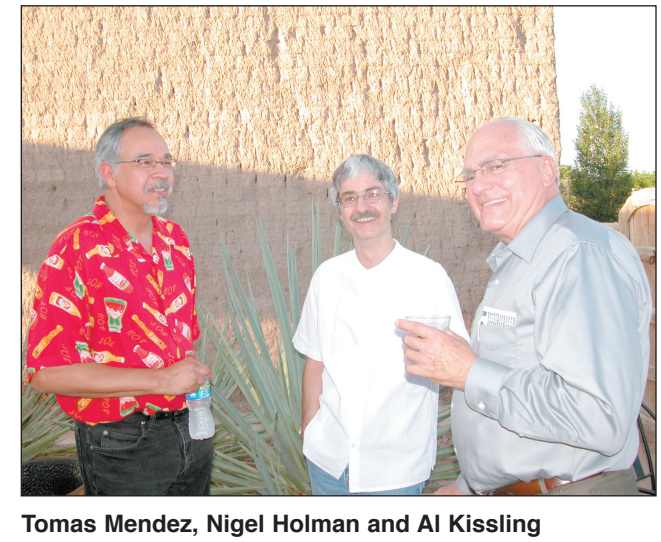
Eric Layer, Christianna Smith and team manager Juliana Benzoni relax at the first ever Aggie women's soccer fundraiser Saturday, July 25. Smith played soccer for Las Cruces High School and will be a member of the Aggie team.

Maria and James Hall with Magellia Boston.

Elba Burke and her granddaughter Samantha Burke, 14, with her 7-week-old Chihuahua puppy Mia.

Raleigh and Eleonore Thome pose with state Rep. Joni Gutierrez, who hosted the fundraiser.

Louie Burke, Karen McCarter and Robert Tellez



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AGGIE INSIDER

Aggies need a 'kick' for success in 2009

Walker still looking for kicker

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

New Mexico State football coach DeWayne Walker does have a mystery to solve this month. Practice starts next Wednesday and he needs to solve the mystery of the missing kicker.

Missing is really the wrong word, since there are a few candidates for the job, but who to choose?

The Aggies have had some stellar placement men through the years. Let's remember a few of them as we wait for the latest kicker to tee them up.

The most famous of the Aggie booters depends on your criteria. If it is Super Bowl rings, then it's Roy Gerela. He was a member of the Steel Curtain Gang that won the big NFL game consistently.

Danny Villanueva has been the most successful NMSU place kicker in terms of his life after football. Villanueva started with the Rams and came within an eyelash of an NFL title ring in the "Ice Bowl" game versus Green Bay. His skill as an investor and entrepreneur rivals Donald Trump in the world of business.

Some other Aggie kickers worth mentioning include Dario Aguiniga and Dat Ly. Aguiniga has the most field goals made in NMSU history and nailed two game winners that made my heart beat much faster than it was supposed to. Both of his winning kicks came versus Louisiana-Lafayette in the Sun Belt wars at the start of this decade. Aguiniga ended the game in Lafayette in 2001 with a 43 yarder that put the win in the Aggies ledger, 49-46. The next season at homecoming, he cemented his reputation as the "Cajun killer" with a 45 yarder into the wind as time ran out, for a 31-28 homecoming win.

Ly came to this country with his family from Vietnam. They fled at the end of the war, settling in Wichita, Kan. He hit five field goals in one half during NMSU's upset win over Kansas in 1988. The five field goals for the game during one half remain the best ever in Aggie history.

Frank "Bubba" Culin hit the most extra points during the high scoring early 1990s under Jim Hess. Culin missed only 10 of 138 attempts in his career that ended in 1995.

Nick "the kick" Cecava from Alamogordo, N.M., Skip Vernon from Albuquerque and academic all-American Andy Weiler from California rank just behind the aforementioned kickers in the stats.

New Mexico State has been without a steady placement man since Aguiniga got his degree at the end of 2003. If there is a Gerela or a Culin in the group Walker is auditioning, happy days are a little closer.

Big Ag weekend on tap

NMSU volleyball, soccer teams kick off 2009 season

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

It's practically August now and that means the good stuff is startin' soon.

There's a big weekend coming up so mark your Palm Pilot, your iPhone or just put a big "x" on the wall calendar. Aug. 22 and 23 is the weekend to dive into the new season at New Mexico State headfirst.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, the alumni of volleyball head coach Mike Jordan's championship program will be back to play the current team in the exhibition game that has become a welcome tradition.

The following day, Sunday, Aug. 23, marks the first-ever home match for NMSU soccer versus Idaho State. This is just the start of a fun-filled fall for fans.

Look at all the great players who care so much about Jordan and the tradition he has built that they come back from all corners of the country to share fellowship and get some spikes down as well. From the early days, Robin Shook, from the championship years, Morgan Reader, Stevi Adams-Maytubby and Shari Hearne along with the WAC championship members are expected to likely to be on hand when it is time to tap it off. It is one thing to have good teams; it is another to build the camaraderie that exists in the Aggie volleyball ranks.

And it isn't just the team. Look at the fan base the "Coach of Champions" has brought forth. Tailgating, being there in larger and larger numbers and following the team when it travels is proof of the strength of what has been going on. That is something soccer head coach Michael Needham is looking to duplicate.

The women's soccer program boots it off at Aggie Memorial on Saturday, Aug. 23, with a pair of exhibition games a little earlier in the month. That's quite a way to get primed for a crimson and white year of celebration. I want to remind you that season tickets are on sale for both sports and you are needed to build the spirit.

Some may remember that volleyball at New Mexico State was kind of a throwaway activity for fans before the Jordan era began. Considering the effort Needham has put into the preseason, it looks to ole Pete that he is on track to duplicate what Jordan has made a habit.

Coach "J" will be waggin' a finger in my face reminding me that it didn't happen overnight. It never does when you are building a house of winners. You need a strong foundation to support that big house, and it's time you joined the foundation of another Aggie fall activity.

Pete

Richburg to coach USA relay teams

New Mexico State's head cross country/track and field coach Orin Richburg will coach the USA men's and women's relay teams as they compete in the 2009 IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Germany, Aug. 15 through 23.

Last summer, Richburg took the reigns as the head relay coach for the USA track and field Olympic team in Beijing. He was appointed to this position by a group of his peers and has been a member of the Olympic coaching circuit for several years.

The USA relay team brought home a pair of gold medals in the women's and men's 4x400-meter relay.

"Being nominated by a group of my peers is very gratifying and I am proud that I get to represent my country at the games," Richburg said.

Events of the championships are set to begin Saturday, Aug. 15, but Richburg's athletes are not set to compete until Friday, Aug. 21, starting with the men's 4x100 meters relay.

While Richburg is coaching the USA team abroad, his Aggie cross country team will set off to camp in Ruidoso, N.M., Aug. 15 to 18.

Last season, Richburg had 15 student-athletes earn all-WAC status for the cross country, indoor and outdoor seasons, including six first team all-conference selections. For the second year-in-a-row, the Aggies had three student-athletes competing at the 2009 Midwest Regional Championships.

For more information on the World Championships, visit www.iaaf.org. A complete 2009 NMSU cross country schedule can be found at www.nmstatesports.com.

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On the green

A return from sabbatical

Famous Japanese Pro shares more wisdom

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Doc: It's been nearly a year since we've spoken. My readers have been asking about you. Where have you been and what have you been doing.

FJP: Retreat. Mount Fuji.

Doc: Wow! Did you climb Mount Fuji? Mount Fuji is 12,395 feet high. That's impressive; and at your age a major accomplishment.

FJP: Not climb. Just look.

Doc: Oh, right. Anyway, while you were away lots of things have been happening in golf. Kenny Perry, David Duval and Tom Watson all suffered heartbreaking losses. On the verge of his first major, Kenny Perry couldn't close the deal in the final holes of the Masters, and then lost in a playoff to the Argentinian Angel Cabrera. Of course Cabrera made a miracle par save and putted out of his mind to beat Perry, but Perry sadly handed it to him. If Perry weren't so well-loved and such a nice guy the golf media would have skewered him as a goat like they did Scott Hoch when he missed the famous four-footer to lose his Masters.

FJP: Nerves always unfortunate.

Doc: While you were admiring Mount Fuji in your native land, David Duval nearly "stole" the U.S. Open, coming out of oblivion to contend until the final holes. Ranked 900-and-something in the world in June, he really played brilliantly in the Open, only to have his hopes dashed with a 71st-hole bogey. But his confidence is way up, and I think we will hear a lot more from Duval, who finally seems to be at peace with his family and occasional tournament play.

FJP: A talent too rare to hide.

Doc: Then there's Tom Watson, the real heartbreaker, at the British Open played this year at Turnberry. That was the very site in 1977 where Watson bested a fit Jack Nicklaus in the Open that became celebrated as "The Duel in the Sun." In case you haven't gone through all your newspapers yet – I know you don't do email or any of that stuff – I'm talking about five-time British Open winner Tom Watson, not PGA Tour long-drive bomber Bubba Watson. Tom Watson, now 59 years old, played 71 holes of the Open better than anyone else in the field, regardless of age. Heck, Tiger Woods didn't even make the cut. That is until making bogey from the middle of the fairway on the 72nd hole. That historical error meant a tie with Stewart Cink, forcing a playoff.

FJP: Best to avoid playoff.

Doc: Well, Watson seemed demoralized by his weak 8-foot par putt on 18, which would have won the Open, leaving the door open for Cink. The playoff wasn't even a contest.

FJP: Mr. Cink great golfer.

Doc: Back in 2005 Cink contended for the U.S. Open until bogeying the 72nd hole at Shinnecock. He would have been in a playoff with eventual winner Ratif Goosen.

FJP: Cink have lapse on 2-footer.

Doc: I didn't realize you knew that much about Stewart Cink.

FJP: Ahh so. You are surprised I speak on your golfers?

Doc: True. In the British Open playoff Watson collapsed and Cink won going away. "Déjà vu, all over again" with Kenny Perry. What do you make of all that?

> "The biggest news in women's golf is LPGA commissioner Carolyn Bivens stepping down."
>
> THE GOLF DOC

FJP: Best to avoid playoff.

Doc: The biggest news in women's golf is LPGA commissioner Carolyn Bivens stepping down. Actually she was pretty much forced out, mostly by a group of tour players who staged a rebellion and made it impossible for Bivens to stay on. The players reportedly resented Bivens' push to transform the Tour's "dykes-on-spikes" image into a star-studded entertainment attraction that would rival the men's tour and be a big-bucks TV attraction.

FJP: No-cut contract best.

Doc: Bivens was recruited to run the women's tour in 2005, largely to revamp the marketing position and profitability potential of the LPGA Tour.

At the time, say some of the players who like Bivens, her vision was that "these girls deserve more (money)," a notion which would be a harbinger of the heavy-handed approach she took with tournament owners and sponsors, especially to raise funds for player benefits.

Bivens did get in a little hot water a couple of years ago when she dictated that the Asian players would have to learn to speak English for the press interviewers. That attempt went over about as big as someone trying to bully Wal-Mart to take down all the store signs that are in Spanish.

Bivens' enemies must have seen her as an uncompromising, take-no-prisoners executive, despite wanting to elevate the players' status. In the environment when Bivens was hired, those were go-go times for golf. Now the economy sucks. No fewer than seven tournaments have been lost to the tour since 2008, while many accuse her of being hard-nosed in dealing with business matters.

Do you think forcing her out was wrong?

FJP: Wrong to kick ball and take names.

Doc: That's not quite the saying, but I know what you mean, Pro. These are times that demand the ultimate in emotional intelligence to build, not destroy, business relationships.

Interestingly the new acting commish is Marsha Evans who is a retired Navy Rear Admiral. Since 1998 she has been CEO of the Girl Scouts and CEO of the American Red Cross – she's a heavy in terms of organizational know how.

But now I'm really confused. I'm a Navy veteran myself (Lieutenant, destroyers, Vietnam), and I certainly know that it would take a very special, very tough woman to earn stars on her shoulder boards. A kick *** and take names gal. So they trade one hard-liner for another? On the other hand, the tour is desperate for a commish who is truly politically savvy and can repair relationships. I would recommend Condoliza Rice to the tour, but she wants the NFL job.

FJP: Rough sailing ahead.

Doc: On to another topic, are you working with any emerging superstar golfers these days?

FJP: One.

Doc: Who is she?

FJP: He.

Doc: Ahh so.

FJP: A boy, 59. Teaching Samurai code.

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Aggies sign two pitchers

Both long on experience

New Mexico State softball coach Kathy Rodolph signed two transferring pitchers to play for the Aggies.

Torrey Schroeder, a right-handed pitcher from Texas, and Alex Villalobos, a right hander from Oklahoma State, will help fill the void in the circle that was created with Kim Watson's graduation last spring.

Both players are eligible for competition this upcoming season.

"One thing we really needed once Kim (Watson) graduated was maturity and experience and someone who wants the No. 1 or No. 2 role, and we found just that with these two," Rodolph said. "I'm really excited to have them because they are a perfect fit and will help our younger pitchers graduate, so-to-say, into being ready for top NCAA competition."

Schroeder played three seasons with the Longhorns as a pitcher and first baseman. In 40 appearances in the circle, she compiled a 12-4 record with a 3.54 ERA. She started 24 games at Texas, including a career-high 16 last season where she struck out 64 batters and opponents only hit .241 while facing her.

Villalobos spent last season on the OSU pitching staff and one year prior to that at Central Arizona College. She appeared in 15 games for the Cowgirls, making two starts and finished her sophomore season at Oklahoma State with a 2-2 record and 2.90 ERA (121) and wins (65).

Broncos No. 1 in WAC polls

Aggies ninth in media poll, eighth in 2009 coaches poll

The New Mexico State University football team has been selected to finish eighth in the 2009 Western Athletic Conference football coaches poll and ninth in the media poll, released Wednesday at the WAC Football Media Days.

The Aggies received 104 points in the media poll and 13 points in the coaches poll.

In 2008, the Aggies were picked seventh in both the coaches and media polls, finishing with a 3-9 record and a 1-7 conference mark.

"Based on our record last year, that is probably where we should be ranked in the preseason poll," NMSU coach DeWayne Walker said. "The beautiful part about this is that we still have to play the games and we will use this as a motivating factor for our team and try to improve our football team and see where we are at the end of the season."

"We can't worry about what others think of us," senior wide receiver Marcus Anderson said. "We just need to go out and win football games."

"Honestly, to me these are just numbers," senior linebacker Ross Conner said. "This give us as a team and me personally more motivation to prove people wrong and to go out and have a successful season."

In the media poll, Boise State received the No. 1 spot with 55 of the polls' first-place votes, followed by Nevada (444), Fresno State (365) and Louisiana Tech (360).

Hawai'i and San Jose State received 275 and 263 points. Utah State (170) and Idaho (110) finished just ahead of the NMSu (104) to round out the voting.

The media also voted on preseason players of the year. Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick was voted the Offensive Player of the Year while Boise State cornerback Kyle Wilson was picked as the Defensive Player of the Year.

In the coaches poll, Boise State received 64 points from the nine WAC coaches while Nevada was close behind with 55 points. Fresno State and Louisiana Tech finished tied for third with 45 points, followed by Hawai'i (36), San Jose State (34), Utah State (21), NMSU (13) and Idaho (11) rounded out the coaches poll.

The Aggies open the season against Idaho at Aggie Memorial Stadium at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5.

WAC Football Media Poll

Rank	Team	Points
1	Boise State (55)	519
2	Nevada (3)	444
3	Fresno State	365
4	Louisiana Tech	360
5	Hawai'i	275
6	San Jose State	263
7	Utah State	170
8	Idaho	110
9	New Mexico State	104

Coaches Poll

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Boise State (8)	64
2.	Nevada (1)	55
3.	Louisiana Tech	45
5.	Hawai'i	36
6.	San Jose State	34
7.	Utah State	21
8.	New Mexico State	13
9.	Idaho	11

Jaquess

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for the Bulldawgs."

And play he did. Patrick contributed to the team as a sophomore on special teams, then started at tight end as a junior. As a senior last fall, Patrick starred at tight end and also played defensive end and linebacker as the Bulldawgs won another state championship.

Jaquess was among a group of about 30 seniors who helped the team to a perfect record, defeating Eldorado in the state championship game in Albuquerque. Jaquess and many of his former teammates are back in Albuquerque this week for the North-South Football All-Star game. The contest is set for Friday evening.

> "More is expected of a coach's kid, and Patrick went above and beyond the call."
>
> BRENT JAQUESS, LCHS defensive coordinator

Jaquess' former Bulldawg teammates in the game include James Hall Jr., Dante Caro, Mike Bernal, Jacob Lilley, Luis Olivas, Will Bruce and Zane Bischof.

"It's going to be like a family reunion," Jaquess said.

Also on the team are Mayfield's Michael Nakamoto, Matt Flores, Jacob Ceniceros, J.D. Ordunez and Isaac McConkey as well as Onate's Eric Flores. There are 14 city athletes representing the South.

Hall will attend New Mexico State next fall on a football scholarship, while Bernal and Flores are headed to Eastern New Mexico University. Caro and Jaquess will play for the New Mexico Lobos.

Jaquess, who is now 6-foot-1, 190 pounds, will be an invited walk-on at UNM and the Lobo coaches will move him to the fullback position.

"They really liked his motor and his ability to block," Brent Jaquess said.

"I liked getting the big block that sprung someone for a touchdown," said Patrick, who scored six touchdowns of his own last fall. "That's what makes me happy, having the important block."

The 2008 season was like a dream come true for father and son. Bulldawg football had been a huge part of their lives for many years and in Patrick's last season at the school, the team achieved all of its goals.

"It's been a special time," said Brent. "And we were able to have a lot of quality time together. Having your kid play for you is great, but to have him play at such a high level and win a state championship was icing on the cake.

"More is expected of a coach's kid, and Patrick went above and beyond the call," Brent added.

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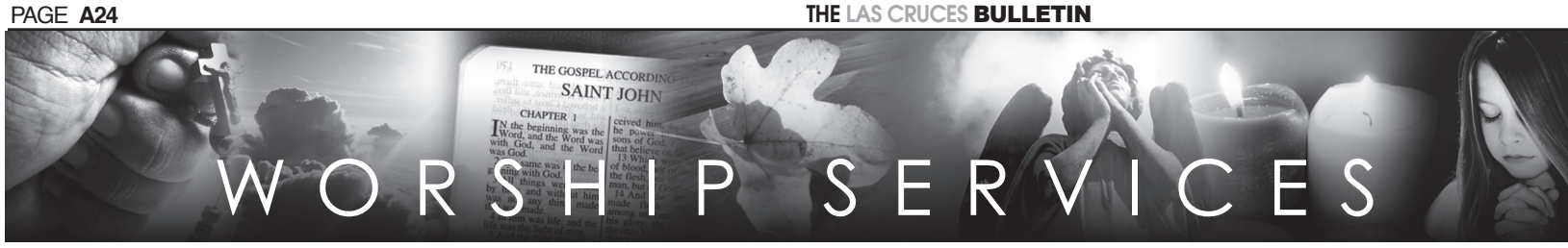

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CHURCH NEWS

EL PASO GUEST

Calvary Chapel of El Paso Senior Pastor Charlie Flores and his wife CiCi will present worship and present a special teaching message at the 9 and 11 a.m. services at Calvary Chapel of Las Cruces Sunday, Aug. 2. All are invited to attend. The church is located at 139 S. Main St. Youth ministry and child care are provided. For more information, call the church office at 524-0985.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

Temple Beth-El's Mensch Club will offer educational programs in August, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, with a talk by New Mexico State University professor Rex Peiper titled "Doing Science with Palestinians and Israelis." The temple is located at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. For more information, contact Harvey Hilbert at 521-3711 or email harveyhilbert@yahoo.com.

MESSIANIC MINISTRY PRESENTATION

First Fruits of Zion, a Messianic Jewish ministry, will be in Las Cruces at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4. The group will give a presentation on the early Messianic Jews of the 19th century who were the forerunners of the Messianic movement today. The speaker will be Boaz Michael, the founder of First Fruits of Zion. He will be speaking at the Etz Chayim-Tree of Life Messianic Congregation, 134 S. Downtown Mall, at Griggs and Water Street. Enter off of Water Street For more information, call 382-0193.

ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT OPEN HOUSE

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission will be the location a teenage mission team from the national church in the days Saturday, Aug. 8 through Sunday, Aug. 16. During the team's visit, the church will host an open house from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at 518 N. Alameda St. The community is invited to the open house. For more information, visit http://stanthonylc.org.

Without counseling, chances of marital failure are greater

Rewarding children can be seen as a bribe to some parents

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

If you were a counselor who was helping someone manage a crisis situation, your recommendations to exercise tough love could potentially kill the marriage. Doesn't that make you nervous? Have you ever regretted taking a family in this direction?

Before I answer that question, you need to understand how I see my situation. My role is similar to that of a surgeon who tells a patient he needs a coronary-artery-bypass operation. The man sits in his doctor's office, hearing the probabilities of success and failure.

"If you undergo this operation," the doctor says, "research shows you'll have a 3 percent chance of not surviving the surgery."

Wow! Three out of every 100 people who submit to the knife will die on the table. Why would anyone run that risk voluntarily? Because the chances of death are far greater without the surgery.

The "love must be tough" confrontations and ultimatums are like that. They may result in the sudden demise of a relationship, but without the crisis, there is a much higher probability of a lingering death. Instead of bringing the matter to a head while there is a chance for healing, the alternative is to stand by while the marriage dies with a whimper.

I'd rather take my chances today, before further damage is done. A blowout is better than a slow leak.

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I am uncomfortable using rewards to influence my kids. It seems too much like bribery to me. I'd like to hear your views on the subject.

Many parents feel as you do, and in response I say: Don't use them if you are philosophically opposed to the concept.

It is unfortunate, however, that one of our most effective teaching tools is often rejected because of what I would consider to be a misunderstanding of terms. Our entire society is established on a system of rewards, yet we don't want to apply them where they are needed most – with young children.

As adults, we go to work each day and receive a paycheck every other Friday. Getting out of bed each morning and meeting the requirements of a job are thereby rewarded. Medals are given to brave soldiers, plaques are awarded to successful businesses and watches are presented to retiring employees. Rewards make responsible effort worthwhile.

The main reason for the overwhelming success of capitalism is that hard work and personal discipline are rewarded materially. The great weakness of socialism is the absence of reinforcement; why should a person struggle to achieve if there is nothing special to be gained?

This system is a destroyer of motivation, yet some parents seem to feel it is the only way to approach children. They expect little Marvin to carry responsibility simply because it is noble for him to do so. They want him to work, learn and sweat for the sheer joy of personal accomplishment. He isn't going to buy it.

Consider the alternative approach to the "bribery" I've recommended. How are you going to get your 5-year-old son to behave more responsibly? The most frequently used substitutes are nagging, complaining, begging, screaming, threatening and punishing.

The mother who objects to the use of rewards may also go to bed each evening with a headache, vowing to have no more children. She doesn't like anything resembling a bribe, yet later she will give money to her child when some opportunity comes along.

Since her youngster never earns his own cash, he doesn't learn how to save it or spend it wisely or pay tithe on it. The toys she buys him are purchased with her money, and he values them less. Most important, he is not learning self-discipline and personal responsibility that are possible through the careful reinforcement of that behavior.

Yes, I do believe the judicious use of rewards can be very helpful to parents – but they're not for everyone.

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.

Mountain View Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

Pastor Robb Redlin brings experience from around the world

By **Beth Sitzler**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Pastor Robb Redlin and his family will join Mountain View Baptist Church, 301 N. Solano Drive, Sunday, Aug. 2, as the congregation's new pastor.

Raised in Adrian, Mich., where his dad was a police officer, Redlin said he knew at an early age that he wanted to spend his life following the word of God. At the age of 15, he said he decided to dedicate his life full time to Christian service.

After graduating from high school, Redlin attended Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, Fla. It was there that he met his future wife Barbara. Once he had completed his time at the university, he began his ministry career.

"I want to reach out to the community and see God's word spread," he said.

Over the years, Redlin has traveled around the country and over seas to spread the word of God and serve the community. He has worked as a youth pastor outside of Chicago and Florida, and also spent time working as a Christian school teacher.

Following his 12 years of service as a youth pastor, Redlin packed up his family and moved to Wales, England, to work as a pastor of a congregation.

Following his three years abroad, Redlin and his family decided to head back to the states and find a new congregation to call home.

Mountain View Baptist Church welcomes Pastor Robb Redlin, his wife Barbara, son Tell and daughter Annie to the congregation Sunday, Aug. 2.

Upon his return, a friend located in Las Cruces recommended him for the pastor position at Mountain View Baptist Church, since the previous pastor was relocating to a church in Texas.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to work with an established church or a small church that needed help to grow," he said.

In the past, Redlin said he would help small churches grow. After much consideration, he decided to continue that tradition and accepted the pastor position at Mountain View, which was formed four years ago.

"We're excited. My wife is from the Southwest and is glad to come back," he said, adding that the area's hot, summer days are a welcome change from Wales' drizzly weather.

Along with years of experience, Redlin is also bringing with him a loving family.

"We're very big on family, and we enjoy being around people," he said.

After he and Barbara Redlin tried to conceive, they were told they couldn't have children. They began to look into adoption and decided to visit the Ukraine. It was there that they found their son Tell, 13.

"It was a wonderful match," Redlin said about Tell, who was 5 years old when they adopted him.

Blessed with a son, the couple decided to look into adopting another child three years ago while they were in Wales. Before they had the chance, however, a miracle happened.

"My wife said that something was wrong, that she didn't feel right," he said.

After Barbara Redlin went to the doctor, they discovered that she was pregnant with their daughter Annie, now age 2.

"The doctor said she only had a small window of opportunity to get pregnant," he said.

Redlin and his family are currently visiting relatives in Michigan, but he said he has big plans for when he gets to the area.

"I want to be a help to the people of Las Cruces," he said. "I want to reach out to the community, not only the church."

Las Crucens may also catch Redlin and Tell at the golf course.

"My son and I both enjoy sports, especially golf," he said.

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1934

• Elephant Butte Irrigation District manager N.B. Phillips warned farmers that very little water was reaching the Elephant Butte Reservoir because the San Luis Valley district in Colorado was diverting too much water. He reported that the Rio Grande was almost dry for 100 miles south of the Colorado state line, which included the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. The EBID, MRGCD and the El Paso Water Improvement District filed a request with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation seeking a ruling to prevent more water diversions by Colorado.

• The city was seeking an architect to design the proposed Branigan Public Library, which was to be built on a lot at the intersection of Main Street and Hadley Avenue.

• The city received Depression Era National Recovery Act funds for road work, $50,000 to repair six miles of the highway south of Mesilla and $48,000 to complete a highway connection east of the city.

50 years ago 1959

• Strong winds tore off several building roofs, knocked down three utility poles and damaged cotton, corn and alfalfa in Berino.

• Army Ordnance fired a Nike Hercules missile from an enclosed cellular site at White Sands Missile Range. The re-enforced launching facility was similar to underground sites that had been installed around industrial cities to reduce space needs and manpower.

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Main Street Las Cruces before it was paved and traffic consisted of horse-drawn wagons and buggies. The copulas of St. Genevieve's church can be seen in the background.

• Burn Construction won a $186,000 contract to connect El Paseo Road with North Main Street, known as the Boutz Spur.

25 years ago 1984

• About 240 onion pickers' children were being cared for at Health, Education and Livelihood Program centers in Las Cruces, Rincon and Anthony while their parents were working in the fields. The centers provided medical and dental care and recreation for the children. HELP and the U.S. Department of Labor provided the funding.

• The Las Cruces Board of Education approved the hiring of a high school athletic director and the organizing of a soccer team.

• The federal Economic Development Administration approved a $150,000 grant to help pay the cost of completing the installation of a gas line to the West Mesa Industrial Park. The city paid $89,658 for its share of the cost.

10 years ago 1999

• A Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance subcommittee asked state and federal legislators to help encourage farmers to keep their land in agriculture instead of selling it to housing developers.

• Rising gasoline prices pushed unleaded to $1.01 a gallon.

• U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Director Filiberto Cortez assured the Elephant Butte Irrigation District Board of Directors that the bureau would have supervisors on duty when the millennium switched to 2000 in case computer malfunction.

• The U.S. Farm Agency made $12 million available in disaster funds to replace crop losses. Southern New Mexico farmers figured they had lost half their chile crop to curly-top virus or powdery mildew.

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

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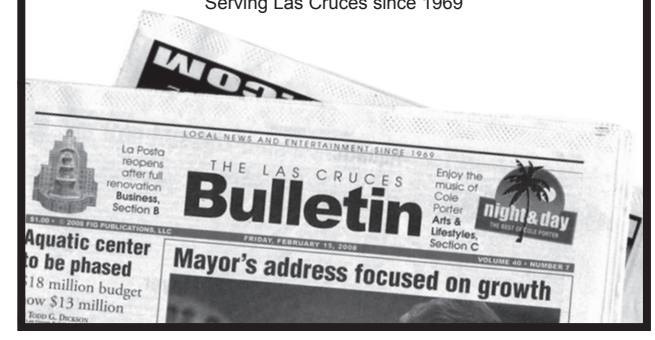

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs.

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.

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.

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. Intermediate line dancing class is from 1:45 to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS
Core floor exercise classes are held five days a week at the Munson Senior Center. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

The schedule is:
- Mondays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with Lucille
- Tuesdays, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., with Jennifer Smith
- Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with Lucille
- Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., with Jennifer Smith
- Fridays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with Lucille

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.

MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS
Exercise classes with Annette Morales are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

FITNESS WALKING GROUP
Fitness walks are held at Mesilla Valley Mall from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pick-up and drop-off for these walks is available at the Munson and Eastside centers.

BINGO MANIA
Bingo Mania is at the Eastside Center from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knick-knacks for prizes are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for information.

CANASTA
Canasta played from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at the Munson Senior Center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

MEN'S POOL TOURNAMENT
A free men's 8-ball pool tournament held the last Wednesday of every month at Munson Center is open to men 50 and older. 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.

LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT
A free ladies pool tournament open to ladies 50 and older 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.

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

SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB
The Voyagers Senior Travel Club, located in Munson Senior Center, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

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.

MOVIE DAY
Movie Day is at 1:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month in the conference room at Munson Senior Center. For title information, call Mark at 528-3406 or email mmumper@las-cruces.org. Free popcorn served. Movie suggestions are welcome.

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

BREAKFAST AT MUNSON
Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Cantina at Munson Senior Center. The menu includes fruit juice, cereal and milk. A 50-cent donation is suggested for this breakfast for those 60 or older. The price for those under 60 is $1.10 for all three items.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS
Area drivers age 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program, a four-hour course. The cost is $12 per person for AARP members and $14 per person for non-members. Fees must be paid at the door and participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive a discount. Class will be from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Encantada Park Community Center, 1000 Coyote Trail. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

DAY TRIP TO COLUMBUS
A day trip to the Desert Cactus Gardens outside of Columbus, N.M., is scheduled to depart at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, from Munson Senior Center and travel. Participants will need to bring a photo I.D., pack a sack lunch, carry drinking water, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring sunscreen. The trip ends at 4 p.m. The cost is $6. For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS
Join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help with activities, such as:
- Assistant pianist for a group that performs weekly at nursing homes
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- Join in the fun with New Mexico senior games
- Be an advocate for those who need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to community programs
- Teach others a trade
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

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

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

Primary benefits covered are: Medicare A, B, C and D; Medicaid; low-cost housing; low-income assistance; Social Security; transportation; meals on wheels; assistance to disabled on Medicare/Medicaid, etc. Assistance is available as follows:
- Resource Center at Munson Senior Center: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 528-3301 or 528-3307.
- Representatives of the State Aging Department are at Munson Senior Center: 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-2451.
- Local representative from the state Aging and Long Term Services and assistance is available. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049.

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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 ways of losing pounds and sharing success. The group meets at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room.

NEW MEXICO YOUNG FATHER'S PROJECT
The New Mexico Young Father's fatherhood project meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 532-1536.

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

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

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

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

The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccfa.org). For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP
Adult Children of Alcoholic and other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences. The 12 steps help them find freedom from the past and improve their lives.

For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP
The Independent Living Group meeting for people with all types of disabilities meets from 1 to 3 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Ability Center for Independent Living, 715 E. Idaho Ave., Suite 3E. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 526-5016.

ART OF BIRTH AND WELLNESS GARAGE SALE
The Art of Birth and Wellness, a nonprofit, nondenominational organization whose mission is to improve maternal and child health outcomes as well as women's health care in southern New Mexico and local communities is in need of items for their annual garage-sale fundraiser. Donated items should be clean and in working condition. If there are bags or boxes of items similar items should be grouped together and labeled.

For more information about when and where items may be dropped off, contact Brooke Tou at 645-9106 or brookerise@yahoo.com.

For more information about the Art of Birth and Wellness, visit www.birthandwellness.com.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP
Experiencing difficulty with communication due to aphasia? The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation and education about aphasia and offers support for those who have aphasia. The group will meet at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave.

For more information, contact Teresa Brobeck, speech and language pathologist, at 521-6475 or brobeckt@ernestheath.com.

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. Meetings are planned for Aug. 23 and Sept. 27.

For more information, leave a message at 523-9177.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breast-feeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breast feeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of the month at the Southwest Environmental Center located at 275 N. Downtown Mall. The night time meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, also at SWEC. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran. Contact Beltran at 635-6683 or reneebeltran1@comcast.net for more information, including directions.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP
The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 Lohman Ave., in the Community Education Room. The group will help to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks will be available.

For more information, contact Geraldo at 650-4404 or email southernm.transplant.supportgrp@gmail.com.

EMDR LECTURE AT MOUNTAIN VIEW MARKET
A free lecture on eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), a treatment for trauma and abuse recovery, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M.

The speaker will be Adrienne Wilson, LPCC, of Integrity Counseling Inc.

For more information, call Wilson at 373-1163.

SISTERS BY CHANCE SUPPORT GROUP
Sisters by Chance, a support group for women living with cancer, meets the first Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. 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.

LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP
Psychologist Cheryl Black is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Sessions are on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be two sessions from which to choose: from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., or from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP
A stroke support group meets at 1 p.m. of the first Thursday of each month in the Doña Ana Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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These classes are provided as a service by MountainView Medical Center and are for all ages.

For more information, call Alvarez-Diosdado at 526-3016.

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.

NURSES NEEDED AT ST. LUKE'S CLINIC
Nurses are needed to volunteer at St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. St Luke's Clinic is located in the Community of Hope campus next to El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave. Those who are interested, or know of someone that can help should call Martie Miller at 527-5482 or Marylou Amacher at 532-0729.

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Karen Nichols will offer 90-minute yoga classes at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive (west of the SHAS Thrift Store) at 5:15 p.m. Mondays and at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays during the month of August. Donations will benefit a local charitable organization. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience and registration is not required.

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Confusion, complexity slows health care reform legislation

Obama hopes for reform legislation by year's end

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Politics and conflicting opinions about how to fix the health care system are slowing down national reform efforts, but President Barack Obama is pushing Congress to get legislation passed before the end of 2009.

Locally, the League of Women Voters is trying to get people informed and actively involved to counter the money and influence by primarily the health insurance lobby, which the group contends is the main beneficiary from keeping the status quo.

At a recent forum on health care reform, Bonnie Burn, local league president, noted how the health insurance industry has consolidated as it went from a predominately nonprofit model in the mid-1990s to a market dominated by for-profit companies.

"In 1988, the top-10 insurers covered 27 percent of all insured Americans," she said. "Today, four publicly traded corporations – WellPoint Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Aetna Inc. and Cigna – cover 85 million people, or almost half of all Americans with private insurance."

By being more responsible to their shareholders than patients, Burn said these companies measure what they pay out for care as their "medical loss ratio." If less is paid out, thereby reducing the medical loss ratio, shareholders enjoy more profits, she said.

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"When you hear the word, 'rationing,' and the term, 'don't let the government stand between you and your doctor,' be aware that the insurance companies are already 'standing between you and your doctor,'" she said. "(Insurance companies) are practicing 'rationing' by making decisions about your coverage, such as rejecting applications, rejecting claims, excluding people because of pre-existing conditions, rescinding insurance when claims are more than the insurer wishes to pay and increasing your deductibles."

Burn's words are supported by an article written by Doris Isolini Nelson, a member of the league's Health Care Education Task Force.

She wrote that after the defeat of health care reforms in the mid-1990s, managed care became the mantra for a private sector solution.

"Before 1995, the great majority of employer plans were traditional indemnity-insurance, paying a fee for service and allowing access to any doctor, paying whatever the doctor or hospital required," Nelson wrote. "In 1978, 95 percent of Americans with employer-sponsored coverage had fee-for-service plans. In 1998, only 14 percent were enrolled in such plans. This drop was accompanied by an increase in enrollment in a wide variety of managed care insurance plans, including Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs) and Point of Service plans (POSs). These plans controlled costs four ways: 1) limiting the choice of doctors by paying the total fee only if the physician was in the plan's network; 2) requiring patients to see a primary care doctor before obtaining a referral to a specialist; 3) requiring prior permission by doctors for admission to hospitals, diagnostic tests or medical procedures; and 4) negotiating predetermined fee schedules for physician payment which have been discounted from the usual fees."

In 2004, the National Coalition on Health Care (NCHC) reported that since 1998 not only premiums but also the rate of increase in premiums had escalated, even during a period of low inflation.

According to a report this year by the NCHC, employment-based health insurance premiums have increased 120 percent since 1999 and by an even higher rate since 2000, according to the Nelson report.

Meanwhile, the average employee contribution to provided health insurance has increased more than 120 percent with out-of-pocket deductibles, co-pay for medication and co-insurance for physician and hospitals rising 115 percent.

Along with the increased cost, the health insurance industry is doing little to improve health care quality, Nelson contends. The health insurance industry is marketing for younger enrollees, who are generally healthier and less prone to seek medical treatment.

In 2004, NCHC reported on "an epidemic of sub-standard care."

"The dominant finding of our review is that for most care that has been studied, there are large gaps between the care that people should receive and the care they do receive," the NCHC reported.

According to a major study by the RAND Corp., less than 55 percent of patients under a managed-care model get the care recommended by their doctors.

As the industry consolidated and prices escalated, more people became uninsured and businesses began dropping their health care benefits.

"The percentage of people (workers and dependents) with employment-based health insurance has dropped from 70 percent in 1987 to 62 percent in 2007," Nelson wrote. "This is the lowest level of employment-based insurance coverage in more than a decade."

Nelson noted other ways insurance companies manage risk and reduce their medical loss ratio. They include reducing covered services, raising deductibles and co-pays, and refusing coverage for pre-existing conditions.

"Even nonprofits such as Blue Shield of California are obliged to follow prevailing market practices lest they be swamped with the highest-cost customers," Nelson wrote. "Insurance companies have established departments dedicated to reviewing applications of customers who file costly medical claims. The goal is to discover evidence that the clients failed to disclose pre-existing conditions when they applied. Insurers cite these omissions as grounds to cancel policies retroactively, a process known as rescission."

Despite the hot weather, supporters of health care reform took their messages to Main Street Thursday, July 23.

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Lloyd Covens, right, holds a sign Thursday, July 23, on Main Street in support of health care reform. Covens said he is concerned that Montana Sen. Max Baucas is holding off his vote. Behind Covens, Mead Kemrer urges motorists to honk in support.

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Treatment center cuts off Presbyterian

Company says insurance requirements would raise costs

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Vein Treatment Center in Las Cruces recently informed 120 of 1,800 active patients that it will no longer accept their Presbyterian Health Insurance coverage.

In a letter to patients of the center, CEO Erik Khan wrote the "decision was made after careful consideration of Presbyterian Health Plan's inability to reduce physician costs, which ultimately would reduce costs to their patients."

In an interview with the Bulletin, Khan said Presbyterian had been one of the more difficult health insurance carriers his staff has had to work with in terms of getting approval for often life-saving procedures. But when the Albuquerque-based insurance company demanded his physicians carry $1 million worth of malpractice insurance settlement coverage – five times what they have now – it was the proverbial last straw, he said.

To carry that level of malpractice insurance would cost the physicians $85,000 per patient. Khan said it was too expensive and he had to make the difficult decision to cut loose his Presbyterian patients.

"We want to take care of people," Khan said. "But (Presbyterian) wanted to increase our cost beyond our ability to cover that cost."

The center and its two physicians – Khalid Y. Khan and partner Alfredo F. Gurmendi – provide surgical services such as lung surgery, minimally invasive vein and arterial surgery and advanced wound healing therapy. There are only two other physicians in Las Cruces providing those kinds of surgical services, Erik Khan noted, and if the center's former patients can't be seen by them, they will have to go elsewhere.

The problem he's had with Presbyterian is illustrative of the kind of issues being discussed on a national level in the health care debate, Khan said.

Of the center's nine employees – not counting the doctor – there is a full-time employee whose job is dealing with insurance companies.

Besides the liability issue, Khan said Presbyterian's own slow internal approval processes often created worrisome delays in treatment of serious illnesses.

For example, a person's chest is X-rayed and a possible lung tumor is detected. The next step in diagnosis is to have a CAT scan, which Khan said could – and should – be done immediately at Memorial Medical Center just across Telshor Boulevard from the center. To pay for the CAT scan, the insurance provider must approve the test. Should the scan reveal a tumor, the surgery and/or treatment must also be approved by the insurance before it can be done. And the insurance company may likely require the center to conduct more tests before the treatment is approved.

With Presbyterian, that process of approvals can eat up a month before the patient is finally getting oncology treatment, Khan said. Without getting the prior approval, the insurance company most likely won't pay, leaving the patient shouldering the expense, he said.

"This is where the risk versus cost of health care insurance has become an issue," he said.

And there are a number of patients the center does work with who don't have insurance, Khan said. Even though it is ultimately the patient's responsibility to find ways to pay the medical bill, the doctors will take on patients based on their medical needs, not whether they have insurance, he said.

So it chaffs Khan when doctors are sometimes depicted as being the ones conducting unnecessary tests or procedures that are adding burdens to the cost of health care. President Barack Obama's recent example about tonsillectomies is especially irritating to Khan because the reimburse rate to a doctor for the procedure is only about $260 and infected tonsils can present a real health hazard.

Doctors put in long hours and work weeks – often without vacations – because they care about their patients, he said.

Just as it's bothersome to have health insurance providers dictating the malpractice insurance of his center's doctors, Khan said doctors need to retain the control to make decisions about the best treatments in consultation with their patients.

As for his center's former Presbyterian patients, Khan's advice to them in his letter was to "consult with an insurance agent to gain proper coverage."

In an emergency situation, however, the center's physicians will be on call as they always have been for emergency surgeries, he said.

Life is like a bowl of healthy salad

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NMSU Community Health student and intern for the Community of Hope Kari Jones demonstrates how to make a garden salad to students and community members who attended the Community of Hope "Eat Healthy, Grow Fit" nutrition talk and cooking demonstration Monday, July 27.

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At Yoga in the Park —

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Participants arrived at 5:30 a.m. to learn Sri Swami Adhyatmanandaji's techniques.

As part of Divya Tour 2009, Sri Swami Adhyatmanandaji visited Young Park, in addition to World Gym Wednesday and Thursday.

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Yoga in the Park participants reach for the sky early Wednesday morning.

A variety of beginner and intermediate techniques highlighted the morning.

Senior Olympians prepare to attend National Senior Games

New Mexico will be well represented

New Mexico Senior Olympic athletes are gearing up and training to compete at the 2009 Summer National Senior Games, Saturday, Aug. 1 through Santuray, Aug. 15, in Palo Alto, Calif., at Stanford University.

This year, and this year only, qualifying standards have been relaxed. Atheletes who participated in a state qualifying game in an individual sport (except golf) and finished are eligible to participate in the 2009 National Games in that sport. More than 14,000 athletes are signed up to compete in five-year age divisions.

New Mexico will be represented very well at the games with about 400 athletes competing. There are 25 sports in which seniors will compete, including seven demonstration sports: equestrian, fencing, lawn bowling, rowing, sailing, soccer and water polo. New Mexico will have transportation shuttles to assist athletes to their sport venue and to get them around Stanford University during the games.

Throughout the two-week competition, athletes will have the chance to socialize at the special events. For example, on Aug. 8, Nationals will host a Celebration of Athletes, and all athletes attending must be dressed in the state's "uniform" and be seated together.

"Athletes from New Mexico are always the envy of all other states because our delegation is suited out in bright red wind suits with a beautiful artistic scene done by artist Mark Reid from the Dexter area and the athletes truly stand out beautifully," New Mexico Senior Olympics Executive Director Ceci Acosta said. "We anticipate a good showing of 200 athletes for the celebration. I am so proud to say I work for this bunch from New Mexico as director of the organization. This will be my 10th year to attend the Games at Nationals."

The state reception is in the second week of the games, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at the Hilton Garden Inn in San Mateo, Calif. The reception allows athletes an opportunity to share game experiences with one another and to show off their medals.

The social aspect of the games is very important to the seniors as many have traveled to the games alone. Other special events will be held throughout the games including activities such as the Flame Arrival Ceremony, South of the Border Fiesta, Real Texas Barbecue, '60s Be In and Psychedelic Ice Cream Social," farewell party and much more.

New Mexico Senior Olympics athletes going to nationals will be recognized at the New Mexico Conference On Aging Sports and Fitness Fair, Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Senior Olympics Summer Games are funded in part by a grant made available from the N.M. Aging and Long Term Services for health promotion activities. NMSO is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Roswell, N.M.

For more information, call New Mexico Senior Olympics Game Headquarters at 623-5777 or email nmso@nmseniorolympics.org.

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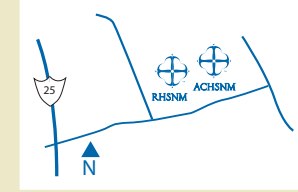

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Water rights case enters litigation

Judge requests that attorneys focus on beneficial water use

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At a water rights hearing on July 15, District Judge Jerald A. Valentine ordered that attorneys submit briefs to determine whether or not the amount of water necessary for pecan growers should be determined separately from others.

"The issue is that the amount of water necessary to produce one crop in a stream system could affect the other water rights claims," the judge said.

The court litigation is the latest development after the recently formed Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers Association protested the Office of the State Engineer's agreement to grant pecan growers 5.5 acre-feet of combined surface and well water annually. All other growers were granted 2 acre feet of water this year.

While discussing his request, Valentine referred to New Mexico Water Code, adopted by the state in 1931. One paragraph reads:

"Beneficial use is the basis, the measure and the limit of the right to the use of water."

The statute continues to say that, although beneficial use is not clearly defined in the New Mexico Constitution or state statutes, New Mexico courts have established many important requisites. One is the maximum use clause that was included to prevent waste. No matter how early a water rights owner's appropriation priority is dated, he is not entitled to receive more water than is necessary for agricultural use. Water rights owners are allowed full use of their water, but they should avoid waste, according to water code.

While attorneys were writing their briefs, Valentine asked them to consider several points listed under "Calculating Duty" in the water codes statutes:

"Amount of water diverted; place of diversion as related to use; amount necessary for particular crop or land; season of the year and general irrigation or water-using practices that are

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Dining outside of the box

Local restaurants expand their sidewalk presence

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If you wanted to get fancy, you could call it "dining alfresco."

But really, it's not that complicated. With year-round warm weather and sunny skies, patio dining should come natural to Las Crucens – and if it hasn't yet, there are signs it's catching on.

Gary Ebert, owner of Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana, in the heart of Downtown Las Cruces, said opening an outdoor dining area is one of the best moves he's made since opening the restaurant earlier this year.

"We wanted to have an outdoor European bistro feel – to make this a fun neighborhood to come to," he said. "When we started setting up tables, we didn't know how popular it would be, but it's turned out that people really enjoy it."

Ebert said he envisions the revitalization of Main Street Downtown as a place with various eateries, some with outdoor patios facing Main and Water streets as well as the Downtown Mall.

"With the new federal building and the new city hall, there is going to be an increased demand for services," Ebert said. "If we can get some more restaurants and other service-related

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The patio at Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana and Popular Artisan Bread Bakery has become a popular lunch and dinner spot for locals.

W.W. Cox family honored by GLCCC

Ranching pioneers have tamed the Organs for 120 years

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Four generations of ranchers were represented Saturday, July 25, when the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce honored the W.W. Cox family at the 2009 National Day of the American Cowboy celebration held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Two great-grandsons, Ronald and Mark Cox, were among the family representatives.

"It's not just the Cox family they're honoring," Mark Cox said. "It's recognizing a way of life that is going away."

Ronald Cox expressed his gratitude for the event.

"All of our family friends have come out to honor our family," he said. "And we appreciate that."

The auditorium was filled to capacity. Several old saddles – some belonging to the Cox family – chaps and lariats were set up as the backdrop to the event.

The program featured a photo slide presentation narrated by master-of-ceremonies Denny Calhoun, who said the slides represent 120 years of life on the Cox ranch, "that

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Day of the American Cowboy event emcee Denny Calhoun talked about the Cox family and their contributions to the ranching industry at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Saturday, July 25.

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Even in 95 degree weather, patrons of Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana and Popular Artisan Bakery were having lunch in the restaurant's patio area Monday, July 27.

Patio dining

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businesses in the Downtown corridor, (patio dining) will really take off."

Gayle Glenn, manager at International Delights, is no stranger to the dining alfresco concept, having an established outdoor dining area frequented by hundreds of loyal patrons each week.

"The patio area is very important – it's a big draw for us," she said. "For one, it has a smoking section which has become really rare here. Also, dogs are welcome and people often come with their dogs to enjoy lunch."

Although International's patio faces a shopping center parking lot, customers still visit to enjoy the weather, European feel and of course the food and beverages, Glenn said.

"It gets packed in the summer because it's very cool in the evenings," Glenn said. "We have umbrellas on almost every part of the patio, so you can be outside but not deal with the New Mexico sun. Although we have a whole demographic of regulars that we see everyday – sometimes twice a day – we're seeing more and more new faces."

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> GAYLE GLENN, manager, International Delights

El Sombrero Patio Café, open since 1956, has built its dining experience around its small, but well-decorated and shaded patio.

"The patio is very important to us," said El Sombrero Manager Cody Dolan. "Especially on a nice night or a nice afternoon, it draws a lot of customers."

Dolan said the restaurant's owner often spruces up the patio by adding plants and keeping a modern look, often rearranging its colors, furniture and seating area.

Tony Montenegro, bar manager at Brigid's Cross Irish Pub, said with an irresistible view, fans in the summer and heaters in the winter, the restaurant's patio has become increasingly popular.

"At night, and on the weekends, it's especially busy," he said. "You also have a very nice view. You can see all of Las Cruces lit up at night – it's great."

Whether the great climate, views, European style or desire to be outdoors attract present and future restaurantgoers, it's certain Las Cruces is catching on to dining alfresco.

The concept is catching on with students, as well. Even in the dog days of summer, a young crowd is usually hitting the books and enjoying a latté or two at Starbucks Cafe on University Avenue. Similarly, during the evenings, the large patio area at The Game Bar & Grill on Espina Street thrives, with a vibrant mix of young and old enjoying their favorite food and drink to good conversation.

And for the happy hour crowd, the patio at Si Señor Restaurant on Amador Avenue is surely a familiar place. Dozens, if not hundreds, frequent the popular restaurant for its outdoor eating and drinking space each week.

Daniella de Luca, employee at New Mexico State University, said she would like to see the number of outdoor venues increase.

"I really think there could be more," De Luca said. "I tend to go to places like Farley's, Boba Café, and other outdoor spots around town, but I'd like to see more."

Rebecca Lujan, 25, said the first step in revitalizing Main Street Downtown should be to make it inviting to the general public, and that means adding pedestrian-friendly businesses.

"You have to make them accessible," Lujan said. "Look what happened to Garduños, the atmosphere was great but they went out of business. They had an amazing building and a great patio, but it just didn't work."

Lujan said Si Señor is her favorite outdoor spot to relax with friends.

El Paso has recently caught the patio bug as well, passing an ordinance last week streamlining the permit process for restaurants and bars that want to expand outdoors in an effort to promote outdoor dining and entertainment.

The ordinance includes standards for things such as fence height around the patio, lighting, signage and what type of canopies and awnings can be used.

On the East Coast, which arguably has less days of outdoor dining potential, patio cafés spill over onto curbs and sidewalks in busy Downtown and retail districts in towns both big and small.

"That would be nice here, but I'm not sure if Las Cruces is ready for that," De Luca said. "But it would be great to have some more opportunities to eat outside and socialize with friends."

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exemplified the beauties of our way of life."

Among the photos were pictures of W.W. Cox on horseback, the San Augustine headquarters with the Organ Mountains in the background, an advertisement of W.W. Cox Purebred Herefords and W.W. Cox's grandsons Bill, Jay and Rob Cox in World War II military uniforms.

Three panels of family photographs on display on one of the museum's corridors caused a traffic jam, as eager attendees rushed to see the historic mementos.

The photographs included W.W. and friends, cowhands roping, Hal, Jim and A.B. Cox's families, roping and branding, Hal Cox as a boy shoeing a horse and family picnic shots. One that attracted attention was of cowboys herding cattle in front of the former Loretto Academy at the end of Main Street on the way to the railroad.

Sara Cox-Hopkins, one of W.W. Cox's granddaughters, accepted the "American Cowboy of Doña Ana County" proclamation given to the family by the chamber.

"I would be remiss if I said nothing about the women in our lives," Cox-Hopkins said. "These women were good-hearted women that were tough enough to hang in there and provided all of us with food, clean houses and a lot of knowledge.

"There are two main sayings that a true cowboy has and that most have lived with our whole lives. One is that a sorry cowboy was like having two good men gone, and the other, if a person did their share and worked hard and did it right, it was that he or she had made a 'hand.' Well, I hope that one day, when I see all of these cowboys again, that they will say, Sarita, you made a hand."

The Cox legend started in 1888 when then Texan W.W. Cox arrived in the Tularosa Basin as a sheepherder. He saw opportunity in the land and built up a beef cattle operation that eventually expanded to about 150,000 acres.

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Sara Cox Hopkins, daughter of AB Cox, speaks about her family to the crowd.

He and his wife, the former Margaret Rhode, had 10 children, including sons Hal, Jim and A.B., who all became ranchers.

But World War II closed most of the cattle operations in the Tularosa Basin and the San Augustin Pass. In 1945, the U.S. Department of Defense filed a condemnation suit, and thousands of acres of the Hal and Jim Cox ranch became White Sands Missile Range.

But A.B. Cox had also developed a ranch on the western side of the Organs, which is now run by Sara and her husband, Dale Hopkins.

Sara has retained much of the tradition with her paintings of the Organs, all of which contain a strong cowboy theme.

Water rights

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followed in the area."

Pecan growers' attorney Tessa Davidson said the orchardmen are disappointed that the Southern Rio Grande Crop Farmers Association has allowed the issue to go into court.

"They have made statements that they would not go to court," Davidson said. "Pecan growers fully support all farmers. We don't want to see farmers fighting farmers."

Since the water dispute has gone into litigation, the Diversified Crop Farmers Association has declined to give public comment, association executive director Bill Gomez said.

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>
> TESSA DAVIDSON, attorney

Pecan grower David Salopek said the Western Pecan Growers have been trying to work out regulations to save their industry. In 2006, the Office of the State Engineer announced its Administrative Water Management Proposals, but the pecan growers contended that the proposals would put them out of business.

The New Mexico Court of Appeals is reviewing the OSE proposals.

Pecan orchards require a great deal of water, and the pecan growers have been able to work out an agreement with the OSE for the 5.5 acre-feet allocation – although that agreement has been tied down in the court systems, Salopek said.

Some farmers decided the best way to contest their water allotment was to organize, and they called on Bill Gomez to organize the Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers Association. Gomez is a retired professor with the New Mexico State University's Extension Service.

The association was organized on April 30 when officers were elected:

Shayne Franzoy, president, Hatch; Willie Joe Koenig, vice president, Las Cruces; John DeRuyter, secretary, Mesquite; Edmund Ogaz, treasurer, Garfield; and board members Louis Biad, Las Cruces; Wade Deerman, La Union; Keith Deputy, Chamberino; Carl Duran, Derry; and Bill Porter, Salem.

Looking ahead to a legal battle, the association has been building membership based on farmers' acreage. The membership fee is $5 per acre, and as early as this month, farmers have signed up more than 14,500 acres.

"And I get five or six more members a day," Gomez said.

People on the Move

Moy Surveying celebrates quarter century

Celebrating 25 years as one of the state's largest independent surveying companies, Moy Surveying Inc. boasts a total of 100 years of combined employee service years. "It has been a privilege to serve the city and county for the past 25 years," said president Jorge Moy. Moy Surveying is the largest independent surveying company in the state that provides a full range of services. Moy began his career in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, where he received a degree in Agronomy.

Bank of the West promotion

LOWRIMORE

Mike Lowrimore of Bank of the West has been promoted to regional manager, responsible for two of three branch regions in the bank's Southwest division. His new role includes managing all operations for the 27 branches in New Mexico and 18 in Oklahoma. Lowrimore joined Bank of the West in 2006, serving most recently as senior vice president and regional manager for the state of New Mexico, responsible for all 27 branches.

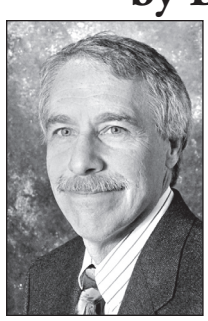
Chef receives President's Medallion

Keith Mandabach, chef at New Mexico State University, received the President's Medallion Award at the 2009 American Culinary Federation's National Convention in Orlando, Fla., July 10. Mandabach belongs to the ACF Rio Grande Valley Chapter, and was recognized by the association for service to the organization and for excellence in a culinary profession.

Rio Grande Rotary welcomes new members

Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary last month welcomed its new officers and board members for 2009-10. They are, back from from left, Vic Villalobos, president elect; Robert Francis, sergeant-at-arms and director; Andy Reed, president; Loren Kuehne, secretary; and Matt Olson, membership director. In front are Wendy Beserra, club administration director; Sharon DeBraal, treasurer; and Dona Hearn, public relations director. Not pictured are John Hummer, Brad Beasley and Tom Kemp.

NMSU professor recognized by Bank of America



DORFMAN

Peter Dorfman, a management professor at New Mexico State University, has been named the Bank of America distinguished professor at NMSU's College of Business. Dorfman has been with NMSU for more than 30 years and currently teaches human resource management and general organizational behavior. He was a Fulbright Scholar in New Zealand last year and held the Robert O. Anderson distinguished professorship at NMSU from 1991 to 1997.

MVEDA elects new leadership

At its July board meeting, the MVEDA Board of Directors elected new officers and board members for the upcoming year. New board chairman George Ruth of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces was elected at the June 17 board meeting. He replaces immediate past chairman Bryn Davis of Sapphire Energy. New officers for the upcoming year are vice chair Gary Lenzo, First Community Bank; secretary Dolores Connor, City of Las Cruces; treasurer Kiel Hoffman, Pioneer Bank; and executive committee member-at-large J.B. Pruett, Northrise Ventures LLC. New board members are Jim Easly of Wells Fargo Bank and Stan Rounds of Las Cruces Public Schools.

EXIT Agent-of-the-Month

Chris Harrison has been named Agent-of-the-Month by EXIT Realty Horizons of Las Cruces. Harrison is the Top Producing Agent of the month in Las Cruces, the state of New Mexico and El Paso. He is consistent in sales and performance. Additionally, Harrison has attained the ABR, e-PRO and GRI professional designations.

Hutchinson joins Leadership New Mexico board

HUTCHINSON

Jerean Hutchinson, owner of La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant, has accepted a position with the Leadership New Mexico 2009-10 Board of Directors. Established in 1995, Leadership New Mexico has identified and enhanced leadership throughout New Mexico over the past 14 years by providing a forum for participants to strengthen their knowledge of challenges and opportunities facing the state.

Barker Produce receives GHP certification

Barker Produce of Las Cruces has successfully received the Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification for the fourth consecutive year, announced Edward Avalos, marketing director for New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Barker Produce, a major packer/shipper of onions, was the first New Mexico company to receive certification under the Department of Agriculture Audit Program.

CFSNM hires new development director

BACA

E. Shirley Baca of Las Cruces has accepted the position of development director for the New Mexico Community Foundations' Southern New Mexico Office, according to Robert Apodaca, executive director of the New Mexico Community Foundation (NMCF). Baca has been executive director of the CFSNM, education director for Healthier Communities, and most recently the coordinator for the Court Youth Center's Elev8 After School Program at Gadsden Middle School.

EXIT Realty welcomes new associate

STONER

Kathy Olson, broker/owner of EXIT Realty Horizons, has announced the affiliation of Heather Stoner as an associate broker with the firm. Heather was born in Clovis, N.M, and grew up in San Jon, N.M. She has lived in Las Cruces for 10 years and worked in the service industry during that time.

Call for SHRM nominations

The Southern New Mexico Association for Human Resource Management (NMSHRM) is seeking nominations for this year's Eagle Award, an honor established in 1998. This award is given to a community individual or group that has positively impacted the field or human resources in a significant manner through their contributions, leadership and guidance to their most important resources – the individuals in the workforce. To submit a nomination, visit the organization's website, www.mysnmshrm.com or contact Louis Salas at lsalas@las-cruces.org. Deadline for submission is Aug. 25.

Terrance Ward joins EXIT Realty Horizons

Terrance Ward, a graduate of New Mexico State University and previous owner and operator of a health and fitness center, has joined EXIT Realty Horizons as an associate broker. Terrance is deeply rooted in the Las Cruces community and is the grandson of Feliz Vega and Dave Sims. Ward is married to Marsha Ward, and both farm pecans at their home in Mesilla.

Voorbach recognized for outstanding performance

Matthew Voorbach, LMSW, therapist with Families & Youth Inc., was named a recipient of the 2009 Sustained Excellence Award at the International Multisystematic Therapy Conference held in Charleston, S.C. This award is presented to therapists based on their ability to adhere to the MST treatment model, an intensive family- and community-based treatment model proven to have positive effects on serious, violent and chronic juvenile offenders. Voorbach has been employed with FYI as an MST therapist since 2007. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a master's degree in social work. He is one of only two MST therapists in New Mexico to receive the award.

Send us your People on the Move briefs

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send news of employee promotions, hirings, awards and distinctions to the Business section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information and a photo to business@lascrucesbulletin.com. People on the Move will appear the last Friday of every month, as space permits.

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East Mesa homes excel in local market

Four neighborhoods responsible for 66 percent of pending new-home sales

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

What is it that the Las Colinas, Sonoma Ranch, East Northrise and Peachtree Hills neighborhoods have in common?

Together, the four areas are responsible for producing more than 66 percent of the total number home sales currently pending in the Las Cruces area, according to a July 28 printout from the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) arm of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR).

A sale is considered pending when the purchase contract has been signed but the transaction has not yet closed.

No. 1 on the new-home sales production list is the Las Colinas area. Located just off Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, the neighborhood is responsible for producing more than a quarter of all, local pending new-home sales, with 20 properties currently awaiting closing. Las Colinas also tops the "most affordable" category, with average and median listing prices of $159,465 and $159,900 respectively. The median price is where half the sellers are asking more and half are asking less.

The Sonoma Ranch area is currently producing the second-highest number of new-home sales, accounting for 16 percent of the total number of contracts currently pending. The East Northrise (near Highway 70 and Porter Road) and the Peachtree Hills area (near Highway 70 and Holman/Dunn Road) each account for an additional 12 percent of signed contracts.

The High Range neighborhood placed first in the existing-home category, registering almost 11 percent of the 156 sales currently in line to close. Sonoma Ranch and Las Colinas are currently responsible for 10 pending sales each, or 6.4 percent of the total number of new-home purchases. Not far behind are the Elks and San Andres areas (San Andres is west of town near the Field of Dreams), each accounting for an additional seven sales. In total, the five areas account for almost one-third of existing-home contracts currently in play.

Since pending sales reveal only the asking prices of the properties, actual selling prices of the 231 new and existing-homes currently awaiting closing won't be revealed until closing. A clue to future sales prices is in the list-price-to-sales price ratio of the 121 closed sales booked during the past 45 days. During that period, new-homes brought 96.6 percent of asking price, while existing-home sales generated sales prices equal to 94.2 percent of asking.

What does the future hold for July and August sales? I'll cover that topic in future columns, so stay tuned. Until then, I hope to …

See you at closing!

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Las Cruces area pending home-sales analysis

Top Las Cruces area pending-sale neighborhoods - new homes

Total pending	Ranking	Area	# Pending	Percent	Avg asking	Med asking	Avg days
75 Units	#1	Las Colinas	20	26.7%	$159,463	$159,950	36
	#2	Sonoma Ranch	12	16%	$313,056	$282,358	191
	#3	East Northrise	9	12%	$161,643	$125,490	107
	#4	Peachtree Hills	9	12%	$160,255	$154,950	61
			49	66.7%	$198,604	$180,687	99

Top Las Cruces area pending-sale neighborhoods - existing homes

Total pending	Ranking	Area	# Pending	Percent	Avg asking	Med asking	Avg days
156 Units	#1	High Range	17	10.9%	$272,098	$252,250	96
	#2	Sonoma Ranch	10	6.4%	$318,511	$257,455	55
	#3	Las Colinas	10	6.4%	$174,200	$182,700	174
	#4	Elks Area	7	4.5%	$170,952	$175,500	49
	#4	San Andres	7	4.5%	$170,742	$152,350	108
			51	32.7%	$221,300	$204,051	97

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Behavior economics gaining traction

Wall Street, academics and policy makers taking notice

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

Traditional economics is based on the assumption of the rational decision maker who weighs the alternatives and comes to a well-reasoned choice. But with markets acting irrationally, the financial system in trouble and the economy in a tailspin, this concept of "homo economicus" – the rational human – seems far removed.

An alternative view of economic decision making, called behavior economics, is gaining traction with professors, policy makers and brokers. Behavior economics eschews the traditional economic view of rationality and replaces it with insights from psychology and cognitive science about decision making.

Cognitive scientists, for example, have identified a number of heuristics – mental rules of thumb – used to guide decision-making. These rules can lead to a correct prediction in many instances. Heuristics gave our ancestors a certain "survival advantage" by providing pressing answers, in most cases, without delaying the decision-making until a "reasoned" solution could be found.

Applying heuristics that make sense for our hunter-gatherer ancestors can lead to irrational behavior in modern society. The gambler's fallacy, for example, is the belief that good luck will even out the bad. This belief works fine when trying to predict the weather on the African savannah – rain storms end and sunny weather returns – but can result in disaster when playing the slots in Vegas.

Behavior economists make a good point – people aren't rational, a fact known at least since Aristotle. Of course, traditional economists have never claimed otherwise. What mainstream economists have argued instead is that insight into the workings of the economy can be gained by assuming that people act "as if" they are rational. This reliance on simplifying assumption of rationality has been borne out time and time again. Economists have been able to help design policies that have substantially improved the workings of the economy using it.

Indeed, the period beginning around 1983 and ending last year, is often referred to as the "Great Moderation." This is a period without precedence in the history of industrialized countries – 25 years of low inflation, low unemployment and no major recession. Much of the credit for the Great Moderation can be laid at the feet of traditional economists, who used their theories to help develop policies that laid the foundation for long-term success.

Traditional economics have had considerable success, but the record isn't perfect. The current recession is exhibiting the ongoing failures of the economist's profession. So here come the behavioral economists who argue that reliance on rationality will lead down the wrong path. Wall Street is taking notice, with behavior economists now commanding premium salaries.

Can behavioral economics provide insight to improve our wealth of knowledge? Undoubtedly, the answer is yes, but before turning to it, be sure not to throw out the baby with the bath water. Traditional economics has made tremendous strides in understanding the economy. The assumption of the rational human isn't realistic but it has proved to be useful.

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Mesilla Valley Foundation for Youth thrives

Court Youth Center empowers adolescents through the arts

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

For many youth, the hours between 3 and 6 p.m. are an important time to stay busy in order to stay out of trouble. Fortunately, the Mesilla Valley Youth Foundation, known as Court Youth Center (CYC), understands the importance of youth programs in the community.

Through the Mesilla Valley Youth Foundation, what was once an abandoned, yet historic building has since become a pillar to the youth's creative process. Kids ages 12 to 18 attend CYC after school, on weekends and during the summer for programs focused on arts and recreation.

"These youth increase their creative learning process, their academic performance, problem solving and group interaction skills in order to internalize responsible decision-making and gain a sense of community involvement," said Irene Oliver-Lewis, executive director and artistic founder of CYC. "Court Youth Center has become a hub for youth innovation, participation and creation in afterschool and out of school time."

The Mesilla Valley Youth Foundation originated in 1988 when then state Rep. Ruben Smith approached the city to turn the former Court Junior High School into a facility for youth programs. The foundation was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit in 1993 and began offering programs as CYC under the leadership and artistic direction of Oliver-Lewis in July 1995.

Since then, nearly $6 million has been invested in capital outlay from federal, state and city partners to complete the 40,000-square-foot facility that highlights the performing, visual, literary and culinary arts with dance, visual art projects, studios, a 500-seat theater and two kitchens.

Two of the major accomplishments for CYC are the creation of Alma d'arte Charter High School, which incorporates the arts strategies and philosophies of CYC, and replicates the after school program at Gadsden Middle School in its integrated program for health, after school activities and parent involvement called Elev8.

"Court Youth Center has been very resourceful in financial support incorporating a variety of funding techniques including grant writing, support from local, state and national foundations, earned income from products and services created by CYC youth and staff, and individual contributions," Oliver-Lewis said. "The individual contributions from community members are a major component to financial stability. A percentage of the youth in the Court Youth Center programs would not have the opportunity to participate if it were not for the financial assistance given to the organization."

Gadsden Middle School students Marisol Aguilar and Jessica Reyes prepare fruit for culinary arts class. A spirit of collaboration helps to make the after school program a success.

As an 11th-grader, Michelle Stephens participated in last year's Court Youth Center's pottery class.

To maintain sustainability, CYC created an endowment within the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM). Currently, the CFSNM manages 32 endowments for nonprofits within the community. An endowment is a fund created through gifts and bequests where principal remains intact in order to be invested as a source of income forever.

To increase nonprofit sustainability, the CFSNM kicked off the Nonprofit Economic Crises Campaign with a goal to raise $500,000 by Dec. 31. The campaign will benefit the 32 nonprofits that have endowments within the CFSNM. With each contribution, the CFSNM will designate 50 percent to an emergency fund for nonprofits that have endowments with the Foundation and 50 percent will be designated to a matching fund created to build the nonprofit endowments.

"The current campaign to build our endowments is of major importance for sustainability of a program," Oliver-Lewis said.

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 the Nonprofit Economic Crises Campaign. Call the CFSNM at 521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org for information about making a charitable contribution to your community or to see the nonprofit endowments within the foundation.

Las Cruces DWS to host provider fair

Public invited to explore workforce training options

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions will host an event Friday, Aug. 7, with the goal of linking the unemployed with workforce training institutions throughout southern New Mexico.

The Training Provider Fair, held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Complex, is geared toward getting the unemployed and those seeking education opportunities into specific programs that suit their existing skill set or interests.

The latest numbers released by the state put New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 6.8 percent, up from 6.5 percent the previous month and 4.1 percent a year ago.

Because the national economy continues to struggle and the local business cycle is feeling more of its effects, the fair will provide an opportunity for recently displaced workers to find new jobs or prepare themselves for a career in another industry.

Training providers at the fair will include, New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, Mesilla Valley Trucking Institute, Computer Career Centers and Business Skills Institute.

For a full list of training providers or to learn more about the upcoming event, contact Raul Rodriguez at 524-6250.

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34888	Self	Robert Jimerson	Reroof	429 Taurus Drive	NA	$100
34889	Summit Development	Abel and Melissa Reyes	Res/New	1919 River Court	River Court	$747
34892	Approved Roofing	Albert G. Prieto	Reroof	1870 Cochita Lane	Northwind Circle	$90
34895	S.B. Lucero	Daniel Acosta	Res/New	101 Calle Pequeña	Valle Hermoso Phase I	$782
34897	G.S. Roofing Inc.	Reynaldo Granado	Reroof	1900 Myles Road	NA	$70
34900	Summit Development	Summit Building & Development	Res/New	5707 Via Estrella	Tierra Escondida Phase II	$938
34903	S. Reynolds	Donald E. Christie	Reroof	936 Rainbow Ridge	Weinreich Estates No. 1	$80

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Prices rise for term life insurance

Policy price hike driven by increasing capital costs

ALAN UMSTEAD
Senior Finance

Because premiums are increasing fast, if you need term life insurance or have been thinking about it, now is the time to buy.

The upward trend started in January and the increases range from 5-to-15 percent on average. The reason for the increase is the tighter credit markets and reinsurance costs for insurance companies.

People buy this type of life insurance for many reasons, but most important, they buy it to protect their family should they suffer an untimely death.

There are other types of consumer life insurance, such as universal life, and whole life, which builds cash value. Term life does not feature a cash value. It is the least expensive of life policies to purchase. I tell clients that term life gives them the "biggest bang for the buck."

Term life insurance is just as it implies, only good for a certain term, usually 10, 20 or 30 years. If the insured passes away within that term, a death benefit goes to the beneficiary. It's a very simple and useful financial tool to protect families and businesses.

"I think we have pretty much bottomed out on how low life insurance prices can go," said Donald W. Britton, chief executive officer of ING's U.S. insurance division. ReliStar and other ING subsidiaries are raising term life products about 5 percent this year.

Britton said the price hike is "primarily driven by our cost of capital, which is much, much, more difficult to get and more expensive than it was a year ago and prior."

> In the United States, fewer than 10 percent of applicants qualify for the lowest rates.

Prudential Financial raised premiums an average of 4 percent this year. Lincoln National did the same.

Consumers also saw a price increase in 2000, when insurance companies were forced to comply with new regulations on their cash reserves for long-term policies. A few insurers stopped selling the 30-year term policies, but for the last 20 years, prices dropped as a result of improved mortality rates and Internet sales.

A CEO from an online insurance brokerage said more than three-quarters of the 30 companies that he sells will increase their prices for term life, if they haven't already. It is also believed most companies who market term life will be doing the same in the near future. Not all companies raise their rates uniformly, so ask your agent for help.

Insurers have also been getting tougher on underwriting requirements and being stricter with applicants. So, if you have high blood pressure, diabetes, or are extremely overweight, you probably will be insured, but your premiums will be higher.

In the United States, fewer than 10 percent of applicants qualify for the lowest rates.

As mentioned prior, the reasons are many for buying life insurance. Here are some others:

- Provide a guaranteed income for a surviving spouse and/or children
- Retirees who want to help fund their grandchildren's college expenses
- Realization that a mother's death can trigger the need for years of childcare
- A partnership that needs to be bought out, funding the buy-sell agreement
- A need to supplement Social Security benefits for the surviving spouse
- A way to pay for more than funeral expenses and maintain a standard of living
- Mortgage payments that depend on two incomes

The list only touches on the many reasons people may require life insurance. Ask yourself this question: Are you and your family protected? More importantly, how well are they protected?

Alan Umstead is a professional advisor who specializes in senior finance. Currently, Umstead is in the MBA program at New Mexico State University. He is the owner of The Senior Group, www.theseniorgroup.net, a financial firm that offers a full-range of financial products for the elderly. For more information, call 1-800-867-3028 or 522-7159.

Building Las Cruces
Walgreens Drug Stores

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The foundation is being laid at the site of a new Walgreens Drug Store set to open on the corner of Picacho Avenue and Motel Boulevard in summer 2010. The store, at nearly 17,000 square feet, will sell liquor and have a single-lane drive-thru pharmacy, in addition to its assortment of grocery and convenience items. The builder is F.T. James Construction out of El Paso. The store's opening next year will mark the third new Walgreen's built in Las Cruces in less than three years.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report July 24, 2009

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20094308	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5819 Organ Peak Drive	$134,398	$3,598
20094361	Darlene Martinez	Darlene N. Frietze	Res/Add	360 Wall Ave.	$8,000	$75
20094363	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5850 Coyote Flats	$169,740	$3,108
20094307	Mevacon Builders	Santa Rosa Properties LLC	Comm/New	570 S Valley Drive	$5,000	$57
20094316	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	M. Keith and Evelyn E. Colson	Reroof	2050 Avalon Drive	$17,850	$133
20094385	Jordan Construction	Resources for Children and Youth Inc.	Reroof	1501 N. Solano Drive	$24,500	$172
20094395	A & A Roofing	Peprus LLC	Reroof	1908 Ash Ave.	$5,500	$60
20094029	De La Paz Construction	Community Action Agency	Res/New	7556 Monte Verde Place	$137,514	$1,703
20094386	Antonio and Maria Palomares	Antonio and Maria Palomares	Res/Add	1365 Myrtle Ave.	$1,500	$41
20094406	Manuel and Batricia Contreras	Manuel and Batricia Contreras	Res/Add	940 Mulberry Ave.	$3,200	$51
20094407	Gila Mesa Builders	Lance C. and Judith A. Lujan	Reroof	1813 Pomona Drive	$7,500	$72
20094392	A & A Roofing	John P. and Judy L. Deverey	Reroof	3078 Las Placitas	$4,325	$53
20094390	Ridgetop Construction	Lester M. Christensen	Reroof	1960 Thomas Drive	$3,100	$46
20094400	Jordan Construction	Diana F. Sternthal	Reroof	5162 Emerald St.	$10,500	$90
20094404	Top Notch Exteriors	Deanna Clark	Reroof	3912 Pearl Court	$5,000	$57
20094408	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	4995 Troybrook Road	$87,576	$3,217
20094429	Henry Young	Henry Young	Reroof	1720 Boston Drive	$12,000	$98
20094436	Schueller Homes LLC	Sonoma Ranch Sudvidision LLC	Res/New	2314 Tuscan Hills Lane	$265,516	$4,071
20094437	Joseph and Victoria Ann Perrault	Joseph and Victoria Ann Perrault	Res/Alt	5909 Holman Drive	$5,000	$57
20094434	Arrowhead Construction	Bradley J. Sr. and Barbara J. Montana	Res/Alt	2577 Cheyenne Drive	$5,000	$57
20094442	Sonoma Ranch Construction	Del Prado Condo Association	Res/New	4087 Sommerset Arc	$164,656	$3,264
20094443	Sonoma Ranch Construction	Del Prado Condo Association	Res/New	4095 Sommerset Arc	$176,300	$3,284
20094441	Sonoma Ranch Construction	Del Prado Condo Association	Res/New	4091 Sommerset Arc	$133,650	$3,211
20094449	Tim Curry Construction LLC	Las Cruces Goodwill LLC	Comm/Alt	2545 N. Main St.	$30,000	$188

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MIKE JONES
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Sun & Earth lays the building blocks of energy efficiency

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Everyone seems to be endorsing "green" lately because of rising temperatures, higher energy costs and the endless mantra that seems to ring in every corner of our lives – green, green, green.

Despite the instant recognition people feel when they hear the word, not every product marketed as "green" is what it appears to be.

Sun & Earth Inc. President Jim Graham hopes to clarify the current phenomenon of "green-sploitation" by providing realistic service in sustainable, energy-efficient building and remodeling. Since the 1970s, Graham has been on the forefront of green building in southern New Mexico, making sure that clients get exactly what they expect from sustainable living.

"We're cautious of green washing, which means applying a 'green' label on something just so you can sell it," Graham said.

Although green building has changed dramatically since the 1970s, Graham said he is still intent on building houses that adhere to Sun & Earth's strict criteria of aesthetics, accessibility, energy efficiency, ease of maintenance, durability, safety and comfort. Specializing in energy-efficient air conditioning, solar water heating and sustainable roof coating, Sun & Earth Inc. strives to create a service and product that is more than just a buzzword.

"Green building has become more sophisticated since the '70s and focuses not only on the sustainability of the house, but on aesthetics and livability," Graham said. "At one time, green building was pretty raw. It may have been efficient, but it wasn't comfortable to live in or pleasing to look at."

Things have changed now, and more people are becoming interested in green building, Graham said. With more affordable options available, long-term utility savings and a number of tax credits and incentives, Graham said it is becoming easier for indivduals with modest incomes to have their homes remodeled or built to green standards. He said he remembers a time when he only saw a response from those associated with universities and research; however, he has seen his clientele base broaden, primarily among retirees.

JONATHAN BUTZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin
Sun & Earth Inc. Owner Jim Graham has been building "green," affordable homes since the 1970s.

"Affordability is a mainstay of what I do. If I do something more expensive than the mainstream it's usually due to nicer amenities," Graham said. "I tailor to the clients' individual needs and I try to be realistic about what I can do for people."

With a lifetime's worth of construction experience and a biology degree from New Mexico State University, Graham continues to challenge himself, creating innovative residences for people of southern New Mexico.

"I've always set a goal of making buildings 80 to 90 percent more efficient than conventional buildings," Graham said. "When conventional buildings get more efficient, it challenges me to build more efficient buildings."

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> JIM GRAHAM, owner, Sun & Earth Inc.

Graham said one of his recent successes has been a two-stage evaporative cooling system, which he calls "one of the best available in the area." Additionally, Sun & Earth offers roof coating that can reduce the amount of needed air conditioning, and ezinc solar water heaters that can shave dollars off utility costs.

Now, after years of service, Graham said he always has the future in mind. He hopes to contribute to a cleaner, safer and more beautiful future, despite what color it may be.

"A building is not sustainable if people aren't going to want to look at it 100 years from now," Graham said with a laugh.

For more information, visit www.sunandearth.net or call 521-3537.

Q&A:

Talking business with owner Jim Graham

What is your business philosophy?
To make a more sustainable world by reducing the environmental impact of our buildings

How do you keep your competitive edge?
A lot of research and experimentation

What do you wish people knew more about your business?
We focus on aesthetics and livability besides just the technical aspects.

Where do you see your business in the next five years?
We're expanding slowly.

What's your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
I think it's one of the best in the country, mostly because the climate, a laid back quality of life and a good education system.

What's the best part of your job?
It has been dealing with clients. They're inclined to be interesting, friendly and intelligent people.

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At the GLCCC New Member Social

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Meson de Mesilla co-owners Courtney Muench and Cathy Montgomery welcome everyone to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce New Member Social on Thursday, July 23.

Christopher Dulany of Edward Jones, John and Sam Muir of The Muir Studio and guest Jessica Rainey enjoy drinks at the beginning of the event.

Chamber Vice President of Governmental Affairs Bill Mattiace, Revenue Development Director Alesia Dutton and Jamie Fletcher of The Fletcher-Edwards Group, Merrill Lynch, listen to a member describe their business.

Conquistadores Savonne Griffin and Pam Wood explain the conquistadore mission and Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe to the guests. The conquistadores are the title sponsor for the New Member Socials.

Elke Wunderlich of TopView Leadership and board member Donna Stryker of First New Mexico Bank catch up.

Jeff Murray of The Bug Guy Pest Control talks about his business as board member Richard Haas of Steve Newby Architects & Associates listens.

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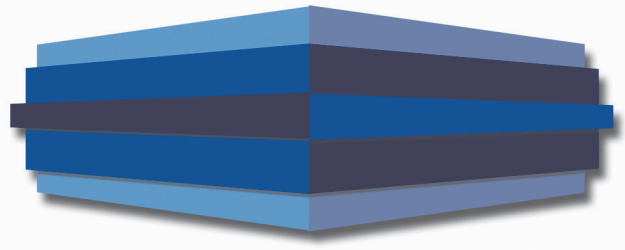

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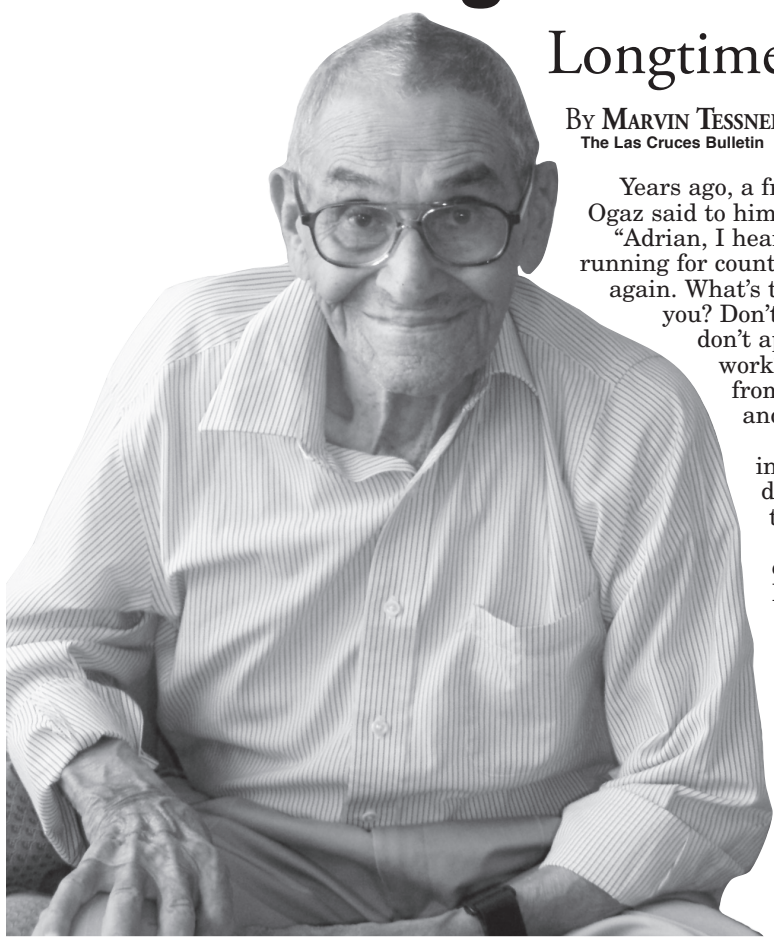
Adrian Ogaz:

While tilling his land, farmer made a difference

Longtime cultivator helped shape southern New Mexico



By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Years ago, a friend of Adrian Ogaz said to him:

"Adrian, I heard that you're running for county commissioner again. What's the matter with you? Don't you know people don't appreciate your work? It takes time from your business and family."

Ogaz responded in a way that describes his thinking:

"Because I enjoy the work. I like getting involved in community affairs. And if people don't appreciate it, I'll still try to keep helping."

Ogaz, of small town Garfield, N.M., has served as a Doña Ana County commissioner, worked on the planning committee to move and build the Memorial General Hospital from Alameda Boulevard to Telshor Boulevard and helped develop the Southern New Mexico State Fair on a former Air Force radar station on the West Mesa.

Ogaz is known for his simple, to-the-point responses.

"Everyone should get involved, be available for community service," he said during an interview in his apartment at the Village at Northrise. "That's why I'm here now. I can't serve anymore."

Ogaz was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Salem, N.M., the son of Ignacio Ogaz and Irene Apodaca Ogaz, during a time when most community roads were not surfaced and many farmers were using horses and mules for field work.

Ogaz grew up in Garfield where his family raised cotton, chile and alfalfa. He continued farming for 70 years and built a farming operation of more than 300 acres.

"It's just a way of life, it's your home," Ogaz said about farming. "You can plant what you want. Sometimes you take a chance with the crops you plant – you have to risk it."

Two of his sons still are farming – Dickie, a chile producer, and Edmund, the treasurer for the Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers Association.

His third son, Herman, runs a meat packaging supply service in Omaha, Neb.

Ogaz helped spread the branding of Hatch chile, which eventually led Hatch to becoming the Chile Capital of the World. He was among the group that organized the annual Hatch Chile Festival held on Labor Day.

"Chile has become popular because people like chile dishes," he said.

He also served for many years as director and president of the Garfield co-operative cotton gin. At that time, the valley also had a gin in Hatch, but with the decline in cotton acreage, both have closed.

"But that's part of life," Ogaz said.

"When he was county commissioner, my father never neglected his farm," said daughter Patsy Ogaz-Trujillo. "He was always on top of everything. He's a very smart man. People have always had so much admiration for him."

He also had a notary public service in Garfield and helped people fill out their income tax forms. For people who could not afford the service, he would accept what they had, which was sometimes nothing.

His community service included organizing and directing the Garfield Water Association and organizing the Hatch Valley Credit Union.

He also served on the Rural Conservation Association and was the finance chairman for the San Isydro Catholic Church in Garfield.

"When he was into something, he would go all the way, he would put all of his efforts into it," said his son Dickie.

Ogaz has seen many changes during his long career.

"There's a lot of land out there, but people are moving in from all over," he said as he gestured out the window. "Not too long ago, there was no housing out there. The population is getting too big. Water is what counts for agriculture and population."

As a farmer, he knows how erratic the Rio Grande water supply can be. He said he remembers years when there was no rainfall on his home farm.

"I can't remember when, but one year we had less rain than the Sahara," he said. "We just have to let nature take its course."

Ogaz served four two-year terms as county commissioner and two terms as chairman. At that time, there were three commissioners who ran at-large.

Helping plan for the new Memorial Medical Center was another of his ideas of service.

"Working for a new community hospital just comes naturally," he said.

The Southern New Mexico State Fair features a Junior Livestock Sale for 4-H Club and FFA youths. Ogaz is the oldest buyer in years of support, and he still bids at the livestock sale.

"The fair brings people from all over," he said. "And it gives people a chance exhibit their animals, handicraft and crops."

The fair committee has named the Ogaz Building at the Fairgrounds in honor of his services.

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On the Agenda

Business on the Border

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance will host its next Business on the Border meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Days Inn & Suites Columbus Conference Center. Davin Lopez, MVEDA president/CEO, will outline the MVEDA 2009-10 Strategic Plan. The meeting is open to the public and reservations are not required. Event cost is $15 and includes lunch. For more information, call 525-2852.

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 4
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Days Inn & Suites Columbus Conference Center 901 Avenida de Mesilla
Contact: 525-2852

United Way Live United BBQ

United Way of Southern New Mexico will host the Live United campaign kick-off BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at Young Park. Attendees will help the organization celebrate the successes of 2008, welcome the 2009 funded agencies and help United Way of SNM build a stronger community. Cost for the barbecue is $5 per person. Guests are asked to RSVP by Monday, Aug. 3, to 524-7561.

Date: Thursday, Aug. 6
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Young Park
Contact: 524-7561

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2498

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc., Trust 2006-NC5 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2006-NC5, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDGAR MONTOYA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 5, 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 7241 Village Drive , Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 7, Block 1, MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on February 6, 1976, in Book 12 Page(s) 39-40 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on June 26, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $138,513.87 and the same bears interest at 10.775% per annum from July 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,472.04. 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
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-1166

BANK OF AMERICA, National Association as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF18, Plaintiff,

vs.

INEZ Q. McLAUGHLIN; PAUL McLAUGHLIN; 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 August 12, 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 4614 April Pl, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 1, Block 3, DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT III, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 30, 1992, in Book 17 Page(s) 198-199 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 July 1, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $164,900.56 and the same bears interest at 6.70% per annum from July 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,301.59. 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 # 8854
Dates 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-1164

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIA RODRIGUEZ; ALEJANDRO URANGA; 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 August 12, 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 1148 Gunsight Peak Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 13, Block D, SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS PHASE 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 as Plat No. 4101 on 01/24/2005 in Book 21 Page(s) 122-23 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 July 1, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $153,260.52 and the same bears interest at 5.75% per annum from June 6, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,641.78. 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
575-642-5567

Pub #8855
Dates 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-1197

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD I. BAEZA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant Richard I. Baeza

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 1124 Gunsight Peak, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:
LOT 7 IN BLOCK D OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 1, 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 COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 21, 2005 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 115-116, PLAT RECORDS.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, 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 25th day of June, 2009.

GREG TOOMEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Nancy A. Heavner
(SEAL)
Deputy

Pub #8856
Dates 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-950

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

RALPH A. MONTANO; ELSIE MONTANO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 12, 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 1753 Palo Verde Ave, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered 12 in Block numbered O of Country Club Park Number 6, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Country Club Park Number 6, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 10, 1966, in plat Book 10, Folio 1.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 1, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $201,955.83 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from June 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,423.47. 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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575-642-5567

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Dates 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200901415
JPMC SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

COURTNEY E. DILLARD, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF COURTNEY E. DILLARD, IF ANY, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Courtney E. Dillard and The Unknown Spouse of Courtney E. Dillard, if any. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4141 Capistrano Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 6, Block B, CAPISTRANO ESTATES, 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 September 29, 2003, in Book 20 Pages 441-443 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before August 31, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Keya Koul
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
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Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 2nd day of July 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy Heavner
Deputy

09-0771; P594853

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

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LEON GARCIA, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF LEON GARCIA, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Leon Garcia, deceased. 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 2969 Polder Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot numbered 38 in Block numbered of Rillito Acres Phase IB Subdivision, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rillito Acres Phase IB Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 11/03/2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 394-395. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before August 31, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 2nd day of July 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Gregory Toomey
Deputy

09-1099; P594913

Pub #8859
Dates 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200901454

BANK OF NEW YORK, Plaintiff,

vs.

IGNACIO RAMIREZ, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAME ARE UNKNOWN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF IGNACIO RAMIREZ, IF ANY , Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Ignacio Ramirez and The Unknown Spouse of Ignacio Ramirez, if any. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3008 Escenico, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 41, SANDHILL VILLAGE PHASE #2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 6, 2004, in Book 20 Page(s) 533-536 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before August 31, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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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 1st day of July 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

09-0933; P594929

Pub #8860
Dates 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 2009

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

PB-09-66

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERONICA ORTEGA, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the date of the mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be represented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: July l6, 2009

Bertha O. Marquez
Signature of Personal Representative

Bertha O. Marquez
Printed name

417 El Molino Blvd.
Street address

Las Cruces, NM 88005
City, state and zip code

575-527-8408
Telephone number

Pub #8863
Dates 7/24, 7/31, 2009

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 13, 2009, William W. Nigh and Beverly Nigh Galloway, 2705 Southwind Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-1068 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 well LRG-1068 located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, on land owned by the applicants, and drilling a replacement well 160 feet in depth with 16-inch casing to be located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 3, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, supplemental to surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 99.9 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of said projected Section 3. The proposed replacement well site is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2705 Southwind Road. Old well LRG-1068 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. 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 or 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 ofNMSA 1978.

Pub #8864
Dates 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF Doña Ana Third JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200801713

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Trust 2004-2, Plaintiff,

v.

LINDA D. JONES; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA D. JONES, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 2, 2009 at 10:00:00 AM, Outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 39 Replat of viewpoint subdivision, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 2, 1981, in book 13 page75 of plat records. Also known as: Lot 39, Viewpointe subdivision replat of, located in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on plat thereof recorded on March2, 1981 in plat book 13, at page 75 as plat no. 1062, records of
The address of the real property is 205 Bay Club Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 7, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $102,395.49 plus interest from December 30, 2008 to the date of sale at the contract rate per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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08-0256;P594232

Pub #8865
Dates 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-808

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

TIMOTHY DAHL; PETER I. DURAN; TAMARA J. DURAN; WELLS FARGO BANK NM NA; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 19, 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 11981 Robledo Vista Road, Radium Springs, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 22A, FORT SELDEN SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 4, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 19, 1996, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 44 OF PLAT RECORDS,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2002 Palm Harbor triple wide, VIN PH0227021A, 0 3 2 5 3 2 S 0 6 9 5 3 6 5 4 , 23087MHA.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on June 29, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $201,573.39 and the same bears interest at 7.0% per annum from May 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,711.16. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
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Pub #8866
Dates 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE OF STATE TRUST LAND

In Doña Ana County, New Mexico
LE-0907

At 11:00 a.m. on September 30, 2009, at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 West Picacho Ave., in Las Cruces, NM, the Commissioner of Public Lands will conduct an oral public auction pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), NMSA 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, and Rules 19.2.14 and 19.2.21 NMAC to receive bids offering a cash purchase, a land exchange or a combination thereof for the surface estate of the state trust lands described in paragraph A, below. The Commissioner may either select the highest and best qualified bidder who places at least the minimum bid or reject all bids. If a bidder is selected and a purchase or exchange agreement is then entered into, a patent for the state trust lands will be issued to the selected bidder.

A. Description of the Land to be Sold: Surface estate of the following state trust land (the "State Trust Land"):

A tract of land situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the following sections:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 27 S., R. 1E:
Sec. 13: W1⁄2 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 , NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4; Sec. 14: W1⁄2 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4 , SE1⁄4 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4, NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4; Sec. 2 4: W1⁄2 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4, NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4.

T. 27 S., R. 2E:
Sec. 19: Lots 3 and 4, SW1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4; Sec. 29: SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SW1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4;
Sec. 30: Lot 1, SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SW1⁄4 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SE1⁄4, NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SE1⁄4; Sec. 32: NW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 NW1⁄4, E1⁄2 NW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 , NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, E1⁄2 NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4, E1⁄2 SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4; Sec. 33: SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SW1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4;

T. 2 8 S., R. 2 E:
Sec. 3: SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, W1⁄2 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4; Sec. 4: Lots 2, 3, and 4, SW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SW1⁄4 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, S1⁄2 NW1⁄4, N1⁄2 SW1⁄4, NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SW1⁄4, SE1⁄4 ; Sec. 5: Lots 1 and 2, N1⁄2 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 NE1⁄4; Sec. 9: N1⁄2 NE1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4; Sec. 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7;
Sec. 14 : Lots 3 and 4, NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4, NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 SW1⁄4; Sec. 15: NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4;
Comprising 2,2 19.78 acres, more or less.

The State Trust Land is located south of Las Cruces and west of Santa Teresa, straddling the Union Pacific railroad.

B. Summary of the Terms of the Sale: The State Trust Land is being offered AS IS with no warranties as to condition or usefulness. The State Trust Land is offered as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land. Prospective bidders are encouraged to inspect the records for the State Trust Land at the New Mexico State Land Office and the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office and to apply to the Commissioner for a permit to inspect the Land. Title will be conveyed by a State Patent (the "Patent"), which will reserve 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 located in, under, or upon the State Trust Land and will be subject to all existing rights-of-way, easements, leases, and other valid existing rights. Additional details regarding the reservations and encumbrances may be obtained upon request. The

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successful bidder, if any, shall pay the total costs of advertising, appraising, surveying and sale, and will be billed for any costs in excess of the amounts set out in Paragraph C.

C. To Qualify to Bid. Only bids from qualified bidders will be accepted. To qualify for the auction, you must tender to the Commissioner an application, and a cashier's check, money order or letter of credit in a form acceptable to the Commissioner for the total deposit:

Nonrefundable Application Fee $500.00

Publication Cost of Public Notice $6,109.50

Cost of Appraisal $25,310.00

Cost of Archeological Study Report and Mitigation $317,946.00

Cost of Environmental Study Report $38,616.00

10% of Minimum Bid $950,000.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT $1,338,481.50

If the bidder will be offering a cash purchase or a combination of land and cash, the bidder's application and deposit must be accompanied by evidence of the bidder's ability to pay at closing, which shall occur no later than 180 days following the selection of the winning bid.

If the bidder will be offering to exchange land or a combination of land and cash, the bidder's application and deposit must be accompanied by (a) a survey plat and legal description in aliquot parts of any non-trust land that may be offered in the exchange, prepared by a licensed New Mexico surveyor; (b) an appraisal of any non-trust land that may be offered in exchange, performed by a certified New Mexico appraiser selected and approved by the Commissioner and conforming to the applicable professional appraisal standards; (c) evidence of title acceptable to the Commissioner showing that the applicant has or has a guarantee of fee simple title to the land offered in exchange as well as a title insurance commitment acceptable to the Commissioner; and (d) such other information as the Commissioner may require. Additional information required in connection with an exchange proposal may include environmental and/or cultural properties studies of the non-trust land offered for exchange. The Commissioner, in his discretion, may waive or modify any of the foregoing requirements, if he determines that such waiver or modification is in the best interest of the State. A successful exchange bidder will be required to convey title to the lands offered in exchange to the State of New Mexico by general warranty deed.

To qualify to bid, applications, deposits and other required submissions must be received at the State Land Office, PO Box 1148, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 102, Santa Fe, NM, 87501, Attn: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner, no later than 4:00 pm on September 28, 2009. Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Matters which will result in disqualification of a deposit and the related bid(s) include without limitation: funds being drawn on banks or issuers located outside the United States, payment of deposits being subject to contingencies unrelated to the transaction, or deposit documents which are postdated. Deposits that do not conform to these requirements will result in disqualification of the associated bids.

D. Form of bids; minimum bid. Bids shall indicate the value of the bid, including the appraised value of any lands offered in exchange for the State Trust Land. The appraised value of any lands offered in exchange for the State Trust Land must be approved in advance by the Commissioner. Bidding will start at $ 9,500,000.00.

E. To obtain an application and other information please contact: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner at (505) 827-5760.

F. Disabled individuals who require aid to participate in the proposed sale may call (505) 827-5724; FAX, 827-4262 or TTY (800) 855-1155 (AT&T). Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved, and no sale shall be effective unless and until a purchase and sale agreement is entered between the bidder and the Commissioner.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 14th day of July, 2009.

/s/Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands
P.O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Pub #8868
Dates 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 2009

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERNON A. HAMMOND, Deceased.

No. PB-2009- 69 (Martin)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of tbis estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative. in care of the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: July 9, 2009

Richard G. Van Frank
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Vemon Hammond, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITIED BY:
BATES LAW FIRM
PO Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8871
Dates 7/24, 7/31, 2009

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF RICKEY ALLEN BURKHARDT FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NO.[3] CV-2009-1713
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rickey Allen Burkhardt, a resident of the City of [6] Mesilla Park, County of [7] Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the [8] Third Judicial District Court, [9] Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein [10] he seeks to change [11] his name from [12] Rickey Allen Burkhardt to [13] Rickey Jaxon Allen, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable [14] Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the [15] 1st day of [16] September [17] 2009 at the hour of [18] 9:00 a.m., at the [19] Doña Ana County Courthouse, [20] 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
Signature: [21] Rickey Allen Burkhardt
Print Name: [22] Rickey Allen Burkhardt
Petitioner, pro se
Address: [23] 7975 Calle Picasso
Mesilla Park NM 88047
Mailing address if different: [24] Same
Telephone [25] 575-805-4869

Pub #8873
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on August 17, 2009:
1. Council Bill No. 09-065; Ordinance No. 2528: An Ordinance Granting to El Paso Electric Company, a Corporation Organized and Existing Under and By Virtue of the Laws of the State of Texas, Its Legal Representatives, Successors, Lessees and Assigns, Certain Powers, Licenses, Rights of Way and Privileges to Maintain, Erect, Construct, Equip, Conduct and Operate in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Works, Systems, and Plants to Generate, Manufacture, Use, Store, Sell Distribute, Convey or Otherwise Use, Conduct, Serve, Supply and Furnish Said City, Its Inhabitants and Others Electricity for Light, Heat and Power, and Other Useful Service, and to Use the Streets, Avenues, Alleys, Highways, Public Ways, Sidewalks, Bridges, and Grounds of Said City, For a Period of Up to Fifteen (15) Years, and Prescribing Certain Terms and Conditions Therein Mentioned.
Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 21st day of July, 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8874
Dates 7/31, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-962

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

ARTURO P. MEZA, NOEMI M. MEZA; FARMERS INSURANCE; DOÑA ANA CHIROPRACTIC, LLC, aka Doña Ana Chiropractic - Health Care Provider; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 26, 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 1036 N. Virginia Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Description of a 0.15 acre tract

A 0.15 acre tract of land being Lots 25, 26 and the south half of the adjacent vacated alley (filed in Misc. Book 460, Pages 950-951 on September 10, 2003) of Block C of Cox's Second Subdivision as filed February 13, 1911 in Plat Book 4, Page 31, City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X," being the northeast corner of the intersection of Virginia Street and Fir Avenue, IDENTICAL to the southwest corner of the aforementioned Lot 26;

THENCE from the point of beginning along the east line Virginia Street N 41 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds W, 133.82 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

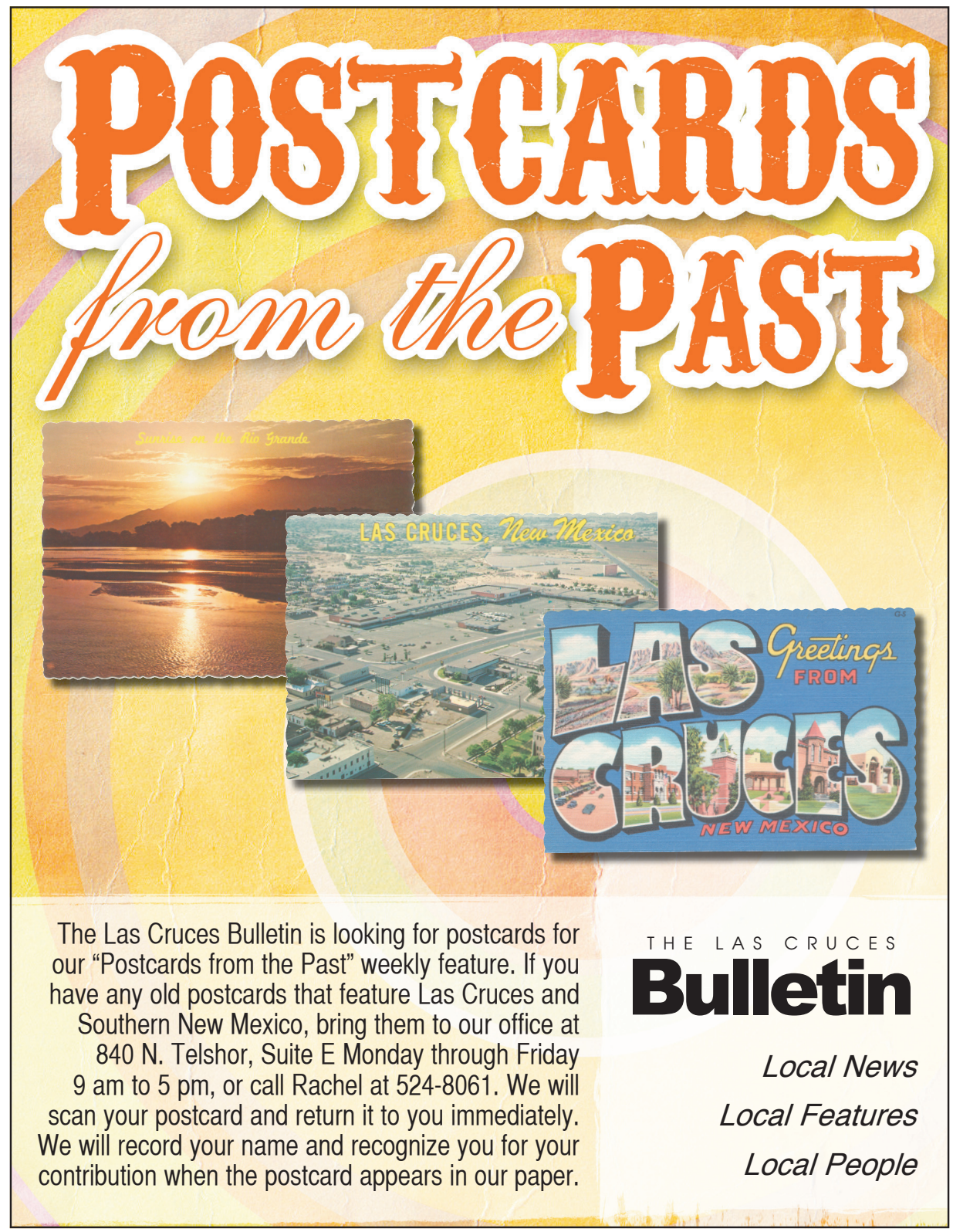
THENCE N 63 degrees 04 minutes 46 seconds E, 50.00 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S 41 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds E, 133.82 feet to a point on the north line of Fir Avenue being the southeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S 63 degrees 04 minutes 46 seconds W, 50.00 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 0.15 acres of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 20, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $96,388.32 and the same bears interest at 6.5% per annum from July 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $978.41. 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



LEGAL NOTICES

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reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #8875
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2323

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

LELAND C. NELSON; JENNIFER NELSON; MESA PUBLISHING CORPORATION; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 26, 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 4218 Wild Cat Canyon Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 29, IN BLOCK F OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 2 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, 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 NOVEMBER 21, 2003 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 20 AT PAGES 476-478, 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 July 16, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $226,093.61 and the same bears interest at 5.875% per annum from July 17, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,492.06. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #8876
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 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 State Liquor License No. 2787 from Andrews, Ragle & Wamel, Inc. d/b/a Hurricane Alley Pub to Four Daughters Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Hurricane Alley Pub, located at 1490-A East Missouri Avenue, 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, August 17, 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 22nd day of July 2009.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub #8877
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE BENITO F. PROVENCIO, Deceased.

No. PB-09-76
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have heen appointed Personal Representative of the estate of BENITO F. PROVENCIO, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law. after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of ScottHulse PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575) 522-0765, FAX: (575) 522-0006, or filed with the Court at Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2009.

JUANITA PROVENCIO HOLGUIN
Personal Representative of the Estate of BENITO F. PROVENCIO, Deceased.

Pub #8878
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200901552

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDON MARLOWE AKA BRANDON S. MARLOWE; APRYL MARLOWE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRANDON MARLOWE AKA BRANDON S. MARLOWE, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Apryl Marlowe. 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 6505 Raseyn Court, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 17, RAASAF HILLS SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 19, 1975 in Book 12 Page(s) 30-31 of Plat Records Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before September 14, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
Date: 07/21/2009
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 JERALD A VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 9th day of July 2009.

Gregory F. Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Peggy R. Brock
Deputy

P599316 07/31, 08/07, 08/14/2009

Pub #8879
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2009

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

No. 2009-0074

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OLLIE MORGAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007.

SHEILA K. MCCASKILL
Personal Representative
of the estate of OLLIE MORGAN
5150 Oriole Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
Attorney for the Personal Representative
910 Lake Tahoe Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88007-4103
(575) 522-5009

By: /s/ Melissa J. Reeves
MELISSA J. REEVES

Pub #8880
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on August 24, 2009:
1. Council Bill No. 10-002; Ordinance No. 2531: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From M1/M2 (Industrial Standard) to R-4C (Multi-Dwelling High Density/Limited Retail and Office-Conditional) for 3.42 +/- Acres Located at 1089 W. Amador Avenue. The Zone Change Will Facilitate the Placement of a Transitional Living Facility for at Risk Youth. Submitted by Southwest Engineering, Inc. For Resources for Children & Youth, Inc (Z2790).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 28th day of July, 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8881
Dates 7/31, 2009

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting Held on July 27, 2009:
1. Council Bill No. 09-066; Ordinance No. 2529: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-3 (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density) to R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High Density & Limited Retail and Office) for 2.73 +/- Acres Located at 1500 E. Madrid Avenue. The Zone Change Request Will Bring the Property Into Compliance With the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. The Subject Property Exceeds the Maximum Allowable Density of Twenty (20) Dwelling Units Per Acre. Submitted by Yes Housing, Inc. For Alta Tierra Apartments Limited Partnership (Z2787).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 28th day of July, 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8882
Dates 7/31, 2009

Stull Storage Units #1
1546 Missouri Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
MARIA ESTELA LOMELI
1590 MEDINA DR.
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 110 at Stull Storage Units #1 will be **SOLD** at **AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of $415.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: **WASHER, DRYER, FURNITURE, VACUUM CLEANER, BOXES, MISC.**

Date of Auction:
On or After August 17, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #1
1546 Missouri Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #1 – Agent
Nancy Abeyta, Manager
(575) 522-5528

Pub #8883
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on August 17, 2009:
1. Council Bill No. 10-003; Ordinance No. 2532: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code Sections 24-62, 24-91, 24-92, and 24-94 to Increase Contract Award Participation by Local Business or Manufacturing Entities for Needed Goods, Services and Construction.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 28th day of July, 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8884
Dates 7/31, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on August 24, 2009:
1. Council Bill No. 10-004; Ordinance No. 2533: An Ordinance Amending the 2001 Las Cruces Zoning Code, as Amended by Adding a New Section Entitled 38-63 Demolition Delay, Reuse and Adaptive Reuse - Historic Structures for the Purpose of Establishing a Mandatory Sixty Day Time Period Prior to Demolition (Either in Part or in Whole) of Registered Historic Structures in Which Investigation of Alternatives to the Demolition May Occur.
2. Council Bill No. 10-005; Ordinance No. 2534: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Division 11, Section 30-491 (Demolition: Residential and Commercial/ Nonresidential, Building Permit and Inspection Process - Application Procedure) of the 2009 Las Cruces Building Code in Order to Provide Procedural Requirements Consistent With 2001 Las Cruces Zoning Code Provisions When Demolition of Registered Historic Structures in Whole or In Part Is Proposed.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 28th day of July, 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8885
Dates 7/31, 2009

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel, CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA ENDORSED COPY
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
Petitioner,

vs.

RICHARD CASSIDY, TYRONE GARDNER, AND 1987 CADILLAC 4DR, YELLOW; VIN: 1G6CB5183H4237081; Texas License Plate No. ANC-9, Respondents.

No. CV-2009-1218
Judge: Arrieta

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Richard Cassidy, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1987 Cadillac 4DR, Yellow; VIN: 1G6CB5183H4237081; Texas License Plate No. ANC-9.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Harry (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, 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 24th day of July 2009.

GREG TOOMEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: Nancy A Heavner
DEPUTY

Pub #8887
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2009

City of Las Cruces®
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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Design-Build Gas Service & Pressure Building www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/ downloads/ B09-10-154/	BID #09-10-154	August 12, 2009 3:00 p.m.	August 26, 2009 11:00 a.m.
Professional Legal Services Price Agreement www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/ downloads/P09-10-316/	RFP #09-10-316	None	August 28, 2009 4:00 p.m.
Bus Advertising Services www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/ downloads/P09-10-341	RFP #09-10-341	August 13, 2009 10:00 a.m.	August 21, 2009 4:00 p.m.
Fitness Services Price Agreement www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/ downloads/P09-10-343	RFP #09-10-343	None	August 18, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Pub #8886
Dates 7/31, 2009

LOST & FOUND

LOST PET? Check first at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 3551 Bataan Memorial West (Sonoma Ranch exit off of Hwy. 70 East) for your furry friend. Need a furry friend? Come see us to adopt - there are many great animals that need a loving family! Open 7 days a week. 382-0018

Lost 8/10/08 off Parkhill/ Pyramid Del Rey area. **Small Chihuahua,** light brown with with stripe down forehead, around nose and wraps around belly. Paws and end of tail are white. REWARD $500+ Call 649-7194

SPECIAL NOTICES

Drop off your frayed or worn out American flags to Ray McCorkle at the VFW Post 3242, 2001 N. Mesquite for proper disposal. Post is open weekdays at 4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at noon.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Hair salon rooms available for rent. Relaxing environment. Rooms are furnished. $250/month rental. Contact Nick Porter 496-2320

ALL CASH VENDING! Do you earn $800 in a day? Your own local vending route Includes 25 Machines and Candy All for $9,995. 1-888-329-3374

HELP WANTED

The City of Las Cruces no longer accepts paper applications, or resumes. Applicants must apply online through the City of Las Cruces website at www.las-cruces.org.

For those that wish to apply, computer kiosks are available at the City of Las Cruces Human Resources Department, 575 S. Alameda, Rm. 136, Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Specialist
Full-time, regular
Pay Rate: $18.25 - $27.38 / Hour:
Continuous Recruitment

Web Administrator
Full-time, regular
Pay Rate: $35,256.00 - $52,884.00 Annually
Continuous Recruitment

VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE OFFICERS – Village of Columbus
The full-time Police Officers will be employed under a new grant from the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Grant Agreement. Grant Number: NM Safe Border 09-Columbus. Qualifications include: 18 years or older; have a high school education or equivalent; be in good physical and mental health; must pass an oral interview and background check and be certified or certifiable. Send applications to Mayor Eddie S. Espinoza, 214 W. Broadway Ave., P.O. Box 350, Columbus, New Mexico, 88029. Positions are open until filled. EOE

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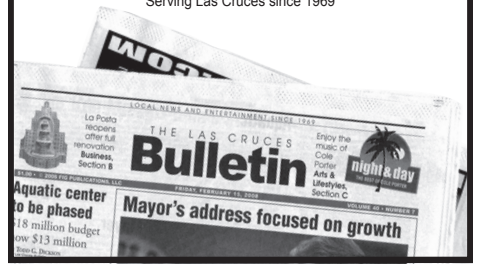

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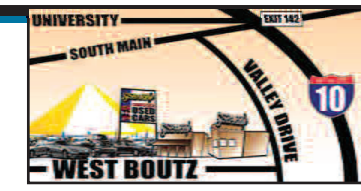

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Christmas in July starts the holiday spirit early

Find bargains, help Jardin de los Niños raise funds for local homeless children

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The crackle of the fireplace, the lulling voice of Bing Crosby, the sparkle of lights and the moments spent thinking of the less fortunate are just a few things associated with Christmas.

One Las Cruces store, however, will bring the spirit of the winter holiday to the summer month of July.

La Tienda de Jardin, a gently used boutique benefiting the nonprofit organization Jardin de los Niños, will host its first Christmas in July fundraiser Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1.

The idea for Christmas in July came from La Tienda de Jardin volunteer Heather Pollard after a Las Cruces woman moving to California donated six van-loads of items, including various Christmas decorations, dishes, jewelry and toys.

"There was so much stuff," she said, "we decided to have a Christmas promotion."

> "We're doing this to gather folks who have a heart for homeless children ..."
>
> SISTER BETH DADDIO

Some of the unique items for sale during the fundraiser include holiday decorations, such as villages, angels and Christmas trees; clothing; vintage wicker furniture, which Pollard said has a value of $1,700; costume and semiprecious stone jewelry; and collectable Barbie and Gene dolls with certificates of authenticity.

"They look like film starlets," volunteer Beverley Chavez-Floyd said about the Gene Dolls, which cost anywhere from $50 to $100. "We're pricing them at half off their market value."

Along with the sale, Chavez-Floyd said the store will hold a silent auction and serve Christmas related refreshments. She said this is the perfect opportunity for customers to get a head start on their holiday shopping while helping a worthy cause.

"We really want people to come in and shop and see what we've done here," she said.

La Tienda de Jardin, the third store operated by the nonprofit since 1999, held its grand opening June 19.

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Volunteer Beverly Chavez-Floyd encourages everyone to get a head start on the holiday spirit at Christmas in July.

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Unlike other thrift stores, La Tienda de Jardin has a boutique feel, making the shopping experience more enjoyable.

"It's just like a funky boutique," Pollard said. "The things that are donated are wonderful. We're continuously getting new stock. Some still have the tags on."

Chavez-Floyd, who had previously worked in the retail business, used her merchandising and display skills to create unique rooms. They also received help from artists Rosemary McLoughlin, Kathy Groves, Katherine Holmes, Janice Hartgo and Laurel Weathersby, who each painted a separate room.

To make the rooms even more special, each was given its own name based on its overall theme, such as denim, diamonds and leopard. There is also a Red Hat room, in honor of the Red Hat Ladies.

"We're selling glitzy clothes along with everyday clothes," Pollard said.

All of the store's proceeds will go to support Jardin de los Niños, a service center for homeless and near-homeless children.

Sister Beth Daddio and the late Sister Ann Waldschmitt started Jardin de los Niños at Holy Cross Church in 1995. Over the years, the organization expanded its programs and services, and found a permanent home at the Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave., in 2002.

"We're doing this to gather folks who have a heart for homeless children in the memory of Sister Anna, who recently passed away," Sister Beth said.

Pollard said she hopes Christmas in July, the store's first fundraiser, will be a success and create enough funds to allow the nonprofit to keep the store's doors open.

"I hope everyone in town will know who we are and what great bargains they can find here," she said.

Chavez-Floyd said they will have special promotions about four times a year to help keep their inventory fresh and turn La Tienda de Jardin into an established retail destination.

La Tienda de Jardin is accepting volunteers, especially those with retail experience.

"We have the most fabulous volunteers in all of Las Cruces," Sister Beth said about the 12 volunteers, who do everything from stocking to checking out customers.

To volunteer or donate items, call 541-9746.

La Tienda de Jardin is located at 335 La Colonia Ave., on the corner of Main Street and Alameda Boulevard. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Celebrity bartenders serve up – for local charities

Actress Linda Hamilton, right, talks with Claudia and Fernando Macias, Monday, July 27, at Meson de Mesilla. Hamilton and other stars of "Refuge" acted as bartenders to raise funds for local nonprofit organizations.

Writer/director Mark Medoff and producer Ginger Perkins welcome the celebrity bartenders to Meson de Mesilla, Monday, July 27. Right, actor Chris Payne Gilbert holds up a tip before he puts it into the jar for NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink, a breast cancer research charity the bartenders were working for.

Actress Linda Hamilton signs the stomach of fan and New Mexico State University student Jared Dial as she chatted, signed autographs and collected money for charity.

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Actress Lena Georgas enjoys her time as a bartender to raise funds for Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary and NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink.

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At the NMSU Center for the Arts preview

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Local dentist David Sudimack and Doña Ana Community College career placement officer Kevin Andrew enjoy refreshments in the home of Jo Raabe Asprey.

Delano Lewis, director of the International Relations Institute at NMSU, and Peter Gregware, dean of Academic Affairs for College of Arts and Sciences at NMSU

Ammu Devasthali, chairperson of the leadership committee for NMSU's upcoming Center of the Arts, speaks about the potential for more art in Las Cruces.

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Hollywood producers are now covered by Muir Studio

Casting resource fills another filmmaking need

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Hollywood has always ventured to southern New Mexico for its scenic surrounding and pleasant weather. Now, along with a growing industry workforce and tax incentives, there is another reason filmmakers are coming to the area – its new casting agent and production resource.

The Muir Studio, which opened its doors in May, is the only talent casting and production resource in southern New Mexico. Owned and operated by Sandra "Sam" Muir and her husband John, the studio will help turn Las Cruces into a producer's ideal location.

After receiving her teaching credentials in English Language Arts and drama from the University of Virginia, Sam Muir decided to enter the world of acting.

"I decided I wanted to see the world," said the professional actress.

She moved to San Diego and met casting director and future husband John Muir, a Marine Corp combat veteran. They married in 1980 and began working together to scout talent, locations and supplies.

"We found everything. We even found things that the city and county didn't even know existed," Sam said.

One example was when she found an unknown polo field that was used in a commercial about donkey riding polo players.

Although the couple helped grow the emerging San Diego film industry and worked with Academy Award-winning directors such as Otto Land and Conrad Hall, they decided to leave the business in 1984 to start a family.

They moved to Santa Barbra, Calif., where they both worked as teachers. Sam Muir taught theater, while John Muir mainly taught history and government.

After their 15-year hiatus from the film industry, the Muirs decided it was time to retire from teaching and get back to their passion in a new city.

"We have a lot of training opportunities here," she said, referring to the Creative Media Institute at New Mexico State University and Creative Media Technology program at Doña Ana Community College. "Now we have a talent caster."

The Muir Studio specializes in finding talent that appeals to a producer, no matter what they're looking for.

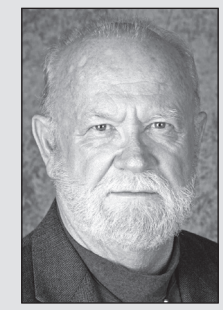
"Producers need all types of people, from little, old ladies to high school students," Sam Muir said.

They said they represent everyone from amateur to professional actors, and even animals.

John Muir said one project he is particularly proud of was a Coca-Cola commercial in which a man is driving a red sports car with a blonde in the passenger seat.

"The camera comes up the car and you realize the blonde is an Afghan hound," he said. "I cast that hound and found the location."

Since coming to town, Sam and John Muir have received support from several facets of the community, including government officials, film liaison for the City of Las Cruces Bill McCamey, director and NMSU professor Mark Medoff and local businesses, such as Digital Solutions, which handles the studio's graphic design needs.



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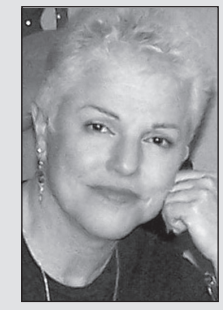

SAM MUIR

While the couple is "just getting started," the Muirs said they hope to stimulate growth in the Las Cruces film industry to bring more money into the community.

"It's not uncommon for a film crew to spend $250,000 a day in the local community," John Muir said. "They all have to go to local stores, local restaurants, local hotels."

The Muirs said they want to help form an A-team in Las Cruces, consisting of top talent, actors, technicians, suppliers and locations. To do this, they said it is important for the city to keep trained talent in the area.

"If we're giving them great A-team training (through CMI and CMT), then let's also give them the opportunity to make a career here," Sam Muir said.

One way to make this possible is by building a back lot, which is used to make outdoor sets.

"We're pushing for a back lot," she said. "Albuquerque and Santa Fe have one. Las Cruces needs one so it can serve southern New Mexico and the borderlands."

They are also actively involved in the community. Along with being members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Sam Muir is a member of the New Mexico Women in Film Association and John Muir is helping with the new veterans museum. He is also hosting a reading of his book "Tigers and Songbirds," about soldiers and what they go through in war. His next reading will be held at the Branigan Library in September.

Sam Muir said that while producers bring in their star actors, they usually need local talent to fill the need of day performers, extras and specialty acts.

> "Producers need all types of people, from little, old ladies to high school students."
>
> SAM MUIR
> Owner, Muir Studio

"We don't know what the next producer will need, so we need to know everyone in town," she said.

Not only are they constantly searching for local talent, they also are looking for local technicians and suppliers, such as caterers, as well as unique and useful locations.

"Our job is to keep the producer supplied and happy," she said.

"People watch movies but they don't know what all goes into it," John Muir said. "The filmmaker has to produce everything."

The couple is currently building their registry of talent, suppliers and technicians. They will hold an open call for talent in August.

"No one is too tall, too short, too young, too old, too blonde, too brunette," Sam Muir said. "We're looking for the world."

They said they are especially looking for anyone with a special skill or that has a vintage car or unique home.

They are also accepting résumés through their website, www.muirstudio.com.

For more information, visit the website or email muirstudio@comcast.net.

At right, Table Mountain provides a backdrop to the pinnacles and boulders of City of Rocks State Park, a spectacular spot for a day trip or a weekend getaway. Far right, a basin carved in the stone by wind, ice and rain is filled with water after a summer shower.

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A New Mexico wonderland

The whole family will enjoy the City of Rocks

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the truly unique recreation opportunities in southern New Mexico is the City of Rocks State Park, located on New Mexico Highway 61, three miles off of U.S. Highway 180 between Deming and Silver City, N.M.

Thanks to a massive volcanic event 34.9 million years ago, known as the Kneeling Nun eruption, a thick layer of hot volcanic ash solidified and formed a rock layer known as tuff. The layer cracked as it cooled, and eroded into a fantasy land of rock that is a joy to explore. Whether you are young or just young at heart, the formation is like nature's own amusement park – or perhaps the world's biggest Rorschach test.

When I was a young child living in Lordsburg, N.M., my family would visit the park regularly, and in those days, the formations seemed vast beyond description. Today, when looking at the formations with an adult's eye, I can see that it isn't so big that children could get hopelessly lost, but still big enough to provide hours of hiking, climbing and scrambling fun.

As with any outdoor activity in New Mexico, there is always the possibility of encountering rattlesnakes and other wildlife. During this most recent visit I saw a variety of lizards, rabbits and squirrels. Birdlife at the park is also quite varied, including orioles, hawks, buzzards and crows. The formations seem to be a favorite destination for the large crows, whose odd vocal utterances add to the park's atmosphere. A shower from the previous evening had filled many pits and crevices in the rocks with water, adding to my and the crow's enjoyment of the labyrinth of stones.

The park now includes a modern Visitors Center with an interpretive display, restrooms, shower facilities and a soda machine.

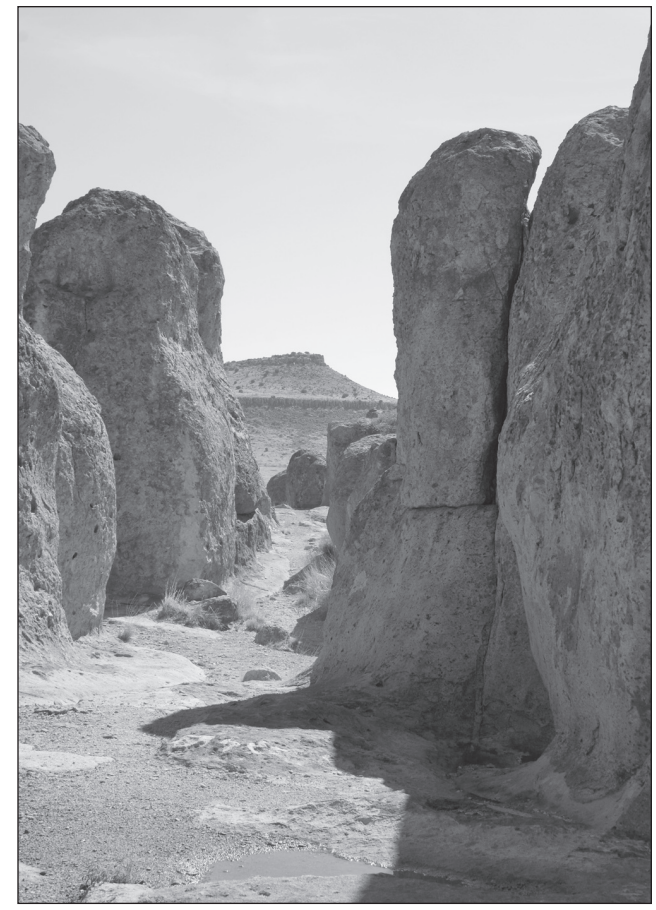
A gravel road circles the formation of pinnacles and boulders, with picnic sites and restrooms located along the road. The first picnic sites visitors come to are primitive and without much shade, but driving farther around to the back side of the formation reveals some nice sites shaded by oak trees. Developed sites are immediately on the right at the Visitors Center.

To reach the park, take Interstate 10 to Deming and then turn right on to Highway 180 – follow the signs for Silver City. New Mexico Highway 61 is on the right after 23.9 miles. The turn off to the park is 3.2 miles up Highway 61 on the left. For a change in scenery, it is also possible to travel through Hillsboro and down the beautiful Mimbres Valley via Interstate 25 and New Mexico Highways 152 and 61.

The distance to the park through Deming is just under 90 miles from Downtown Las Cruces, and around 135 miles going through Hillsboro.

The park is close enough to Las Cruces to visit and return in a single day, but camping at the park for a night will allow more time to relax and fully experience the amazing formations.

The City of Rocks State Park is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. The daily use fee is $5, with camping fees of $10 for undeveloped sites and $14 for sites with a shelter and an electrical hook-up. Check-out time for campers is 2 p.m. Each site has picnic tables and grills and there are restrooms located around the perimeter of the park. The shower facilities are located in the Visitors Center and are great for cleaning up after a day of scrambling through the rocks. No glass containers are allowed in the park.



The many pathways carved through the City of Rocks make the park a natural amusement park.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

A retablo loaned by Toby and Richard White at the Las Cruces Museum of Art

"Fiesta Dancers," by Ginny Schoelzel at the Cutter Gallery

"Limelight" by Samantha Odom at the Main Street Gallery

"Flag" by Beverly Hart at the Las Cruces Academy

Opening this Week

LAS CRUCES ACADEMY

Watercolor and drawing students of Wayne Carl Huber, instructor at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, will be featured in a student show at the Las Cruces Academy, 212 S. Downtown Mall, next to White's Music Box. The work will be on exhibit from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Wednesday, beginning Saturday, Aug. 1. The Artists' Reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, during the Downtown Ramble. The exhibit will run through Saturday, Aug. 8. Call 647-5684 for more information.

IN EFFECT GALLERY

Lulu Hedrick, a recent graduate and class valedictorian of Alma d'Arte Charter Art High School, will present a one woman show of her various media explorations at IN EFFECT Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., through the month of August. The opening reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Hedrick has serious plans for her career in art, already planning to work in a variety of venues including book illustration, screen writing, illustrations and painting. The artist has a truly unique perspective on the art world. One foot solidly in her rich Chinese art culture, the other in "western" approaches to art in various forms. This expanded view of the art world gives Lulu a wide-open path for her talent to grow.

Her body of work is truly a unique mix of the two cultures, both in comparison and contrast, and this will enable the artist to appeal to many different tastes, while at the same time letting the viewer apply their own interpretations to the work.

For more information, contact the gallery at 526-1551, or email ineffectgallery@mac.com

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery will feature fiber art by Cyndi Clark and Jan Harrison in "Finding a Voice through Fiber." The exhibit opens Monday, Aug. 3, and continues through Friday, Aug. 28. An artists' reception will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive, with regular gallery hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Clark has worked in many media over the years. She focused on clay work for about 10 years before transitioning to fiber art. One of her featured pieces in the show is "Freedom's Price," an art quilt that has a piece of fabric representing every soldier who has died in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11.

Harrison has been involved in fiber arts as a knitter for more than 25 years and has gradually progressed to weaving on a floor loom and basketry. She has done extensive experimentation in achieving movement and using yarns of many sizes and textures. She also uses unexpected materials and colors. The same techniques go back and forth in her tapestries and basketry.

For information, call the church office at 522-7281.

BLACK BOX THEATRE

In August, thetheatregallery located in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre presents "Theatre Magic – The Designers' Art," a photographic exhibit featuring the work of Peter Herman. During his 10 years as set and light designer at the Black Box Theatre, Herman has taken numerous rehearsal photographs. The show highlights the contribution of design and technical theater to the total theater experience. thetheatregallery is open an hour before performance time and by appointment by calling 523-1223. The wine and cheese reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in conjunction with the September Downtown Ramble.

Continuing this Week

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART COLLECTION

"Las Cruces Collects," offers a rare look into the private art collections of area residents. Featured art works range from European Old Masters to American Contemporary, in a wide variety of media and artistic styles that shed light on the passions motivating collectors of fine art. Organized by the Las Cruces Museum of Art, "Las

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Last Chance

BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Up Close and More," a photographic exhibit by Les Boyse, is on display in thetheatregallery at the Black Box Theatre through July. Thetheatregallery is open one hour before performances and by appointment by calling 523-1223.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Painter Samantha Odom is the featured guest artist through July at Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall. In her show "She Is …" Odom explores women in different seasons of life through painting portraits.

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

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

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The works of two very different artists fill the El Paso Electric and the Caroline de Mesilla galleries, in the Rio Grande Theatre. Marie Siegrist's paintings encompass a wide variety of subjects, including up-close nature studies, floral themes, landscapes, doorways, windows and candid moments of life. Joe Dominick photographs are in the black-and-white silver print medium, using a 4-by-5 large format camera. The exhibit runs through Friday, July 31. The theater is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery has announced its newest member, Johnny Apodaca from Alamogordo, N.M., who specializes in the art of wood-burned images. For the month of July, Mayanna Howard and Carol Lopez will be featured. Howard, the gallery director, is diverse in original artwork, rendering lovely watercolors of churches, landscapes and objects. Lopez brings to the table more than 25 years of working in a variety of media. She has studied abroad discovering the ancient art medium "encaustic" and has dedicated her efforts to this technique.

In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in many media, which include original paintings, encaustics, infused glass art jewelry, handmade cards, stained glass, photography, affordable prints and miniature paintings.

The Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For details, call 522-2933 or visit http://ftp.zianet.com/mvartgallery/home.shtml.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

In celebration of the birth of our country, M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery, 300 N. Downtown Mall, presents a show of art depicting scenes of the American landscape during July. Patrons can enjoy the cool blue of mountain lakes to the hot reds of the desert. Featured artists include Lyn Briggs, Russell Ricks, Albert Lory Groll, Luis Heinzmann and John Jarvis.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The artwork of Virginia Maria Romero is on display in "Retablo, Metamorphosis, Vision: The Artwork of Virginia Maria Romero" at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, and features the traditional paintings of this talented Las Cruces artist. It will show in the Arts Corridor through Sunday, Aug. 2.

Romero's work, which mostly consists of paintings, is inspired by traditional retablo painting and has recently included more contemporary influences such as totem animals, including wolves and abstract natural forms. The show displays the evolution of her work. Romero's art is in numerous national and international private collections, museum collections, more than 25 books, film and periodicals, and has been featured in more than 50 group and solo exhibits, which include national venues.

Romero paints images and altars that take a contemporary approach, while maintaining old tradition. Through her artwork, she creates a visual bridge between the historical spirituality of the people of New Mexico and the current issues that face people today.

For more information, call 522-4100.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery, on the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road, will host "Two New Visions – Two New Artists," an art show for new artists Carlitta Harvey and Ginny Schoelzel, through Wednesday, Aug. 5.

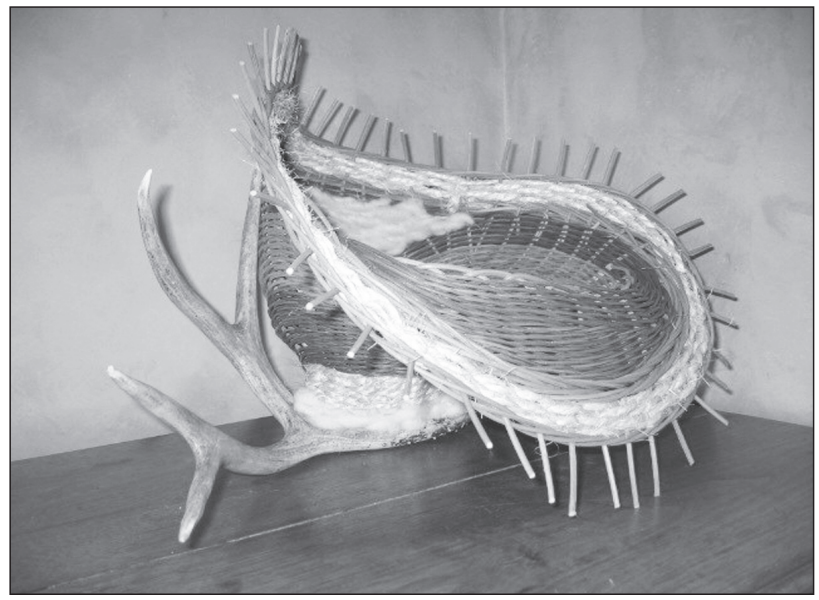
Harvey has always appreciated the natural landscape of the Rio Grande Valley in its flora, fauna, agriculture, people and architecture. The valley here is her home after growing up on a cotton farm in Fabens, Texas.

Schoelzel got started with her art when she took several classes from the Toledo Museum of Art. Her work includes area landscapes and buildings, still lifes and florals as well as subjects from around New Mexico. She loves color and enjoys hiding living surprises in her paintings – often an animal.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

"Casualties" by Cyndi Clark at the Tombaugh Gallery



"Something Very Deer" by Jan Harrison at the Tombaugh Gallery

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Cruces Collects" is on display through Saturday, Aug. 22.

In a community as dedicated to the arts as Las Cruces, it should come as no surprise that the area's art collections are as diverse as its residents. Made possible through the assistance of Sally and Glenn Cutter, works are on loan from the private collections of J. Paul Taylor, Kent F. Jacobs and Sallie Ritter, Gayle and Delano Lewis, Stephanie and Mark Medoff, Toby and Richard White, Mireille Dohmen and Mary Streett. The exhibition includes Civil War antiquities, Pueblo pottery, surrealist sculpture, African and Mexican folk art, religious iconography and many other surprises.

Exhibition hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. Funded by the City of Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St., at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Call 541-2137, or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org for more information on museum exhibits and Studio Program art classes.

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

If you are going to the Branigan Library, plan to visit the second floor Terrace Gallery for the Las Cruces Art Association art show, "Everything Goes." Artists include Carol Groves, Olivia Solomon, Mary Lacy, Kurt Van Wagner and Judy Licht. The show runs through Friday, Aug. 28. Paintings of all media as well as photographs and a stained glass mirror are on display. Most artwork is for sale and can be purchased for $200 or less.

NATIVE AMERICAN JEWELRY

Native American jewelry has deep roots. Historic, religious and spiritual themes from ancient and modern cultures are visible in past and present designs handmade by Native American silversmiths and artists. An exhibit of vintage turquoise, coral and sterling jewelry along with contemporary designs created by current Native American artisans will be shown in the gallery at Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry & Watches, 5857 North Mesa Suite 19. The show will run through Monday, Aug. 31.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, is exhibiting colorful images by artist Betty LaDuke that illustrate agriculture in its purest form.

"Dreaming Cows: The Artwork of Betty LaDuke" features 21 large giclee prints inspired by LaDuke's work with Heifer International. The exhibit is on display through Monday, Sept. 21.

La Duke toured Uganda and Rwanda in 2003, where she drew sketches of the native people in various agricultural settings. She converted the sketches to colorful paintings in her Oregon studio over the past several years. The paintings also include scenes and people from Poland, Albania, Vietnam, Cambodia, Kosovo, Ecuador and Peru.

Heifer International is a humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger and protecting the earth by providing livestock, trees, training and other resources to help the poor around the world become self-reliant. Since 1944, Heifer has assisted 9.5 million families in more than 125 countries, helping to lift many up from poverty and hunger.

Museum visitors also are invited to view a segment from the film "Betty LaDuke: Art Reflecting Life," documenting her travels to Africa on behalf of Heifer International. The film is shown in the theater twice daily, immediately following screening of the museum's welcome video at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Sundays at 2 p.m. only).

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children 5 to 17.

For more information, call 522-4100.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

An explosion of color, texture and form highlight the 2009 Summer Exhibition at the Preston Contemporary Art Center, 1755 Avenida de Mercado. The exhibition features works by abstract painters Arturo Loya, Diane McGregor, John Ochs and Allison Renshaw and digital artist Myriam Lozada-Jarvis. The show, which celebrates the beginning of the gallery's second year, runs through Sunday, Sept. 27.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and other times by appointment. For more information, call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The New Mexico State University 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 collected by the Navy 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 Brig. Gen. Hugh 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.

Special Announcements

The Border Artists present a group show at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in August.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH MUSEUM

The Border Artists, an organization of 21 widely recognized artists now in its 19 year, presents a group show at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, centered on the theme of agriculture in the Mesilla Valley titled "The Art of Cultivation."

This highly anticipated show will include both contemporary and traditional work in a range of media, including painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, photography and ceramics, all centered on the engulfing theme of agriculture and its innate relationship with the Mesilla Valley.

Artists showing their work will include Carolyn Bunch, Tauna Cole, Janice Cook, Sherry Doil-Carter, Tom Gerend, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Cassandra Lockwood, Tony Lazorko, Joyce Macrorie, Rosemary McLoughlin, Diana Molina, Virginia Ness, Jeanne Rundell, Jo-an Smith, Dan Tapper, Scott Weaver and Bob Willis.

The show opens with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the museum, and runs through Dec. 6. The $5 museum admission fee will be waived for those attending the opening reception.

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Saturday, AUGUST 1

FAMILY STORYTELLING

Storytellers of Las Cruces presents family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at COAS Bookstores. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Douglas Jackson and the storyteller for the Solano Drive location will be Florence Hamilton. A free book will be provided to each child who attends.

ARTIST STORYTELLING

Cutter Gallery will host a storytelling hour by ceramic artist, Susi Nagoda Bergquist at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. Due to limited space, reservations need to be made by calling 541-0658. Bergquist is the creator of clay animal figures such as coyote, bear, owl, fox and many others. She is passionate about the legends that go along with the clay figures and each one has a story behind it. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is located at the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road.

BOOK SIGNING

Author Robert Blanc will sign copies of his book "The Lawless One" from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 1, at the COAS Bookstore located at 317 N. Main St. Join Blanc as he identifies the most prominent issues of man today and how to extricate those problems.

POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

A free Native American pottery-making demonstration by former Tigua Pueblo Governor Albert Alvidrez will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at El Paso Saddleblanket Co., 6926 Gateway East, across from the Cielo Vista Mall. Call 915-544-1000 for more information.

HASTINGS BOOK SIGNING

Meet author Glenda Price of Mesilla Park during her book signing from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave.

As a humor columnist, her work has been published in various Southwest publications. She has been sharing her slightly off-center view of country living for eight years. Her book "A Goat Tale and Other Stories Heard Around the Supper Table" is her first collection of selected columns.

Sunday, AUGUST 2

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Music in the Park Series will host La Cella Bella and Tuco John at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

Music in the Park is a 14-week musical extravaganza offering Las Crucens an eclectic mix of music performed by local, regional and nationally recognized artists at Apodaca Park, Klein Park and Young Park. Music genres include: jazz, rhythm and blues, mariachi, classical, country, tejano, bluegrass, new wave and pop, among others.

The City has provided the Music in the Park Series as a public service, free of charge, since 1994. Residents are reminded that in accordance with a City of Las Cruces policy, pets are not permitted at special events held at City of Las Cruces facilities.

For a complete online listing of the 2009 Music in the Park Series, visit www.las-cruces.org. The schedule is subject to change without notice.

MUSIC AT WELLSPRING CHURCH

International recording artists Armand and Angelina will lead Wellspring Church's Sunday morning celebration at 11 a.m. Aug. 2, with their ministry of message, music and mirth. Then at 2 p.m. they will offer a "playshop" to teach participants to play the Native American flute, whether musical or not. Flutes will be available. An offering of $20 is suggested.

The couple will then present their P'opera Overture concert "A Time For Us," a fusion of classical, popular and world music, at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. Seating is limited and tickets are $10.

The church is located at 140 Taylor Road. For more information, call 647-2560.

Monday, AUGUST 3

FRIENDS OF THE MESILLA VALLEY BOSQUE PARK

The Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the park, 5000 Calle del Norte. All MVBSP Friends and those who are interested in supporting the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park are invited to attend. The park fee will be waived for those attending the meeting. For more information, call 523-8009.

Tuesday, AUGUST 4

HISTORY DETECTIVE CLASS

A history detective class hosted by the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Zuhl Library on the New Mexico State University campus, in the Electronic Classroom. This day of historical training will prepare students to use college level resources in order to find answers to their historical questions. It will also prepare students for the 2010 National History Day contest for those who are interested. Students should bring a lunch or money to purchase lunch at the Crossroads Cafe. The class is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

HARVEST COOKING CLASS

This month's harvest cooking class, taking place from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, will feature recipes that include tomatoes, watermelon, tomatillos and/or bell peppers. Carol Koening is the chef and pre-registration is required. The class is $35. For more information or to register, call 522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

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 at 10 a.m. every Tuesday 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 susan50@juno.com.

ADULT BELLY DANCING CLASS

Adult Belly Dancing class with Susan Jewell and Jewells of the Desert take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. A $1 donation is required. Call 526-9509 or email www.jewellsofthedesertbelly-club.wetpaint.com for more information.

WEAVING CLASS

Classes for single strand weaving on a triangular loom are held from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday and also 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through July, at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Equipment will be provided. For more information, call Nancy at 680-0791.

Wednesday, AUGUST 5

DIGITAL PHOTO WORKSHOP AT PRESTON

Digital photographers of all experience levels can expand both technical and aesthetic skills with a series of workshops offered this summer at the Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops. "Selections & Image Manipulation (intro to Photo Montage)" will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 5 and 12.

If you're comfortable with basic Photoshop operations, this workshop will introduce you to methods for creating photomontage assemblages. The workshop sessions will give instruction and practice using the three operations vital to creating montage/assemblage imagery: selections, masking and content layer operations.

Cost for the workshop is $75. For information and registration for summer Cactus League workshops, visit the Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla, or call 523-8713. Visit www.mdi-cactusleague.com for schedule updates. Classes in the state-of-the-art digital lab are limited to 16 participants.

QUICK TOURS

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is now hosting Quick Tours on Wednesdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. for the duration of the "Las Cruces Collects" exhibition, now on display through Saturday, Aug. 22. The collections offer a unique glimpse into the vibrant community of Las Cruces and the important figures who loaned their art to the exhibit possible. While the collections on display vary greatly, the people behind them have much in common. They share a love of the community, a passion for history and culture and a willingness to share their experiences with others.

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Christmas in July	Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1	La Tienda de Jardin
Glenda Price book signing	Saturday, Aug. 1	Hastings
Pancake & The Crush	Tuesday, Aug. 18	Rio Grande Theatre

Looking Forward

ARTIST DIALOGUE

In conjunction with the 2009 Summer Exhibition at the Preston Contemporary Art Center, digital painter Myriam Lozada-Jarvis will be featured in the latest of a series of artist dialogues at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the gallery. Lozada-Jarvis will discuss her digital paintings in the exhibition and enjoy conversation with the audience about her body of work. Admission is free.

Lozada-Jarvis' interest in all things new in art lead her to adopt a computer to create energetic compositions to produce fine art prints on paper or canvas. Her approach to these new tools parallels her traditional use of paint and ink. She creates brush strokes that contain bits and pieces of other images that are photographs or drawings she has made using traditional techniques.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado, at the end of Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. Regular gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday;and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

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PLAZA CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

The Plaza Classic Film Festival is again taking center stage at the Plaza Theatre in El Paso. The largest film festival of its kind will kick off its second year Thursday, Aug. 6 through Sunday, Aug. 16. This year's event has 73 films lined up including "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Gone with the Wind" and the original "Star Wars." Tickets range from $2 to $8, with some films showing for free. For more information, visit www.plazaclassic.com.

Saturday, AUGUST 8

50th ANNUAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL IN RUIDOSO

The Chamber Music Festival in Ruidoso brings world-class classical music to the mountains of southeast New Mexico for the 50th year this summer.

On Aug. 8, Chinese pianist Haochen Zhang, 19-year-old Gold Medalist in the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, performs at the Spencer Theater in Alto, N.M., at 8 p.m.

Zhang tied with Nobuyuki Tsuji of Japan for first place – only the second time that there has been a tie in the competition's 50-year history. Zhang is also this year's youngest competitor. The competition is open to pianists between the ages of 19 and 30, and Zhang celebrated his 19th birthday during the competition. This concert will be one of the first for the young pianist as a Van Cliburn Gold Medalist.

The piano concert is preceded by the Fabulous Festival Fling, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Spencer Theater's Crystal Lobby. The fund-raising gala, catered by a variety of local restaurants, gives concertgoers a chance to socialize before the concert. Tickets are $25.

SWING DANCERS OF MUNSON CENTER

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swing Dancers of the Munson Center at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is a $6 cover charge. Mark Coker will provide the entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

FAMILY STORYTELLING

Storytellers of Las Cruces presents family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at COAS Bookstores. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Douglas Jackson and the storyteller for the Solano Drive location will be Judith Ames. A free book will be provided to each child who attends.

Sunday, AUGUST 9

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Music in the Park Series will host Bob and Melody Burns, John and Jonni and the Long Gone Trio at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

Music in the Park is a 14-week musical extravaganza offering Las Crucens an eclectic mix of music performed by local, regional and nationally recognized artists at Apodaca Park, Klein Park and Young Park. Music genres include: jazz, rhythm and blues, mariachi, classical, country, tejano, bluegrass, new wave and pop, among others.

The City has provided the Music in the Park Series as a public service, free of charge, since 1994. Residents are reminded that in accordance with a City of Las Cruces policy, pets are not permitted at special events held at City of Las Cruces facilities.

For a complete online listing of the 2009 Music in the Park Series, visit www.las-cruces.org. The schedule is subject to change without notice.

CALL TO ARTISTS

MAINSTREET SALSAFEST

Main Street between Las Cruces Avenue and Griggs Street will be the site of a salsa "smackdown" Saturday, Aug. 29. Salsa makers will compete for cash and awards in the first annual celebration of this culinary tradition at the MainStreet SalsaFest, an event sponsored by the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership. The MainStreet SalsaFest Coordinator Dave Edwards is inviting local salsa makers and restaurants to test their salsa prowess.

Competitors will be creating their salsa from scratch, on site, at the SalasFest. Categories include: "From My Kitchen (de Mi Cocina)" for home salsa makers – eligible for three cash prizes of $100, $250 and $500; A People's Choice Award for commercial entries that will compete for a travelling trophy and bragging rights for a year; and the Mayor's Award, which spans all entries. Non-profit groups are also eligible to enter salsa-making teams. Tasters who want to cast their ballots must purchase a wristband for $3 to participate in the voting.

MainStreet SalsaFest applications are available at the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership office at 138 S. Water St. Entry deadline is Friday, July 31. Call the Downtown Partnership office at 525-1955 for more information.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery is calling for submissions for artists to exhibit in the gallery in 2010. Submissions are open to artists within a 150-mile radius of Las Cruces. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. A submission packet should contain a letter of proposal with information about the artist or group, type of work to be exhibited and a disk of representative images. In the case of a group show, supply a list of the names of all members and one or two images from each member.

Deadline for submission is Saturday, Aug. 1. Submissions should be addressed to: Diane Taylor, Chairperson, Tombaugh Gallery Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. For details, email tombaugh-gallery@zianet.com or call 522-7281.

WHITE SANDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The White Sands International Film Festival is looking for entries for its 2010 program taking place April 15 to 18, 2010. The early bird submission deadline ends Oct. 15. Categories are: feature length and short narrative films in the documentary and narrative category with particular focus on multi-cultural themes and background; Latino narrative, documentary features and short; and films that have been made in New Mexico. Proof that at least parts of the films were shot in New Mexico must be included with the submission. Please visit www.wsiff.com for full submission information.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers, a mixed chorus, will hold rehearsals from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Potential members are invited to attend to listen or schedule a brief audition to sing in the upcoming Christmas show. For more information, call Dave at 650-4417 or Ann at 644-2797.

GFWC PROGRESS CLUB

The GFWC Progress Club invites all artists to once again commemorate Sept. 11, 2001, by participating in their annual "5,000 Flowers and More" art exhibition, which will be displayed at the Branigan Cultural Center, Shannon Room, Sept. 4 to 26.

The exhibit has been expanded to include subjects other than flowers. All mediums are welcome, but pieces to be hung on the wall may not exceed 30 inches wide. Entries should not make a political statement.

The Progress Club will host a reception for all participating artists from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Branigan Cultural Center. Entry forms will be available at local frame shops or the Branigan Cultural Center on the Downtown Mall.

The deadline for application is Saturday, Aug. 15. For more information, call 522-8243 or 526-9212, or email mlcourtney@comcast.net.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested fine artists. Call 522-2933 for more information or stop by the gallery to pick up an application.

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 Dia 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.

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 our website, local venues, association with galleries and other business groups that 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.

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 crafts such 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.

NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY

The New Horizons Symphony, under the direction of Oscar Butler, is an amateur orchestra beginning its fourth season. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Las Cruces High School, 1755 El Paseo Road, orchestra room. Have fun making music again. For more information, call Oscar at 526-8053.

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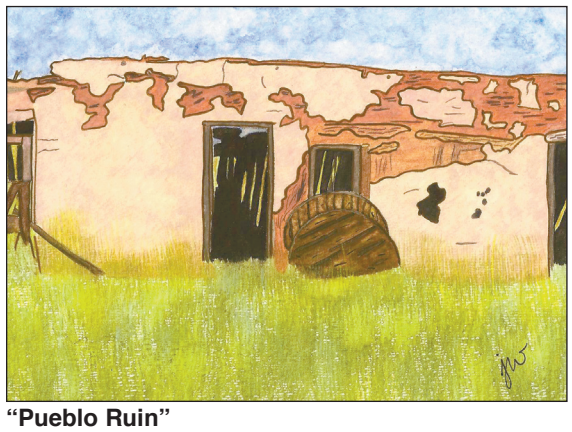
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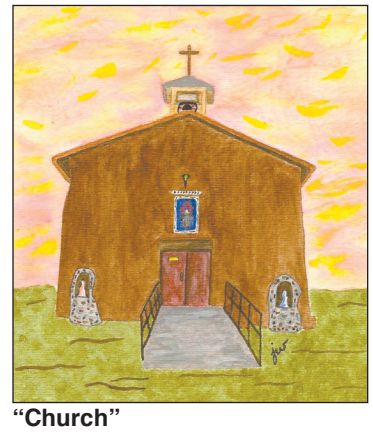
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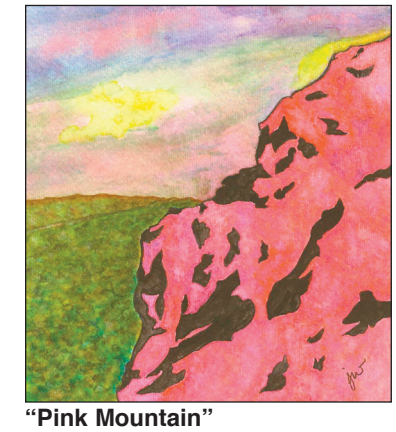
"Pink Mountain"

Jianna Whiteley: Selling art and preparing for the future

Greeting card designer is a big hit at the farmers market

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

What started as a hobby has turned into much more for Jianna Whiteley. The social worker-turned-watercolorist has begun selling her art as a way to bring her one step closer to her ultimate goal of starting a family.

After recently graduating from New Mexico State University with a master's degree in social work, Whiteley had a difficult decision to make – find a job in her field that would occupy most of her time or focus on her and her husband's five-year journey of becoming parents.

She decided to persue having a baby, which for Whiteley requires medical procedures not covered by insurance.

To keep busy, the mostly self-taught artist began creating watercolor paintings, a pastime she picked up from a friend several years ago.

Raised in Carlsbad, N.M., Whiteley said she comes from a creative family and while she tried other forms of art, including painting with oil pastels, she decided on watercolors because of their calming effect and difficulty to master.

"It just has a different look to it," she said. "It's probably one of the hardest mediums to do."

Painting became her outlet and therapy, and a month ago decided to sell her work in the form of greeting cards at the Downtown Farmers & Crafts Market, held from 8 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Saturday.

"I'm considering this my job," she said. "I'm being proactive and doing something about it instead of sitting around."

The money she earns is going into her "baby fund," to help pay for her procedures.

BETH SITZLERI The Las Cruces Bulletin
During the Downtown Farmers & Crafts Market, Jianna Whiteley sells greeting cards and original work inspired by her travels.

Combining passion and income

Whiteley said she had wanted to become a vendor at the market for several months, but didn't think she had the time or inventory to make it possible.

"I would come down to the farmers market and think 'Gosh, maybe you should try to sell your stuff," she said.

Now that she has graduated and has more time to paint, she has been able to create the inventory needed to support her farmers market venture.

"I thought this was my time, it was meant to be," she said. "This is what I'm supposed to be doing right now."

Setting up a booth next to her sister Aimee Cashion, an acrylic painter and jewelry designer, Whiteley has been successful in selling her work.

Whiteley said the inspiration for her paintings comes from several different places, including the desert and photographs of various landscapes she has visited such as France and Costa Rica.

"I would describe my cards as 'There's something for everyone,'" she said.

Along with her travels, her home state of New Mexico is a large influence on not only her work, but also her desire to become an artist.

"New Mexico is a very artistic state," she said. "My parents live in northern New Mexico, and there are so many artists there. It's inspiring."

When it comes to her choice of color, Whiteley said it's about feeling, not thinking.

"I love color, I use it a lot," she said.

While she said she is partial to all of her paintings, her favorite is "Costa Rica Plant." She said this painting, which is based on a photograph, is her favorite because it was her most challenging.

Whiteley has learned, however, that just because something is her favorite, doesn't mean it will be a best seller.

"Some of them I think 'That's going to sell,' but they don't," she said. "Others, I don't think they're going to sell, but they do."

With the growing popularity of her greeting cards, which come in various sizes, Whiteley has recently begun to sell framed, original work.

"My greeting cards are affordable and my framed work is really affordable for original work," she said.

An artistic future

Whiteley said she plans to continue creating and selling both her greeting cards and original pieces. She also remains positive about the future.

"Hopefully we will have the family we've been dreaming of for five years," she said.

Even after she becomes a mother, she said she wants to remain on the Downtown Farmers & Crafts Market circuit.

"I believe that every individual has a talent. We all have a gift," she said. "Painting is how I express myself."

Eventually, Whiteley said she would like to get back into social work. Before returning to NMSU, where she also received her bachelor's degree in social work, she worked at the Southwest Counseling Center with special needs children.

In the near future, Whiteley said she will sell her greeting cards at Make Believe, located next to the Boba Café on Espina Street.

Even though she didn't expect to be selling her paintings as a way to help her reach her goal of motherhood, Whiteley said she enjoys creating and sharing her art.

"Nothing really goes as you plan," she said.

"Costa Rica Plant"

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Wok N' World: Custom-made food to go

Szechwan and Hunan cuisine at a price that's right

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

These days it seems you can have anything customized, from your tennis shoes to your vehicle. But what about your food?

Wok N' World on 519 E. Boutz Road offers nothing less than custom-made lunch and dinner, tailored specifically to the customers' tastes. Specializing in Szechwan and Hunan cuisine, the restaurant serves high-quality food for a reasonable price.

Owners Sandy and Leo Cheng opened the restaurant in August 2006, but the food business was nothing new to them. Since 1989, they have been serving Las Cruces exceptional food, establishing a strong business presence in the area. Sandy Cheng said after selling their previous business, the Dynasty restaurant, in 2000, people in the community still seek out their service.

"We can see business growing, once people find out we're here. A lot of people in the community know us already and once they find out we're here they keep coming back to us," Sandy Cheng said.

For almost 20 years, the Chengs have been perfecting their food. Offering combo meals and large family-sized meals, the restaurant provides a perfect eating option for any type of occasion, including dine-in, catering service, carry out and free delivery for locations within a two-mile radius of Wok N' World. Additional charges apply for delivery beyond the restaurant's two-mile radius, and a $10 purchase is also required.

Even if chinese food doesn't suit the mood, Wok n' World offers pasta, pizza, wings and dessert.

"Our pizza especially a lot of people like. It's not just traditional pizza. We add a little Chinese spice to it," Sandy Cheng said.

In addition, one will find a large Wok N' World menu to choose from. Sandy Cheng said some of the most popular entrees include orange chicken, sesame shrimp and squid.

"For sure we will serve fresh food – we're not like American-style Chinese food, it's authentic Chinese food," she said.

The only thing better than authentic Chinese food is authentic Chinese food made specifically to your preference. It can't get any better with food cooked fresh, especially if it's healthier than other options.

"We do special requests, some people want their food cooked with less salt or no MSG, so we try to cater to the customers' diets," Sandy Cheng said. "I had a customer who used to come every day for lunch and dinner. He had high cholesterol so we developed a special item just for him and now his doctor told him his heart has cleared up and is doing much better."

Although they currently still operate the Dynasty Express at the Frenger Food Court at New Mexico State University, Sandy said she and Leo have dreams of expanding in the area by opening another, larger fine dining Chinese restaurant.

"If we're doing good I was thinking of a bigger restaurant for fine dining Chinese food. Las Cruces needs a nice, high-scale Chinese restaurant to come to. Right now we're in that spot between fine dining and fast food," Sandy Cheng said.

Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Wok N' World feels nothing like a greasy fast food joint, but rather, a friendly, clean environment that is easy to come back to, and hard to resist. For more information, call 526-0010 or visit www.wokandworld.com.

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At the Ice Cream Sunday

Marcos Garcia, 5, holds ice cream as New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum education assistant Christina Garton lends a helping hand during Ice Cream Sunday held by the museum Sunday, July 26.

Alexander Bunting, 6, won first place in the 4- to 6-year-old sandwich eating competition division. For his efforts, he won a pizza from Papa John's and several other prizes.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Roman Perrin, 7, takes a king sized bite out of an ice cream sandwich. Perrin competed in the 7-to-10 age division of the ice cream sandwich eating competition.

Willie Joe Koenig, 4, won second place in the 4-to-6 age division.

Josie Fortney, 10, competed in the 7-to-10 age division of the ice cream sandwich eating competition.

Museum education coordinator Scott Green hosted the ice cream sandwich eating competition.

Angie Galvan, left, and daughter Adelyn Galvan, 9, roll ice cream in a tin can, an old fashioned method of making the traditional American dessert.

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

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00 COMCAST CABLE

FRIDAY EVENING — JULY 31, 2009

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FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	You Smarter?		Mental "Do Over"		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
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CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville CC		Chris	Game	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox. CC						News	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	X Center (Live)		X Games From Los Angeles. (Live) CC						SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	NASCAR	NFL Live	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				Baseball Tonight		ATP Tennis: Los Angeles Open				X Center (Live)	
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS "Boxed In"		NCIS "Deception"		NCIS CC		House CC		★ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.			
TNT	32	CSI: NY "Bad Beat"		CSI: NY CC		★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life"					★★★ "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore. CC				
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson.					"Deuce Bigalow: European"			Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Presents	Presents	Iglesias: Fluffy		Bert Kreischer		Pablo Francisco		George Lopez	
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap CC		Wife Swap CC		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge		Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Amusement		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Amusement	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Property	Property	House	Buck	House	Unsella	Design Star		Property	Property	House	Buck
A&E	43	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		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		Battle 360 CC		Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load	
TLC	45	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
DISC	47	Made	Made	Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
ANPL	50	Predator Bay CC		Whale Wars CC		Whale Wars (N)		River Monsters		Whale Wars CC		Whale Wars CC		River Monsters	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos CC				The 700 Club (N)		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Sonny	Sonny	Wizards-Place		Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	Sponge	Sponge	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:00) "True Lies"		★★★ "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.				★★★ "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.						★★ "Wolf" (1994)	
SCIFI	59	Star Trek: Ent.		Eureka CC		Eureka (N) CC		Warehouse 13		Eureka CC		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Inside American Airlines: A Week, Life				Fast Mny	Options	Mad Money		Ultimate Fight.	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Disappearance at the Dairy Queen			

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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
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Heart Healthy		Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone! (In Stereo) CC					
CBS	3 3	Contour	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Strawberry	Care Bears
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Grants	Grants	Grants	Gladiators	Grants	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Homes	Today (N) CC		To Be Announced		Veggie	Penguins	Turbo	Babar (El)	Swimming: FINA	
CW	14	(Off Air)				Yu Gi Oh	Kirby	GoGoRiki	GoGoRiki	Sonic X	Dinosaur	Turtles	Kamen
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	People	Walk Fit	Vacuum	Rosetta	Food	Paid Prog.	Slim in 6	ABS Circle	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Cultivating
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC				X Games CC	
ESPN2	27	Driven	Expedition	Beat	Redfish	Bassmasters CC		NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup			NASCAR Sprint Cup Happy Hour		
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Millions	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Royal Pains CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice "End Run"	
TNT	32	Angel "Reunion" CC		Angel "Redefinition"		Wedding Day (N) CC		Law & Order "DWB"		The Closer CC		"Long Kiss Gdnt"	
TBS	33	★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close. CC				(:10) ★★ "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"				(:15) ★★ "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman.			
COM	35	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	★★★ "Thank You for Smoking" (2005) CC				Willie Barcena		Bert Kreischer	
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Diet	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Maid of Honor" (2006) Linda Purl. CC			
FOOD	40	Italian	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Ultimate	Viva Daisy!	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ingred. Fix
HGTV	41	Weekend	Sweat	Holmes on Homes		Amazing	Landscape	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Bio: C. Chase		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House CC		Flip This House (N)		Keyshawn	Keyshawn
HIST	44	Heavy Metal "Radar"		American Eats CC		True Caribbean Pirates CC				Return of the Pirates The modern-day pirate.			
TLC	45	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	Slim in 6	Paid Prog.	Foreclosed	Paid Prog.	Verminators CC		Dirty Jobs CC		The Colony CC		Iceberg Cowboys CC	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Animal Planet Dog Championships CC				Bark Mad	Breed	Animals	Housecat	World's Ugliest Dog		Born Different CC	
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen	
DISN	52	Go Figure	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Einsteins	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	Backlash	(:45) ★ "Blood on the Arrow" (1964) CC			(:45) ★★ "Red Sun" (1972, Western) Charles Bronson. CC						"The Last Hard Men"	
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Millions	Slim in 6	The Twilight Zone		"Grendel" (2007) Chris Bruno, Ben Cross.				★ "Beowulf" (1999)	
CNN	62	Saturday	House Call	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.	Profits
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Deadly Suspicion	

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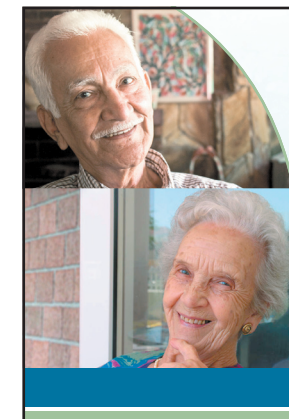
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Moveable Feast Chefs			You: Steps for Extending			Julia Child Memories: Bon Appétit!				The Big Band Years	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Travel Styl	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf Buick Open -- Third Round. (Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Golf: Ricoh Women's British Open			X Games From Los Angeles. (Live) CC						Humane Soc.	
FOX	8 14	Grants	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Traveler	Grants	Baseball	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. CC					
NBC	9 9	Swimming: FINA		Golf: USGA Jr. Champ.		Golf U.S. Senior Open Championship -- Third Round. (In Stereo Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Sonic X	Huntik	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		★★ "My Giant" (1998) Billy Crystal. (In Stereo)				Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Videos	Lead-Off
ESPN	26	(10:00) X Games From Los Angeles. CC				World Series		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- U.S. Cellular 250. (Live)				
ESPN2	27	NASCAR Racing: Nationwide				Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	SportsCenter CC	
USA	31	Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice "Trust Me"		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC	
TNT	32	"Long Kiss Gdnt"		★★ "Murder at 1600" (1997) Wesley Snipes.				(:15) ★★★ "Shanghai Knights" (2003) CC				(:15) "Men in Black II"	
TBS	33	Bewitched	Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	King	King	★★ "Bad News Bears" (2005) Billy Bob Thornton. CC				
COM	35	George Lopez		Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "Can't Hardly Wait" (1998, Comedy) CC				★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995)			
LIFE	39	★★ "Wicked" (1998) Julia Stiles. CC				"Fatal Reunion" (2005) Erika Eleniak. CC				"Personal Indiscretions" (2007) Janine Turner.			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Next Food Star		Chopped		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Best Thing	Life Food
HGTV	41	Man Land	My Kitchen	Outside	Genevieve	Dime	Colour	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	To Sell
A&E	43	Tattoo	★★★★ "Alien" (1979) Tom Skerritt. Premiere. CC					★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. CC					
HIST	44	Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland "Evil Breed"		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Moonshot CC			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	The New Detectives		Royal Inquest CC		The New Detectives	
DISC	47	Untamed Alaska CC		Alaska: Most Extreme		Disaster on K2 CC		Swamp Loggers CC		Swamp Loggers CC		Swamp Loggers CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops		Animal Planet Dog Championships (In Stereo) CC						Most Outrageous CC		Underdog	
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Life Is Ruff" (2005) Kyle Massey.			Suite Life	Wiz Deck	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	SpongeBob	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(10:15) ★★ "The Last Hard Men"			★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985, Western) Clint Eastwood. CC					★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale.			
SCIFI	59	(10:00) ★ "Beowulf"		"Beyond Loch Ness" (2008) Brian Krause. CC				"Hellhounds" (2009, Adventure) Scott Elrod.				★★★ "The Mummy"	
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Indoor Grill	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	The Runaways		The Runaways		Justice Delayed		Crime and Punishment		Valentines Day		Verdict: You Decide	



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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	The Big Band Years		As Time Goes By Reunion Special CC				Levon Helm Ramble, Ryman		My Music: Doo Wop Love Songs					Save
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Paid Program		NUMB3RS CC		48 Hours Mystery		News		CSI: NY "Zoo York"	Cold
ABC	7 7	Humane Soc.		News (N)		Humane Society Telethon						News (N)		Humane	(:05) "Red Eye"
FOX	8 14	Legend of		House CC		Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	MADtv CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law Order: CI		Face the Ace (N)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		(:35) Saturday Night Live CC	
CW	14	★★ "At First Sight" (1999) Val Kilmer.				Bananas CC		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Florida Marlins. CC						WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bullwin		★★ "Message in a Bottle"	
ESPN	26	NASCAR	X Games From Carson, Calif. (Live) CC							SportsCenter CC		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Billiards: WPBA		Billiards: WPBA		WTA Tennis: Bank of the West Classic				ATP Tennis: Los Angeles Open				X Center (Live)	
USA	31	Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	"Men in Black II"		★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) CC				★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) CC				★★ "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998, Action)			
TBS	33	★★ "The Shaggy Dog" (2006) Tim Allen.				Engvall	Engvall	★★ "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman.				Engvall	Engvall	"Turner & Hooch"	
COM	35	★★ "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson. CC				"Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"				"Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny"				★★ "Clerks II"	
LIFE	39	★★ "Murder in the Hamptons" (2005)				"Judicial Indiscretion" (2007, Drama) CC				Army Wives CC		Drop Dead Diva		Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Paula's Party		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Divine	Gene	Color	Top 10	House	House	Rate	Design	Divine	Gene	Color	Top 10
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Art of War CC				Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler CC				Art of War CC			
TLC	45	The New Detectives		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		48 Hr-Evidence		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		48 Hr-Evidence	
DISC	47	Swamp Loggers		Speed Capital		Sturgis: Live to Ride		Extreme Rides (N)		Speed Capital		Sturgis: Live to Ride		Extreme Rides	
ANPL	50	Profiles of Nature		House	House	It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		House	House	It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51	★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) CC				"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"				Home Videos		Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Wizards	Wizards	(:15) ★★★ "Cars" (2006) Voices of Owen Wilson.					(:20) ★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) CC			Montana	
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	"Batman Begins"		★★★ "Get Shorty" (1995) John Travolta.				★★ "Be Cool" (2005, Comedy) John Travolta. CC					★★★ "In the Line of Fire"		
SCIFI	59	(4:00) ★★★ "The Mummy" (1999)				"Dragonquest" (2009) Marc Singer.				"Rock Monster" (2008) Chad Collins. CC				"Snake King" (2005)	
CNN	62	Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream				Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream				Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Inside Track		On the Money		Suze Orman		Ultimate Fight.		American Greed		Suze Orman		Ultimate Fight.	
MSNBC	64	Gladiator Days		Lockup "Riverbend"		Lockup Special		Lockup Special		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup "Louisiana"	

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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
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				You: Steps for Extending			Qi Gong: Flow		Happiness 101 With Tal Ben-Shahar		
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Paid Prog.	Contour	Latin Lif	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Grants	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Grants	FOX News Sunday		Specl Edit	Grants	Munsters	Paid Prog.
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) CC		Consumer	TBA	Paid Prog.	Home	Meet the Press (N)		Swimming: FINA	
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	Walk Fit	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Children	Paid Prog.	World Series of Golf		WWE Superstars CC	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC					Baseball
ESPN2	27	Chronicles	Journal	Whitetail	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	NASCAR Now CC		Baseball Tonight CC		Billiards: WPBA	
USA	31	Prince	Creflo Doll	Ed Young	J. Osteen	Monk CC		In Plain Sight CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	"The Upside of Anger"		★★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere, Diane Lane. CC					★★★ "The Client" (1994, Suspense) Susan Sarandon. CC				
TBS	33	Bloopers 4	(:20) ★★ "Turner & Hooch" (1989) Tom Hanks.				(:20) ★★ "The Shaggy Dog" (2006) Tim Allen.				(:20) ★★ "Bad News Bears" (2005)		
COM	35	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	★★ "Can't Hardly Wait" (1998, Comedy) CC				Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Drop Dead Diva CC		★★ "The Dive From Clausen's Pier" (2005)			
FOOD	40	Cooking	Rescue	Emeril	Simply	Cooking	Giada	Paula	Paula	Paula	Paula	Paula	Paula
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Landscape	Get Out	Yard	Super	Curb	Unsellable	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Good Buy
A&E	43	Bio: Keith Urban		Biography CC		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos "Eloise"	
HIST	44	History Intl	Business	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
TLC	45	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Millions	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Survivorman CC		Extreme Loggers: Ice		Extreme Loggers: Ice		Sharkman CC	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Housecat	Animals	Bark Mad	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom CC		Wild Kingdom CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	"Confessions"	
DISN	52	Go Figure	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Einsteins	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(4:30) ★★★ "Max Dugan Returns"				(:45) ★★★ "Running Scared" (1986) Gregory Hines. CC				(:15) ★★ "The Toy" (1982) Richard Pryor. CC			
SCIFI	59	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Millions	Profits	"Rock Monster" (2008) Chad Collins. CC				"Dungeons & Dragons: Dragon God"			
CNN	62	Newsroom	House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		King: Sources		State of the Union		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	Foreclosed	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Millions	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Conviction: Orchard	

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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	Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone! (In Stereo) CC						Enjoying Wine With Mark Phillips			Celtic Woman: Greatest		
CBS	3 3	Autovision	Paid Prog.	PGA Champ		PGA Tour Golf Buick Open -- Final Round. (Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Golf Ricoh Women's British Open -- Final Round.				X Games From Los Angeles. (Live) CC						Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	★★★ "The Contender" (2000) Joan Allen. CC				★★ "Message in a Bottle" (1999, Romance)				3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Munsters	King
NBC	9 9	Swimming: FINA		Triathlon Iron Girl.		Golf U.S. Senior Open Championship -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live) CC						Consumer	Consumer
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★ "The Foreigner" (2003, Action) Steven Seagal.				Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	Videos	White Sox	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox. CC						Cosby	Cosby	ALF CC	ALF CC
ESPN	26	NASCAR Countdown		NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Pennsylvania 500. From Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. (Live)									SportsCtr.
ESPN2	27	X Games From Carson, Calif. (Taped) CC				WTA Tennis: Bank of the West Classic Final				ATP Tennis: Los Angeles Open -- Final			
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	★★★ "A Beautiful Mind" (2001) Russell Crowe. CC					(:45) ★★ "Men in Black II" (2002, Comedy) CC				★★ "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998)		
TBS	33	Bad News	★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson. CC					MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at San Francisco Giants. (Live) CC					
COM	35	★★ "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson. CC				★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995)				★★ "Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny" CC			
LIFE	39	"The Party Never Stops" (2007) Sara Paxton.				"What Matters Most" (2001) Chad Allen. CC				"Last Exit" (2006) Kathleen Robertson. CC			
FOOD	40	Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star	
HGTV	41	First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	Stagers	Bought	Buy Me	House	House	Design Star		Potential	To Sell
A&E	43	★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. CC						Hammer	Hammer	Simmons	Gene Simmons		Simmons
HIST	44	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
TLC	45	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Jon & Kate
DISC	47	(10:00) Sharkman CC		Shark Rebellion CC		Day of the Shark CC		Air Jaws II		MythBusters		MythBusters	
ANPL	50	King Cobra		Anaconda Adventure		World's Worst Venom		Seven Deadly Strikes		Raw Nature CC		Raw Nature CC	
FAM	51	"Confessions"		★★ "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" (1985) CC				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Luke Wilson CC				"Legally Blonde 2"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "Cars" (2006) Voices of Owen Wilson.				(:05) ★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) CC			
NICK	54	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Barnyard	Zoey 101 CC		iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	Drake
AMC	57	The Toy	★★ "K-9" (1989, Comedy) James Belushi, Mel Harris. CC					★★ "K-911" (1999) James Belushi. Premiere.				★★★ "Get Shorty"	
SCIFI	59	Dungeons	"Dragon Sword" (2004) James Purefoy.				"Thor: Hammer of the Gods" (2009) CC				★★ "King Arthur" (2004) CC		
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Indoor Grill	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Hair Club	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X
MSNBC	64	Conviction: I Put Fear		Meet the Press CC		Who Shot the Sheriff		The Comic Book Murder				Lockup Special	

SUNDAY EVENING — AUGUST 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	Celtic	Immaculée: Hold Onto Hope			Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Soundstage (In Stereo) CC			Company-Voice		(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes CC		Big Brother 11 (N)		Cold Case CC		Without a Trace		News	CSI: NY CC		Paid
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Ty's Great		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection"				News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	'Til Death	Amer	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC	9 9	NBC	News	Dateline NBC CC		Merlin "Excalibur"		"The Storm" (2009) Treat Williams. CC				News (N)	Lopez	Con	CSI Mi
CW	14	Drew	Drew	Easy Money (N)		★★ "Overboard" (1987) Goldie Hawn.				Housewives		Bananas Nazareth.		Star Trek CC	
WGN	15	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie
ESPN	26	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC		
ESPN2	27	World Series		World Series		X Center (Live)		NASCAR Now (Live)		X Games CC		Baseball Tonight (N)		World Series	
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight (N)		Burn Notice CC		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight CC	
TNT	32	"Lethal Weapon 4"		★★★ "True Lies" (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				(:40) ★★★ "True Lies" (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger. CC							We
TBS	33	Payne	Payne	★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith. CC				(:15) ★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith. CC					(:45) ★ "The Sweetest Thing"		
COM	35	"Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"				Dave Chappelle		Burned: Roasts		Burned: Roasts		Michael	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	★★ "Speak" (2004) Kristen Stewart. CC				Drop Dead Diva (N)		Army Wives (N)		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives CC		Grey's Anatomy	
FOOD	40	Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Best	Best	Flay	Flay	Next Food Star		Best	Best
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Income	Estate	House	House	Design Star (N)		Renovatn	Buck	Income	Estate	House	House
A&E	43	Simmons	Simmons	Gene Simmons		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Motley Crue		Gene Simmons		Simmons	Simmons
HIST	44	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Pawn	Pawn	Lock N' Load		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
TLC	45	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8	
DISC	47	10 Deadliest Sharks		10 Deadliest Sharks		Blood in the Water (N) (In Stereo) CC				Air Jaws II		Blood in the Water (In Stereo) CC			
ANPL	50	Reptile Kings		Monsters Inside Me		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars CC		Monsters Inside Me		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars CC	
FAM	51	"Legally Blonde 2"		"Legally Blondes" (2009) Milly Rosso.				"Legally Blondes" (2009) Milly Rosso.				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place		Wizards	Montana	Sonny	Jonas (N)	"Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch"			
NICK	54	iCarly	Jackson	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(4:00) "Get Shorty"		★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray. CC				★★ "Ghostbusters II" (1989) Bill Murray. CC						★★ "The Toy"	
SCIFI	59	(3:30) "King Arthur"		★★ "Alexander" (2004) Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie. Premiere.						"Merlin's Apprentice" (2006) Sam Neill, John Reardon.					
CNN	62	Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream				Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream				State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St	Healthcare		Inside Track		Ultimate Fight.		Dollars-Danger		Made in China		India Rising	
MSNBC	64	Lockup Special		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Reality Undercover		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator	

MONDAY EVENING — AUGUST 3, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Leonard Cohen Live in London				Daniel O'Donnell: Hope and Praise			Charlie Rose (N)		Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Mother	Rules	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Sugarland: Live		Dating in the Dark		Dating in the Dark		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	House "Here Kitty"		Lie to Me CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Am. Road Trip		Law Order: CI		Dateline NBC CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	One Tree Hill CC		Gossip Girl CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		America's Funniest		America's Funniest		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Football	NFL Live	Yearbook	Yearbook	World Series		World Series		E:60 (N) CC		NASCAR Now CC		World Series	
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS CC		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				(:05) Royal Pains		Law Order: CI		(:05) Monk CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		The Closer CC		The Closer (N)		Raising the Bar (N)		CSI: NY "Jamalot"		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Engvall	Sex &	Sex &	★★ "American Pie 2" (2001)		
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Carlos Mencia		Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Burned: Roasts		Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives CC		Housewives		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge CC		Good	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	What Get	House	Property	Property	House	First	House	For Rent	Unsella	First	Property	Property	House	First
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention (N)		Obsessed (N) CC		Paranormal State		Intervention CC		Intervention CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Garden Eden		Sex-Ancient		Clash of the Gods		Caligula CC		Garden Eden		Sex-Ancient	
TLC	45	18 Kids	Little	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Ultimate Cake Off	
DISC	47	Shark Attack		Air Jaws-Shark		Deadly Waters (N)		Day of the Shark 2		Air Jaws-Shark		Deadly Waters		Day of the Shark 2	
ANPL	50	Fat Pets CC		Animal Planet Dog Championships (In Stereo) CC						Animal Planet Dog Championships (In Stereo) CC					
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club CC		Secret-Teen		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"Beethoven's Big Break" (2008, Comedy)				Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Ghostbusters II"		★★★ "Mystic Pizza" (1988) Julia Roberts. CC				★★★ "Hook" (1991) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. CC							Mystic
SCIFI	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Gundam	Gundam	Rave	Rave	Lost CC	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Healthcare		Warren Buffett		Mad Money		Fast Money		Healthcare	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — AUGUST 4, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	The Big Band Years (In Stereo)				Happiness Tal Ben-Shahar			Charlie Rose (N)		Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	NCIS CC		Big Brother 11 (N)		Medium CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	The Superstars CC			Scrubs	Primetime		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Hell's Kitchen (N)		More to Love (N)		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	America-Talent		America's Got Talent (Same-day Tape)				News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	90210 CC		Hitched or Ditched		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		★ "Instinct" (1999) Anthony Hopkins.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	E:60 (N)		World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	NFL Live	WNBA Basketball: Liberty at Shock				FIVB Volleyball: World League				Yearbook	NASCAR	World Series		Poker
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		In Plain Sight CC		★★ "Alexander"	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		HawthoRNe (N)		Saving Grace (N)		HawthoRNe CC		Saving Grace CC		CSI: NY CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	"Nothing to Lose"	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	"Gossip" (2008) Kelli Williams. CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrap	Best	Chopped		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best	Chopped	
HGTV	41	My	House	First	First	House	Buck	House	House	Buy Me	First	First	First	House	Buck
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The Cleaner (N)		The Cleaner CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		That's Impossible		Extreme Trains		The Universe CC		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	Restorer	Estate	Moving Up (N)		18 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	18 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Tiger Sharks		Eaten Alive		Sharkbite Summer		The Colony (N)		Eaten Alive		Sharkbite Summer		The Colony CC	
ANPL	50	Amazing Animals		Killing for a Living		Animals Strike		Pig Bomb (In Stereo)		Killing for a Living		Animals Strike		Pig Bomb (In Stereo)	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	10 Things	Ruby	★★ "Sky High" (2005) Kurt Russell CC				The 700 Club CC		Make It or Break It		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"Her Best Move" (2007)			Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"October Sky" CC		★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. CC								★★ "Last of the Dogmen" (1995) CC			
SCIFI	59	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13 (N)		ECW (Live)		Warehouse 13		Stargate SG-1		Lost CC	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Prostitution		Made in China		Mad Money		Fast Money		Prostitution	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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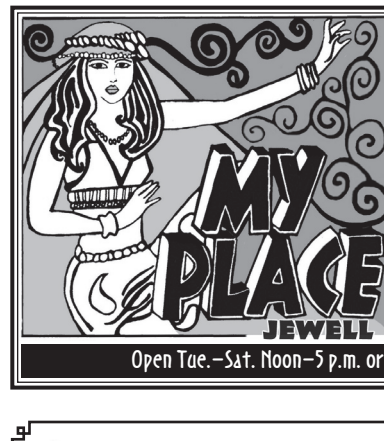

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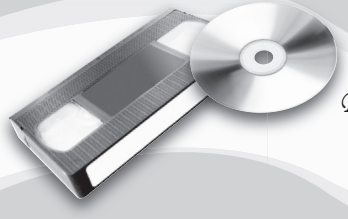

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PBS 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Levon Helm	Ramble, Ryman		Motown-Definitive			Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS 3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wipeout (N) CC		Survived-Game		Primetime: Crime		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	You Can Dance		You Can Dance		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	50 Funniest Phrases		America-Talent		The Philanthropist		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Next Top Model		Next Top Model		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN 15	Home Videos		Coach	Coach	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN 26	MLB Baseball (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 27	Football	NFL Live	Baseball Big League -- Final. From Easley, S.C. (Live)				Soccer Barcelona at Seattle Sounders FC.				NASCAR		X Games CC	
USA 31	NCIS "Bete Noir"		NCIS CC		NCIS "Ravenous"		NCIS "Head Case"		NCIS "In the Zone"		★★ "The World Is Not Enough" (1999)			
TNT 32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Leverage (N) CC		Dark Blue "K-Town"		Leverage CC		Dark Blue "K-Town"		CSI: NY CC	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	★ "Blue Streak"	
COM 35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Michael	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Michael	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	★ "Down to You" (2000) Julia Stiles CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD 40	Challenge		BBQ Unwrapped		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV 41	What Get	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Renovatn	Amazing	First	Property	Property	House	Income
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Criss Angel		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		Ice Road Truckers		Lock N' Load		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC 45	Ultimate Cake Off		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Pregnant	Pregnant	Toddlers & Tiaras		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Pregnant	Pregnant	Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC 47	Myth: Jaws Special		Myth: Jaws Special		Great White		Man vs. Fish		MythBusters CC		Great White		Man vs. Fish	
ANPL 50	Venom 911 CC		Untamed and Uncut		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM 51	70s Show	70s Show	★★ "Stick It" (2006) Jeff Bridges. CC				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		10 Things	Ruby	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"Motocrossed" (2001) CC		Phineas		Wizards	Montana
NICK 54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	"Dances-Wolves"		★★★ "The Dirty Dozen" (1967, War) Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine. CC							★★ "Hamburger Hill" (1987) Anthony Barrile. CC				
SCIFI 59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places		Lost "Pilot" CC	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC 63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed	
MSNBC 64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — AUGUST 6, 2009

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop				Immaculée: Hold Onto Hope			Charlie Rose (N)		Smiley
CBS 3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Big Brother 11		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) The Mentalist		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	So You Think You Can Dance CC				KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	30 Rock	Parks	Office	30 Rock	Law & Order CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Supernatural CC		Supernatural CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN 15	Home Videos		WWE Superstars (N)		American Gladiators		WGN News at Nine		WWE Superstars		Scrubs	Scrubs	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN 26	Homecoming		Who's Number 1?		MLB Special (N)		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 27	Football	NFL Live	World Series		World Series		E:60 (N) CC		Homecoming		NASCAR	Asian X Games		X Games
USA 31	NCIS "UnSEALed"		NCIS CC		Burn Notice (N)		Royal Pains (N)		In Plain Sight CC		Burn Notice CC		Royal Pains CC	
TNT 32	CSI: NY "Trapped"		CSI: NY "Wasted"		★★ "Four Brothers" (2005) CC				★★ "Four Brothers" (2005) CC				CSI: NY "Rain"	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) CC					Sex &	Sex &	In the
COM 35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Jackass	Jackass	Tosh.0	Martin	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	★★ "You've Got Mail" (1998) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. CC						Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD 40	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Next Food Star		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Next Food Star		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV 41	My	House	First	First	House	House	House	Estate	Property	First	First	First	House	House
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 (N) CC		Crime 360 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland (N) CC		Pawn	Pawn	Mega Disasters		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC 45	LA Ink CC		Lottery Changed		Police Women		LA Ink "Episode 5"		Police Women		LA Ink "Episode 5"		Lottery Changed	
DISC 47	Perfect Predators		Perfect Predators		Shark After Dark (N)		Jaws of the Pacific		Surviving Sharks		Shark After Dark		Jaws of the Pacific	
ANPL 50	The Natural World		Wild Russia "Arctic"		Wild Russia "Urals"		Animal Cops		Wild Russia "Arctic"		Wild Russia "Urals"		Animal Cops	
FAM 51	70s Show	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004) Julia Stiles. CC					Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	P90X
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"The Even Stevens Movie"			Phineas	Wiz Deck	Suite Life
NICK 54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	★★ "Dragonheart"		★★ "Jumanji" (1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams. CC					★★★ "Fight Club" (1999) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. CC						3 Kings
SCIFI 59	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Lost "Pilot" CC	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC 63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Marijuana Inc.		Swoosh! Inside Nike		Mad Money		Fast Money		Marijuana Inc.	
MSNBC 64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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

6	7		2		4		5	1
4		5		9				8
			3				9	
7				1		9		2
	6		5		3		1	
8		4		6				3
	2				6			
1				3		2		7
3	4		1		9		8	5

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

	3		7		1		9	
		5		2		8		
		6	3		9	7		
6								5
			9		5			
1								9
		3	8		6	2		
		8		4		9		
	6		5		7		8	

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

			9		5			
	4			8			9	
8			1		4			6
		5		4		1		
2								7
		8		6		3		
1			3		6			9
	6			9			2	
			4		8			

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

8	5	1	9	6	7	4	3	2
6	4	7	5	2	3	9	1	8
9	3	2	8	4	1	6	5	7
3	1	9	6	8	5	2	7	4
2	7	6	4	1	9	5	8	3
5	8	4	3	7	2	1	6	9
4	2	8	1	3	6	7	9	5
1	9	3	7	5	4	8	2	6
7	6	5	2	9	8	3	4	1

CHALLENGER

2	4	1	8	3	9	6	7	5
7	3	8	2	5	6	4	1	9
6	9	5	7	4	1	8	2	3
9	7	3	6	2	4	1	5	8
8	1	6	9	7	5	3	4	2
5	2	4	1	8	3	9	6	7
1	5	7	3	6	8	2	9	4
3	6	2	4	9	7	5	8	1
4	8	9	5	1	2	7	3	6

EXPERT

5	9	2	1	3	8	7	4	6
3	1	7	5	6	4	8	2	9
4	8	6	2	7	9	3	5	1
6	4	1	8	5	7	9	3	2
9	2	8	4	1	3	6	7	5
7	5	3	6	9	2	4	1	8
2	7	9	3	8	1	5	6	4
1	3	5	9	4	6	2	8	7
8	6	4	7	2	5	1	9	3

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BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

DANGER!

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ALLIGATOR	CAIMÁN
BLIZZARD	VENTISCA
CONTAGIOUS	CONTAGIOSO
CRIMINAL	CRIMINAL
DYNAMITE	DINAMITA
FIRE	FUEGO
FIREARM	ARMA DE FUEGO
FLOODING	INUNDACIÓN
POISON	VENENO
QUICKSAND	ARENAS MOVEDIZAS
VIRUS	VIRUS
VOLCANO	VOLCÁN

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A	N	Á	M	I	A	R	O	T	A	G	I	L	L	A					
Z	C	R	I	M	I	N	A	L	C	I	Ó	N	I	I					
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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

ACROSS

1 Fey of "SNL"
5 Internet pop-ups
8 Fellow Communists
12 Did wrong
14 Person with an aggressive personality disorder
15 More accurate
16 Thick soup
17 Golf equalizer
19 Down Under bird
20 One part of Hispaniola
25 Pen fluid
26 Film over
27 Equal score
28 Possessing
30 Forum attire
31 Kind of system or panel
33 "Adam and Eve" artist Lucas
34 Impersonator
35 "China Beach" star
39 Spanish river
40 Encircle with a belt
41 Soft drinks
42 Numbskull
43 Be mouthy
44 Dog Star
45 Solidify
46 Gore and Haig
47 Once existed
50 Proportions
53 Concerning
57 Part of a play
58 Added one's support to
60 Actress Beryl
61 Stolen diamonds
62 Eggplants
64 Toward the center
65 "Ace __, Pet Detective"
67 PC drive feed
69 Marquee name
70 Create a cryptogram
71 Craze
74 Disastrous
75 Can to a Brit
76 "A League of __ Own"
77 Regard with regret
78 Carried too far
80 Chandler's private eye
82 Quotes as an authority
83 M. Night __
86 Hollers
87 Guarded a vacationer's home
88 __ Moines
89 Morays

DOWN

1 Adhesive strip
2 Wash. neighbor
3 Butterfly catcher
4 Hardwood tree
5 Organizers
6 Sots
7 Potential plant
8 Rollaway bed
9 Group of eight
10 Florida city
11 Scalawag
12 North African nation
13 In __ and drabs
14 Singing voices
16 Prentiss and Abdul
18 Hunk of dirt
20 Bull's defense
21 Absent
22 "Newhart" setting
23 Crownlets
24 Engrave
29 Haunting image
30 Puts a label on
32 Car cooler
33 Beanies
36 Sweetheart
37 Like serials
38 Gossett, Jr. or Gehrig
47 Give up a right
48 Stress
49 Foul odor
50 Singer McEntire
51 High card
52 Dismiss from Oxford
53 Pupil of Plato
54 Guards
55 Daughter of Gaea
56 Olfactory stimulant
58 More certain
59 Issue from a source
62 Autobahn auto
63 Achy and tender
66 Front of a shoe
68 Clemency
71 Box in
72 Glowing emanations
73 Perry Mason's Street
79 Bought the farm
80 Bulk
81 Single cereal grain
83 Feminine pronoun
84 Clod buster
85 Actor Brynner

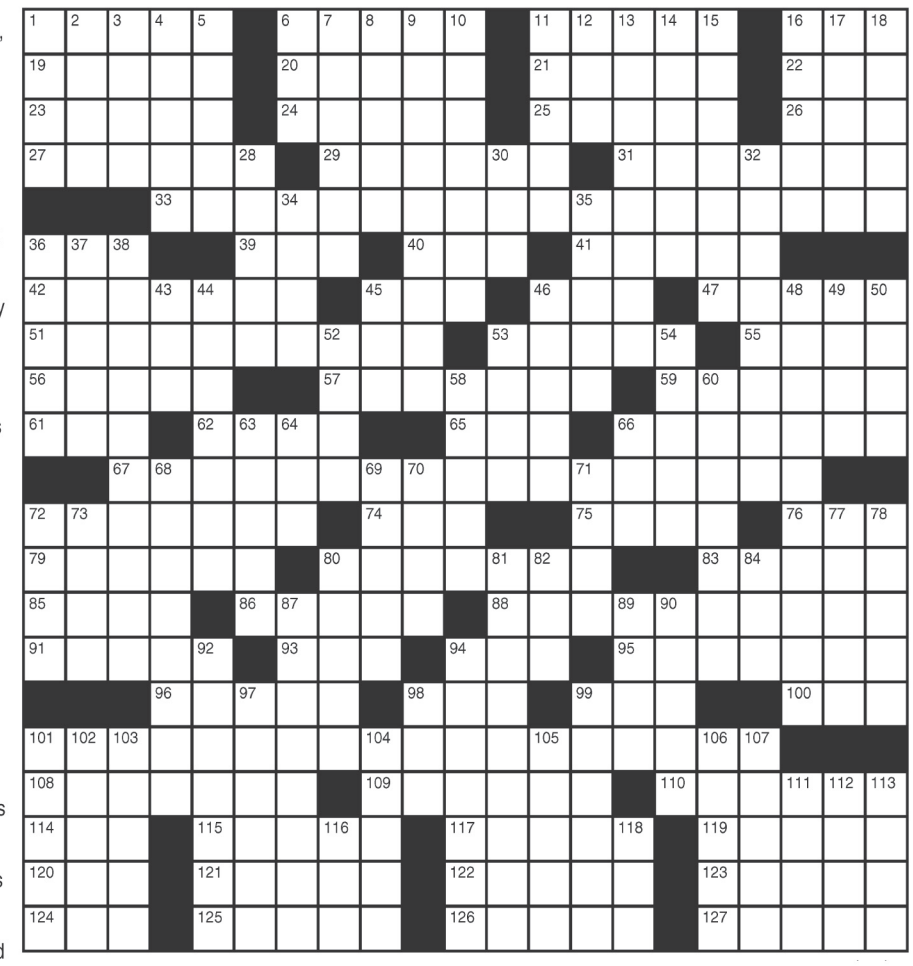
BARRY FUNNY

ACROSS

1 Start of Dave Barry quip
6 Honks
11 Dice, e.g.
16 Flow out
19 Spanish port
20 Forearm bones
21 Vacuous
22 RPM part
23 Sportscaster Musburger
24 Kind of card or bomb
25 Country house
26 Metal-yielding mineral
27 Scant
29 Squid kin
31 Poinsettia and milkweed saps
33 Part 2 of quip
36 Nova Scotia hrs.
39 Hood's gun
40 Grp. of gridders
41 Ms. Rogers St. Johns
42 Suffocate
45 "Treasure Island" auth.
46 T-shirt size
47 Disney's middle name
51 Part 3 of quip
53 Believer in God
55 With reference to
56 Goof
57 Perfect
59 Gum arabic tree
61 President pro __
62 Mild, yellow cheese
65 Possesses
66 Lasker of chess
67 Part 4 of quip
72 Incidental effect
74 Grouped merchandise
75 Sibilant summons
76 Bottle top
79 Negatively charged ions
80 Worker
83 Former name of Guam's capital
85 Rustic accomodations
86 Kuwaiti rulers
88 Part 5 of quip
91 Wind-blown soil
93 Comic Philips
94 Cut of an agt.
95 Unity
96 Eyelike windows
98 Driving gadget
99 Hawaiian tuna
100 Susan of "L.A. Law"
101 Part 6 of quip
108 Grappled in Dogpatch
109 Available for work
110 Indigenous
114 Spacewalk, to NASA
115 Members of the flock
117 Fencers' foils
119 Felt ill
120 Mouse-spotter's cry
121 Or else, in music
122 Type of loafer or ante
123 Hold tight
124 O.J. trial letters
125 Rose and Sampras
126 Attempted
127 End of quip

DOWN

1 Long-range weapon, shortly
2 Biblical weed
3 Invention starter
4 Warbles
5 Nahuatl speaker
6 Clear tables
7 Neighbor of Mineola, NY
8 Put into effect
9 Favoring
10 Contrasting elements
11 Municipal
12 Cycle starter
13 One-line refrain songs
14 Interlock
15 Washington city
16 Geological time period
17 Cleveland suburb
18 French seaport
28 Brightest star in Orion
30 Brief photo
32 Bologna tongue
34 __ "Fatha" Hines
35 Dickens character
36 So far
37 Single campfire treat
38 One of October's gemstones
43 Tango team
44 Takes the job
45 Balderdash!
46 Tenant's contract
48 Instilled in the mind
49 Indy 500 winner Luyendyk
50 Tight closure
52 Desensitized
53 Pushbutton forerunner
54 Subdues
58 Kind of op?
60 Hauling charge
63 Immerse
64 Gallery filler
66 UFO crew
68 Comes into one's own
69 Mild cigar
70 Fireplace shelves
71 Chipper
72 Fall short
73 Part of A.D.
77 Liqueur flavoring
78 Sucker
80 Bounds
81 Thin, delicate printing surface
82 Baby newt
84 DDE's rank
87 Song writer
89 Expressions of wonderment
90 Merger
92 Bivalve mollusk
94 Sense datum
97 Discomfort
98 Decimal number
99 Dahl of films
101 Let loose
102 Poe bird
103 Honshu metropolis
104 Big East team
105 Nicholas Gage memoir
106 Rights org.
107 Yet
111 Pelvis parts
112 Let off steam
113 Outer limit
116 Two to two for one
118 Barrett of Pink Floyd



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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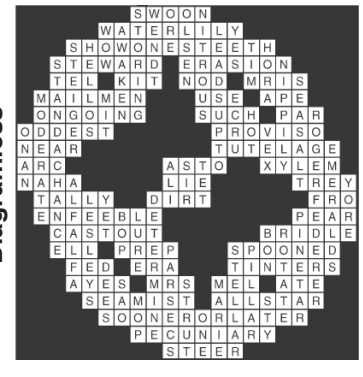
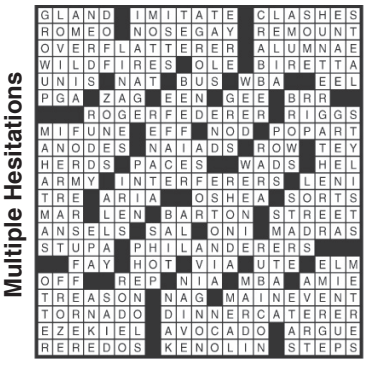


Multiple Hesitations



CRYPTOGRAM

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"What do you get when two egoists get together and play? A Freudian slip and an I for an I."

Santa Fe Opera begins its 2009 season

From love to cellos, this summer's SFO series has it all

By Gerald M. Kane
For The Las Cruces Bulletin

As in past years, it is a privilege to review the Santa Fe Opera season and bring a taste of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival to Las Cruces Bulletin readers.

In the rarified air of Santa Fe last week, over the course of four rushed days and late nights, through a variety of musical experiences we were able to explore the familiar, the divine, the ultimate and the puzzlingly new.

Despite the current economic uncertainties, it is reassuring to discover that all of the performances we attended drew respectable crowds and were enthusiastically received by music lovers throughout the country and the world.

KEN HOWAARD I Santa Fe Opera

Natalie Dessay stars as Violetta in "La Traviata," at the Santa Fe Opera. Other performances during the 2009 season include "Don Giovanni," "The Elixir of Love," "The Letter" and "Alceste."

Finding the balance

We began our Santa Fe musical foray on a chilly Wednesday evening, despite the heated passion portrayed on the opera stage. The performance was of Mozart's familiar and immensely popular "Don Giovanni." This was a re-staging of SFO's highly praised 2004 production, featuring Lucas Meachem as the alluring and loathsome Don. The ensemble's music and acting skills were fine enough, but there was a darker worldliness – derived from maturity – which seemed lacking.

Mixing and matching time lines, the stage, awashed in shades of passionate reds and pinks, set a perfect palette for the painting of the well known tale of the decadent debauched Don. Japhy Weideman, a new lighting designer, tried brightening the originally darker mood of the piece created so successfully set by Duane Schumer. If it ain't broke, Japhy, why fix it?

Dutch conductor Lawrence Renes is to be commended for his thoughtful yet delicate touch and exceptional pacing, always mainlining a fine balance between singers and orchestra.

'Heavenly' music

Speaking of balance, the following evening we attended a concert for which "balance" was the keynote. This was a part of the "Music of the Masters Thursday" series at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival. The venue was the acoustically phenomenal Saint Francis Auditorium.

In a word – coming from this clergyman– the evening was "heavenly." It began with a Schubert Rondo for four hands featuring pianists Shai Wosner and Mark Neikrug, the Festival's music director. The Rondo is a delightful piece played on one piano, but has such intricacies that two pianist are necessary.

Next, there was a Brahms Sonata for cello and piano, which was at once complex and ultimately conciliatory. The two instruments interacted – played, teased and fought with each other throughout and ultimately joined forces to bring the piece to a magical conclusion. The artists were Wosner and noted cellist Ralph Kirshbaum.

The final offering was another work by Brahms, a string quartet featuring the world-acclaimed Johannes String Quartet. It was a privilege to be present to hear this intricate piece come together so effortlessly and magnificently.

For one seeking balance, elegance and spiritual nirvana, this concert filled the bill to perfection. It is my hope to be able to bring you additional concerts from the festival in future years.

KEN HOWAARD I Santa Fe Opera

A crime of passion is the focus of "The Letter," starring Geoff Hammond and Leslie Crosbie.

A twist to a familiar opera

Our second opera, which we attended on Friday, although very familiar to us, was dazzling and quintessential. If we were never to experience another version of "La Traviata," we could be content in the knowledge that we have witnessed defining and ultimate production.

Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" is one of the most popular and well-known operas in the world. The current production playing on the stage of the SFO was no ordinary interpretation of the opera. This masterwork "Traviata" stars the international singing sensation Natalie Dessay and places the music, story and setting into exceptionally clear focus.

Together with director and costume designer Laurent Pelly of the French National Opera, Dessay and the SFO technical and artistic team brought a rare form of magic to our Land of Enchantment.

Dessay's Violetta combines flashes of the glamour of Greta Garbo's classic film interpretation, the passion of the work Maria Callas, the pathos of the Violetta of Licia Albanese – not to mention the flaming red hair and artistry of Beverly Sills.

Dessay's highly anticipated first interpretation of the courtesan-turned-soulmate-turned-tragic heroine was worth the wait. For once, the music made clear sense to me. Pelley envisioned the opera as a flashback, following a staging of the usually unnoticed somber prelude.

The dashing Saimir Pirgu's light tenor as Alfredo underlined the strength, nuance and color of Dessay's work, and the deep richness of Dessay's real-life husband, Laurent Naouri as the elder Germont completed the ensemble with panache.

Love, passion, murder

Finally, we attended Saturday evening's world premiere of "The Letter," an SFO commissioned opera noir adaptation of the extremely popular 1940 William Wyler directed film starring Bette Davis.

The film is based on a true story that took place in 1911 when an English woman killed a neighbor, saying he had attempted to rape her. As later discovered, this was a crime of passion and the couple were lovers for years. The woman was convicted, sentenced and then pardoned. This was the kernel of a story adapted by W. Somerset Maugham in 1924, which in turn was the basis for a series of film adaptations.

The music by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Paul Morovec and libretto by the exceedingly talented Wall Street Journal Theatre critic Terry Teachout work well together and spotlight a brilliant cast headed by Santa Fe favorite and Metropolitan Opera star Patricia Racette.

The opera plays like the film – uninterrupted 96 minutes. Scene changes flow and fade magically into each other. The arias, the gothic touches, the entire production is one of great theatricality and wit.

In attendance at Saturday's opening was the General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera. I would not be surprised to see "The Letter" on an upcoming list of productions in New York.

My one quibble is with a tampered, controversial, albeit dramatically powerful ending, quite different from the film. I think I understand why the critical change was made. It certainly beat the "fade out" of the film, but somehow, I am uncomfortable making too many changes in a well-known classic source.

In sum, it was an honor to be in attendance and to meet Teachout personally. This work has a great future ahead of it. If you get a chance, I would urge you to contact the opera to see if you can obtain a seat for this remarkable work.

We are eager to return to Santa Fe on Aug. 5 and 6 to bring you reviews of the final two operas, Gluck's "Alceste," featuring Metropolitan opera's noted soprano Christine Brewer, and a frothy updated version of Donizetti's comic opera "The Elixir of Love."

For more information, ticket prices and reservations, visit www.santafeopera.org. For information about the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, visit www.sfcmf.org.

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Tickets: $9-$10
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647-5900
Tickets: $25 dinner show
Aug. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22

More Fun Than Bowling
Black Box Theatre
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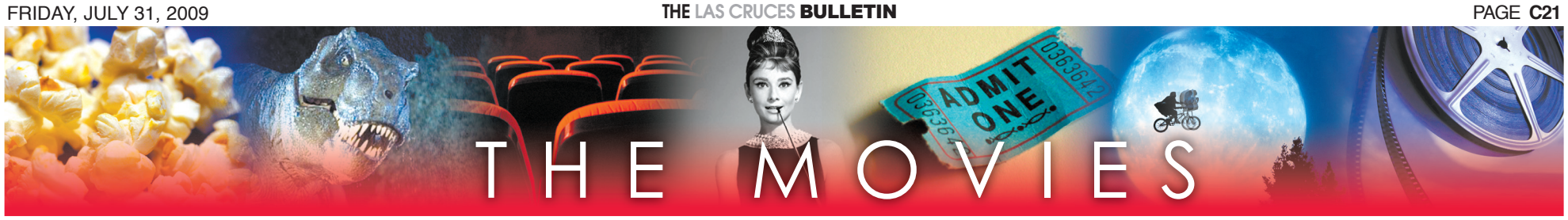
523-1223
Tickets: $9 to $10
Aug. 14 through 30



‘Shoot the Piano Player’ can’t trick this viewer

A homage to film noir that doesn’t hit the spot

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

So here I am again, faced with the reviewers challenge ... do I write up this classic film in the way film historians and people who are really into the so-called “masters” – Francois Truffaut in this case – would appreciate it or shall I be honest and say what I really think of this non-poignant little number, which I was not fond of.

Let’s go with the latter ... I doubt if there are many film historians in Las Cruces anyway.

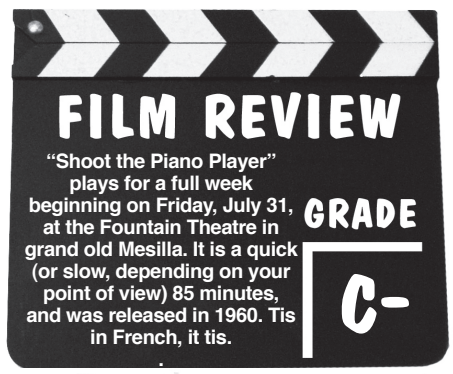
Another disclaimer – I am not a fan of the work of Truffaut’s because, in the past, I have felt a lot of his work attempts to, more or less, trick the viewer into seeing something that really isn’t going on. It can feel plodding and aloof.

Such is the case with “Shoot the Piano Player.”

Charles Aznavour is cast as Charlie, a singer and piano player who was once a former concert pianist. An homage of sorts to American film noir, Truffaut has made an occasionally funny film, which features bungling hitmen and gangsters, instead of sociopathic bad guys and a sweet waitress, who is completely devoted to Charlie.

Unable to get over the loss of his philandering wife, Charlie has taken up employment at a bar. All is going OK until the dopey gangsters catch up to him, thanks to his louse of a brother. Charlie is also a caretaker for another, younger brother, and is friends with a local tart who offers up some late night loving from time to time.

Chase scenes and murder ensue, most of it for naught, since the film is like watching a series of still photographs, rather than an ongoing work of cinema. The plot meanders back and forth, the comedy is dry and punctured with harder hitting dramatic scenes, especially those with Lena, the waitress.



This was Truffaut’s second feature film, his first being the much more interesting “400 Blows.”

The book Truffaut chose to base the film on was written by David Goodis, who began a writing career on the side while working for an ad agency. According to his entry at Wikipedia, he would sometimes write 10,000 words a day, and while writing for “pulp” magazines in the 40s, he may have written as many as five million words for the crime and tawdry life magazines that used to jam the newsstands.

Later, he was contracted in Hollywood, where the first film made from his work called “Dark Passage,” starred Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, and is considered a classic of the film noir genre.

Subsequent films made from Goodis’ writings were hit and miss, but he kept writing nonetheless, and is said to have “prowled the underside of Philadelphia, hanging out in nightclubs and seedy bars.” He died in 1967 of cirrhosis of the liver.

Anyway, Truffaut has done better work and lesser work. This is a “don’t miss” film for his fans, and an interesting pick of a picture for the curious, and, of course, a must for film historians, amateur and real.

Don’t shoot the movie reviewer. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Losing that zest for life?

Cinematinee flick looks at an isolated teacher

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, Aug. 1, is “The Visitor” (2007, 100 minutes, PG-13).

Sixty-two-year-old Walter Vale (Oscar nominated Richard Jenkins) is a professor of economics at a Connecticut college. He’s lost his zest for teaching and doesn’t seem to care about anything anymore. A widower, he spends his days on campus in lonely isolation.

Sent by his department to read a paper he co-wrote at a conference, Walter heads to New York City, where he still has an apartment. He is startled to find a couple living there.

Tarek (Haaz Sleiman), a Syrian, and Zainab (Dania Gurira), his Senegalese girlfriend, have been duped into renting the place by a real estate scammer. They hurriedly pack to leave, but in the first of a series of risks, Walter opens his closed-off heart and says they can stay for a few nights.

Walter attends the conference in the day as Zainab sells jewelry she has created on the streets and Tarek pursues his passion for drumming at various jazz clubs. It is their mutual interest in music that draws Walter and Tarek together in a slowly unfolding friendship. He begins to teach the aging academic how to play the African drum. It is another key that unlocks Walter’s heart.

This is the first film written and directed by Tom McCarthy since his stunning debut “The Station Agent,” another character-driven drama. Here we see how the alchemy of music and friendship transform a burnt-out man. It is fascinating to watch as Walter, long used to withholding himself from others, enters the alien world of Tarek and Zainab, who are so different from him in every way. He listens to this exuberant Syrian musician perform in a local jazz club and then joins him in a Central Park drum circle.

Returning from that adventure, police stop Tarek in the subway and wrongly accused him of jumping a turnstile, and take him away. Walter learns from Zainab that they are both illegals in the country without documentation, meaning that Tarek will be held for possible deportation and we sense Walter’s shock to discover that these people he has grown to know and like could not “belong” in America.

So many movies present the barriers that keep people, and especially strangers, apart from each other. This one dares to celebrate the deep human connections that can be forged out of racial, cultural and religious differences. Best of all, music is the glue that lifts the spirit and brings people together in new and interesting ways.

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

POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST

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Let Gerard Butler tell you 'The Ugly Truth'

Latest chick flick is entertaining, fun

Review by Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Abby (Katherine Heigl) is a control freak morning show producer with ratings that are disappearing as fast as her chances at a date.

Mike (Gerard Butler) is a vulgar, despicable excuse for a man with a basic cable television show and a knack for making people react.

Throw the two together and you have a wild ride down the road to love.

After all, this is a "chick flick."

Heigl and Butler, the two big names of the cast, carry the film with their not-so-obvious chemistry – often falling into the traps of clichéd romantic comedy, but managing to garner enough audience attention to keep it interesting.

In one of the opening scenes, Abby is pushed into a date with someone she has met online, a guy played by Kevin Connelly. In the first 10 minutes of the date, she has managed to alienate him with her obsessive-compulsive behavior and her overwhelming urge to criticize and overanalyze their compatibility (she has a check list, people – which isn't uncommon, but still manages to make her seem a bit ... ridiculous).

Mike and Abby meet initially after her boss makes the announcement that they need to "shake things up" on Abby's show. In walks Mike with his bare bones way of looking at relationships and what every man wants from one. Abby is forced to compromise her journalistic integrity for inevitably higher ratings, yet finds fault with everything for which Mike stands.

To make the story really interesting, Abby meets Colin (Eric Winter), her next-door neighbor who is an orthopedic surgeon, built like a god and loves cats (yeah, right). She is desperate for him to ask her out. In a fit of fury toward Mike, she asks Colin out, and Mike tells her exactly what to do to get this guy – right down to hair extensions and sexy lingerie. Mike coaches her through the first few dates, letting her know what to say, how to act and what not to control (or complain about).

Abby tries to make a love connection with Colin in "The Ugly Truth."

Without giving too much away, the chemistry between Mike and Abby is undeniable. The sexiness (and Scottish brogue) that is Butler is ideal for a character like Mike, because inevitably, you know that it's possible for him to actually believe what he is preaching (although, at times, you realize his character really isn't that crass).

Heigl, on the other hand, is her charming, witty self, bringing a similar character to this production, but managing to remain a fresh face among most comedic actresses. For example, her stint with a pair of black vibrating underwear at a corporate dinner will make even the most cynical romance critic roll on the floor with laughter. Heigl truly is capable of physical acting.

Problems with the script plagued some of the dialogue, and after moviegoers made "The Hangover" and other Judd Apatow-esque comedies popular, this flick tries to follow suit, without the success. In parts, the movie is just plain raunchy, but it redeems itself with the performances of Heigl and Butler.

Men and women alike will agree that this date movie has a little something for everyone – a little half-naked god-like Eric Winter for the ladies and busty twins wrestling in Jell-O for the gents. Enjoy.

THE UGLY TRUTH

Rating: R for sexual content and language

Running time: 1 hours, 37 minutes

Directed by: Robert Luketic

Written by: Nicole Eastman and Karen Lutz

Starring: Katherine Heigl as Abby; Gerard Butler as Mike; Bree Turner as Joy; and Eric Winter as Colin

Summer adventures for kids are coming to an end

Get involved in various art activities before the new school year begins

The ice cream has melted and August is just around the corner. As the new month begins, local children are getting closer to starting a new school year. Before the summer ends, however, children still have the opportunity to get involved in the arts.

Here are a few art related activities for the month of August:

Las Cruces Museum of Art

491 N. Main St.
541-2137

Saturday Studio
10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays
Ages 5 to 12
Be part of a famous Las Cruces tradition – join the Museum of Art each Saturday morning for art and fun. Projects vary each week. No early registration required. Classes are first come, first served.
Cost: $5

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

4100 Dripping Springs Road
522-4100

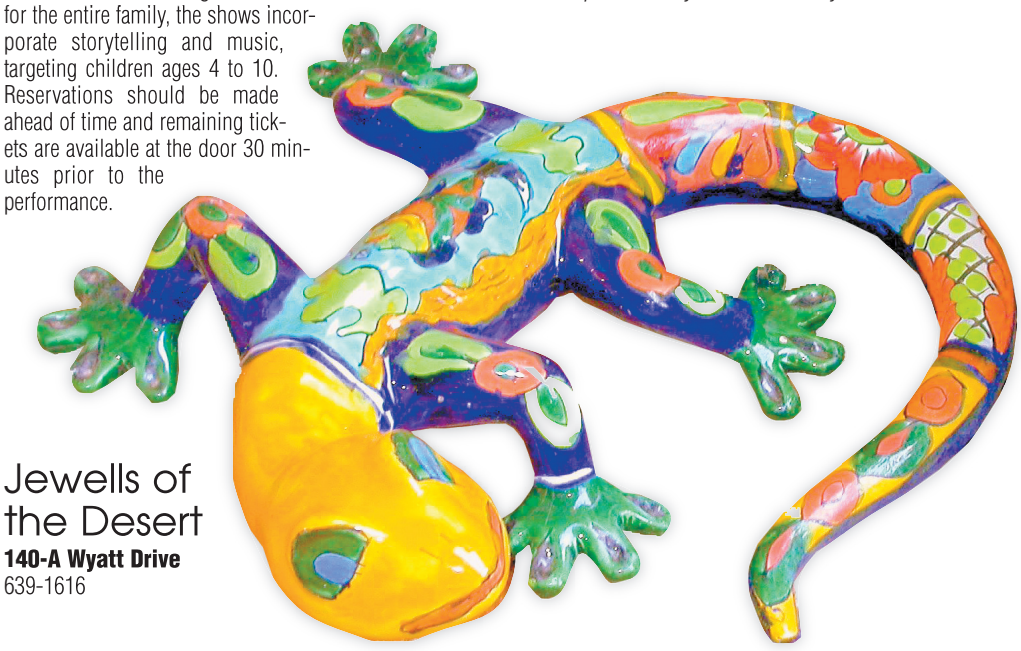
Outdoor Charcoal Drawing
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5
Grades sixth through eighth
Children will have the opportunity to sketch images of the museum's various plants and animals. Students need to bring a lunch, hat, tennis shoes and sunscreen. Pre-registration is required.
Cost: $20

Black Box Theatre

430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223

Amazing Magical Musical Adventure
2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22
Bring the whole family to the August performance of "Where the Wild Things Are." Perfect for the entire family, the shows incorporate storytelling and music, targeting children ages 4 to 10. Reservations should be made ahead of time and remaining tickets are available at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Children's Belly Dancing classes
7 to 7:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays



Jewells of the Desert

140-A Wyatt Drive
639-1616

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Proposal
Rated: PG -13
Plot Overview: A pushy boss forces her young assistant to marry her in order to keep her visa status in the U.S. and avoid deportation.
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds
Director: Anne Fletcher

G-Force
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A specially trained squad of guinea pigs is dispatched to stop a diabolical billionaire from taking over the world.
Starring: Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis
Director: Hoyt Yeatman

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: As Harry Potter begins his sixth year at Hogwarts, he discovers an old book and begins to learn more about Voldemort's past.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Michael Gambon
Director: David Yates

My Sister's Keeper
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Anna Fitzgerald looks to earn medical emancipation from her parents who rely on their youngest child to help their leukemia-stricken daughter, Kate, remain alive.
Starring: Abigail Breslin, Cameron Diaz
Director: Nick Cassavetes

The Ugly Truth
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A romantically challenged morning show producer is reluctantly embroiled in a series of outrageous tests by her chauvinistic correspondent to help her find love.
Starring: Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler
Director: Robert Luketic

Public Enemies
Rated: R
Plot Overview: The Feds try to take down notorious American gangsters John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and "Pretty Boy" Floyd during a booming crime wave in the 1930s.
Starring: Johnny Depp, Christian Bale
Director: Michael Mann

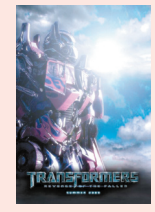
The Hangover
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A Las Vegas-set comedy centered around three groomsmen who lose their about-to-be-wed buddy during their drunken misadventures.
Starring: Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis
Director: Todd Phillips

Orphan
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A husband and wife who recently lost their baby adopt a 9-year-old girl who is not nearly as innocent as she claims to be
Starring: Vera Farmiga, Peter Sarsgaard
Director: Jaume Collet-Serra

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: After the events of "Ice Age: The Meltdown," life begins to change for Manny and his friends.
Starring: Queen Latifah, Ray Romano
Director: Carlos Saldanha

Angel & Demons
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon works to solve a murder and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.
Starring: Tom Hanks
Director: Ron Howard

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Decepticon forces return to Earth on a mission to take Sam Witwicky prisoner.
Starring: Megan Fox, Shia LaBeouf
Director: Michael Bay



The Hurt Locker
Opening July 31
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Forced to play a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse in the chaos of the war in Iraq, an elite Army bomb squad unit must come together in a city where everyone is a potential enemy.
Starring: Jeremy Renner, Guy Pearce
Director: Kathryn Bigelow

Aliens in the Attic
Opening July 31
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A group of kids must protect their vacation home from invading aliens.
Starring: Ashley Tisdale, Carter Jenkins
Director: John Schultz

Funny People
Opening July 31
Rated: R
Plot Overview: When a seasoned comedian learns of his terminal condition, his desire to form a genuine friendship causes him to take a relatively green performer under his wing as his opening act.
Starring: Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen
Director: Judd Apatow

The Collector
Opening July 31
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Desperate to repay his debt to his ex-wife, an ex-con plots a heist at his new employer's country home, unaware that a second criminal has also targeted the property.
Starring: Madeline Zima, Josh Stewart
Director: Marcus Dunstan

New this week ON DVD

· Tuesday, Aug. 4 ·

Soloist
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Robert Downey Jr.
Director: Joe Wright

Obsessed
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Suspense, Drama
Starring: Beyonce Knowles, Ali Larter
Director: Steve Shill

Race to Witch Mountain
Rated: PG
Genre: Family, Suspense
Starring: Dwayne Johnson
Director: Andy Fickman

TOP GROSSING

· July 24-26 ·

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1	G-Force (1) $32,152,000
2	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2) $30,000,000
3	The Ugly Truth (1) $27,000,000
4	Orphan (1) $12,770,000
5	Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (4) $8,200,000
6	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (5) $8,000,000
7	The Hangover (8) $6,465,000
8	The Proposal (6) $6,423,000
9	Public Enemies (4) $4,170,000
10	Brüno (3) $2,719,000

Upcoming Films at the Fountain Theatre
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July 31 – Aug. 6 Shoot the Piano Player
(1960, France, 92 min., directed by Francois Truffaut)
Aug. 7 – Aug. 13 Tyson
(2009, 90 minutes, directed by James Toback)
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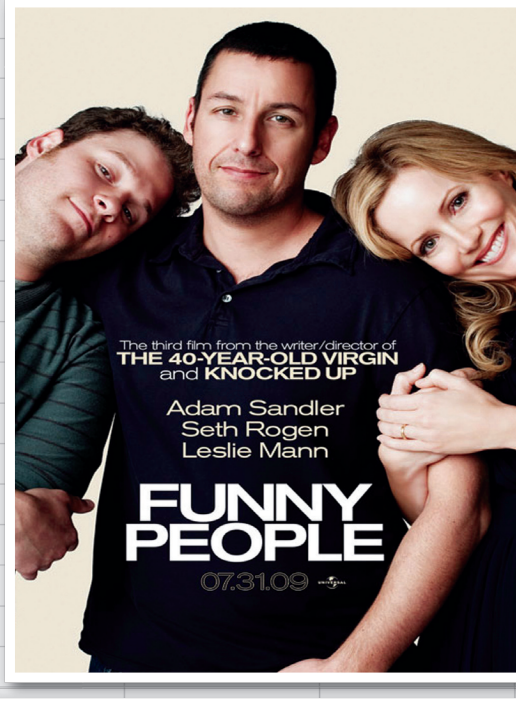

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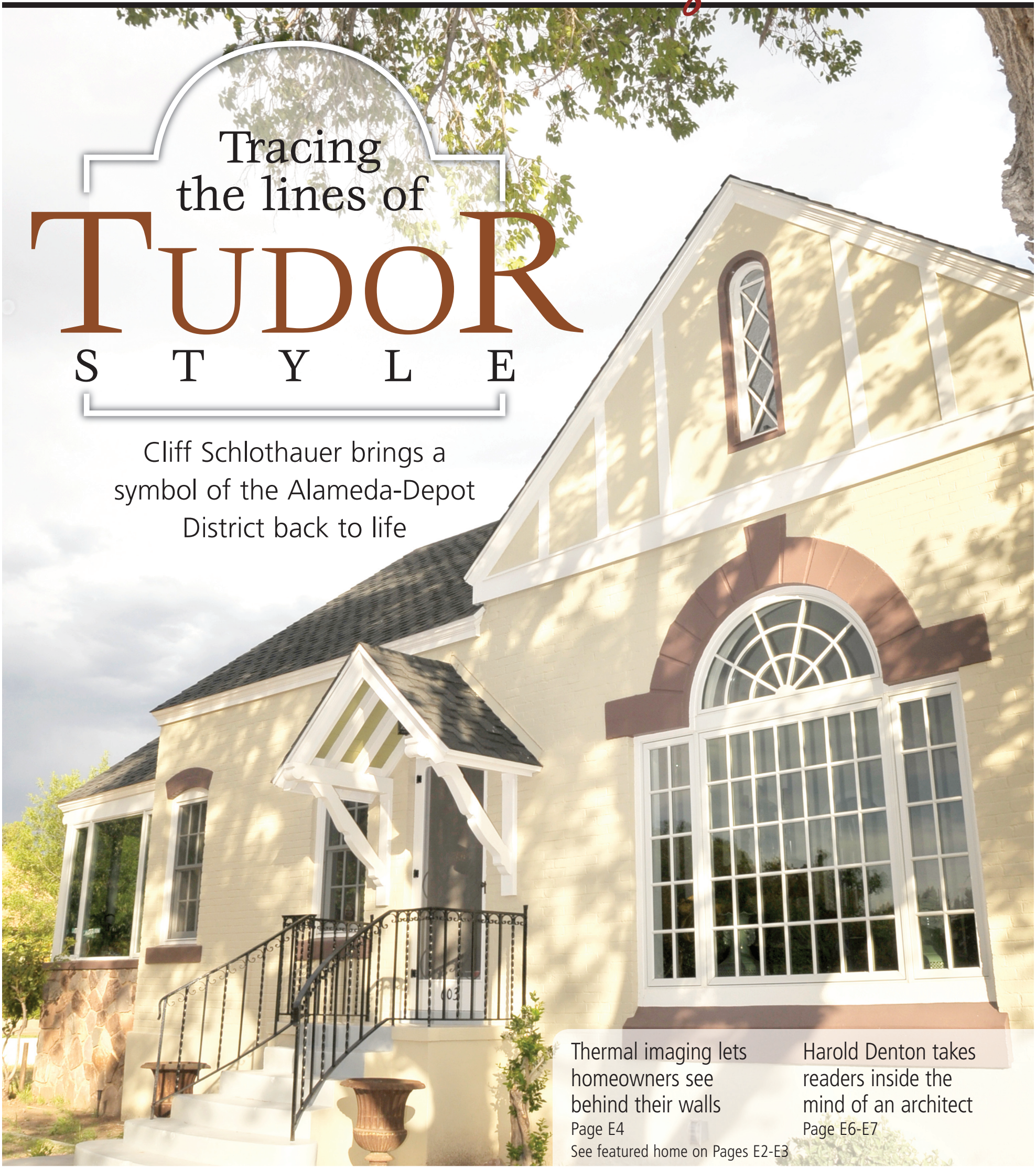
Tracing the lines of TUDOR STYLE

Cliff Schlothauer brings a symbol of the Alameda-Depot District back to life



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Restoration to the fullest extent

Built in 1907, the Thomas Tate house is now up to speed

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Growing up in the Alameda-Depot District, Cliff Schlothauer always had an affinity for the turn-of-the-century styles that make up the historic neighborhood.

That's why, when it came time to purchase a home of his own, there was no question where he would choose to hang his hat.

"My dad's parents also owned a house here and lived here when he was a teenager," Schlothauer recalled. "The family roots are deep in the neighborhood."

After renovating a craftsman style adobe at 233 Miranda St., a home that Schlothauer described as "the worst house on the block," in 2008, he took on the biggest restoration project of his life with 603 Las Cruces Ave.

Built in a Tudor Revival style, sometimes called Medieval Revival, the home is found on the National Register of Historic Places and was built in 1907 for Thomas Tate, who owned Las Cruces Lumber Company. Employing the services of builder Chris Hansen, a native of Denmark, Tate set out to build a home with attributes never seen before in Las Cruces.

Bought by the Papen family in the 1950s, the home has become an important part of the neighborhood's history, and Schlothauer couldn't bear to see it go to waste.

With the help of builder Kevin McGinley, who is known for his experience in restoring historic adobe homes, Schlothauer began laying down plans for "a total gut rehab" in spring of 2008.

The idea was to make the more than 100-year-old, uninhabitable piece of history as energy efficient and functional as a brand-new home while holding onto its historic integrity.

"We were of same mind on that, but from different sides of the street – me from the side of the contractor and Cliff as the homeowner," McGinley said. "We always seemed to meet at the same place."

With help from Miles Dyson of Inspection Connection LC, the city's only Certified Home Energy Rater, Schlothauer saw his dream come to fruition in July.

Sure there were bumps in the road, but it helped that everyone involved had the same hopes for the project.

"At the end of the day, we really appreciate renovating and extending the life of historic properties as we have done with some others in town," McGinley said. "It's rewarding to have a client that really wants to see it through because it's not easy."

"One thing I will never forget about this project is Kevin telling me, 'Every day is a new day,'" Schlothauer added.

When they began the restoration, which included replacing every window except those in the kitchen and the gable on the north side, they were first surprised at the home's strategic placement. Many of the windows, including the gables, are positioned to take advantage of the surrounding landscape. For example, the front Palladian window lines up exactly with the southwest corner of Pioneer Park.

> "The response to this property has been absolutely amazing."
>
> CLIFF SCHLOTHAUER, homeowner

"The way this house was done, there are a lot of mathematics in the structure that you really don't comprehend," Schlothauer said. "It was built during a time when people took a lot of time and care to do these things."

Schlothauer approached the home's restoration with that same care. Conducting research on every aspect of the Tudor style and searching for ideas in numerous magazines, he had McGinley recreate many turn-of-the-century traits, including the crown moldings. The crew's carpenters replaced a great deal of the damaged woodwork, including the living room mantle and many of the home's archways.

Though Schlothauer said his favorite room in the house is "the room that he is in at the time," the sunroom on the east side of the home, which was enclosed in the 1950s, is the reason he bought the property.

"You step in here and the park is just so pretty," Schlothauer said.

When he first saw the home, the sunroom had a level, 9-foot ceiling. After tearing down the ceiling, Amanda Zaorski, designer and drafter for McGinley Construction, had the idea to lift it.

"It made the space totally different," McGinley said.

"Vaulting it as Amanda did is just stunning," Schlothauer added.

In the kitchen, which is accented with dark blue soapstone countertops, the original curvilinear window determined the layout.

"The whole frame and everything is curved, so the cabinets are built on that curve, and that was really important," McGinley said of the cabinets by Kowalski.

Along with holding onto its historic elements, Schlothauer actually ordered the majority of the light fixtures and artwork to match the house. There is the French Empire chandelier in the dining room dated 1865; the 6-foot wide, 5-foot tall Victorian mirror from a sea captain's mansion off the coast of Maine over the living room mantle; and the stained glass windows in the library from a mansion in Detroit.

"They are architectural elements that I thought the house really needed," Schlothauer said.

Heading up the custom-made switchback stairs to the loft, one finds yet another piece of Las Cruces' past. When a house built in 1870 on Court Street was falling into the ground, Schlothauer was able to save the staircase made of black walnut, a very rare species of wood. McGinley then incorporated the wood into the Tate House's staircase railing.

"It's part of the history of the district," he said.

Upstairs, the loft includes the original fir wood floors.

"This was a giant cave," Schlothauer said of the attic. "What I

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Details

Address
603 Las Cruces Ave.

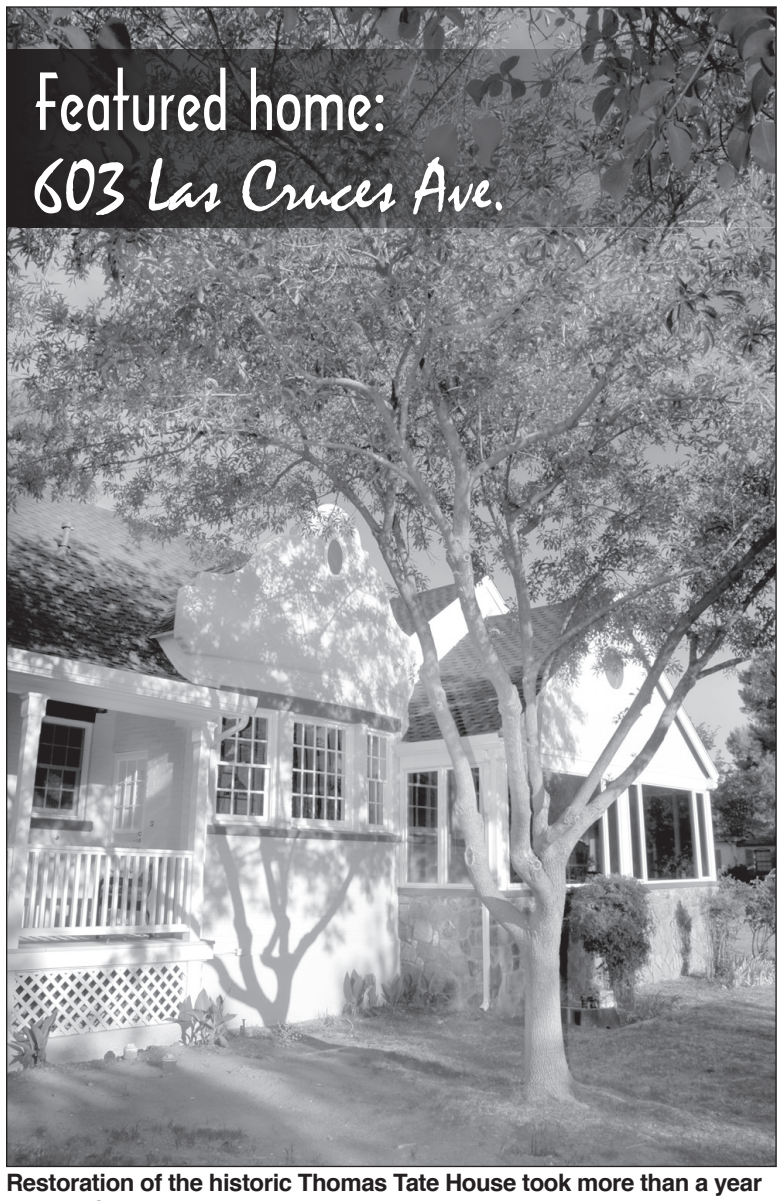
Square footage
Approximately 4,000

Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
Three

Fireplaces
One

Special features
Built in 1907, the historic Thomas Tate House holds a soft spot in the hearts of many residents in the Alameda-Depot District.



Restoration of the historic Thomas Tate House took more than a year to complete.

A large Palladian window is the main attribute of the home's living room. A 6-foot wide, 5-foot tall Victorian mirror from a sea captain's mansion off the coast of Maine rests atop the living room mantle, which was recreated by carpenters of McGinley Construction.

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wanted was a New York-style loft area that was adaptable to different lifestyles. This would make a gorgeous master suite, you could put children up here, it could be a game room or guest room – you can do many things with it."

Today, the space is made bright by several skylights and includes a wet bar and a mantle made of courtesan oak, also from the early 1900s and most likely made by European craftsman.

Now that Schlothauer is all moved in, he is happy to have brought new life to the area in which he grew up. He didn't know how important the home was to the surrounding residents until he began the restoration.

"The response to this property has been absolutely amazing," Schlothauer said. "Everyone loves this house."

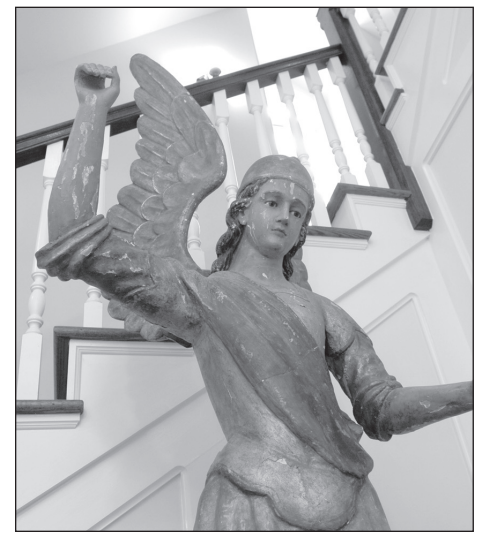
When it came time to move in his furniture, people honked and waved all day long.

"I just don't think any of these mammoth houses that are being built that cost millions of dollars would have this response," Schlothauer said.

Hopefully, he added, more people will follow the trend.

"There has been quite a lot of activity here the last 10 or 15 years," Schlothauer said. "I still think it's a fantastic area for investment for those who want an older home."

Cliff Schlothauer chose contemporary Tudor style light fixtures for the center hallway, which light up the home at night.



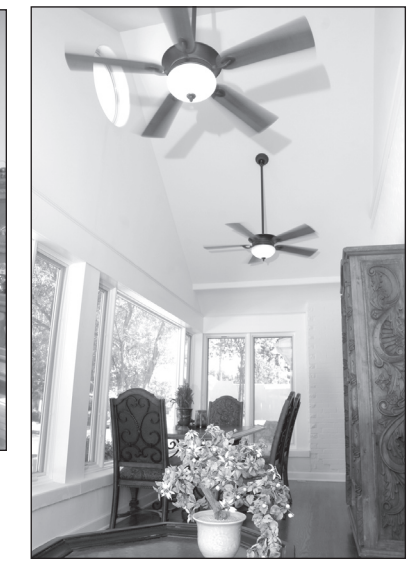
The switchback staircase incorporated black walnut posts Cliff Schlothauer was able to save from a dilapidated home in the historic district.

Dating from 1865, the French Empire gold-over-bronze, crystal chandelier from Paris is an architectural element Schlothauer ordered specifically for the house.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

The sunroom looking out at beautiful Pioneer Park is one of Schlothauer's favorite rooms. Though it used to have a level, 9-foot ceiling, Amanda Zaorski of McGinley Construction had the idea to vault it.

Schlothauer wanted the upstairs attic to have the feel of a New York-style loft. The space is made bright by several skylights and includes a mantle made of courtesan oak, also from the early 1900s.



An east-facing curvilinear wall – one of the two places in the home that contains the original windows – determined the kitchen layout. Cabinets were made specifically to fit the space, which is accented by dark blue soapstone.

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Want to know what's behind your walls?

RT Electric Inc. can help with a thermal imaging inspection

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether you are a buyer, seller or homeowner, knowing what is behind the walls of your residence is a top priority.

From mold and moisture to missing insulation, there are several factors that may not be seen by the naked eye, and Las Crucens will be surprised at what could be hiding in homes both new and existing.

Offering thermal imaging services for more than eight years, RT Electric offers a way to identify issues such as mold growth and trapped moisture, and according to the company's owner, Kevin Tegmeyer, no one should buy a home until they get a thorough inspection of the property.

"What a huge tool for a buyer. Here they are getting ready to throw all their money down on a new investment, and they need to know what's there," Tegmeyer said.

Using high-resolution, infrared cameras, Tegmeyer and his company's certified tomographers can identify problems by analyzing temperature variations in a home's walls and ceilings.

According to their brochure, "within minutes, thermal imaging can detect signs of leaks behind walls, missing insulation and any thermal anomaly that can compromise the structural integrity of your property or compromising your health."

From air-leakages in an HVAC system to over-heating electric conductors, which could result in a fire, they can literally find everything.

"It's not an audit. That's not what we are doing," Tegmeyer said. "We are checking for missing items like insulation, the presence of moisture and or mold, roof leaks and window and door leaks."

While the buyer can use the results as a negotiation tool, the seller can use the test to show that their home is a great buy or to identify any improvements that are needed.

"From a sellers standpoint, I think it gives then an opportunity to be proactive," Tegmeyer said. "This is a great sales tool."

All homes that go through the process will be issued a certification stating that the home has passed a thermal imaging inspection.

Members of RT Electric gave a presentation recently at Steinborn Inc. Real Estate, and Tegmeyer said the inspection is gaining interest among Realtors.

Aside from the buyer and the seller, homeowners who wants to make some needed improvements will find a thermal imaging inspection beneficial as well, especially with the stimulus dollars available to those who want to make their homes more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.

Though Tegmeyer said the majority of customers are calling for a complete home inspection, Tracy Reed, sales manager with RT Electric, said thermal imaging also comes handy with roof inspections.

"Typically, when somebody has a roof leak and they call the roofer, it is like looking for a needle in a haystack as far as pinpointing where their leak is," Reed said. "We are able to provide a report that will tell them exactly where the leaks are."

For Richard Stack, who is selling his Tuscan style residence at 2631 Monte Bello Drive, thermal imaging presented the perfect solution. After an intense windstorm, the Stacks wanted to make sure their roof was still in tact.

"Since we are putting the house on the market, we wanted to make sure ahead of time that we were in good shape," Stack said. "We thought that it was a good marketing tool. Now, the home is ready to be shown to any buyer."

While the cost of a roof inspection is $195 plus tax, RT Electric will inspect a 2,200-square-foot residence, inside and out, for $400 plus tax. Each client will be able to view the end result in a report put together by an RT Electric tomographer, which includes visual examples.

"The crazy thing about this is, once it's done, everyone understands how this works and how this benefits them," Reed said. "We like to educate the consumer. As we go through (a home), we will freeze images in the camera and let them know what they are seeing. By the time they get the report they pretty much already know how this works."

Blending historic charm with modern convenience

Ceramic tile offers sustainability, timeless beauty

Easily distinguishable from their contemporary counterparts, most older homes hold a notable grace and provenance. They have a look so inspiring that many of today's home owners are attempting to capture this essence of the Old World when building new or remodeling their current home. The "latest revivals" trend seamlessly blends history with modern conveniences.

"Many newer homes are infused with architectural details from the past. Good traditional design is about creating a home with heritage and character while incorporating elements that have proven to stand the test of time," said Nancy Berry of New Old House magazine.

One way to capture the look of classic architecture is to work with ceramic tile, which offers supreme durability, sustainability and timeless beauty. Versatility in design, size, format and texture also allows it to be applied in some unexpected ways. Advanced technology allows for replicate finishes virtually indistinguishable from the real thing. You can achieve the look of wallpaper, wainscoting, wood, stone and textiles, with the durability and property advantages of tile. Both flooring and wall tiles do not show wear and do not require heavy cleaning.

Once installed, ceramic tile will not require costly replacement and repair. It offers durability, thanks to the impervious glazed surface, and a longer lifespan than most floor and wall coverings. Unlike wood that rots and needs refinishing or carpeting that loses its pile and shows wear, ceramic tile lasts up to four times longer.

Additionally, ceramic tile is chemically inert, so there is no mold or mildew buildup or chance of damage from outside sources. It's frost-resistant and fire-resistant, meaning it will not burn or give off smoke or toxic fumes.

You can achieve a classic style with easy maintenance and sustainable characteristics. Since warm water and neutral cleaners are the only cleaning products required, ceramic tile does not contribute to toxic cleaning products being flushed into our ecosystem by materials that recommend the use of chemicals, soaps, shampoos, waxes, strippers and solvents.

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Be green, even where no one is watching

Five ideas for an elegant and Earth-friendly bathroom

There are many ways to "go green" nowadays. It can often be difficult to decide which sustainable elements to incorporate into your own home. Instead of being overwhelmed by all of the options and trying to be the greenest house on the street, follow these suggestions to create an elegant and eco-friendly bath that's fit for a greener lifestyle.

An eco-performance aerator, like the one in Moen's Eva single-handle bathroom faucet, allows water to flow at 1.5 gallons per minute, reducing water usage by up to 32 percent.

Rethink surfaces

Green materials do more than upgrade the sustainability and style of your bath: They also provide sound health and hygiene practices – and the surfaces within your bath are no exception. Most materials have more features than simply being environmentally friendly. For example, bamboo is anti-microbial and water-resistant, and it can be used in a variety of applications. It's an elegant and versatile choice for flooring and countertops.

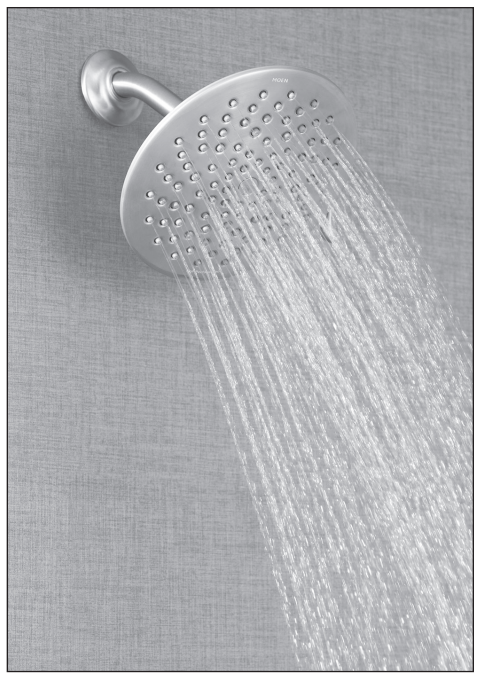
Not interested in using wood? Natural linoleum has similar qualities to bamboo, but it's also biodegradable, non-toxic and easy to maintain. Best of all, natural linoleum will last for nearly 40 years and is available in a large selection of colors, patterns and borders.

Spruce up the vanity

Looking to create a new focal point in your bath? Do so by updating your vanity. Fight the urge to run out and purchase a brand new cupboard or cabinets; reusing existing furniture can be the best and kindest choice for the environment. Try repurposing an old chest you already own or find one at a garage sale, antique store or flea market. Use the secondhand piece as is to achieve a vintage look and feel. Or, customize the piece to suit your color scheme and style with a fresh coat of paint or stain – but be sure to use one with low or no volatile organic compounds for healthy, indoor air quality.

> "The most important environmental benefit of a green bathroom is reducing the amount of water used."

Can't find a piece you love in the used marketplace? Try to buy responsibly and find something made from sustainable materials or that has environmentally friendly certifications. Look for Greenguard and MBDC Cradle to Cradle certifications on products, as well as items that utilize Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood. These indicate that the products have been produced in a sustainable fashion with little environmental impact. If you're planning to build a new vanity, utilize eco-friendly, raw materials, including bamboo, beech wood, reclaimed lumber or bent plywood. For an added benefit, try to buy locally; you'll avoid shipping costs and reduce the carbon footprint associated with your purchase, which is even better.



Many shower heads will allow you to have a rain drenching experience in the shower, while using up to 20 percent less water than the industry standard.

Smart water savings

The most important environmental benefit of a green bathroom is reducing the amount of water used. In order to get the most out of your eco-friendly bath, be sure to install fixtures that use less water and energy. The easiest upgrade to make is switching to a water-efficient showerhead.

Another way to reduce your water consumption is to install a lavatory faucet that is certified to meet WaterSense criteria. WaterSense, a program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), aims to decrease indoor and outdoor water use through water-efficient products and simple, water-saving practices.

Earth-friendly accessories

Want to make a sustainable impact on your bath without remodeling? Be aware of how you decorate the space. For example, a rubber bath mat or plastic shower curtain can wreak havoc on your indoor-air quality, especially if you have a poor ventilation system.

In the shower, look for PVC-free plastic or natural fabrics, such as cotton or bamboo, for your next shower curtain and liner, as PVC emits off-gassing chemicals that can be dangerous. You can always go for a more permanent solution, like hemp, which is naturally resistant to mold, as long as you keep your bathroom well ventilated.

To increase the elegance of your bath, incorporate towels and rugs made from organic cotton. Since organic cotton is grown using methods and materials that have a low impact on the environment, it's an unbeatable and hypoallergenic option for you and any guests.

Updates that last

One of the main components to greening any space is to consider designing for longevity. Ensuring your new bath is built to last is key – the amount of waste that goes to landfill sites from new construction and remodeling is massive; nearly 40 percent of all waste. A well-designed bathroom also means less maintenance and fewer repairs, and can even postpone the need for costly remodels. So be sure to consider materials and products that are durable and can withstand the rigors of everyday use.

Seeing crop circles?

The leaf cutter bee is on the loose

GARY GUZMAN
The Gardening Guru

Have you been seeing crop circles lately? Well maybe not exactly.

If you have semi circles cut out of the leaves of some of your trees or shrubs, the leaf cutter bee is the culprit. It is a small grey bee that makes its nest out of the missing pieces of leaves that you worked so hard to plant.

This is an important pollinating insect, so you really should not kill this annoying critter. Read up on dwindling bee populations and what it means to our food supply.

The good news is that it won't kill your plant, it just makes is look bad. (Good news? Yeah right.) This insect usually attacks new plantings. After the second season the damage is much less evident. It can attack roses, lilac, crape myrtle, pear trees and chitalpa, among other plants.

If you tend to over fertilize and/or over water your plants, you usually will produce lush soft tissue growth that the bee just can't pass up. Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers or use organic fertilizers instead.

Try using a garlic spray as a repellent. There used to be a product on the market specifically for this, but due to label requirements from the state, it is not for sale in New Mexico. It was just concentrated garlic juice. It worked on array of insects and kept the leaf cutter bee away.

If you can live with a few holes in your leaves for a season without losing sleep, then you win. If it the circles really bother you, then plant more trees and shrubs or have your neighbor plant more trees and shrubs (it doesn't hurt to try). I figure the more leaves the bee has to choose from, the less damage each plant will receive – in theory of course.

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The man with a plan

Denton has his hands full with DVI, EPIC and, coming soon, Amaro Winery

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

He's an architect, planner and builder, but more than anything, Harold Denton is a problem solver – always has been.

"I like architecture and design, and I like doing things that you can see happen," Denton said. "I can sit down and design something, and eight hours go by and it seems like no time at all."

His passion for design has made for plenty of late nights at the drawing board, which in recent years has been replaced with a computer screen. Co-owner and principle architect for DVI and vice president and co-owner of EPIC Construction, Denton has 40 years of experience in construction management and design, and his list of projects could fill a book.

A licensed architect in six states, including Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, his work can be found throughout the region and ranges from restaurants and commercial buildings to upscale homes and entire neighborhoods.

Influenced by regional architectural greats, such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta, through the years, Denton has developed his own signature style – a modern look with open spaces and eye-catching exterior colors. Perhaps the best example of this is Denton's personal home in Picacho Hills.

"This is an upside-down house where the living quarters are upstairs and the bedrooms are downstairs," he said, sitting in the dining room. "It's like living in a tree house."

Though he can conquer any style, Denton admits he gravitates toward a more urban look.

"I am pretty contemporary with what I do," he said, "but I think it is Southwest contemporary."

"He has a cool sense of style," added daughter Kelly Allen of Property Consultants LLC.

Making his way to Las Cruces in 1989 after working in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado, Denton entered the local scene in the midst of the technological revolution that has reached all aspects of his profession. Architects were beginning to approach their profession in a new way with the advent of software programs that would forever replace hand-drawn blueprints.

"We spent the first six months or more on the computer taking four times what it could have taken us to do by hand," Denton said. "At the time, we were the only one's doing it."

Today, Denton, his wife Barbara and five other members of DVI provide architecture, engineering, planning and urban design services to the growing city of Las Cruces.

Large-scale projects of which DVI has been a part include the Poco Lomas subdivision on Morning Star Drive and the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch. Coming soon will be the Metro Verde subdivision, a green, sustainable community on the East Mesa that DVI planned for a local developer.

Designed around a 2 acre Village Plaza, Metro Verde will be its own community with recreation areas and retail stores. In this "happier, healthier community," rainwater will be harvested off the roofs of commercial building for irrigation and Permeable concrete, which allows runoff to seep through and return to the aquifer, will be used for the roads and walkways.

"Metro Verde is a whole new animal," Denton said.

While design is his forte, Denton's duties extend even further with EPIC Construction. Along with partner Tatt Everhart, Denton, who also has his general contractors license, gets to participate in a project's actual construction.

"I like taking something from conception and planning – developing the urban design and the architecture – and in some cases even being involved in the development process, and then building it," he said.

Doing mainly commercial projects, the members of EPIC help clients design their project, set a budget and timeframe and keep them involved during its construction. They currently have a contract to build a new motor vehicle department and

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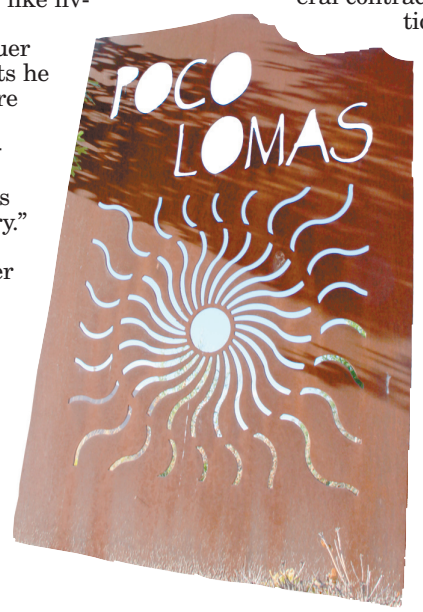

Featured Architect: Harold Denton

Details

Featured Architect
Harold Denton

Company
- DVI
- EPIC Construction

Education
- Bachelor's degree in architecture, Kansas State University
- Master's degree in urban design, University of Colorado

Certifications
- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Certificate
- Registered architect in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Utah, Kansas and Missouri
- General contractor's license

Organizations
- American Planning Association
- Urban Land Institute

Family
- Wife Barbara Mobley Denton
- Daughter Kelly Allen
- Son Andrew Mobley

Harold Denton and his daughter Kelly Allen cheers to their newest venture – the Amaro Winery.

Denton's own home, located in Picacho Hills, is a great example of his signature Southwest contemporary style.

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build a new motor vehicle department and are also doing an addition to the Calista Animal Hospital.

Whether it's project for DVI or EPIC, the approach is basically the same.

"I always start with the client's wishes and the site's requirements and constraints," Denton said. "I am not the kind of architect that can start designing a house based on the kitchen or the bar. You have to get to know the client, and then you have to work with the site because it is such a determinant of what can done."

With Barbara by his side as accountant for both DVI and EPIC, Denton has made an undeniable impact on the face of the city. As the technology has evolved so has Denton's approach.

DVI planned the Poco Lomas subdivision and designed the houses therein, creating a uniformed, contemporary-themed neighborhood.

"We are about to see another revolution coming up with BIM, which is Building Information Modeling. It basically means that everything is going to be done three dimensionally," he said.

Three-dimensional computer models will include information on the materials needed for a project, all the way down to the screws and bolts.

"It not only works for the architect, but also for the builder," he said. "If you're a builder and you don't have the BIM, you are not going to be able to compete. I don't know if it is a matter of choice."

Aside from keeping up with advances in his field, these days Denton is involved in planning of a different sort. Sometime in the next year, the Dentons, along with Allen and her husband Sean, will be opening their own winery in Downtown Las Cruces.

Located at 601 W. Amador Ave, a historic building they are restoring and renovating, the Amaro Winery will include a tasting room, large patio and an area for wine storage and production.

"The key to our success is we have a very good wine maker," Denton said.

According to Allen, they will serve roughly 12 wines from sweet whites to mellow whites to very strong reds, including a gewürztraminer, zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon and tempranillo. They hope to feature artwork and live music and become a regular stop for those shopping and working downtown.

Denton sees it as just another way of adding to the city.

"Everything is related, even the winery," Denton said. "I have been in private business for 35 years and architecture and planning is not all that much different than running a business."

Along with building a new home for he and Barbara, Denton is far from finished with his architectural career and said he can't wait to do more – a lot more.

"He is the kind of person where he builds something, and he is proud of what he builds, but he sees the next thing and what he can do different," Allen said. "He sees the next thing as his biggest project."

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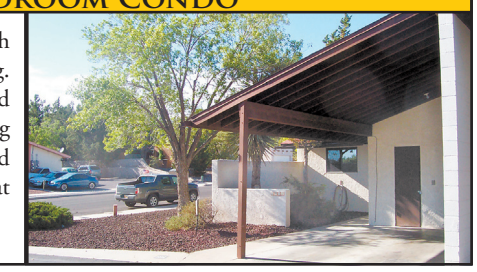

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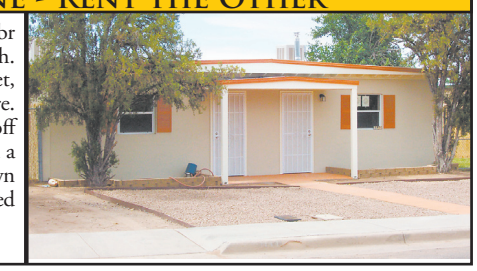

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Don't put purses in jeopardy

Time to meet the 'instant handbag hanger'

BETHANY CONWAY
Homes Editor

Throughout my stint as homes editor, I have always tried to choose gadgets that appeal to both sexes. If it were any other week this would still be the case, but being that this is my last week at the Las Cruces Bulletin, I have decided to give a shout out to the women of Las Cruces.

Don't worry; there are no hard feelings. I am off to grad school and will miss the Bulletin and its staff with all my heart. But I just couldn't leave without spreading the word about a little gadget that could bring joy to your life.

For those who don't know it yet, most women crave handbags with the same intensity as they crave shoes. They contain our wallets, our phones, our makeup, our jewelry, essentially our lives. Whether small and compact or big and bulky, we just can't leave the house without one.

So why should we have to place our beautiful purses in places where they are at risk of falling on the floor, such as the side of a chair, or, even worse, directly on the floor. These items don't come cheap, and the less wear and tear the better.

So next time, before putting your bag in jeopardy, check out this week's gadget, cleverly named the Clipa.

With help from the Clipa, this purse is safe from whatever may be lurking on floors at restaurants and bars.

What is it?

Described as jewelry for your handbag, the Clipa is a sleek circular handbag hanger that clips to any handbag strap. The Clipa, which means "instantly" in Romanian, is made from high-strength zinc alloy.

It protects and extends the life of handbags, preventing germs, water, dirt and more from coming into contact with the bag.

Measuring 3 inches in length, the Clipa has non-slip clip pads on the end and can hold the bulkiest of bags, even backpacks. It can be used for single- or double-strap bags, diaper bags, umbrellas – you name it. It will always stay hooked to the strap of your handbag.

How does it work?

To fasten the Clipa to your purse, simply open one end and slide it onto the strap. The spring mechanism will automatically close.

To hang a handbag, place one end of the Clipa on the table or other surface and hang the bag from the other end. When you're ready to leave, simply pull the handbag strap and let the Clipa fall back onto the bag, ready for next time.

This widget is great for restaurants, cars, pools, outdoor cafes, concerts, movie theaters and especially bathroom stalls. It works on tabletops, chair arms and backs, counters, fences and even sinks.

How much does it cost?

The Clipa sells for $24.95 and comes in polished silver or gold, brushed gold or hematite (gunmetal).

Where can it be found?

In Las Cruces, the Clipa can be found at LuLu's – one of my faves – which is owned by Matt Bleything. It can also be found at www.clipa.us.

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BIA of Southern New Mexico to host nationally acclaimed marketing seminar

The Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico is hosting a nationally attended marketing seminar for all its members and any interested business people in the community.

The Renegade Direct Marketing 101 Seminar and Workshop will be held 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at BIA of Southern New Mexico in Las Cruces.

The four-hour seminar has been held throughout the country and is presented by Rob Oliver of The Oliver Group LLC. The Oliver Group will also be working with the BIA of Southern New Mexico in August and September during the BIA's first DIRECT Drive, a membership recruitment program that has brought more than 24,000 new members into more than 35 local associations nationally to date.

> "I just sat through a four hour marketing seminar that blew my socks off."
>
> MIKE SANTAMARIA

BIA of Southern New Mexico members are encouraged to attend the Renegade Direct Marketing 101 Seminar and Workshop as half of the proceeds will go back into the association. The cost to attend this seminar is $97 with additional attendees from the same company or business paying only $87.

Earlier this year, the Renegade Direct Marketing 101 Seminar and Workshop was held in El Paso. Mike Santamaria, Mountain Vista Homes and El Paso Association of Builders past president, coordinated the event at his local home builders association and was pleased with both the turn out and the quality of the seminar itself.

"I just sat through a four hour marketing seminar that blew my socks off," Santamaria said. "I have been in contact with (The Oliver Group) for about two years and have really been impressed by them. If you want help selling more of anything they are great. I truly considered myself a savvy marketer and now realize I know nothing. I would highly recommend to (our) group that we consider having them give the same seminar at our next meeting. They are awesome."

This fast-paced seminar is geared towards any kind of business. Oliver of The Oliver Group said it provides real tools and strategies that can be implemented right away.

"One of the purposes of this seminar is to allow owners to take 'hold' of their business and quit wasting time, money and energy on sporadic advertising and marketing that is not helping them," Oliver said.

Oliver, who has been a national public speaker and professional marketer for over 20 years, said that regardless of the type of company, the goal for being in business remains the same.

"Whether you have a retail or wholesale service company, a retail store, if you are a professional services provider or any other kind of business, the reason for your being in business is to attract new customers and clients, increase sales to these current clients and create a steady stream of referral business. If you learn and utilize just one or two of the tools that will be revealed at this event you will increase your sales and your profits – guaranteed," he said.

To sign up for the Renegade Direct Marketing 101 Seminar and Workshop, contact Wes Ostic at 526-6126 or email: weso@lchba.com. Or register online at www.renegadedirectmarketing101.com/BIASNM.html.

For more information about the Oliver Group and the Renegade Direct Marketing 101 Seminar and Workshop, go to www.olivergroupmarketing.com or www.enegadedirectmarketing101.com

Looking for ways to improve your home?

Weekend DIY projects mean lasting home improvements

With the national median home price down double digits from the same time last year, it's no surprise that many homeowners are deciding to stay put.

As a result, many are looking for ways they can improve their homes. Luckily, there are many do-it-yourself, cost-efficient home improvement projects that will do just that.

"Right now, people are looking for ways to get more enjoyment from their homes because they know they are going to be living in them longer," said Tom Sullivan, founder of Lumber Liquidators, the largest specialty retailer of hardwood flooring in the United States. "However, with the economic uncertainty, homeowners are focusing on projects that provide a big return without a big investment."

Below are some simple projects that can be completed in as little as one weekend:

Build a new backsplash

Building a new backsplash is an easy way to showcase personality and add character to the kitchen. Character can be added by implementing tile design tricks, such as placing tile diagonally to add dimension to a room or placing tile in patterns to form interesting mosaics.

No matter which design you choose to create, the most cost-effective way to build a new backsplash is to research several tile options before making a final tile purchase. Experts, in general, ceramic and porcelain tile are the best options in terms of cost, starting at $10 per square foot.

Replace an old bathroom vanity

Standalone vanities are a hot trend in bathroom design because they provide the look of furniture, adding a more comfortable feeling to a bathroom. Vanities are available in many different styles and sizes, ranging from small sizes, which are about 18 inches in width, to large sizes, which are about 72 inches in width. With such diverse vanities to choose from, there is a vanity to suit any taste and replacement timeline.

Vanities can be installed in only a matter of hours with the correct number of people. Installing a vanity usually requires at least two people in order to make the installation process move quickly and smoothly. However, the size of the vanity will determine how many people should help to install it.

Replace carpeting with wood flooring

Wood flooring can increase value and add style to a living room. Light woods can make a room appear larger, medium woods can make a room appear more traditional, and dark woods can make a room appear warmer.

"The introduction of so many new species, colors and types of flooring in recent years allow homeowners a lot of options when renovating a room at various price points," Sullivan said. "At the same time, innovations such as click flooring have made it easier for do-it-yourselfers to install a new floor."

Installing wood floors on your own can cut down on the overall cost of a flooring project and can easily give a living room a beautiful new look from between $1,000 and $2,500, depending on the size of the room. For more information on wood flooring, visit lumberliquidators.com.

Nothing gives a room new life like wood flooring.

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2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
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Great in a tight spot

Pipe cleaner goes beyond its intended use

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

So pipe cleaners are used to clean pipes, right?

Actually, with fewer and fewer men using the traditional Sherlock Holmes method of smoking, pipe cleaners have taken on a whole new life in the 21st century.

Invented in the early 1900s by John Harry Stedman and Charles Angel of Rochester, N.Y., the uses for this simple device could probably go on forever. Besides cleaning smoking pipes, they can be used for any application that calls for cleaning small bores or tight places. They are even used for cleaning out medical equipment and in engineering applications.

Made of two lengths of wire, called the core, which are twisted together, trapping short lengths of fiber between them, they can be decorative, practical or just plain fun. Make sure to keep a stash in your top drawer should one of the following needs arise.

1. Use as an emergency shoelace: Kids can wreak havoc on their shoes. After providing them with a new pair, it takes no time at all for the shoes to become grungy and worn down. If the kids are having a ball playing in the backyard and a shoelace meets its doom, replace it with a pipe cleaner for a temporary solution. It will save you the trouble of unstringing another pair or running out to the store.

2. Decorate a ponytail: This suggestion is mainly intended for young girls. If a gal wants her ponytail to look extra special, try using a pipe cleaner to add a touch of color. It can be bent in a number of shapes, such as a bow or butterfly.

3. Clean gas burners: Those who have an old gas stovetop might struggle with burners that fail to fire from all their jets. When the burner is off, poke a pipe cleaner through each tiny vent. This cleans the burner and allows it to work effectively. It can also work for pressure-safe valves or pressure cookers.

4. Hang Christmas ornaments: The holidays may be far off, but when the time comes to put up the tree, keep a collection of pipe cleaners around for those ornaments that will inevitably need hooks. Just bend the pipe cleaner into a hook-shape and secure the ornament on the tree.

For those who already want to get into the Christmas spirit, check out Christmas in July at La Tienda de Jardin, 335 La Colonia Ave., Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1. For more information about Christmas in July, see Page C2 in the Arts and Lifestyles section.

5. Keep safety pins in one place: Safety pins come in so many sizes that even the most organized person will find it hard to keep them from getting jumbled. An easy solution is to thread safety pins onto a pipe cleaner through the bottom loop of each pin.

6. Arts and crafts galore: From creating tiny people to long caterpillars, pipe cleaners present a great pastime for kids, whether in the classroom or at home. For more ideas, check out "Pipe Cleaners Gone Crazy: A Complete Guide to Bending Funny Sticks" by Laura Torres.

7. Secure a bouquet: For those brides who are cutting costs by making their own flower arrangements at home, pipe cleaners can come in handy. Before wrapping the stems with a ribbon, use a pipe cleaner to make sure they are bundled nice and tight.

8. Make napkin rings: Instead of using elegant napkin rings at a picnic or barbecue, use colorful pipe cleaners. Just twist one around each napkin and place them on the table. If you want to get adventurous, use two – one for the napkin ring and one for decoration. Bend the extra pipe cleaner in the shape of a heart, shamrock, flower, curlicue or anything else and then attach.

Around-the-house item: Pipe cleaners

9. Use as twist tie: If you run out of twist ties and need to close a smelly bag of garbage, substitute with a pipe cleaner.

10. Use as a mini-scrubber: Pipe cleaners are great for cleaning because they can reach tight spaces. Use it to clean in tiny cracks, crevices, corners and small holes.

11. Decorate a gift: Out of ribbon? Finish off that birthday or Christmas gift with a pipe cleaner in the shape of a bow. A pipe cleaner can also be used to fasten a card to the handle of a gift bag.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	5	3	8
Homes Sold Existing	18	8	35
Pending Home Sales (All)	232	235	194
Average Days on Market (All)	194	257	188

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$163,990	$144,500	$217,495
Median Price Existing	$161,500	$195,450	$205,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,363	1,357	1,583
Real Estate Agents	540	543	617

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 07/20/09 - 07/26/09
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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Honored for third year in a row

Double Eagle presented 2009 Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator

In a ceremony on July 22, Win Ritter, food and beverage service director of the Double Eagle Restaurant, was presented with the 2009 Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator Magazine representative Nathan Wesley.

The magazine recognizes restaurants worldwide that offer outstanding wine selections, which are appropriate to the cuisine and appealing to a wide range of wine lovers' interests. This is the third year the Double Eagle has received the distinguished award.

The wine list must include vintages and appellations for all selections listed, including wines by the glass, and offer a well-chosen variety of quality producers. The appearance and overall presentation of the wine list are judged as well as a thematic match to the menu in both price and style.

The Award of Excellence is given to restaurants whose list typically offers about 300 selections. The Best of Award of Excellence is given to those offering more than 400 selections and the Grand Award is given to those with 1,500 or more selections.

SUNNY CONLEY
Chile Knights

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'GourMANd' fundraiser sold out!

Men who Cook returns to the Farm & Ranch Museum

Mesilla Valley Hospice presents its Second Annual Men Who Cook Fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 15, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Sixty "celebrity" chefs from Doña Ana County, including the honorable Mayor Ken Miyagishima, will prepare a favorite dish or gourmet specialty.

Chile pepper is a key ingredient in several recipes, some of which are shared in today's column. More than $26,000 was raised at last year's event.

"We have officially sold out of tickets," said Mesilla Valley Hospice Marketing Director April Anaya.

Five hundred tickets were snapped up for this highly successful and popular event that includes cash prizes and live and silent auctions. A cookbook featuring celebrity recipes will also be sold for $10.

If you were unable to obtain a ticket to the "gourMANd" feast, a waiting list has been generated. Cookbooks are available at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave. For more information, call 575-525-5757.

Smoked Chicken & Green Chile Wontons

By Darrel Smith, Picacho Hills Country Club

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/2 cup cream cheese
1/4 cup Boursin cheese*
1/4 cup green chilies, diced
2 dozen wonton wrappers
1 quart oil for frying

Start first by smoking the chicken breasts. Place the chicken breasts on a wire rack in a 4-inch deep oven pan. Place a few hickory chips in the bottom under the rack, cover with foil, place on a burner under a well-vented area and heat until smoke appears (be careful it does not get too hot). After about 15 minutes of light smoking, remove from stovetop and place in oven, uncovered, to finish cooking. Then dice very small.

To assemble, lay store-bought or homemade wontons out on a table. Place a small amount of cream cheese, Boursin, diced green chilies and smoked chicken in each one. Using water, seal each wonton and fold gently. Set aside.

Heat fry oil 325 to 350 degrees and fry in small batches. Lay fried wontons on paper towels and let drain. Serve with dipping sauce, the sweeter the better. Yields 2 dozen appetizers.

*Boursin cheese from France is usually flavored with herbs, garlic or coarse ground pepper.

Peanut Butter Firecrackers

By Gerry Schurtz and Dick Hiss

1 fresh jalapeño pepper
1 teaspoon creamy peanut butter

Wash pepper thoroughly and let dry. De-stem, cut in half length-wise and de-seed the pepper.

Fill with peanut butter and serve. Keep refrigerated until served.

Chefs' note: Recommend limiting guests to two halves only. The peanut butter removes the "heat" and everyone always wants more – until the next day. A great conversation piece.

Chile Chicken Lettuce Wrap

By Dennis Prickett and Chris Leathers

1 pound ground chicken
1 can water chestnuts, chopped into small chunks
1 cup scallions, chopped
1 head iceberg lettuce, cut in half and pulled apart into cups
1 tablespoon ginger, finely minced
1/4 cup hot green chile, chopped
2 tablespoon soy sauce
2 tablespoon hoisin
Rice noodles

Cook chicken and add all ingredients except rice noodles and lettuce. Fill lettuce with heaping tablespoons of chicken mixture. Top with rice noodles. Serves 12 to 15.

Las Crucens Gerry Schurtz and Joe Bullock return as "celebrity" chefs at this year's Second Annual Men Who Cook fundraiser to be held Saturday Aug. 15 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Proceeds benefit Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Stuffed Pork Loin with Green Chile and Chevre Cheese

By Sam Resch

1 whole pork loin (4 to 6 pounds)
Olive oil, as needed
1 medium, yellow onion, diced
5 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon Mexican oregano
1/2 teaspoon cumin
8 ounces green chile, diced
1 pound chevre cheese

Sauté the onion in olive oil until clear. Add the garlic and herbs and cook until garlic is aromatic. Add diced green chile and cook approximately one more minute, then remove from heat and let cool. When cool, mix with chevre cheese to complete filling.

Using a long, thin knife or clean sharpening steel, cut a hole in the middle of the pork loin. Start at each end, working towards the middle so as to create a "tunnel" the length of the loin. You may have to cut the loin in half and treat each half this way, depending on the length of the loin. Stuff loin with filling, then tie the roast with butcher's twine to prevent filling from squeezing out while cooking.

Heat the roasting pan on stove top with more olive oil. Sear the entire roast until evenly brown, starting with the fat side. Once roast is browned, transfer pan to a 350-degree oven for approximately one to one-and-a-half hours, or until the internal temperature of the roast measures 165 degrees with a meat thermometer. Remove from oven and allow it to rest for about 10 minutes before slicing and serving. May be accompanied by your favorite green chile sauce.

Green Chile Stew

By Eli Estrada, Pat Campbell Insurance

Note: This is a great dish using fresh zucchini and green chile in the early fall. Serve with a touch of grated Monterey jack cheese and a warm flour tortilla.

1 pound beef, cut in half-inch cubes
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small onion quartered
1 zucchini, split lengthwise and diced into 1/2 inch slices
1 yellow squash, diced the same as above
2 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 carrots, diced
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
2 teaspoons garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 bay leaf
8 ounces green chile roasted, peeled and chopped (preferably fresh)
2 cups water

In a medium pot, preferably cast iron, heat olive oil and brown the meat with 1 teaspoon of garlic salt. Once all the meat is browned, add 2 cups of water, onions, potatoes, carrots, bay leaf, remaining garlic salt and pepper. Bring all this to a boil, then reduce heat and let this simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until the potatoes begin to soften. Next, add your can of tomatoes, zucchini, squash and green chile. Let simmer for another 10 to 15 minutes, add salt to taste and more chile if necessary. If the stew is too thick add a bit more water.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Crucen, 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.

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Mosquitoes carry more than a bite

West Nile virus slowly stinging into U.S. this summer

As outbreaks of West Nile virus among humans have slowly started to occur this summer, now is the time for people across the United States to be on their toes, according to Jonathan Day, professor of entomology at the University of Florida.

"As of mid-July, according to the Center for Disease Control, they have already seen multiple human cases of West Nile virus on both U.S. coasts," Day said. "With summer now in full swing, people should be ready to protect themselves, their families and their pets as best they can against mosquito-transmitted viruses and other mosquito-borne diseases."

Last year, there were 1,356 West Nile virus cases throughout the U.S., with 44 fatalities. While the numbers are down from 2007's total of 3,630 cases and 124 fatalities, they show how serious this threat should be taken each year. As professor Day suggests, now is the time for people in the U.S. to be on their toes. As a reminder, there were eight cases in New Mexico last year.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that was first seen in North America in 1999. Mild symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. As there is no specific treatment for infection or vaccine to prevent it, the most serious manifestation of West Nile virus is a fatal inflammation of the brain in humans and horses, as well as mortality in certain domestic and wild birds.

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

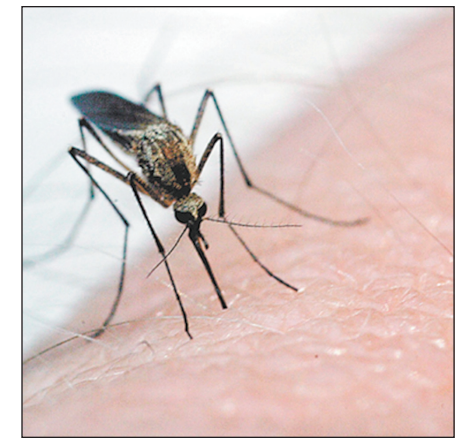
Transmitted to humans through an infected mosquito's bite, there have already been 14 confirmed cases of West Nile virus this year. Of these cases, while none have resulted in fatalities, it is important for people to understand the importance of seeking medical care as soon as possible for anyone who has symptoms suggesting severe illness. The 14 cases have occurred in Arizona (2), Arkansas (1), Idaho (1), Minnesota (1), Mississippi (2), Nevada (2), South Dakota (2), Tennessee (1) and Texas (2).

There are several ways to help control the mosquito population to best prevent these diseases from gaining a stronger foothold. It is important to drain any sources of standing water in the yard. In addition, emptying old flower pots, tires and other containers of water can also help prevent the spread, as still water is a magnet for breeding mosquitoes.

Please remember that any attempt to prevent mosquito bites should also include the following elements:

- From now until October, minimize your time spent outdoors, especially at dawn and early evening, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Apply insect repellent repeatedly to exposed skin and clothing.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective to pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Arizona-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.



Though West Nile virus numbers are down in 2009, officials advise that all Las Crucens take care to prevent the spread of the virus, especially with the recent rains.

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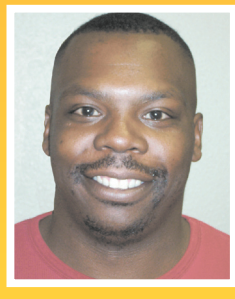

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