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Time to save on school supplies

Back-to-School tax-free holiday is this weekend

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

It begins just after midnight Friday, Aug. 7, and ends midnight Sunday, Aug. 9.

Following the long, hot summer vacation, it is a time parents anticipate almost as much as the first day of school following the long, hot summer vacation.

It's the annual Back-to-School Tax Holiday. From computers and shoes to pens and crayons, no taxes will be charged on school-related items in stores throughout New Mexico.

"Every year, New Mexicans look forward to the back-to-school tax holiday and this year the anticipation is even higher as families struggle through the current economic climate," said Gov. Bill Richardson. "The tax holiday is much needed-relief for families across New Mexico, allowing them to address their children's back-to-school needs without breaking their budgets."

This will be the fifth year New Mexico has forgone back-to-school gross receipt taxes. Prior to that time, New Mexicans used to go to El Paso when Texas lifts its sales tax for back-to-school supplies, which this year will be Aug. 21 through 23.

"I would like to thank all retailers participating in this program because it not only makes good business sense, but they're also making a valuable contribution toward the education of our children," said New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Secretary Rick Homans. "I encourage all parents to take advantage of this program and save the extra cash."

Nontaxable items include:

- Clothing and footwear $100 or less
- School supplies that are typically used in a classroom setting, such as pens and paper $15 or less
- Computers $1,000 or less
- Assorted computer equipment $500 or less.

The price limits are on each item, not the total amount spent for all purchases. For example, a family could purchase two computers tax-free as long as each computer did not exceed the $1000 limit per computer.

For more specific information on the legislation, definitions, types of sales, rain checks, exchanges, refunds, gift cards, layaways, Internet, mail order and telephone sales, visit the NMTRD website at www.tax.state.nm.us and click on the Gross Receipts Tax Holiday and Tax Holiday List links. The items are listed on the NMTRD home page under the headline "Visit New Mexico Taxpayer Services." Scroll down to Gross Receipts Tax Holiday and Tax Holiday List.

For more information, call the Las Cruces NMTRD office at 524-6225.

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Fun in a pinch

Nancy Cobarrubia makes a "pinch pot" with her nephew Julian Rojas, 5, at the Downtown Mall at the start of the National Night Out event Tuesday, Aug. 4. For more photos from National Night Out, see Page A14.

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Another company taps Spaceport America

'Rocket with wings' launches and lands in 'perfect flight'

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

A new rocket system was successfully tested Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Spaceport America, which showed how the new spaceport can provide a most-effective option to companies developing new spacecraft, said New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Steve Landeene.

This wasn't the first time Spaceport America and its UP Aerospace launching system has been used for a research-and-development launch. Lockheed Martin has conducted two R-and-D launches over the past year, but without news coverage.

But Moog-FTS officials agreed to allow press coverage of this week's test launch of an automated rocket that glides back to the ground.

"It's basically a rocket with wings," said Landeene to describing the eight-foot-long spacecraft.

Even more critical than it being a winged rocket was its ability to follow programmed instructions to glide back down to the ground and land on a dirt road "landing strip" after being propelled 2,200 feet in the air.

Landeene said those in the private space industry are looking for ways to retrieve rocket boosters, rather than having them go to waste. This kind of innovation can accomplish that goal, he said, and also is of interest to the military.

The original plan that morning was to have two flights of identical vehicles, but the first rocket's Global Position System guidance system failed – probably due to a static electricity discharge when dust was whipped off it earlier. The GPS from the

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Kyrgyzstan film crew shoots pecan orchards

Asian farmers to learn lessons from Mesilla Valley farmers

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Farmers in the Central Asian country of Kyrgyzstan will get an idea of how Mesilla Valley farmers overcome problems through a documentary filmed here July 30 and 31.

"We are filming documentaries on American agri-business and farming to broadcast locally in the Ferghana Valley in our country," said Guljamal Chokmorova, agriculturist and interpreter, while touring a pecan farm operated by Dickie Salopek north of Las Cruces.

She said the Mesilla Valley was selected because the soil and climate are similar to Kyrgyzstan. Farmers in her country want to learn how farmers here deal with fuel and fertilizer costs, climate and water supply stress and world market competition.

"This tour has been very useful for all of our local farmers," said film crew reporter Aigul Batirovo through an interpreter.

Cameraman Mamir Abdullaev kept looking around for photographic opportunities.

The film crew members said they have an Asian ethnic background and their language is a dialect known as Kyrgyz.

When asked what kind of crops her country raised, she answered, "everything." When pressed, she provided an impressive list of produce:

Cotton, corn and soybeans, grains such as barley, wheat, oats and rice; several fruits such as apricots, plums and cherries, and field crops such as potatoes, cantaloupes, onions, carrots, cabbage, sweet peppers and squash.

Nut trees were not new to the film crew members because farmers in their country grow walnuts.

"They asked simple questions," Salopek said. "But they were really interested in the pecan harvesting equipment."

The equipment includes tree shakers, orchard floor sweepers to pick up the nuts and the cleaning plant where the darker stick-tight nuts are separated out by an electronic scanner.

The documentary crew started its tour in the southern part of Doña Ana County where they visited the farm of Ramon Alvarez, who grows organic cotton.

On the second day, the film crew visited the Ronnie Franzoy farm near Hatch where he grows, alfalfa, cotton, chile, onions and pecans.

The film crew members, who had toured farms on the East Coast, said the Mesilla Valley was one of the most hospitable farm areas they had visited.

"For me, it was a wonderful experience to be a host for an international group," said Doña Ana County Extension Service horticulturist Jeff Anderson. "We showed them true New Mexico hospitality.

"We showed them different New Mexico crops, New Mexico cuisine like chile dishes and pecans. They had never eaten pecans, and they like the taste of pecans. We showed them our sustainable agriculture, how we have a good thing going here and how we would keep it going."

New Mexico State University

A Kyrgyzstan TV production crew shoots a pecan production plant for a documentary film. They are photographer Mamir Abdullaev, interpreter Guljamal Chokmorova and reporter Aigul Batirovo.

Cameraman Abdullaev said that he would like to return and attend New Mexico State University.

The documentary film crew works for Daston TV and arrived in Las Cruces, Thursday, July 30. They met with NMSU agricultural experts for a driving tour of both organic and commercial cotton production, and later visited Western Blend Fertilizer for a tour of pecan production.

"There is a lot to be gained by developing these relationships, not only within the state but across the U.S. and with other countries. There are some great collaborations that have developed that not only assist us, but also allow us to assist other individuals," said Jon C. Boren, associate dean and director of NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service.

The film crew was also interested in the support NMSU provides to local farming production.

"The university is a great organization that works with local farmers and supports them, consults with them and provides a great assistance to them," Batirova said.

The group's visit was a public affairs project sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

A release from New Mexico State University's University Communications contributed to this report.

Crime Stoppers: Armed robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the two men involved in a recent armed robbery.

Just before 9 p.m. on Friday, July 31, Las Cruces Police were called to investigate an armed robbery that occurred at the Family Dollar store at 1690 S. Solano Drive. Detectives learned that two men, one of whom brandished a handgun, entered the business and demanded money from an employee of the store.

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The men were last seen leaving the store and running westbound on Missouri Avenue.

Both suspects were said to be Hispanic, and in their late teens or early 20s. The men were both described as having thin builds and were approximately 5-foot-10-inches to 6-foot tall. Witnesses said both men were wearing blue jeans and dark-colored shirts.

If you have any information regarding this armed robbery you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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

For Wounded Warriors

After receiving donations to be given to wounded soldiers, Operation Wounded Warrior representative Dan Banks sits next to a board announcing the drive Monday, Aug. 3, at the AAA building, 3991 E. Lohman Ave. The America Legion Riders of Chapter 4 Post 10 gathered personal hygiene and comfort items to donate to Wounded Warriors, which delivers the donations to soldiers in military hospitals.

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

City changing utility billing

New system starts Aug. 10

The City of Las Cruces is starting a new utility billing system for natural gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services for municipal and Rio Grande Natural Gas Association accounts.

According to a press release, the new billing system is more efficient, modern and easier for utility customers.

However, customers should take note of several changes/disruptions to billing and payment services currently ongoing and expected to continue until Monday, Aug. 10:

- E-Pay (online payment system) is being replaced by a new system called Citizen Self Service (CSS); neither system is available until Aug. 10.
- Link 2 Gov for payments by phone is temporarily unavailable.
- August bills will be sent out several days later than usual.
- New connections and disconnections will be handled as normal at Customer Service inside City Hall.
- All other payment options are available at City Hall, at the drive-through window at 1201 S. Solano Drive, or through third-party online bill-paying services.

The conversion to this new billing system will not cause any disruption in utility services provided to businesses or residences, nor will there be any rate increase associated with this conversion.

Every customer will have a new account number. If you use online bill payment services, when you receive your new bill you will have to notify your bank or other online service of your new account number. The new account number will generally be nine digits followed by a hyphen and your new customer number.

Utility customers will notice some changes in the look of their bills, including a more detailed breakdown of charges. For example, franchise fees that are currently passed on to customers will be shown separately from charges for services. Also, the city's logo on the new bill will be printed in black rather than in blue as it was on the old bills.

City gas customers will see a small increase in the gas portion of their bills equal to 2 percent of the cost of gas charge. This is for the franchise fee that the Gas Fund has absorbed in the past but will be passed on to the customer beginning in August. If the cost of gas charge is $50, the customer will see a franchise fee of $1 on their bill. The change is unrelated to the new billing system but will be implemented at the same time.

For more information, call 541-2190 or go to www.las-cruces.org.

Spaceport

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second vehicle was swapped into the one mounted on UP Aerospace's rocket guide rail and the first rocket launched for a quick flight and landing.

"It landed right on target," reported UP Aerospace President/CEO Jerry Larson. "It was a perfect flight. You could see it was stable through the whole flight. The (Moog-FTS) guys inside (launch control) are just ecstatic."

Though UP Aerospace Vice President Bruce Lee said the team "ran out of time and parts" for the second flight, it successfully showed the system would work and the rocket launch company showed it could provide low-cost testing at its Spaceport America facilities.

"We showed we can do it fast and responsively," Lee said.

Had the company tried to do this kind of test at a traditional government facility, it would have cost much more and taken longer to get approval, he said.

"Moog-FTS is an important player in space research and manufacturing technology, and we are excited to be in a position to provide low-cost, fast-turnaround launch operations for their R&D projects," Larson said.

Bruce Lee, UP Aerospace vice president, talks about the Moog-FTS test rocket after the launch of an identical vehicle Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Spaceport America.

TODD DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Landeene said the day's test illustrated other commercial space opportunities for the new spaceport outside of the highly publicized space tourism.

"This is another example of delivering on the unique capabilities of the commercial space sector," he said. "Major players in the space industry like Moog-FTS and other aerospace companies are increasingly becoming aware of the opportunities available at Spaceport America. I'm proud that we continue to set the standard for safe, low-cost commercial spaceflight."

Progress at Spaceport America continues. Road improvements to the spaceport are now complete, and bids are being reviewed and awarded for construction of the $198 million complex. The latest Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Invitations to Bid (ITB) can be found online at www.spaceportamerica.com.

Spaceport America will have a 10,000-foot runway complete by late summer 2010 with the Terminal Hangar Facility for Virgin Galactic projected to be complete by early 2011. Virgin Galactic plans to fly tourists to space for $200,000 a ticket on its mid-air launch system. Recently, Abu Dhabi's Aabar Investments agreed to pay $280 million to Virgin Galactic to become a 32-percent owner in the company. Reportedly, Abu Dhabi's primary interest is the system's development to launch small satellites. Though Virgin has agreed to locate its headquarters in New Mexico, it also plans to conduct flights from other spaceports such as Spaceport Sweden.

Besides Virgin Galactic, UP Aerospace, Lockheed Martin and, now, Moog-FTS, other companies at Spaceport America include Microgravity Enterprises and Payload Specialties.

Tax holiday

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Back-to-school is one of the important sale periods for retailers, almost rivaling the Christmas shopping season.

With Christmas shopping in mind, children are asking their parents to buy a few extra items for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project. By adding a few extra items to their back-to-school shopping lists and saving the boxes from their newly purchased shoes, they are joining the effort to help 8 million children in more than 100 countries.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of international relief and the evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, has volunteers fill shoeboxes with toys, necessities, school supplies, candy and often hand-written notes. The gifts are then hand-delivered to children worldwide who are suffering because of natural disaster, disease, war, terrorism, famine and poverty.

"With all the sales on back-to-school items, this is the perfect time to start buying items for a shoebox," said Andrea Uhl, Operation Christmas Child Southwest regional director. "It's such an incredible blessing to be involved in a project that lets kids who are suffering in other parts of the world know that someone really cares about them."

For many of these children, the shoebox gift will be the first gift they have ever received, letting them know they are loved and not forgotten.

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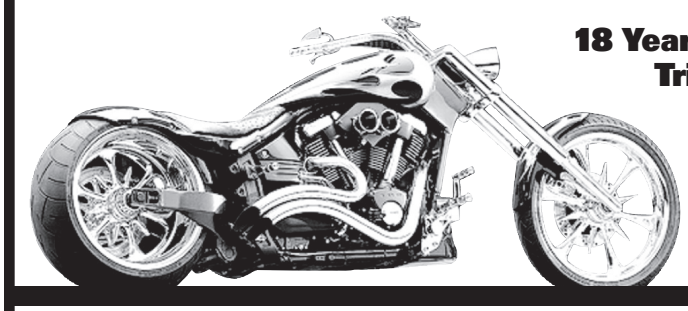

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Building a business

Wisdom of many people has contributed to the success of our hometown company

BY **DAVID E. MCCOLLUM**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

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Over the past couple years, people have been amazed that our Las Cruces-based publishing company has flourished while many newspapers and magazines across the country have struggled to stay afloat. The reasons for our success are many, and those reasons have very little to do with being "lucky." And, while I most certainly do not have all the answers, I am pleased to share a few of the core values that Jaki and I hold dear at the Bulletin. Hopefully, some of these ideas will provide encouragement to others as we all struggle with today's uncertain economy.

Start with a vision – Any business must have a *raison d'etre*, or reason for being. You must be passionate about your chosen business because you, as the leader and visionary, must be the champion of your endeavor every day.

Carefully select your market – The market where you choose to operate your business must be dynamic. This means that it should be growing and should provide a solid customer base, both today and into the future. Las Cruces is an absolutely perfect location to start a business, especially when you consider that by 2020, our city is projected to be one of the five fastest-growing markets in the United States.

Hire only the best and brightest – Jaki and I have established a set of guidelines for hiring new employees. Can this person represent themselves and our company well for a reasonable length of time? We have found that it does little good to hire a talented person who stays with your company for a year or less. We typically ask for a minimum of a two-year commitment. Also, is this person trustworthy? Can we and our customers trust this person's word to be good, and will they put in a solid day's work every day? Assuming a person passes these criteria, we then consider a person's skills, education and experience.

Provide a positive work environment – My dad used to tell me that if a job is worth doing, it's worth doing well. At the Bulletin, we place a high value on quality, creativity and accuracy. While we realize that we will never be perfect, we will always attempt do our best every day. Within budget limitations, Jaki and I try to provide all employees with a professional work environment and best tools to do their best work every day.

Consistently provide "over-the-top" customer service – From how we answer the phone and welcome visitors at our front desk to ensuring that our newspapers are delivered to customers on time, every week, we all do our best to ensure that our customers needs and expectations are met or exceeded every day.

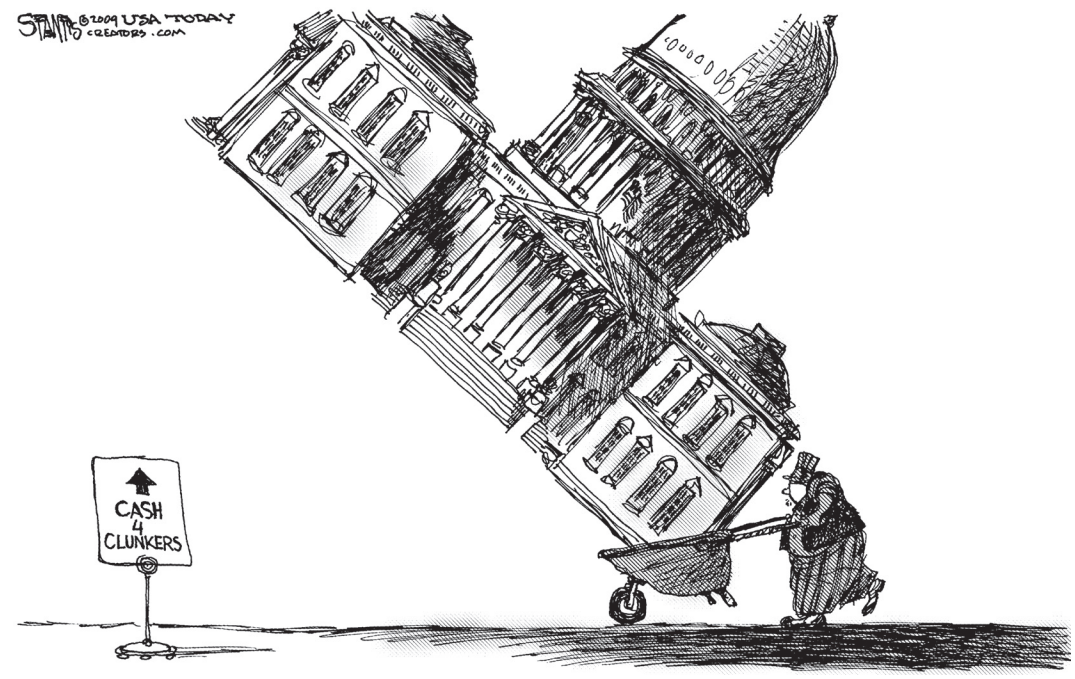
Be fiscally responsible – Some wonderful local businesses have failed because the owners either did not understand cash flow or they overextended their financial resources by taking on too much debt. A good, straight-talking accountant is a wise investment for any small business.

Build relationships with other successful business leaders – It is always easy to find nay-sayers and pessimists. Avoid these people. Instead, spend your precious time with those who are successful and are constantly trying to improve their operations.

Have a spiritual center – This may be the most important aspect of a successful business. One of the most challenging lessons I have learned is that I, as an individual, cannot control the destiny of my business. I have been blessed with a life partner, Jaki, from whom I have learned that our faith in God is the foundation of our business and of our lives. As difficult as life and business are today, I cannot imagine how anyone can survive without a strong faith and a spiritual center.

Jaki and I are honored to have served Las Cruces through our publications over the past six years. We are excited about our company's expansion into Rio Rancho and Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. We have been blessed with an incredible group of employees who take great pride in producing our publications each week.

Thanks to Las Cruces residents and businesses for the opportunity to live the American Dream. And thanks to God for giving us the energy, strength and wisdom to serve Him through our publications.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teague may be shell-shocked

A reader of the Las Cruces Bulletin wrote to complain that Rep. Harry Teague met only individually with residents of Las Cruces. The letter writer wanted to confront the congressmen in a crowd, concluding that Teague was hiding something by having three-minute tete-a-tetes.

Maybe Teague was just shell shocked from the screaming critics of "cap and trade" who attacked him at an open meeting in a Silver City restaurant.

Maybe Teague realizes that our environment is imperiled by current profligate carbon emissions. Maybe Teague has a grasp of the complex scientific conclusions that demonstrate how we are cooking our globe and that the southern New Mexico environment will worsen appreciably if we continue present practices. Maybe Teague has difficulty addressing in a sound bite the reasons why "cap and trade," or – better – a carbon producers' tax, and expanded research into alternative energy are pressing necessities.

I understand there are sceptics, just as there were disbelievers of a Sun-centric universe, a round Earth or a harmful cigarette. No doubt Teague gets an earful from these sceptics, many of whom have plenty to gain as they attempt to make the whole society pay enormous costs.

But, I hope that he stays the course.

TOM HESTER

Threatening behavior undemocratic

The loud, rude and even threatening behavior demonstrated lately toward public officials is shameful and undemocratic. Democracy means we all get to speak our opinions without fear of reprisal by the government or any other citizen. Democracy doesn't mean you get to have your voice carry more weight than any other citizen.

I hear many times on talk radio and TV shows that, "the government isn't listening to us, we, the people." It just isn't true. Elected members and hired employees of the government listen plenty.

I think most of the speakers actually mean the government is acting differently than the speaker thinks it should. The government did listen, did hear what all the speakers had to say and then did something that some of the speakers think is not the best way to address the issue at hand.

It is usually at this point the name calling begins.

The purpose of this letter is to say I think it is our patriotic duty to quiet those who are name-calling, to nip the temptation to abuse elected officials in the bud and to restrain our disappointment from slipping into something mean-spirited and ugly.

If the government does something you don't like, work to change it. Don't call the involded officials names. This is what elections are for.

While yelling at elected officials gives some short-term relief, trust me, the very best feeling is electing someone else and sending the patriotic but misguided one home.

JERRY HARRELL

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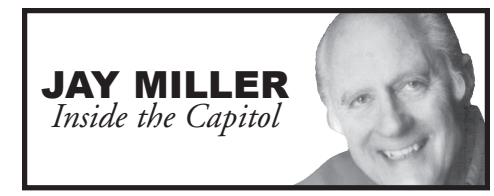
So, you think New Mexico's got it bad?

Neighboring states budget calamities are far worse than ours



Tough economic conditions sometimes require imaginative, even desperate, solutions. Budget crunches have hit our neighboring Southwestern states with a vengeance. Arizona, California and Nevada have suffered budget deficits of 20 to 25 percent.

New Mexico has come off relatively easily with a 4 percent deficit. It also has more than a 10 percent cash surplus, which could be used to erase that deficit, but lawmakers like to keep a comfortable reserve just in case even worse times are to come.

So New Mexico legislators are talking about furloughs and layoffs of state employees rather than use of cash balances or repealing Gov. Bill Richardson's tax cuts for the wealthy or requiring out-of-state corporations to pay taxes equal to in-state businesses.

They call those "painful" remedies. Any kind of tax increase is painful, even if it is on rich people or rich corporations. Those same rich people and corporations also tend to make big donations to political campaigns.

And we wouldn't want to create an unfavorable business climate for big corporations. Wal-Mart might move out. A host of small local businesses would cheer that.

Our neighbors to the west already have tried the less painful options and are having to get more creative. California has OK'd some offshore drilling and may have to do some more, even off Santa Barbara.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wanted to drill there but the Democratic-run Legislature wouldn't approve, so the governor made cuts in education and children's services in retaliation. He also began issuing IOUs.

For awhile California was considering legalizing marijuana, which would have brought in big tax money, but junked it while still considering auctioning off state owned items signed by the celebrity governor.

If you think that's desperate, in Arizona they are considering selling their state capitol buildings and renting them back. Arizona's complex of state capitol buildings isn't impressive. They look just like office buildings, except the old capitol, which is now a museum.

New Mexico would have to get awfully desperate to sell its distinctive capitol, which is full of unique New Mexico art. The art may be worth more than the building.

In Arizona's capitol, we saw prints of paintings by New Mexico artists, including two in the governor's office. And that wasn't during New Mexico-raised Janet Napolitano's administration. The governor at the time was Republican Fife Symington.

Southwestern states aren't the only ones getting hit hard by this bad economy. Several Southeastern states have not yet begun issuing refunds due on individual income tax returns. That is money that would go right back into stimulating the economy.

Although New Mexico state government revenues aren't in as bad shape as most other states, portions of our state are not as well off economically as others.

Southeastern New Mexico' economy has suffered ever since the end of the oil boom. And the outlook isn't good with many wells in secondary and tertiary recovery.

So, around 25 years ago, the southeastern part of the state began looking at the nuclear industry as a financial savior. That isn't something most of our state would accept but it is one of those imaginary and desperate solutions.

First came the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, near Carlsbad, N.M. It has turned out to be an economic boon, while controlling hazards. Now the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted its first license in 30 years for a major commercial nuclear facility near Eunice, N.M.

The plant will be the nation's first private fuel source for commercial nuclear power plants. Many other states had turned it down. With the nuclear enrichment plant on its way, talk has turned to construction of a nuclear power plant nearby.

Concerns have been raised about disposal of the waste, for which there is no depository in the nation. That has begun talk of a high-level New Mexico depository. Richardson has opposed the idea, but if the locals and the federal government want one, they might be difficult to stop.

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Letters to the Editor

Against health care bill

America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009, that's what it's called.

Affordable, what does that mean? To whom is it affordable? The plan is to add, by some counts, 45 million uninsured, of which 12 million are illegal aliens. Rep. Dean Hiller, R-Nev., tried to amend the bill to stop taxpayers having to give free health care to illegals, but that was voted down along straight party lines. The Congressional Budget Office says the cost of this plan is $1.04 trillion. That is more than $9,000 for every household in the United States. That's the low estimate, who knows where it will go. When has the government ever stuck to the original amount?

Testimony from CBO Director D. Elmendorf states "legislation significantly expands the federal responsibility for health care costs," that means it is going to cost taxpayers more. Where is the money coming from? Your pocket, your paycheck, your stocks, your bonds, your IRAs, your 401Ks – shall I continue? I think you get the picture.

Even House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-MD, indicated that Democrats should go "back to the drawing board." The Blue Dog Democrats are asking hard questions about this bill, they know.

What can you do? Tell your public servants (the officials elected to work for you) you are tired of not being heard. Tell them you don't like it when they have a better health care plan than you do. Tell them you are tired of them spending your money, that you know how to spend it better than they do. Call your servants often, it will get their attention. Let them know if they do not serve you, you will vote them out. That will be heard, I guarantee.

SIDNEY BRANNON

Worried about health care bill

I am really worried about this universal health care bill in that it is beginning to look like it is all inclusive. My concern is because I am a disabled veteran in the VA health care system. When I heard the words "end of life counseling," and "denial of services for the aged," well I had a constriction of the anal spot.

Our knees were wrecked jumping out of "helos" in free fire zones, our hearing ruined by explosive concussions, burns, PTSD, blindness, diabetes and our children with birth defects from agent orange, etc, etc.

I am not dumb enough to believe that we will have two parallel federal health care systems. Pelosi, Reid, Frank, Dodd, Obama, et al are not what I would call sympathetic to the military or to the wounded warriors to begin with, so it is a matter of when we will be thrown under the bus.

Early on in this debate, Obama advised Congress to consider saving money by forcing veterans to find other funding for war related injuries – I was born at night, but it was not last night.

TERRY HIGGIN

Swickard: A partly personal apology to my father

World War II veteran would be appalled to see so many Americans go lemming-like over the cliff

By Michael Swickard
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In the last month, I have been occasionally blue thinking of my father who passed away in 1993. Much of his formative years were spent fighting for freedom. First he fought World War II on the frontlines in person and then I have come to realize he fought parts of that war again for the rest of his life in his head.

I went walking the other day thinking of how in just one year America changed. I thought, the thanks he gets for all of those days on the frontlines protecting our country is that after his death America lurches toward a socialist agenda as bad as any he fought against in the service of his country. If he was not already dead, this would kill him.

My father was the son of a combat veteran wounded in World War I so his son could live in freedom. In those first dark days of World War II, my father left high school a semester before graduation to join the military. When his classmates were graduating he was already finishing his advanced training. Then on Nov. 8, 1942, he landed with the first troops in North Africa and the war for him was on until he got back to the states in late 1945.

A few years later there was his time in Korea. He also served a tour of duty in Vietnam. In 1967, he retired. He sometimes was still called, "Sarge," at the NCO club by friends who also served in combat.

As our country slipped further and further from freedom into a socialistic government he said little, as was his lifelong habit, but he heard on radio and saw on television those people who protested loudly about our movement away from the freedoms of our forefathers.

Truth be known, most people today are willing jailers of themselves. They rush to give up their freedoms for the illusionary promise that the government will take care of them better than they could take care of themselves. My father would have seen the error of that thinking.

Despite being on the front lines of war for many years of his adult life, my father only had internal wounds of his soul. He did not talk of the horror he had seen, but it seemed as I watched him he would often quietly think back on those days and lost comrades.

My generation has let my father and his generation down in the protection of America's freedoms. Freedom remains only as long as each of us fights for it. Every second there are the forces of evil trying to enslave all of the people of the world. Many people in our world live in countries where they have never tasted freedom. Here in our country, the people who really believe in freedom are heard less and less.

Thundering herds of mindless people jump lemming-like over the cliff into socialism with no understanding or concern that they are giving up their freedom. They forever destroy their own freedom while they also destroy the freedom of generations to come.

I am deeply troubled that my father and millions of other soldiers gave so much. Some gave even their last full measure so future generations could be free. I sometimes think that I am the last generation to have tasted that freedom.

In countless graves are soldiers who fought for freedom in America's wars. Even sadder are the many military graves of unknown soldiers with these 13 words, "Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God."

I will visit my father at the Ft. Bliss National Cemetery this week. I hope I can explain to his gravestone and those around it how my generation let their years of fighting totalitarian governments go for naught and inexplicably decided to embrace an America without freedom.

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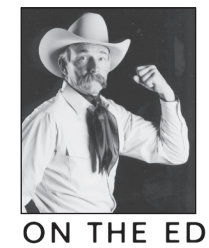
In praise of First Lady Michelle Obama's organic garden



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Mrs. First Lady Obama's organic gardening is good for all of us involved in agriculture. So few citizens have the time or interest or space to grow anything they eat, that they have no way to relate to the land and what it takes to make it fruitful. Even fewer know how to can or preserve their home-grown produce for the winter's larder.

She, the First Lady, is a modern suburban dweller and has adopted the banner of "organic," which has now morphed into a brand name like NAVY or Danish Ham. I doubt she could explain the difference except to say "no hormones or chemicals" but it doesn't make any difference. Organic has become a great niche market for "real" farmers, too. It is a high-end product like prime beef, wild salmon or Roquefort cheese.

However, home gardening may be making a comeback, whether you choose to use chemical fertilizer or fresh chicken manure, insecticide or to hoe your own weeds. People out of work have more time on their hands and are on a budget. As Steve said, "When you've got enough to eat, you've got lots of problems. When you don't have enough to eat, you have one problem."

This spring a group of my church members planted a community garden. It's the size of a good Iowa farmer's front lawn. I don't know if it's organic, but it takes a lot of work: weeding, watering, fighting bugs, birds, rabbits and all manner of vermin and varmints. It probably won't produce enough food to sustain a family, but it will offer a few weeks of fresh corn on the cob, squash, onions and tomatoes to spice up a meal. And it didn't cost much, just seeds and chicken wire. That's if you don't count the cost of labor, which, of course, farmers never do.

And yes, I do have a garden. It looks like the solitary confinement cell in Cool Hand Luke. It is javalina, jack rabbit, locust, bird, rattlesnake, rat, cottontail and cowdog proof. Good enough for six rows of jalapeños and tomatoes. You'd think I'd have an abundant crop, alas, this morning I called the extension service Master Gardner.

Diagnosis: Blossom-end rot. Etiology: Too much water. Treatment: Stop it!

So Mrs. First Lady, you are setting a good example, as am I. But obviously even with our own gardens, we can't hardly feed ourselves, much less our neighbors. I mean, you must have lots of company. That is why we continue to place the burden of feeding the world on the backs of our country's farmers and ranchers who, by using modern agricultural practices, are able to keep up with the globe's ever increasing appetite.

And we, as a grateful nation, thank them for giving us the time to worry about politics, what to wear, energy, global cooling, writing a column, Supreme Court appointments, bank foreclosures and media critics, because thanks to them we don't have to worry that our children are going to bed hungry tonight.

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Community Education classes: From pearls to massage

The Doña Ana Community College has announced the Community Education classes it is offering during the month of August. The classes are:

- **Basic Undefined Reality –** The course will help students build a foundation for understanding the metaphysical and will cover basic terminology, shielding, energy, colors and aura, chakras, psychometry and a touch of healing. These classes do include home assignments, in-class, hands-on exercises and question-and-answer sessions. The class begins Thursday, Aug. 20, and will end on Thursday, Sept. 3. Class times are from 6 to 8 p.m. and the cost is $30.
- **Basic Spanish for Adults –** The class meets from 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday from Aug. 20 to Oct. 8. The cost is $80.
- **Massage Therapy Sampler Class –** Get an introduction to massage therapy, learn basic massage skills, practice these techniques on others, experience them yourself and gain insight into education and careers in massage therapy and bodywork. The class begins on Friday, Aug. 21, and concludes on Oct. 9. The cost is $80
- **Spanish Conversation for Adults –** The class meets on Fridays from Aug. 21 to Oct. 9. and focuses on discussion, correct speech and proper pronunciation. The course fee is $80.
- **Drawing for Fun. –** Students will learn the fundamentals of drawing lines, shapes and shadows and how to apply it to their own work. Ask for supply list at registration. The class begins of Saturday, Aug. 22, and ends Sept. 19. The course fee is $60.
- **Beginning Junior Tennis Class for Ages 8 to 14 –** This class is for kids with little or no tennis experience, or those who haven't played for a while. It is based on drills and activities that will reinforce tennis skills, with an emphasis on having fun. Students should bring a racquet and water or a sports drink to class and wear tennis or basketball shoes. The class meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays Aug. 22 to Sept. 26. The course fee is $66.
- **Fundamental Tennis Skills –** The class will provide instruction in forehand, back hand, volley, overhead, serve and more. This class is for those who have never played tennis or haven't played for years. Drills and games reinforce skill and each class builds upon the previous week. Fun is guaranteed. Players must bring racquet and water. A limited amount of loaner racquets will be available. There will be a $5 ball fee, payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Classes meet from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturdays Aug. 22 to Sept. 26. The course fee is $66.
- **What to Do With Your Computer: A Course for Beginners –** Learn how to use a mouse, navigate through the desktop and programs, work with files, create and manage folders, browse the web, create an email account and send and receive emails and attachments. No book required, just bring a binder for all handouts. Classes meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays Aug. 24 to Sept. 2. The course fee is $40.
- **Basic Foot Reflexology Class –** Indulge in a basic foot reflexology and spa massage. Learn basic reflexology skills, practice these techniques on others and experience them yourself. Classes meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays from Aug. 24 to Sept. 21. Course fee is $50.
- **Beginning Adult Tennis: Fundamental Tennis Skills Class –** The class will provide instruction in forehand, back hand, volley, overhead, serve and more. This class is for those who have never played tennis or haven't played for years. Drills and games reinforce skill, and each class builds upon the previous week. Fun is absolutely guaranteed. Players must bring a racquet and water. A limited amount of loaner racquets will be available. There will be a $5 ball fee, payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Class meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday from Aug. 24 to Sept. 16. Course fee is $59.
- **Spanish for Kids –** Students in this class will learn how to introduce themselves, greet each other and say their names in Spanish. They will also be taught shapes, colors, numbers, parts of the body, days of the week, animal names, clothes, furniture and household items, family members, fruits and vegetables, as well as how to pronounce and articulate Spanish words. Classes meet from 5 to 7 p.m. on Mondays from Aug. 24 to Sept. 19. Course cost is $80
- **Pearl Knotting Class –** Enjoy learning the history, value and types of pearls while creating an heirloom-quality, knotted pearl necklace using a simple method. An elegant pearl necklace, with a finished value of $50, will be completed within the three-hour class time. Tools will be provided for use in classroom only or students may bring their own. A $30 material/supply fee will be collected by the instructor at the beginning of class. Class meets from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25. The course fee is $15.
- **Basic Palmistry Class –** In this class students will learn the ancient art of reading palms. The class will review the very basic technique and help students develop their own style. With its origins in ancient India and China, this is an art that will never stop fascinating. Classes meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays from Aug. 25 to Sept. 17. Course cost is $80.
- **Really Truly Beginning Spanish Class** – Can't roll your "R"s? New to Las Cruces, or just decided to learn Spanish? Join the class and see how even a little Spanish can enhance your appreciation of the area. The class will emphasize conversation from the ground up in everyday situations. Textbooks will be available from the instructor at the beginning of the first class at a cost of $10. Classes meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays from Aug. 25 to Sept. 13. Course cost is $70.
- **Intermediate Spanish for Adults Class –** Learn Spanish at an intermediate level, starting with a general review of tenses – present, past and future, simple and continuous indicative. Students will be taught skills necessary to speak about their own lives. Classes meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from Aug. 25 to Sept. 13. Course cost is $80
- **Algebra Review for Parents and Others –** This class offers a systematic review of Algebra I for students who did not appreciate it the first time and for parents who wish to assist their children. The course will include basic concepts, operating and factoring, solution of equations, word problems, graphs, etc. Used texts, Algebra Workbook for Dummies, will be available from the instructor for $8. Classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays from Aug. 25 to Sept. 13 Course cost is $80
- **Intermediate Adult Tennis Class –** Enjoy fast-paced drills and point play while emphasizing tactics and strategies. Hit balls and play games to reinforce proper strokes, tactics and court positioning. Footwork and proper court communication are emphasized and reinforced in games and drills. Players must bring a racquet and water. There will be a $5 ball fee, payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Classes meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Aug. 25 to Sept. 17. Course cost is $59.
- **Advanced Spanish for Adults Class –** Learn Spanish at an advanced level. Practice speaking Spanish using appropriate situational grammar and tense. We will go over writing, vocabulary and pronunciation as we proceed to discuss wishes and hopes in life, employment, activities and more. Classes meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays from Aug. 26 to Sept. 14. Course cost is $80.
- **French Language Workshop –** This class offers an opportunity to converse in French, to learn or clarify French grammar rules and structures, to read and discuss short exerpts in French and to practice listening skills. Classes meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from Aug. 26 to Sept. 30. Course cost is $60.
- **Wine Appreciation Class –** This is an introduction to the basics of wine appreciation and all its aspects. Participants will pay a $35 materials fee to the instructor on the first day of class. Classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays from Aug. 31 to Sept. 12. Course cost is $60.

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Enrolling in LCPS

Determine student eligibility

All qualified students in the school district, except those exempted by law, regulations or rules, must enroll in school and are required to attend school full time (LCPS Policy JE: Attendance). Kindergarten students must be at least 5 years old prior to Sept. 1, of the school year.

First grade students must be at least 6 years old prior to Sept. 1, of the school year (Policy JEB: Age of Enrollment).

Identify and contact the school

To determine what school serves a particular home address, start by opening LCPS maps (http://lcps.k12.nm.us/maps/locator.shtml) and choosing "Version 1" of the school district maps ("Version 2" is printable.) Call the LCPS Transportation Department at 527-5810 or 527-5998 if you have any questions.

LCPS has an open enrollment policy, which allows students to attend a school outside their normal attendance zones. However, the school to which a student wishes to transfer must have room for additional students for the transfer to be approved. Additionally, parents must provide their own transportation for students to attend schools outside their attendance zones. For complete information on open enrollment, see LCPS Policy JFB.

Verify age, identity, residency and immunization Compliance

- Age verification: Requires birth certificate or baptismal certificate
- Identity verification: Requires passport or other legal document
- Residency verification: Requires utility bill or property tax verification
- Immunization verification: Call the New Mexico Immunization Hotline at 888-231-2367 or visit the New Mexico Department of Health website at www.health.state.nm.us./immunize/public.html.

For more information, contact the LCPS Instruction Department at 527-6628 or visit http://lcps.k12.nm.us/BackToSchool.

New faces in new places at LCPS

Superintendent announces several new principals

ROUNDS

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds has announced several changes in assignments for principals and assistant principals for the 2009-10 school year. All administrative re-assignments were effective July 1.

Rounds also announced two principals will be re-assigned to oversee federal funding that is earmarked for special education and Title 1 programs through President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"These stimulus funds are provided to school systems with a great deal of accountability attached," Rounds said. "We are fortunate to have several individuals with solid backgrounds in these specialized areas and they will ensure we carry out our obligations during the two years we receive the stimulus funds."

Administrative changes next school year will be:

Rosa Apodaca is the new principal at Doña Ana Elementary School. She had been assistant principal at MacArthur Elementary. Apodaca has 14 years experience with LCPS and has been the assistant principal at MacArthur for three years. She was previously a teacher at East Picacho Elementary.

Former Doña Ana Elementary Principal Irene Gomez has been reassigned to the LCPS Instruction Division as "Principal on Special Assignment" to oversee federal stimulus funds directed toward Title 1 programs. Gomez, who has previous experience with the Title 1 program, has 10 years' experience as a principal and assistant principal.

Valley View Elementary Principal Jamie Jones also has joined the Instruction Division as "Principal on Special Assignment" to oversee federal funds directed toward special education programs. Jones, who has been with LCPS for 18 years, began her career as a special education teacher. She has been a principal and assistant principal since 1998.

Valley View Elementary's new principal is Sharon Robinson, who has been the principal at Fairacres Elementary since 2003. Robinson has been with LCPS for 22 years and has been a principal and assistant principal for eight of those years.

Replacing Robinson as principal at Fairacres Elementary is Kathy Norris. Norris has been the assistant principal at Columbia Elementary for the past two years. Prior to that, she served two years as assistant principal at Fairacres. Norris has been with LCPS for 33 years as a teacher and assistant principal.

Former Camino Real Middle School Principal Angie Holguin-Dotson has become an assistant principal at Mayfield High School, overseeing all aspects of ninth grade, including student academic progress and transition of students from middle school. Holguin-Dotson has been a principal and assistant principal for the last 12 years with LCPS. She fills a vacancy at Mayfield created by the retirement of Assistant Principal Carlos Viramontes.

The new principal at Camino Real is Ralph Ramos. He has been an assistant principal at Vista Middle School for nearly three years. Previously, he was an assistant principal at Sierra Middle School.

Kathy Vigil, who had been an assistant principal at Camino Real Middle School, has taken that same position at White Sands School. Vigil joined Camino Real Middle School in 2009 and was previously the LCPS Director of Community Relations and Student Services. Vigil has also served as principal and assistant principal at Picacho Middle School and White Sands School, respectively. She will continue to be the district's liaison to White Sands Missile Range.

Former Lynn Middle School Principal Gina Rivera has become an assistant principal at Las Cruces High School, overseeing ninth-grade students and their transition from middle schools. Rivera has 20 years' experience with LCPS and has been the principal and assistant principal at Lynn for the past eight years. Rivera will fill a position currently held by Assistant Principal Kathie Davis.

Davis has been re-assigned as principal of Lynn Middle School. She has been with LCPS for 12 years and has been assistant principal at Las Cruces High School for the last three-and-one-half years.

Hillrise Elementary Principal Andrea Fletcher is the "Principal on Special Assignment for Community Relations" in the LCPS Community Relations Office. In that new position, she will assist families with concerns or complaints. Fletcher has been with LCPS for 11 years, spending the last four years as principal at Hillrise. Fletcher will fill a vacancy created with the re-assignment of Student Support Administrator Dr. Offie Hobbs, who will initiate a new LCPS program to help curb truancy.

Hobbs has been named the school district's principal on Special Assignment for Truancy Prevention and Outreach. He will also oversee alternative services for middle school students. He has been with Community Relations for one year and previously was the principal of San Andres Learning Center. He has previous educational experience from Denver Public Schools and school districts in Wisconsin and Kansas.

Replacing Fletcher at Hillrise Elementary is Julieta Marta. Marta joined LCPS in May 2006 as assistant principal at Sonoma Elementary. Prior to that, she was principal of Ladera Del Norte Elementary School with Farmington Municipal Schools for one year.

Replacing Norris as assistant principal at Columbia Elementary is Janie Rios, who has been a second-teacher at Columbia. She is a former LCPS assistant principal.

Replacing Marta as assistant principal at Sonoma Elementary is Melissa Galaz, who has been a second-grade bilingual teacher at Cesár E. Chávez Elementary.

Replacing Apodaca as assistant principal at MacArthur Elementary is Carla Rodriguez, who has been a Title I Reading Specialist and instructional coach at MacArthur for the past four years.

Camino Real Middle School's new assistant principal is Fred Montalvo. He was a sixth-grade math teacher at Vista Middle School.

Israel Hernandez Carerra was named the new principal of Mayfield High School on June 24. He replaces Chris Cook, who retired as principal after four years. Carerra will move to Las Cruces from Roswell, where he has been principal of Roswell High School.

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School Notes

New student registration

Most students attending Las Cruces Public Schools during the 2009-10 school year have already registered for classes. Any students who are new to Las Cruces may still register before classes begin.

Elementary Schools (all schools except Booker T. Washington and MacArthur elementaries)

- Thursday, Aug. 13: Registration from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for students who are new to LCPS.
- Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 17-19: Kindergarten transition days
- Thursday, Aug. 20: Kindergarten classes begin
- Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 24 and 25: Pre-kindergarten transition days, includes Head Start and DD pre-school
- Wednesday, Aug. 26: Pre-school classes begin

Middle Schools

- Wednesday, Aug. 12: 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. sixth-grade early start (all sixth graders, except those at White Sands Middle School), busing, lunch provided
- Thursday, Aug. 13: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. new student registration, grades seven, eight

High Schools (Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate, San Andres):

- Thursday, Aug. 13: 6:30 p.m. Parent/Freshmen Orientation Night
- Friday, Aug. 14: 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Ninth-grade transition, busing, lunch provided

Transfers

- Any student who is transferring from one LCPS school to another may register at his or her new school any time through Tuesday, Aug.. 11. First day of classes is Monday, Aug. 17.

For more information, call the LCPS Instruction Department at 527-5859.

Immunization clinics

In partnership with the New Mexico Department of Health, Las Cruces Public Schools has scheduled student immunization clinics before the start of the 2009-10 school year and on the first day of classes, said LCPS Director of Health Services Beverly Hine.

The school district follows the New Mexico Department of Health's (NMDOH) student immunization requirements exactly, said Hine, who noted that New Mexico school nurses are granted public health authority by the NMDOH secretary Dr. Alfredo Vigil for collecting and submitting student immunization information.

Here are the student immunization clinics scheduled:

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11 and 12, at Allen Theaters, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Mayfield High School gymnasium
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14, at Camino Real Middle School gymnasium, 2961 Roadrunner Parkway
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17, Allen Theaters, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

For more information, contact Hine at 527-5885 or bhine@lcps.k12.nm.us, call Debby Hanus of the New Mexico Department of Health at 528-5104 or visit www.health.state.nm.us/immunize.

Board meetings

The Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education's meeting schedule for the 2009-10 school year reflects a change from the previous school year in that the board will hold only one regular business meeting per month, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, August through June 2010.

The board also will hold one work session at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

All meetings are open to the public except those that are adjudicatory in nature or pertain to personnel matters. An agenda for each meeting can be obtained from the superintendent's office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

All meetings will be held in the board room of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249.

Regular board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are scheduled for Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Regular board meetings scheduled for 2010 are Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15.

Work sessions begin at 5 p.m. and are scheduled for Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, 2009. Work sessions scheduled for 2010 are Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1.

The school board is comprised of Connie Phillips, president; Chuck Davis, vice president; Serena Shoop, secretary; Bonnie Votaw and Maria A. Flores, members. Davis was first elected in 2001 and was re-elected in 2005 and 2009. Phillips and Votaw were first elected in 2007. Shoop and Flores were first elected in 2009.

For more information, contact LCPS Chief of Staff Karen Robles at 527-5806 or krobles@lcps.k12.nm.us.

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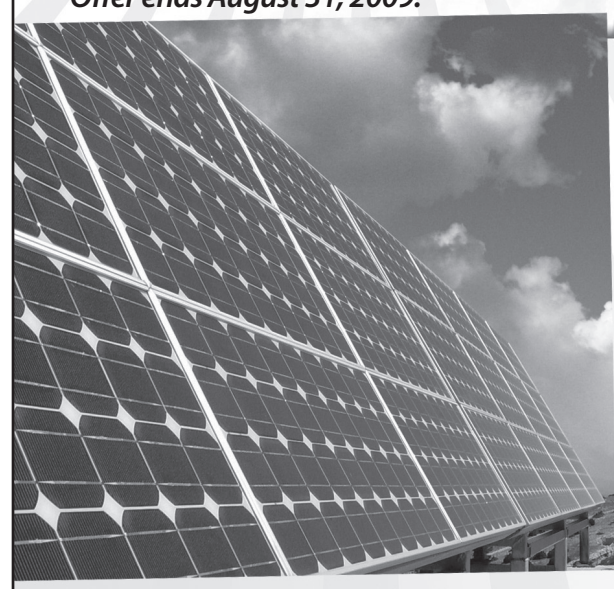

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Early start set for sixth-graders, high school freshmen

LCPS slates two days to help students transition

Las Cruces Public Schools has scheduled two days before the start of the 2009-10 school year for students transitioning into middle school and high school.

Early start for sixth graders entering Camino Real, Lynn, Picacho, Sierra, Vista and Zia middle schools will be from 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Busing and lunch will be provided.

Incoming sixth graders at White Sands Middle School will not participate in early start. White Sands schools will host its annual First Day of School Holiday at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Parent/Freshmen Orientation Night will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, for all ninth-graders entering Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate and San Andres high school.

Freshmen Jump Start will be held from 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, for all ninth-graders. Busing and lunch will be provided.

Studies show that moving from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school are among the most difficult and stressful transitions students will make. Providing an early start for sixth graders and ninth graders allows them to meet their teachers and learn the layout of their new schools before the new school year begins Monday, Aug. 17.

For more information, contact LCPS Director of Secondary Instruction Jennifer Amis at 527-5889 or jamis@lcps.k12.nm.us.

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Men Who Cook sells out

Hospice fundraiser attracts 69 culinary guys

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In its second year as the main annual fundraising event for Mesilla Valley Hospice, Men Who Cook has sold out.

Hospice officials report that all 500 tickets for the event have been sold.

This year, there will be 69 chefs from the community – some pros, some novices and some novices who should be pros – cooking up their favorite dishes.

Men Who Cook will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The tickets ran $60 for individuals or $600 for table sponsorship.

But the fundraising doesn't stop with the audience sampling all the food. There will be raffles of cash prizes and a silent auction.

Nor does it end that evening. A cookbook with recipes from the event will go on sale.

Because the hospice recently completed its four-year, $6.5 million capital campaign to pay for the facility's new expansion, the money raised this year by the Men Who Cook event will help establish a charity care fund to help patients pay for their services, said April Ayana, hospice marketing director.

Since 1992, Mesilla Valley Hospice has grown with the city to provide both home care and residential care at La Posada, which can house 30 patients.

At the Labo picnic

From left, Labo chaperone Mizue Daikoku from west Japan and Labo host family Roger and Crystal Alvillar talk about the program at Pioneer Park Sunday, Aug. 2

Labo participant Haruka Honda plays some badminton with the other participants. Labo is an educational organization focusing on language learning and cultural exploration for Japanese children.

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Labo exchange participants Tatsuki Fujihara, 13, and Takuya Asai, 14, chat before playing soccer.

Fun at the Car Wash

Nancy Carrasco, 9, Marivel Carrasco and Jessica Carrasco, 5, hold a sign for the Lobo soccer car wash, which raised money for soccer unforms for the 8-to-12 year olds team.

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Mario Busteillos washes a mini-van as he helps out the Lobo soccer team.

Left, Haily Palacios, 9, and Briana Valdez, 11, have some fun while washing cars.

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At the National Night Out

Peter Enriquez, 5, gives the thumbs up to a Dorene Titus' clown act at the National Night Out, held Tuesday, Aug. 4, in the Downtown Mall.

Jonathan Rodriguez, 6, rides a stationary LCPD motorcycle.

Codes Enforcement officer Chris Bigelow gets dunked in a tank provided by the Substance Abuse program at White Sands Missile Range.

Target manager Rachel Orisco gives two-and-a-half-year-old Stefan Fountain a temporary Target tattoo.

Two-and-a-half-year-old Faye-Lynn Morris pets an eight-week-old female chow mix who was picked up by animal control the previous day and looking for a home.

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Leilani Enriquez, 7, has a "magical string" pulled out of her ear by Dorene Titus who performed as a clown for the City of Las Cruces Juvenille Citation Program. National Night Out is an annual family event designed to promote safety and fight crime.

Executive director of the United Way for Southern New Mexico Thea Dreisbach paints a butterfly on the face of Aliyah Flores, 6.

U.S. Army staff sergeant Ever Ochoa directs Marisella Torrez, 9, up the climbing wall sponsored by the NM National Guard.

Proponents want teeth in new lighting ordinance

'Dark sky' supporters say rules can be safe

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the City of Las Cruces begins work on revising its outdoor lighting ordinance, proponents of "dark sky" rules say they don't want to see it get watered down in the process.

The current ordinance was written nearly 10 years ago and was set to expire through a "sunset clause."

But people involved with writing the existng ordinance had been talking with the city for some time about improving enforcement and responding to new technology – primarily electronic billboards.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and some businesses are opposing the revision, saying the existng ordinance has served the city well. (See related story on Page B1.)

In one way, the city's "dark sky" ordinance has helped attract residents – especially retirees – to Las Cruces, said John Gilkison of the National Public Observatory. Excessive light at night not only adds to nighttime "light pollution" for astronomy enthusiasts, but it also can make sleep difficult for people, he said.

The term used for this kind of light at night is "light trespass."

Carol Rehder said she knows this problem well. When a neighbor put in a bright yard light, she had to build a fence to block it out.

"People are unaware of what they are doing or don't care," she said.

Bright light at night, proponents say, doesn't add to safety as much as some people think. The glare can actually make it harder for people to see and create a greater hazard.

Gilkison has heard the safety argument before and said it concerns him that emotional arguments will take over. The standards for levels of light should be based on what can be easily measured and enforced, he said.

"To me, government is about protecting the majority of the people, not a few businesses," Wilkison said. "If this is done right, in my opinion, it could help the bottom line for businesses."

Some of the complaining businesses are responding more from emotion than from reality, Wilkison said. He recently went to one of the new Pic Quiks and measured the light at the gas pumps. Wilkison said the reading was under the proposed level of light.

The real problem with the ordinance for some businesses, proponents say, is with what's called "Full Cut Off," which is the distance that light cuts off from the source. If a bright light is needed, according to the ordinance, then it must be aimed down to the ground so no light shines above the horizonal plane.

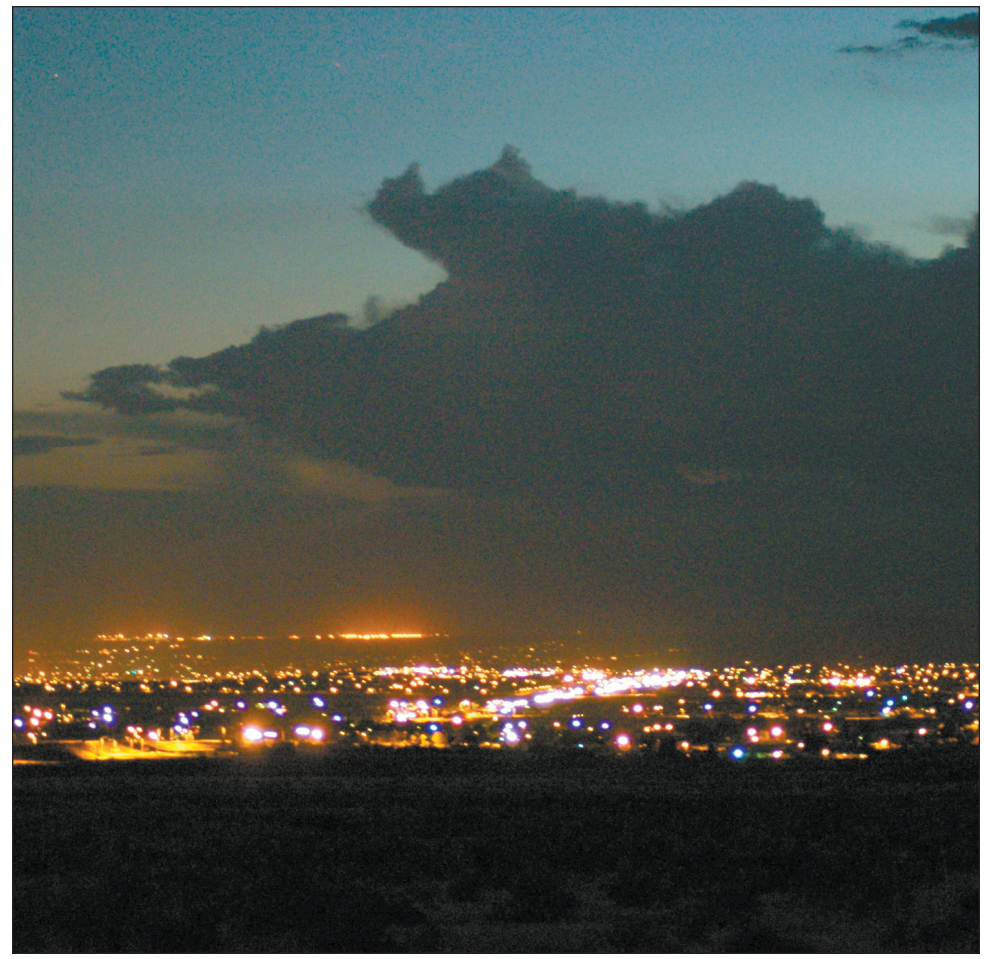
It worries both Rehder and Wilkison that the proposed revision would take out the "Full Cut Off" rule and replace it with a requirement that the light be shielded.

"We need to be careful that we don't take the teeth out of the ordinance," Rehder said.

One other change in recent years, though, is getting much notice in this discussion, Rehder said. That's the concern about energy efficiency. A strong outdoor lighting ordinance would conserve energy, she said.

Rehder notes that a study by the International Darksky Association estimates that 22 billion kilowatts are used on "wasted" outdoor light.

The new rules should require the use of more energy-efficient light bulbs and fixtures, she said.



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Growth on the East Mesa has added to the lights of the city at night, as can be seen from this photo just after sunset Tuesday, Aug. 4. Proponents of stricter "dark sky" outdoor lighting enforcement say they are seeing more "light pollution" at night.

Door-to-door sales increase raises concerns with police

Reports of questionable porch pitches rise

Las Cruces Police are asking residents to use caution when dealing with door-to-door sales people who may be after more than just a common transaction.

Recently, residents have called Las Cruces Police about door-to-door solicitations on security alarms, magazine subscriptions and re-roofing work. While some of these solicitations may be legitimate businesses, others may be unlawful and potentially harmful to consumers, according to a police press release.

Las Cruces Police are suggesting that residents refrain from providing personal and financial information to door-to-door solicitors and to exercise caution when opening the door to anyone.

Just as consumers are warned about providing personal or financial information over the telephone, the same caution should be exercised when dealing with neighborhood solicitors.

Residents concerned about a home solicitation can call police at 526-0795.

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Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) employee Nicole Klunder tends to a 5-month-old Shepard at an adoption event on Saturday, Aug. 1. ASCMV will host two pet adoption events on Saturday, Aug. 8. One will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., the other will be from 8 a.m. to noon at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall. The fee for adoption is $75 for dogs or puppies and $50 for cats or kittens, which includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and microchip. At the Petco event, there also will be micro chipping available to the public for $20 for those who already have pets. Pet licenses also will be available for $5 with proof of rabies vaccination. For more information, contact the ASCMV at 382-0018. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Coming Up

Parade entries sought

The Town of Mesilla is accepting entries for its Diez y Seis de Septiembre Parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, along Avenida de Mesilla.

Organizations, businesses and schools are encouraged to enter floats into the parade. The town also welcomes bands, spirit squads, antique vehicles, specialty units and other groups to join the parade. There is no entry fee.

The parade is held in conjunction with the annual Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta, which is from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, and from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Mesilla plaza. The holiday celebrates Mexico's independence from Spain.

Trophies are awarded in the following categories: Best Float, Best Band, Best Spirit Squad, Best Overall Entry and Most Creative Entry.

The parade will begin at Four Points Gin, located at Union Avenue and Avenida de Mesilla, and will end at the Mesilla Town Hall public parking lot just north of San Andres High School. The parade route is approximately 1 mile long.

The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 1. For an entry form, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262 ext. 116 or email kmedina_tom@comcast.net.

Checkpoint this weekend

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint within city limits during the upcoming weekend, sometime between the dates of Friday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 9.

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

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

Peak of the Season Fiesta

The Sunday Growers Market at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will host the "Peak of the Season Fiesta," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Along with the freshest and tastiest produce of the season, the event will include live music, fun kid's activities and free samples. Visitors can meet the people who grew and picked the produce.

For more information, call the Mountain View Market at 523-0436..

Hospitality club meets

The Monthly Hospitality Club Luncheon will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at Day's Inn Suites and Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The price of the hot lunch is $11. All are welcome.

For more information or to make reservations, call Lisa Conway at 635-9222.

Plants society field trip

The Native Plant Society Las Cruces Chapter will host a free field trip led by John Freyermuth and Carolyn Gressitt to the Peña Blanca area beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Freyermuth has developed an extensive plant list for the area. The group will meet at the east end of the Rio Grande Bank parking lot at the corner of University Avenue and Telshor Boulevard.

Field trips typically extend into the afternoon and participants are advised to bring lunch, water, sun protection, plant field guides and wear good walking shoes.

Participants must sign a release of liability form, and children must be accompanied by their parents or legal guardians.

For more information, contact Ray Bowers at 541-1877 or Carolyn Gressitt at 523-8413.

Clinic has garage sale

The Art of Birth and Wellness Clinic and the Living Tree College of Midwifery will have their annual garage sale fundraiser from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 22 at 1210 N. Main St.

Credit cards, debit and cash will be accepted. Checks will be accepted only from current clients.

Fundraiser for 4-H

Doña Ana County 4-H clubs and the local JCPenney store have announced a "Roundup Event" fundraiser at the JCPenney store in the Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Customers may choose to "round-up" their receipts to the nearest dollar and the proceeds will support the Doña Ana County 4-H Youth Development program, outreach and educational events. The "Round Up" runs through Sunday, Aug. 16.

4-H is the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University.

For more information, call Eva Madrid at 525-6649.

St. Genevieve's celebrates

St. Genevieve's Catholic Church will have its 150-year-celebration Chile Cook Off at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave., from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. The entry fee is $10 per person. For more information, call the parish office at 524-9649.

SNAP golf fundraiser

The SNAP Classic 2009 fundraiser golf tournament will be Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Sonoma Hills Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit SNAP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to end pet-overpopulation by subsidizing the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for pets from low-income households. The event is sponsored by SNAP Spay & Neuter Awareness Program and the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department.

Players are invited to register as individuals or foursomes. Prizes include a fully restored classic 1969 Plymouth Barracuda, a domestic air fare package, a 26" Sharp flat-screen TV, vacation getaways and more. Pre-registration entry fees are $95 per player, $85 for seniors and students. Save by registering a foursome for $360.

Register online at www.snapnewmexico.org. Senior and students must register in person or by mailing entry fees to: SNAP, 365 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces, NM 88005. On-site day-of-event entry fee is $110 per player on a space-available basis.

Those who don't play golf can still help by sponsoring student players or other event activities or by volunteering to help on the day of the event

All proceeds from the SNAP Classic golf tournament will go toward funding spay/neuter surgeries for pets in underserved areas of Doña Ana County. For more information, call 621-4942 or visit www.snapnewmexico.org.

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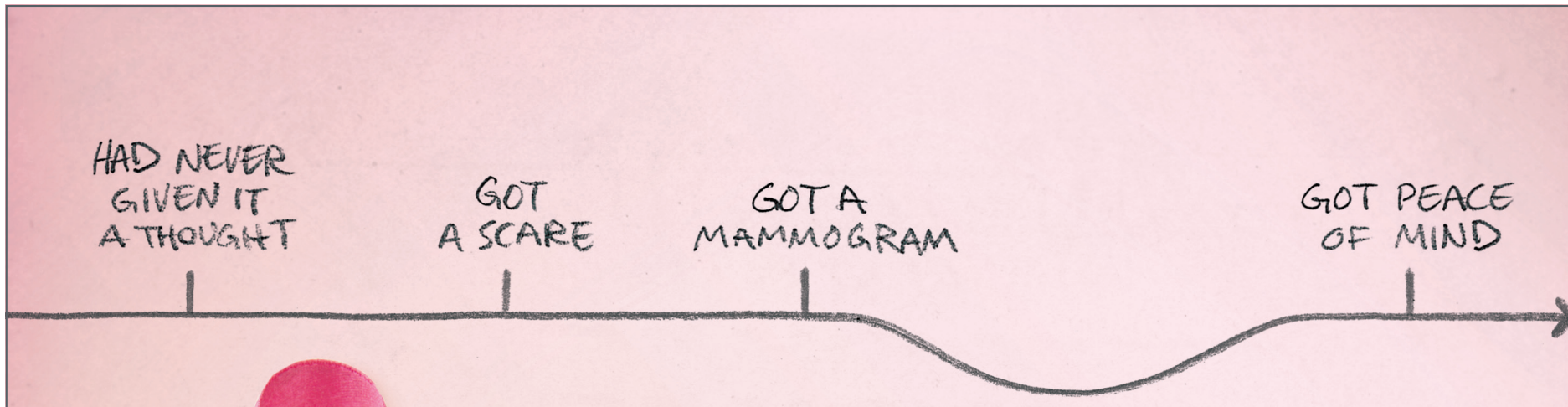

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Seaman Mykal Martin helps serve the first meal on board the USS New Mexico, currently undergoing final construction and testing in Newport News, Va.

JOHN WHALEN
U.S. Navy

Submariners on board USS New Mexico eat well in galley named after La Posta

Mesilla restaurant name chosen after competition

A new milestone was reached by the crew of PCU New Mexico (SSN 779), July 28, when they ate their first meal onboard the nation's next Virginia-class submarine.

Crewmembers enjoyed a lunch of prime rib and lobster tail to celebrate the first meal prepared in the galley.

"The guys are very excited," said Cmdr. Mark Prokopius, prospective commanding officer of the New Mexico. "To be able to eat on board and sleep on board is a significant milestone that's going to be one of the many that we have coming up as we get ready to go to sea trials."

New Mexico, named for The Land of Enchantment, is in the final stages of construction and testing at Northrop Grumman's Newport News shipyard. The submarine's next significant construction milestone is its initial sea trials, an aggressive series of operational tests that demonstrate the submarine's capabilities.

The first meal took place in the galley – or "mess" – dubbed "La Posta," after the famous restaurant in Mesilla La Posta won a competition to have its name permanently affiliated with the crew's mess. One highlight of the competition came last fall, when two crew members spent a few days at La Posta, preparing food, learning recipes and examining overall operations. They also toured Mesilla Valley area chile farms and chile production facilities.

Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding is teamed with General Dynamics Electric Boat to build the Virginia-class submarines. New Mexico is the sixth ship in the class and, upon delivery to the Navy this fall, will be the most modern and sophisticated attack submarine in the world.

Construction of the ship began in March 2004 and the keel was laid during a ceremony held April 12, 2008. New Mexico was christened on Dec. 13, 2008 and launched on Jan. 22. The commissioning date has been set by the Secretary of the Navy for Nov. 21.

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JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

If you feel brave, real brave, you might ask Louie Sandoval to do your laundry.

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Sandoval makes a living washing clothes. Dirty ones – football jerseys, jock straps.

For the last 24 years, Louie has been cooped up in the Aggies' athletic equipment room, buried beneath 1,000 towels, 170 helmets, 600 pairs of shoes and a pile of football pants and practice jerseys.

He apparently enjoys the obscurity. Here's a guy with two college degrees – accountancy and business administration finance – who chose to be NMSU's athletic equipment manager instead. "Six coaches," he said, flashing six fingers. "I've worked with six football coaches here. Loved 'em all."

Working around athletes keeps Sandoval pumped. "I guess that's why I'm really here," he said.

Players' faces mean nothing to Louie. It's the numbers on their jerseys that count. "You ask me when Denvis Manns played here and I couldn't tell you," he said. "But I remember he wore No. 32. Cody Ledbetter? All I remember is No. 17. And I remember when he changed to jersey No. 11."

Sandoval and his staff shifted into high gear on Wednesday of this week when NMSU opened football practice for the 2009 season. He will work 70 hours a week and hike it to 80 when winter sports kick in.

And love every moment.

"Actually, my busiest time is around October and November when we have seven sports going at the same time," he said. "Yes, we wash all the uniforms for every sport here."

For football, Louie issues practice uniforms for approximately 80 players daily. After Wednesday's workout, he dumped dirty jerseys, pants, socks and jocks into four washing machines. "We usually work into the night to get everything washed and clean so the guys can wear 'em in two days. Each player has two uniforms," Sandoval said. "They alternate each day."

Occasionally, equipment managers work two jobs. I remember that Jack Baer, the football equipment manager at the University of Oklahoma, was also the teams' kicking coach. One year, when OU's punter went into an extended slump, Baer was fired.

Sandoval faces no such fate. He deals in equipment only. Dirty laundry is challenge enough.

Decisions, decisions

Ags open volleyball practice on Saturday

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Coach Mike Jordan faces several quick decisions when the Aggie volleyball team opens practice for the 2009 season Saturday, Aug. 8.

Can freshman Lilly Wolfe play the setter position in NMSU's 6-2 system? If not, there's little sweat. Sophomore Jenna DeVries, a starter there last year, returns. Jordan would like to have both Devries and Wolfe available.

Who will replace Krystal Torres, the All-WAC libero last season? Kelsi Phillips, Bry Brown and Ellen Miks are the contenders.

Granted, the loss of Torres, middle hitter Amber Simpson and outside hitter Lindsey Yon really hurt. They carried NMSU to a 26-9 record and a first-place tie for the WAC championship in 2008. The Aggies made the NCAA tournament for the fifth time in six years. Jordan, however, is sky high on transfer Kayliegh Giddens, 6-foot-2 outside hitter who was a JC All-American at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas, last season.

"Tremendous athlete," Jordan said. "She'll be one of the best in the conference."

Senior Krista Altermatt returns with experience at that position. She is one of seven players back from last year's team. Besides Altermatt and DeVries, middle hitters Kelsey Brennan and Erin Birmingham and outside hitters Whitney Woods, Kelli Goodan, Bry Brown return as well as defensive specialist Kilsi Phillips.

The Aggies welcome nine new faces in camp. "With so many new people we're going to have to work harder than usual," Jordan said, "practice harder and watch more film."

NMSU will hold two-a-day workouts, at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

"Even though we lost key players from last season, we'll be hard to defend this year," Jordan said. "Last year, you knew Amber, Lindsey and Krystal were going to get the ball, but this year we have six good attackers."

The Aggies' coach has booked an aggressive non-conference schedule for 2009. They open the regular season Aug. 28-20 at the University of North Texas Tournament (SMU, NMSU, Northern Colorado and North Texas).

The Ags will host their own tourney against Illinois and Florida State on Sept. 4-6, then play in the Notre Dame tournament against the Irish and Wisconsin Sept. 12-13.

The Aggies were picked to finish second behind Hawai'i in the WAC pre-season poll released earlier this week.

Jenna DeVries returns to play the setter position for the Aggies' volleyball team in 2009.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

Local prep teams open drills Monday

MVCS gears up for inaugural season

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One team is the defending state champ, one used to have that title and is aiming to get it back, and the other is enjoying the excitement of high expectations.

The 2009 high school football season offers three distinct story lines for the city's Class 5-A teams. Las Cruces High, Mayfield and Oñate are each playoff contenders, approaching the season from three different directions.

Official two-a-day practices for high school football in New Mexico begin Monday, Aug. 10, and it will be the dawn of a new program for the other high school in town.

Mesilla Valley Christian School will field a football team for the first time this fall. The Class 2-A school, under the guidance of head coach Charles Gleghorn, will play a partial schedule this fall, with at least some of its home games at Oñate High School's practice field.

Las Cruces High is coming off of a perfect 13-0 season, capturing its fourth state championship under head coach Jim Miller by defeating Albuquerque Eldorado in the title game. The Bulldawgs rode the talent and experience of 30 seniors last fall and Miller believes last season's success could carry over to this year.

"This senior class is used to winning," Miller said. "They're used to winning, and they know what it takes. We'll pretty much have a bull's eye on our back, but we've been in this situation before. The ultimate goal is the state championship. Our kids understand that and they know they need to work hard."

Miller is expecting 85 varsity players and about 60 freshmen on Monday.

"The kids have responded really well," said Miller, whose team opens with an Aug. 27 game at El Dorado in El Paso. "They can't wait to start the season."

Mayfield is coming off of a 10-2 season that saw their three-year state title streak end. Coach Michael Bradley is expecting 96 sophomores, juniors and seniors on Monday, along with 55 freshmen.

"The summer is important for establishing good leadership," Bradley said. "We have some good kids out for football. We've had good participation and the work ethic has been good.

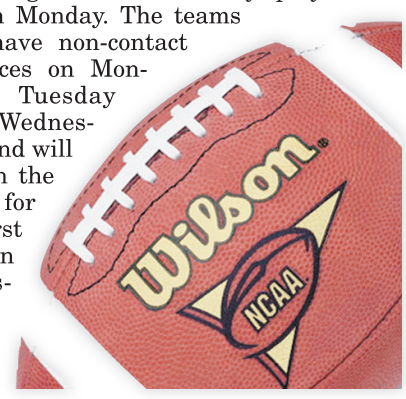
"We lost a lot of starters, but we ended up playing a lot of guys last year."

The Trojans open the season at the Field of Dreams on Aug. 27 against El Paso-Chapin.

The Oñate Knights finished with a 5-5 record last year, but the expectations are much higher this season, thanks to a large, talented senior class.

"We have most of our team back," said coach Kelly McKee, whose team opens the year on Aug. 28 with a home game against El Paso Bel Air. "The expectations will be a lot higher. We have a bunch of kids that have been starting since they were sophomores."

McKee and his coaching staff are expecting about 70 varsity players on Monday. The teams will have non-contact practices on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and will put on the pads for the first time on Thursday.



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AGGIE INSIDER

Menzies contract extension is a good move by Regents

Billy Keys finds success in Europe

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

I heard some good news about a former Aggie hoopster and some good news affecting the men's hoops program last week.

To start with the program, the Board of Regents' extension of Marvin Menzies contract is something I applaud.

As I have written before, Menzies' approach is unlike that which fans have seen here. Building with four-year players is an approach that leads to stability and consistency at the top of the standings. Look at any high major program that has success year in and year out and that is the blueprint.

Menzies now has a deal through the 2012 season, which will be Hernst Laroche, Hamidu Rahman and Troy Gillenwater's senior year. There are incentives in the program that will pay Menzies a bonus if the terms are met. One of the larger rewards is for a team APR of 925. The men's program has been hamstrung by the APR since it was instituted by the NCAA four years ago.

I personally don't think the financial rewards are what drives Menzies. He is a true believer when it comes to building a winner and building men his way.

The former Aggie with good news is Billy Keys. His European Pro team, Maroussi Costa Coffee, reached an agreement with Keys to keep him with the club for two more seasons. Keys has been away from the New Mexico State University campus for almost a decade, but has been back from time to time. His wife and kids live here and he picked up his college degree last summer as well. During the two years in Crimson and White, the saying was, "As long as we have Billy Keys, we'll get lots of victor-ees".

A Big West title and NCAA berth in 1999 and an NIT slot in 2000 were part of the Chicagoan's Legacy.

Last year, Keys averaged 12.1 points and 4.1 assists in 11 Eurocup games and also helped his team finish the Greek League in third place, giving them a berth to the Euroleague qualifying rounds.

Keys also has played for teams in Iceland, Israel, Italy and Spain before moving on to the Greek Isles. He was always a classy guy and a team-oriented player.

I can still remember him scolding freshman Brandon Mason during practice about loafing at the end of a long workout. Keys shared the attitude with another Aggie point guard from Chicago, Randy Brown.

A team that has a guy who will find a way to win or die trying is one that is very hard to beat. Take a look at the team's records during Brown's and Keys' years and you'll see what I mean.

A ticket plan for everyone

Ags offer several options for 2009 football games

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Ole Pete has some mathematical equations for you to study to help you find the ticket package that suits you best for the coming football season.

Most Aggie fans seem to want to start in the middle of it all by picking out a seat for the UTEP game and leave it at that, figuring to catch the homecoming show or another game before the season ends. If that sounds like you, get out your calculator and follow along.

A reserved ticket for this year's rival game versus the Miners will cost you a minimum of $25. A season ticket for all six games in that section only runs you $50.

I can hear you saying, "Pete, I love the Aggies, but I know there are gonna be some weekends when my tickets wouldn't get used."

Well, I suppose going to your brother's wedding or taking a second honeymoon cruise might come before seeing head coach DeWayne Walker's squad on a list of things to do, but there's another way to make it happen and save some money.

The Aggie three-pack will get you into Aggie Memorial for the UTEP game and two others for only $40.

Now, if you've got money to burn, you can quit on old Pete, but most of the cowpokes I know are keeping their piggy bank sewed up tight these days. It makes good horse sense to use those dollars wisely and choose a plan that gives you maximum football for a reasonable investment.

There are other three-game packages available at various prices depending on where you want to sit. Of the six home games, four are against WAC foes and the other two are special events against the Miners and the Tough Enough to Wear Pink game against Prairie View. So how are you gonna choose?

To go back to our math lesson, if you go to the UTEP game and one other game, you will spend $45. With the three-game package, you can get those same two games, plus another game and actually spend five bucks less. That's like getting a free game, plus five bucks back when you grab the three-game package.

You can wheel the games several different ways around that UTEP game, so your choices are unlimited. Forty dollars for the Miners and two WAC games is the economic stimulus package dressed up in Crimson and White.

Speaking of season tickets, the stampede for season seats is still in high gear, selling at record numbers. Recent reports show new season ticket holders are in excess of 1,000 – folks who are convinced Walker is on the path to getting it done right. Do the math, be smart with your dollars and don't just think about that rivalry game. The Aggies need you there 'cause we're all crimson.

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On the green

Great golf events in August and September

Have a ball, raise some money and play golf in these tourneys

With the City Championship and the Burger Time events successfully over, August and September are busy months for some terrific golf tournaments here in Las Cruces.

Now into its third year, the First Step Annual Golf Tournament promises to be the most elaborate ever, with a silent auction and "kick-off" party (tickets $25) at Picacho Hills Plaza near Brigid's Cross Irish Pub at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Visit www.firststepgolf.com for a list of auction items. The First Step Center is a remarkable pediatric and women's medical operation dedicated to providing free and affordable health care to a broad range of residents in our area.

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The golf competition is on Friday, Sept. 11, at Picacho Hills Country Club, with your choice of four-person "mix play" or a four-person scramble. The $150 per player fee gets you not only golf, but also a barbecue dinner and fun at the 19th Hole Grand Finale featuring music by The Liars. For additional details, contact 639-1138 or info@firststepgolf.com.

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Amateur Invitational

Coming up in a couple of weeks is the 8th Annual Mesilla Valley Amateur Invitational at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. This is a flighted individual stroke play tournament (legitimate USGA handicap required), with the field limited to 200 entries. The practice round will be Friday, Aug. 21, and the two competitive rounds on Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23. The entry fee is $175 and includes the two weekend golf rounds, cart, lunches, skins game and door prizes. Trust me, this is a first class golf event, and always very competitive.

If you missed the Las Cruces City Championship, and you like to compete as an individual, don't miss this one. Head Pro Dan Koesters assures the Golf Doctor that the University golf course is in great shape, and the greens will be running smooth and true. The camaraderie will be excellent.

New this year, which I really like, is a senior division within the championship flight, where everyone plays scratch, and the low gross score wins. Pay-outs are splendid, especially with the hole-in-one prizes, skins games and closest to the pin contests. Entry forms at available at the NMSU pro shop. For more information, call 646-3219 or visit www.nmsugolf.com.

6th Man Club

Even though football season isn't even officially underway, coach Menzies wants us to think basketball. He's hosting his first "6th Man Club" open golf tournament at Picacho Hills on Thursday, Sept. 3. The format is a four-golfer scramble, with merchandise prizes going to the first five teams. Each team will be made up of a player from each of four different ability categories (A, B, C and D), based on handicap, and the kicker is that teams will be drawn at random, which should introduce a real element of chance to the mix. Most interesting is that the round will be played as an eighthsome – two teams on the tee. No mulligans and no fudging scores here.

Your $150 entry fee (partly tax deductible) includes golf and cart and a post-round barbecue feed. Celebrity players will be former Dallas Cowboy Leon Lett and former Aggie and LPGA player Jane Egan Noble. Sponsorships are still available and are fully tax deductible. As a presenting sponsor ($5,000) you'll get an Aggie player and the Sundancers to assist you for the day at the tournament, plus you and three of your best friends will be Menzies' guest at one of the games. There are Aggie "hole host" sponsorships and "prize" contributors available as well.

Tournament organizer Jack Hokkanen has also arranged a Putting Contest (separate entry) with a chance to win $10,000.

"We want a premier, competitive amateur golf outing," Menzies said, "to raise funds for NMSU Aggie men's basketball."

Proceeds will be used to support scholarships, educational and special academic needs. Pick up an entry form at local golf courses or call Jack at 541-4274.

Showdown at Sonoma

Sonoma Ranch Golf Course is presenting the 6th annual "Showdown at Sonoma" two-man tournament Sept. 25 thru 27, in conjunction with Spence Asset Management. Thanks Jack Spence for once again supporting great golf in Las Cruces. If you like "four-ball" type play, and can tolerate your playing partner for three solid days of golf, this event is definitely for you. The Showdown is a partner format, with several handicapped flights, where the better of the two balls per hole counts.

I haven't missed a Showdown because the golf is intense and the partying is even better. I love the Friday shootout because it reminds me of the TV Shark Shootout happenings where the winner is the last pair standing. Like the Mesilla Valley, the Showdown is a great value. For $210 per player you get three rounds of cart golf, entry into Friday's shootout, $1,000 skins game entry, Saturday and Sunday luncheons, and a Titleist gift certificate worth $100. You can't beat that!

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

SNAP Classic

Some of us in this town believe that there are far too many dogs and cats for a lot of people to care for in the proper way. Every few months, we read about animal control authorities rounding up hundreds of domestic critters from the homes of animal hoarders, which is truly a crime in my view. There is a group whose franchise is to reduce the overabundance of unwanted pets by limiting their reproduction. The group is SNAP, and they are hosting a golf fundraiser that I find particularly unique and close to my heart. It's the "SNAP Classic" scramble, put on to help end pet overpopulation.

Working with local veterinarians and animal hospitals, SNAP stands for Spay and Neuter Action Program, and has funded thousands of surgeries for low-income pet owners in Doña Ana County. The vast majority of pets going to shelters or the "pound" come from folks who can't (or won't) afford to have their pets "fixed."

Some of us in the animal rights area hate to see so many animals destroyed every year. Perhaps you agree. Join us by playing in the SNAP scramble on Saturday, Aug. 29 at Sonoma Ranch. Enter your team for $360 and feel good about doing something to stem the tide of pet overpopulation and needless euthanasia of otherwise healthy and adoptable dogs and cats.

Contact SNAP at 621-4942 or visit www.snapnewmexico.org. I have helped support SNAP in the past and plan to play in this year's event. See you there.

Aggie football practice underway

Season tickets on sale now at the Pan Am Center

The New Mexico State football team opened its 2009 fall camp, Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the football practice field.

Practices are open to the public. The first five days of camp are the NCAA mandated five-day acclimation period before the Aggies jump right into two-a-day practices on Aug. 10th.

The Aggies' annual media day in Las Cruces will be held at noon, Aug. 13, in the football meeting rooms, located on the north end of the stadium.

NMSU opens up its 2009 season, Sept. 5, against Idaho in Aggie Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Season tickets are available through the New Mexico State ticket office and they can be purchased in person at the Pan American Center ticket office or by calling 646-1420.

Fall Camp Schedule:

August 7 – Shells
3 to 5 p.m. – Practice

August 8 – Shells
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August 10
9:15 to 11:30 a.m. – Practice 1
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August 11
3 to 5 p.m. – Practice

August 12
9:15 to 11:30 a.m. – Practice 1
3 to 5 p.m. – Practice 2

Soccer team starts practice

Inaugural class of 30 is forging a new path for NMSU

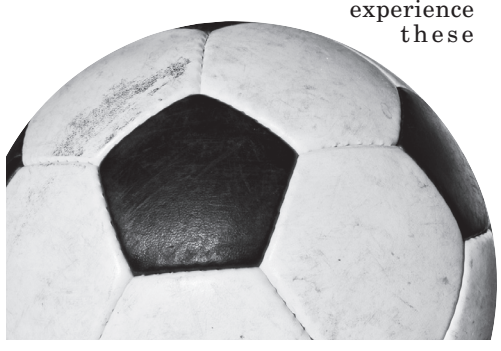
History is often something read about in textbooks or magazines, but the New Mexico State soccer team is making it. The Aggies are celebrating their inaugural season in 2009.

NMSU marked this momentous beginning with its first practice, Wednesday, Aug. 5. The Aggies start with two-a-day practices at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., at the newly constructed soccer practice field located east of Aggie Memorial Stadium.

With the creation of a soccer program, every accomplishment is a milestone for the Aggies. Head coach Michael Needham accepted this position understanding the challenges and opportunities of building a program. Soccer is the 17th intercollegiate sport sponsored at NMSU.

"I think it's a very exciting time," Needham said. "Anytime a university and a community start a program, it's a start of a new era and it's very exciting for everyone that's involved.

"They are not many players in the country that are going to have the same experience these kids are going to have," he said. "We're counting on that to be a pretty solid motivator for them. It's something unique, it's something different and every one of these kids during the recruiting process didn't shy away from it."



The inaugural class consists of 30 student-athletes including 20 freshmen, four sophomores, three juniors and three seniors. New Mexico natives lead the Aggie roster with nine student-athletes including four local residents. NMSU has six Californians on the team and five Texans including three El Paso transplants.

"One of the main things that is exciting about preseason is the chance that every one of them has equal opportunity to play and these kids have embraced that," Needham said.

The Aggies have four goalkeepers on the inaugural roster with two transfers and a pair of true freshmen. Senior Katie Graul transferred to NMSU from Loyola Marymount and Lauren Heiman spent a season at Pima Community College while freshmen Mikaela Bitner and Jessica Schutter are also competing for time between the posts.

"Depth at the goalkeeper position is very important and we have it," Needham said. "I feel comfortable with all four goalkeepers and I'm excited for different reasons for each one of them. Depending on experience and how things go, we'll see who rises to the top."

NMSU has 11 defenders this year with a pair of seniors, Johnelle Montoya and Cristianna Smith, and two international players with World Cup qualifying experience, freshmen Gabby Lopez and Alyssa Yard. The squad also includes freshmen Lauren Allen, Aisha Gutierrez, Courtney Irwin, Yolanda McMillion, Elise Nordin, along with sophomore Heather Goldberg and junior Nina Yanes.

"We brought in a lot of defenders," Needham said. "There's opportunity and these kids are going to get to compete everyday. They are pretty unflappable and I think it's a strong group."

The midfielders feature freshmen Jazmin Cardosa, Cassie De Leon, Kelly Heiman, Kassie Martinez, Jocelyn Medina, Vanessa Novella, Taylor Reyes with juniors Baili Foutz and Marisa Moya. The Aggie forwards include sophomores Jordan Banegas and Natalie Nichols along with freshmen Crystal Burns and Vanessa Thomas. In addition, freshmen Lauren Cope and Veronica Subu are vying for time at both the midfielder and forward positions.

"This is a solid core of players," Needham said. "There is a mix of experience with youth. There are some special players in there."

With each practice, match and road trip, the Aggie soccer program is forging a new path and making history one step at a time.

"We are developing a culture that ultimately is going to lead us to winning games in the future," Needham said. "The biggest thing we wanted to do was make sure we cultivated a competitive environment everyday. This environment is going to be right for them to compete. It's going to be interesting."

Ticket sales going strong

Skills clinic Aug. 15

The New Mexico State soccer program has reached another milestone in its inaugural season with 100 season tickets already sold as of Thursday, July 30.

With seven home matches this season, and two home exhibitions, Aggie fans have many opportunities to catch the soccer team in action.

"The support of the Las Cruces community is outstanding," head coach Michael Needham said. "I have coached in several markets and have never had such a tremendous start to season ticket sales."

Tickets for the inaugural season of the newest Aggie program went on sale in June. Needham and his staff have been working hard to spread the word in the community about the potential of the program.

"Crossing the 100 mark was a great milestone for our program, it is very important that we have a home field advantage when we play at Aggie Memorial," Needham said. "I am excited to see even more of the Aggie faithful jump on board and take advantage of the nine home dates we have this fall."

Season tickets for the inaugural season cost $19 for adults and $17 for seniors, military members and NMSU faculty and staff, which make the per-game prices only $2.11 and $1.88, respectively. Single game tickets are $5 for all fans. Kids 12 and under are admitted free to Aggie soccer all season long.

Two Fresno State athletes honored

Mendonca, Gloria recipients of Kearney Award

Fresno State baseball player Tom Mendonca and women's tennis player Melanie Gloria are the 2008-09 Western Athletic Conference Joe Kearney Award winners.

Mendonca is the second-consecutive Bulldog baseball player to win the award, while Gloria is the first-ever women's tennis player to win it.

Named in honor of former WAC commissioner Joe Kearney, the awards are given annually to the top male and female student-athletes in the WAC.

Mendonca, a junior third baseman from Turlock, Calif., was the 2009 WAC Player of the Year after he led the league and ranked third nationally in home runs (27). A semifinalist for the Dick Howser and Golden Spikes National Player of the Year Awards, he was named to five All-America teams in 2009.

Mendonca led his team to three consecutive WAC Tournament titles and the 2008 NCAA Championship, as he was named Most Outstanding Player of the College World Series after tying a College World Series record with four home runs. In just three years, he blasted 56 home runs, shattering the Fresno State career record by 13 and tying for fourth place all-time in WAC history. His 174 career RBI also ranks third in Fresno State history. Mendonca earned a gold medal with Team USA at the 2008 European Championships and was a second round draft pick by the Texas Rangers.

Gloria, a senior from Montreal, Canada, is a four-time WAC Player of the Year and led the Bulldogs to four consecutive WAC titles. The 2009 ITA Northwest Region Senior Player of the Year, she was a third team Academic All-American and was named Fresno State Bulldog of the Year as a senior. Gloria also made her third appearance at the NCAA Doubles Tournament and received her fourth invite to the NCAA Singles Tournament in 2009.

Gloria concluded her career with 123 singles wins, good for second place in school history. She reached No. 1 in the ITA doubles national rankings in 2008, and earned All-America status in both singles and doubles, becoming only the second two-time All-American singles player in school history. The Bulldogs also advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in all four of her seasons, a program first.

2008-09 Kearney Award nominees:

Ryan Grinnell, Boise State, track & field; Eleni Kafourou, Boise State, track & field; Tom Mendonca, Fresno State, baseball; Melanie Gloria, Fresno State, tennis; Solomon Elimimian, Hawai'i, football; Amber Kaufman, Hawai'i, track & field/volleyball;

Mac Hopson, Idaho, basketball; Allix Lee-Painter, Idaho, cross country/track & field; Antonio Baker, Louisiana Tech, football; Amberly Waits, Louisiana Tech, softball; Matt Bowman, Nevada, baseball; Brittany Puzey, Nevada, softball; Bryan Marquez, New Mexico State, baseball;

Krystal Torres, New Mexico State, volleyball; Jarron Gilbert, San Jose State, football; Erica Moston, San Jose State, golf; Gary Wilkinson, Utah State, basketball; and Krista Larson, Utah State, track & field.

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CHURCH NEWS

ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT OPEN HOUSE

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission will host a teenage mission team from the national church Saturday, Aug. 8 through Sunday, Aug. 16. The climax of the team's visit will be planning and hosting an open house from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the mission at 518 N. Alameda St. The community is invited to the open house. Come and share in the food and folk dancing and learn about the Orthodox Church. For more information, visit http://stanthonylc.org.

CONNECT WITH ANGELS

PiYoga Health Boutique will host Erica Williams, a certified Angel Therapy Practitioner, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Angel Therapy relays messages from your angels and provides insight into life's questions. It also helps clear your energy drawing you nearer to divine love and energy. Call 526-0977 for an appointment. PiYoga New Age Health Boutique is located at 207 Avenida De Mesilla.

HONORING FAMOUS JEWISH WOMEN

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., is hosting a tea party honoring famous Jewish women. The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, in the temple's Social Hall. Dress in summer dresses, pearls, gloves, whatever. Hats will be provided. RSVPs are requested since seating is limited. Call 521-3711 for more information.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd, has scheduled renovation of the Sunday school classrooms during August and, as a result, Sunday school classes for children 3 to 6 years old will be suspended. Classes will begin again the first Sunday in September. Children are welcome at every service at St. Andrews.

TEEN NIGHT

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will hold Teen Nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday Aug. 12. All teenagers are welcomed to the event full of games, Bible study and worship. For more information, call Carol at 526-6333.

ECKANKAR EVENT AT RAMADA PALMS HOTEL

Ekankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion about how to find God, from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The theme will be "How to Read God's Blessings." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

Disorganization makes for unfocused, failing students

Children can ventilate feelings without sacrificing respect

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

Our junior high schooler is the most disorganized kid I've ever seen. His life is a jumble of forgotten assignments and missed deadlines. What can I do to help him?

You'll have no trouble believing what educational consultant Cheri Fuller considers to be the most common cause of school failure. She says it is not laziness or poor study skills. The primary problem is what you see in your son – massive disorganization.

Show me a student's notebook, Fuller says, and I'll tell you whether that individual is a B student or a D student. An achieving student's notebook is arranged neatly with dividers and folders for handouts and assignments. A failing student's notebook is usually a jumbled mess and may not even be used at all.

Some children are naturally sloppy, but most of them can learn to be better organized. Fuller said this skill should be taught in the elementary school years. Once they enter junior high, students may have as many as five teachers, each assigning different textbooks, workbooks, handouts and requirements from various classroom subjects.

It is foolish to assume that kids who have never had any organizational training will be able to keep such detail straight and accessible. If we want them to function in this system, we need to give them the tools that are critical to success.

You might consider having your child evaluated to see if he has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or some temperamental characteristic that makes it difficult for him to organize. When you've determined what he is capable of doing, work with an educational consultant or a school psychologist to design a system that will teach him how to live a more structured life.

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My 6-year-old has suddenly become sassy and disrespectful in her manner at home. She told me to "buzz off" when I asked her to take out the trash, and she calls me names when she gets angry. I feel it is important to permit this emotional outlet, so I haven't tried to suppress it. Do you agree?

I'm afraid I don't. Your daughter is aware of her sudden defiance, and she's waiting to see how far you will let her go. If you don't discourage disrespectful behavior now, you can expect some wild experiences during the adolescent years to come.

With regard to your concern about emotional ventilation, you are right in saying your daughter needs to express her anger. She should be free to say anything to you provided it is said in a respectful manner. It is acceptable to say, "I think you love my brother more than me," or "You weren't fair with me, Mommy."

There is a thin line between what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior at this point. The child's expression of strong frustration, even resentment and anger, should be encouraged if it exists. You certainly don't want her to bottle it inside.

On the other hand, you should not permit your daughter to resort to name-calling and open rebellion. "Mom, you hurt my feelings in front of my friends" is an acceptable statement. "You stupid idiot, why didn't you shut up when my friends were here?!" is obviously unacceptable.

If approached rationally, as described in the first statement, it would be wise for the mother to sit down and try to understand the child's viewpoint. She should be big enough to apologize to the child if she was wrong.

If she feels she was right, however, she should calmly explain why she reacted as she did and tell the child how he or she can avoid a collision next time. It is possible to ventilate feelings without sacrificing parental respect, and the child should be taught how to do it. This communicative tool will be very useful later in life, especially in a possible future marriage.

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

Wellspring Church Playshop

World musician from Orlando, Fla., Armand teaches Wellspring Church members the Native American Flute on Sunday, Aug. 2.

STEVE MACINTYRE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Local churches on Channel 98

Getting the word out one broadcast at a time

Thanks to an arrangement with the Las Cruces Channel, several local churches now have a voice on cable by airing their own shows on Comcast channel 98.

Holy Cross Church, Heart for the World Church, New Beginnings Church of God and Etz Chayim (Tree of Life) Messianic Congregation are now airing programs beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"It's all about local family programming," said Chris Soular, owner and director of new program acquisitions for the Las Cruces Channel 98. "That's what the station is working to bring to the Las Cruces area."

Holy Cross Church will air "Notes from the Cross," a new pastoral teaching program from Reverend Monsignor John Anderson, at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, Heart for the World Church will provide a one-hour show called "Break Through" with Pastor Dale Walker. Included in "Break Through" is a rebroadcast of the church's Sunday sermon.

Las Crucens can see "New Beginnings" at 11 a.m., which features Pastor Richard Mansfield from the New Beginning Church of God in Albuquerque. The New Beginning Church is utilizing the Las Cruces Channel to get the word out about its new church that is coming to Las Cruces.

Cable subscribers can also tune in at 11:30 a.m. Saturdays to "Restoring Our Hebrew Roots" with Rabbi Mordecai Silver of Etz Chayim (Tree of Life) Messianic Congregation. This program offers a valuable opportunity to learn about the role of the Torah in Christianity.

The Las Cruces Channel 98, which started in April, airs from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday. The channel was established to promote local programming.

"We want the Las Cruces community to know that they have a voice now on television," Soular said.

More information on the Las Cruces Channel 98 can be found on the website www.lascruceschannel.com, or call 650-3398.

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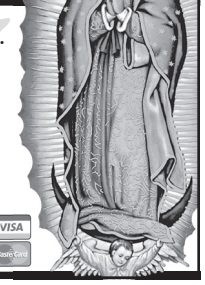

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1934

• The sisters at the Good Shepherd Convent in Mesilla Park held a garden party to raise funds to pay off their mortgage. They had arrived here in 1928 from Mexico and bought 16 acres in Mesilla Park that had an $18,000 mortgage. They raised funds by raising produce and selling chickens and livestock with the help of 25 sisters, 50 "magdalenas," women who had not taken vows, and about 35 orphans. They also raised money with a laundry service, sewing and embroidery, including the famous Cluny lace. They also worked on the construction of the convent, which had 15 rooms for orphans and a grotto that held an image of Our Lady Lourdes which had been built by Tortugas Fiesta de Guadalupe members.

• The Elephant Butte Irrigation District approved a fee of $1.10 for the first acre-foot of water, 50 cents for the second and 20 cents each for more than two.

• Cantaloupe growers had shipped 100 rail freight-car loads out of Mesquite and expected to ship 150 more loads.

50 years ago 1959

• City residents were asked not to water lawns for at least three days so storage could build up in the Griggs and Missouri storage reservoir tanks and increase water pressure. Some residences above Stull Drive had inadequate water services.

• The Doña Ana County Health Department was giving the mandatory second Salk polio inoculation at Hermosa Heights Elementary School, following the first shot that had been given 30 days previously.

Before the flood prevention dam was constructed above Telshor Boulevard, excessive rain flow from arroyos would flood Picacho Avenue. Note the viaduct that had passed over the railroad in the background and the gasoline price, 19 cents a gallon.

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25 years ago 1984

• U.S. District Judge Howard Bratton ruled that New Mexico could limit the amount of water it exported across the state line if it fulfilled several criteria. El Paso Mayor Jonathan Rogers welcomed the decision since it would allow both parties to discuss the criteria in an amiable manner. The litigation started when New Mexico rejected El Paso's application to drill 320 wells in southern Doña Ana County and transport the water over the state line.

• Hot weather forced EBID farmers to order 23,500 acre-feet of water within two weeks. During the same period the previous year, they had called for 19,000 acre-feet.

• David Patton earned his Eagle Scout badge for organizing a group of Scouts to restore portions of a Gila Forest trail.

10 years ago 1999

• Excessive rains in Sierra County poured out of arroyos and forced the Rio Grande over its banks, flooding some stretches of Highway 185 and residences in Radium Springs.

• The EBID installed 12 new radio telemetry sensors on canals to better manage delivery and to conserve water.

• The county authorized the expenditure of $110,000 in funds and services to construct six soccer fields.

• The New Mexico Border Commission moved its office from the Loretto Towne Centre to the Santa Teresa Port-of-Entry.

• Two county youths were elected to State 4-H Council positions, Becky Price, secretary, and Mark Graves, recreation director.

(Sources: NMSU Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections)

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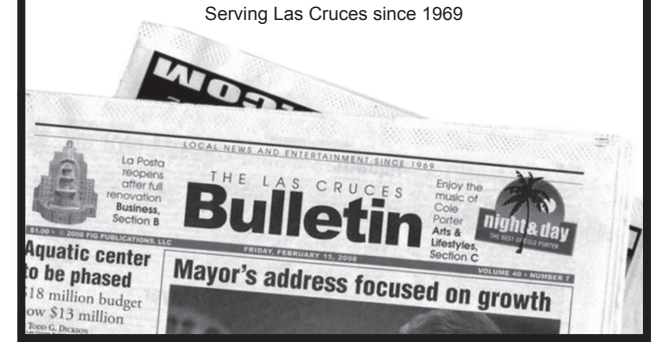

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on 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, 31o N. Tornillo Ave., from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks 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 Senior 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 is held the first Monday of each month at Munson Center. The tournament starts around 8:30 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first- and second-place winners.

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 is 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 IN AUGUST
The City of Las Cruces is offering two day trips for seniors and sign up is currently ongoing at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite.

The first trip will be a hiking trip held Friday, Aug. 14 to Fillmore Canyon and La Cueva. This is an easy hike that is three miles long with a back trail. Participants will depart the Munson Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. They will need to pack a lunch and two liters of water. There is no guaranteed return time. Cost is $2.

The second trip will be held Thursday, Aug. 20. This trip is to Three Rivers and is an easy hike. The trail is a one mile loop through the petroglyphs. There will be a lunch at White Mountain Wilderness Campground. Participants should pack their own lunch and bring plenty to drink. They should also bring sandals and shorts to splash in the river.

The trip will depart from the Munson Senior Center at 8 a.m. and there is no guaranteed return time. 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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- Clerical help at many types of programs doing office tasks
- 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 are available. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049.

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health events and support groups

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. This friendly group takes the time to enjoy each other's 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, but 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 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 are served. For more information, call 526-5016.

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 helps to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks are 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

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.

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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.

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.

YOGA CLASSES OFFERED
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.

For more information, contact Karen at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 575-882-4943.

DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS
Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will host Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10, and Monday Aug. 24, at the Doña Ana Community College, Room 104, 3400 S. Espina St.

On Aug. 10, clinical dietician Charise Ellsworth will speak on doctor visits and hospital stays.

The events are free and no pre-registration is required. Parking permits are not required at the time of the meetings. The meetings are intended for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289, snmdo@snmdo or visit www.snmdo.org.

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 meets 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.

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La Clinica de Familia leads the way during National Health Center week

A wealth of valuable health information available

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In light of National Health Center Week, which runs Sunday Aug. 9 through Saturday, Aug. 15, La Clinica de Familia is having a free health fair Wednesday, Aug. 12, in Las Cruces and other healthcare sites in the area.

La Clinica CEO Harriet Brandstetter said the fair will serve as an opportunity to inform local residents about the benefits of health care centers such as La Clinica. Area residents can also expect to find information on family medicine, gynecology, education and social services.

"For us it's an opportunity to let the community know what we are and what services we provide," Brandstetter said. "It's a wealth of information, or I like to call it a resource sharing festivity."

As part of the fair, people will be able to get free health screenings, blood pressure checks and diabetes screenings, among many other services. With a large response from local vendors, Brandstetter said community members will be able to network and ask questions concerning their health, dental, preventive care and eligibility for services.

Although this is the 10th year La Clinica is participating in the health fair, Brandstetter said she has never seen such a huge response from local vendors.

"I'm still getting calls from vendors wanting to help, but there's just no room anymore," Brandstetter said.

Vendors such as TMO Sports, The Imaging Center, BabyCheeks and United Blood Services are just a few local organizations that will be offering services and information to the community.

The Chaparral Medical Clinic on 510 E. Lisa Drive in Chaparral, N.M., will hold its from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., East Mesa Medical on 8600 Bataan Memorial East, will focus its fair on health care for the homeless. The Community of Hope will be collecting donated essential items at that site as well. The Las Cruces Medical/Dental Clinic on 1160 Mall Drive will hold its from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., while The Las Cruces Women's Clinic on 1180 Mall Drive, Ste. B, will host from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The San Miguel Clinic on 18424 S. Highway 28 in San Miguel, N.M., will hold its fair from 8 a.m. to noon and the Anthony Medical/Dental Clinic on 855 Anthony drive in Anthony, N.M., will hold its fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additionally, the Sunland Park Medical/Dental Clinic on 2625 McNutt Road, in Sunland Park, N.M., will hold its fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

National Health Center week recognizes the importance of community and health, while focusing on the medically vulnerable throughout the country. However, Bransdtetter emphasized that the event is all-inclusive, available to all demographics, regardless of health insurance status or elegibility.

"It's not just for the underinsured or the underprivileged ,but for the entire community," Brandstetter said. "Our mission has always been to help whomever is in need."

For more information, call 526-1105 or visit www.lcdfnm.org.

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La Clinica CEO Harriet Brandstetter is hoping the community will take full advantage of the free health fair scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the clinic.

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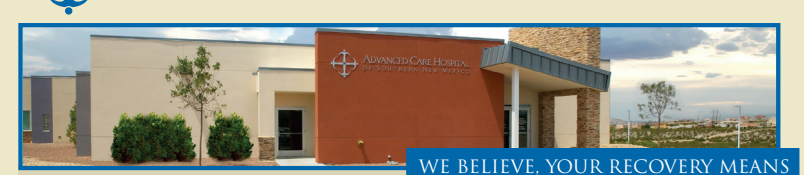

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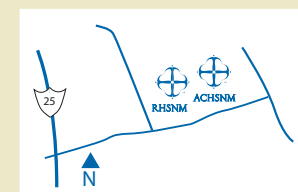

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At the Coordinated Home Health fair

Christian Aquino of CHH, above and right, grills for a long line of hungry families, Friday, July 31.

Margarita Leal, Ricky Muñoz and Juanita Leal enjoy the CHH fair in Anthony, N.M.

Eduardo "DJ Lobo" Leal provided music for the event.

Families from around the area were treated to information, food and fun.

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HEALTH NEWS

At the Judy Price Blood Drive

Donor Care Specialist Liliana Moreno labels a blood bag that will be used by a donor.

Donor Care Specialist Ferney Orozco preps Shirley Gutierrez to give blood.

United Blood Services donor Care Specialist Jeff Rodriguez takes blood from Paul Dungie, director of the Flood Commission for Doña Ana County.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

United Blood Services Donor Care Specialist Jeff Rodriguez takes blood from Doña Ana County accountant Chelo Gonzales Friday, July 31, during the ninth annual Judy Price Blood Drive. Doña Ana County employees and visitors to the Doña Ana County Government Center donated 38 pints of blood during the drive held in memory of Judy Price, who served as director of planning, acting county manager and assistant county manager before losing her battle with cancer in September 2001.

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- The Ability Center
- Public Health Healthy Start
- Eligibility Specialist

East Mesa Medical
8600 Bataan Memorial East • 575-373-9202
9 a.m.-2 p.m. • Contact Nancy

LCDF East Mesa's health fair theme is Health Care for the Homeless. Las Cruces' Community of Hope will be collecting donations.

Vendors:

- La Piñon
- Matrix Home Health
- Ambercare
- La Casa
- Physician's Health Choice
- Sunview Imaging
- Wellcare
- HME Oxygen Care
- Oxygen Therapy
- The Learning Tree
- Millennium Chiropractic
- Tresco Tots
- Aprendamos
- United Blood Services
- Dickason's Job Placement
- Pacific Pulmonary
- Quantum
- En Su Casa
- 101 Gold

Las Cruces Medical/Dental Clinic
1160 Mall Drive • 575-521-7181
9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Contact Yolanda

Vendors:

- Sunview
- HomeKare
- Encompass
- Aprendamos
- Physician's Health Choice
- Mesilla Valley Hospice
- Ambercare
- Millennium Chiropractic
- TMO Sports
- Novo Nordisk
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San Miguel Clinic
18424 S. Highway 28, San Miguel, NM 88058
575-233-3830 • 8 a.m.-Noon • Contact Josie

Vendors:

- Altomar
- Novo Nordisk
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Physicians Health Choice

Las Cruces Women's Clinic
1180 Mall Drive, Ste B • 575-532-2044
9 a.m.-2 p.m. • Contact Eva

Vendors:

- The Imaging Center
- Baby Cheeks
- Aprendamos
- WIC
- Sherry & Company
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- The Bug Guy
- Big Brothers Big Sisters

Sunland Park Medical/Dental Clinic
2625 McNutt Rd, Sunland Park, NM • 575-589-0898
9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Contact Gabby

Vendors:

- Desert Imaging
- Ambercare
- Preferred Home Care
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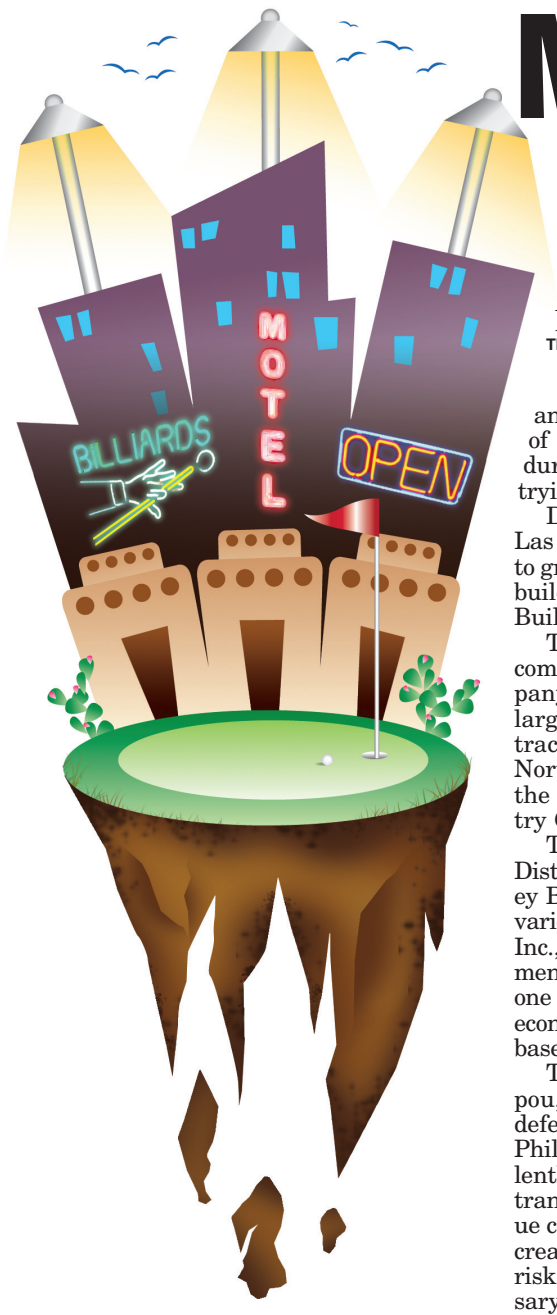

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Are two developers' plans going flat?

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Claims of unpaid bills, legal battles and lack of compliance are among some of the problems facing local developers during one of the housing industry's most trying times.

During a national recession – and as Las Cruces and Doña Ana County continue to grow – problems seem to be mounting for builders Philip Philippou and Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.

The latest in a string of legal battles comes on behalf of Golf Works, Inc., a company that Philippou – Doña Ana County's largest private property owner – subcontracted to build a golf course in the Sierra Norte subdivision on the East Mesa to be the future home of the Las Cruces Country Club.

The lawsuit, filed in Las Cruces' state District Court by Golf Works' attorney Mickey Beisman, alleges that Philippou and the various entities he represents – Katerina Inc., Greco Enterprises Inc., Logos Development Inc. and Philippou LLC – committed one count of fraud and one count of loss of economic opportunities for Golf Works Inc., based in Austin, Texas.

The lawsuit states, "Defendant Philippou, acting individually, and through defendants Katerina, Greco, Logos and Philippou, LLC, as his alter ego, fraudulently induced Golf Works to enter into a transaction to construct and then to continue constructing the project by intentionally creating a false impression of the material risks involved concerning the water necessary for the project," reads a portion of the lawsuit.

See **Developers** on PAGE B3

Lighting ordinance sparks new concerns

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Is darker better?

Almost 10 years after the city approved an ordinance to regulate the installation and use of outdoor lighting, dark sky proponents say current regulations are too lax, claiming that glaring outdoor lights are marring Las Cruces' nighttime sky.

The culprits? Businesses and homes, according to the group.

Advocates of the proposed change refer to any adverse affect of manmade light as "light pollution." That means billboards, signs, architectural lighting, LED, security lighting and similar light sources that prevent potential sky gazers from getting a clear view of the stars and celestial bodies.

"The proposed ordinance is badly designed," said former Las Cruces mayor William Mattiace, who now serves as vice president of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs. "If it was just on the businesses, it wouldn't be so controversial, but the changes would affect residential areas as well."

Mattiace said aside from the cost to businesses to retrofit existing lighting and signage, the proposed ordinance raises a question of public safety.

"Four-thousand signatures were collected at Pic Quik stores (in opposition to the proposed ordinance), with the concern for safety," he said. "They want their young children, senior citizens and students to have a safe area when taking care of their fuel needs or buying goods and services."

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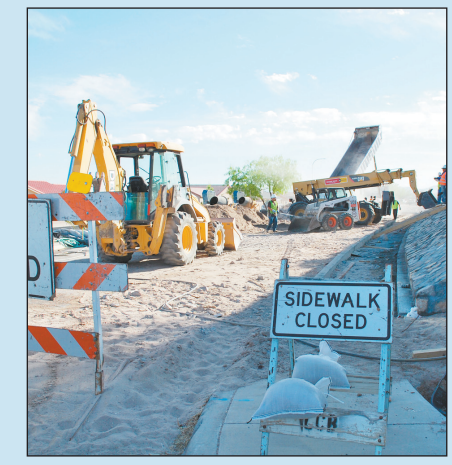


KRISTINE SANDRICK I The Las Cruces Bulletin

The city contracted with Sandoval Construction to repair a subdivision's rock wall on east Roadrunner Parkway in June.

DEVELOPERS' WOES
- Two lawsuits have been filed against the county's largest private landholder, Philip Philippou
- Progress at Sierra Norte Golf Course has been delayed
- Desert Sage Development files for Chapter 7 bankruptcy

HOW DARK IS TOO DARK?
- Special interest group seeks to change outdoor lighting regulations for businesses and homes

KICKIN' UP DUST
- Homeowners band together to combat "rogue developers" kicking up dust
- Building Industry Association chief says claims are baseless
- Four-year dust study is in the works

Developing dust concerns

Group pushes for new building standards

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A group of local homeowners recently banded together to combat what they claim is manmade "fugitive" dust being created by developers who "strip and scrape the land," causing adverse health effects to nearby residents and property damage and devaluation.

Las Crucens for Dust Ordinance Enforcement, comprising of seven homeowners in Districts 5 and 6, are working to modify the existing dust control ordinance so it can be better enforced, said group member Carol Reynolds.

"These people have sustained property damage, property devaluation and health problems as a result of the reckless behavior of irresponsible developers and builders," Reynolds said. "The current ordinance that has been in place for about 10 years has never been adequately enforced."

Reynolds said developers' stripping and scraping activities disturb the natural "crust" or "seal" in the desert floor and create a fugitive dust source that is affecting homeowners' properties – both damage and devaluation – and respiratory problems, mainly in the form of Valley Fever – a fungal infection similar to bronchitis.

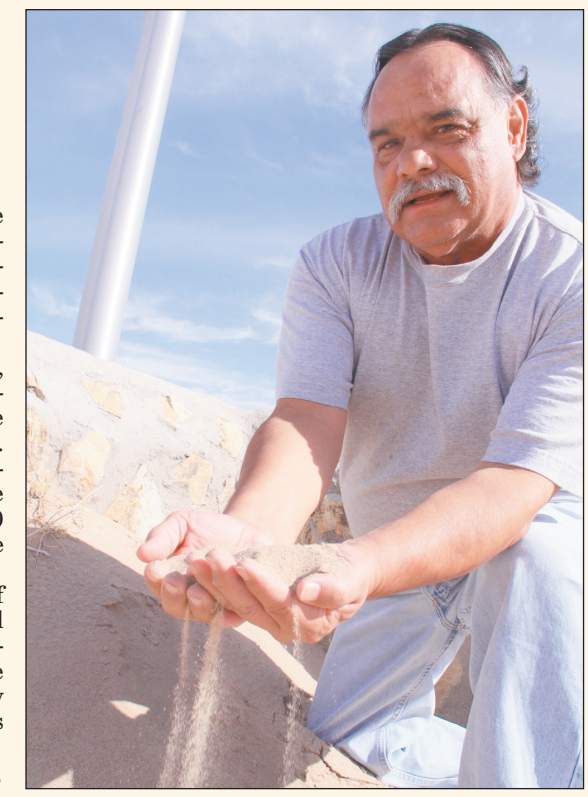
"We are only at the tip of the iceberg regarding the health issue," Reynolds said. "Infected persons can suffer from fever, chest pain and coughing."

Paul Dulin, director of the Office of Border Health, is leading the way to conduct a four-year public health study to better identify the source and severity of local Valley Fever illness.

"The cocci (Valley Fever), fungus, is found ubiquitously throughout the soil of the Chihuahuan desert," Dulin said. "If you've got a piece of machinery grubbing a subdivision site and wind is whipping up at 20 mph, all this is getting into the air."

Dulin said the first year of the publicly funded study will focus on training local physicians to identify and diagnose Valley Fever, which is especially prevalent in dust-heavy states such as Arizona and California.

See **Dust control** on PAGE B3



Antonio Granillo, who owns a home in the Parkhill Subdivision off of Del Rey Boulevard, said excess sand kicked up by developers regularly piles 3 to 4 feet high in his backyard.

THERESA MONTOYA BASALDUA
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Lighting

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The changes would require businesses – including gas stations that have LED, neon and similar light fixtures – use semi-opaque or frosted shields to reduce glare, with maximum light levels from unshielded light fixtures at 20,000 lumens per lot.

Lumen is a unit of measurement of the rate at which a lamp produces light. A lamp's lumen output rating expresses the total amount of light the lamp emits in all directions. A 100-watt incandescent lamp produces about 1,800 lumens.

Mattiace said under the proposed requirements, safety cameras may be "inefficient in preventing problems and catching perpetrators," at places such as gas stations and other retail businesses.

Oscar Andrade, owner of Pic Quik stores, called the proposed changes "totally unnecessary" and "unrealistic."

"We went through this 10 years ago," Andrade said. "When the first night sky ordinance came into play, they used my Del Rey store as an example of what a convenience store should look like."

Andrade said he's made one of the strongest efforts of all business owners to reduce the amount of power and light emitted from his stores' exteriors since the ordinance was first enacted, spending "four times as much" to use energy efficient fixtures that far exceled the city's current requirements.

"I've been 'green' for a long time," he said. "We already use 20 watts per fixture, versus the 400 watts per fixture the traditional convenient stores use. We have received a lot of national awards for our design to eliminate light."

Because Andrade uses high compact fluorescent light bulbs rather than metal halides, it would be "impossible" to lower the amount of lumen output at his stores.

"You cannot dim a fluorescent fixture," he said.

Proposed changes to the existing ordinance would also require billboards, signs and architectural lighting to be turned off at 11 p.m., or close of business, whichever is later – a measure that Andrade calls "ridiculous."

"The cost for me to go out there every night and turn off every hard light would be ridiculous. How in the world would anybody do that?" he continued.

Although businesses with lighting currently up to city code would be grandfathered under the proposed ordinance, the changes would require lighting fixtures be updated if a business resumes operation after a year of inactivity, installs an addition or modifies its property, changes occupancy or modifies 25 percent or more of its existing outdoor lighting.

"This is going to affect the remodeling industry, affect sales at Lowe's, Home Depot and other places," Andrade said. "People will not take out building permits for fear of having to pay extra."

Andrade said if he were to remodel one of his older facilities, to the tune of $150,000 for exterior improvements, he would subsequently have to pay another $100,000 to upgrade its electrical fixtures.

"Economically, this just doesn't make sense," he added. "Instead of improving the city's image, people are just going to say it's not worth remodeling or it's not worth taking a permit out."

The gas station owner added that acquiring permits to build his two most recent stores was a "complete nightmare," and that increased regulation would make him "hesitant to build a new one."

In places such as Hatch, Anthony and Tortugas, Andrade said, "I have never had an issue dealing with the building inspectors there."

Proposed changes to the existing ordinance also include regulating "intrusive lighting" in the residential sector, effectively making it illegal for "light trespass" to spill into neighboring properties or for security and floodlights to be aimed up. Security lights, no more than two, would have to be deactivated by a motion sensor remaining on no longer than 12 minutes.

Mattiace and Andrade said this would make the new ordinance "un-enforceable" and at a great cost to the city to become the "light police."

Tom Hutchinson, owner of La Posta restaurant in Mesilla, said the proposed ordinance leans too heavily on special interests, and not enough on those of the general public.

"Anytime that you suggest things that are not enforceable – such as when you start talking about lumen parameters and percentage of lights that need to be on or off – you create a burdensome ordinance that's tough for people to obide by," he said. "The bottom line is that every ordinance should be passed with the public interest in mind, not with an agenda for a special interest. I think this (ordinance) might be a tad heavy on the special interest side."

Editor's note: For further information pertaining to the proposed changes to the city's outdoor lighting ordinance, go to page A15.

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A nighttime view of Las Cruces from a hilltop in Organ, N.M., shows the intensity of light beamed at the sky from businesses and homes.

Baca not employed with local CFSNM

The recent appointment of a former elected official to head the southern office of an Santa-Fe-based nonprofit group has created some confusion because of similar organization names.

Former state representative and state Public Regulation Commission member E. Shirley Baca of Las Cruces accepted the position of development director for the New Mexico Community Foundation's southern New Mexico office.

In that role, Baca will be working for the statewide nonprofit, supporting that foundation's southern New Mexico outreach. But Baca's organization is separate from a Las Cruces-based community foundation with a similar name, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

The CFSNM works to link donors throughout southern New Mexico with local needs.

After Baca's appointment was first announced, the Las Cruces Bulletin ran a letter to the editor from Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico board members and officials in response to concerns raised by donors and others because Baca has had a controversial history, especially during her time at the PRC. The letter pointed out that the CFSNM is not affiliated with the Santa Fe-based foundation that hired Baca.

"The CFSNM is a local, autonomous community foundation, with its office in Las Cruces," the letter stated. "The mission and vision of the CFSNM are to link donors with needs here in southern New Mexico, serve as the community leader in identifying difficult issues and to build permanent funds (endowments) for our region. As a leader, we are currently addressing the economic crisis among the 32 nonprofits whose endowments the CFSNM manages. The Board of Directors of the CFSNM has launched a $500,000 campaign for both emergency funding and matching endowment funding."

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Dust control

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After a similar health-training program was initiated in Tucson, Ariz., "Cocci cases jumped from 40 cases a year to 6,000 cases a year," Dulin said.

"We will most certainly see the numbers go up here," he continued.

David Roewe, executive officer for the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico, said more studies should be conducted before the finger can be pointed at developers.

"The biggest offenders of disturbing soil are farmers," he said, "not builders. Let's get real here."

Isaac Chavez, director of governmental affairs for the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, agrees that developers alone should not bear the burden for area dust problems.

"We are still waiting to see where this discussion leads, but we don't feel that this is solely a builder and development problem," Chavez said. "I think it's very unfair certain people in the community are trying to blame this on the builders."

According to the New Mexico Environment Department, anyone can potentially be harmed by breathing too much dust, but infants, children, the elderly, people with asthma or lung problems, people with heart disease, pregnant women and outdoor workers are at a higher risk of developing serious health problems.

The NMED says that each year, Doña Ana County has between six to 18 days when dust levels are too high according to federal health standards.

"Throughout most of the year, the air quality in Doña Ana County is very good and the air is considered clean," an NMED dust control briefing states. "Most of the exceedances recorded in Doña Ana County have been caused by high winds. However, Las Cruces is probably beginning to add to ozone and smog pollution bit-by-bit as the area continues to grow quickly."

The briefing continues, "It is unreasonable to expect that all dust can be controlled. No one, not even the EPA, believes we can control Mother Nature."

Reynolds, who lives in The Pines neighborhood off of Del Rey Boulevard, said homeowners in her area have sustained landscaping damage and property devaluation because their homes "are adjacent to extensive areas that have been stripped and scraped and then abandoned or not developed as planned."

"The folks already have a pretty grim situation in regard to the sale of their residences," she said. "Many of them have had to re-landscape their yards repeatedly and if the situation is not remedied, they will be required to undertake future repairs."

Isaac Apodaca, who owns a home in the Las Colinas neighborhood off of Roadrunner Parkway, said excess dust from an undeveloped land parcel behind his home has damaged his landscaping and his roof.

"I understand that we live in the desert but this is totally ridiculous," Apodaca said. "These mountains – sand dunes – are literally towering over our house and we have a bunch of sand coming into our yard. You can't even tell we have rocks in our backyard."

Apodaca said his neighbor has already replaced the roof on his home because of the excess dust, and fears his roof will need to be replaced soon.

"We're just regular people trying to make it," he added. "We work hard for everything we have and it's being destroyed."

At a City Council meeting July 6, Cameron Flower, senior environmental manager for Kitchell Environmental Services, presented the council an overview of "fugitive" dust sources and how to best prevent the overblowing of particulate matter into the air.

He said proven solutions have been educating the general public and building industry, taking an emissions inventory, regulating the private industry through public ordinances and enforcing penalties.

"What appeared promising from Mr. Flower's presentation were a number of low-cost measures that would cut down on blowing dust," said Erin Ward, environmental expert at New Mexico State University. "Cameron had other low-cost measures that wouldn't require much effort – just a little creative thinking and willingness to listen."

The city plans a special work session Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Council Chambers, to further discuss dust control measures and mitigation considerations.

"I hope homeowners and land developers are willing to invest a little time and attend Thursday's workshop," Ward said. "It may result in a high benefit to the community at a low cost to the developers."

Developers

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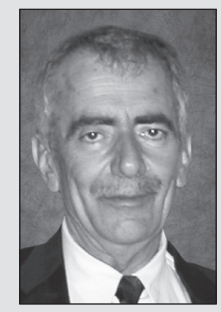
The East Mesa golf course, which Las Cruces Country Club President Ed Perez said was "70 percent complete" in early June, was designed to be a championship-type course, he said, and is embedded into the new Sierra Norte development, which is just short of 2,000 acres.

Because the "economy hit Philippou really hard," Perez said, the project was "purchased by a third party" earlier this year – but the problems associated with the course seem to have followed Philippou.



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"There's a lot happening right now – ownership, city permits, road construction," Perez said in June. "If not for economic troubles, the course would have been done by now."

The lawsuit cites several occasions in which Golf Works representatives were informed there was an adequate amount of water to sustain the project, but that those representations were false, and forced Golf Works to commit its own resources to perform work without a contract between January 2007 and March 19, 2007.

"Because the substantial amount of money owed by defendants to Golf Works for work already performed under the contract remains unpaid, Golf Works' bonding capacity has been reduced by $5 million and a $200,000 letter of credit has been revoked by its bank," the lawsuit states, adding that the defendants' actions were "reckless" and "malicious."

Adding to Philippou's troubles is a lawsuit filed by the City of Las Cruces in the Third Judicial District Court in July that claims Philippou and his development entities failed to comply with subdivision requirements imposed by the city on various projects.

In addition to drainage work, the complaint identifies roadway, utility work and rock wall improvements that allegedly have not been completed in several other Philippou-owned subdivisions.

Earlier this year, Philippou paid more than $200,000 to the city for an outstanding water bill after liens were placed on several of his properties.

In a statement to the Albuquerque Journal, Philippou's attorney Kyle Moberly was quoted as saying "... I expect that Mr. Philippou will want to tell the public his side of the story."

A phone call to Moberly's office was not returned.

Philippou is not the only developer feeling the heat. Just last week Desert Sage Building and Development Inc., which specializes in custom homebuilding, filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection.

Documents filed July 23 with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Albuquerque, list 147 creditors and $5,262,121 in total liabilities for Desert Sage, with $5,267,052 in total company assets. Claims to local creditors include $146,403 to Morales General Construction Inc., $27,985 to Rawson Builders Supply Inc., $25,954 to Builders Source Appliance Gallery and $15,865 to Foxworth Galbraith.

According to the documents, Desert Sage owes more than $3.68 million to its creditors.

Desert Sage co-owner David Gordon is the past president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, and was named "Builder of the Year" in 2001 by the association.

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New HUD rules encourage borrowers to shop wisely

Protective guidelines go into effect Jan. 1

GARY SANDLER'S *Real Estate Connection*

How many times have you overheard someone relating the story about going to closing on a real estate purchase or refinance and finding that the closing costs were far higher than expected? Maybe it's because I'm in the real estate business, but I hear that sort of grievance on a regular basis.

According to the Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act (RESPA) passed in 1974, however, you and I are not supposed hear such stories. Why? Because the HUD regulations enacted at that time and which remain in place today require that mortgage lenders and brokers give to their borrowers at the time of application a Good Faith Estimate (GFE) of the types of services, fees and costs they might expect to encounter in connection with their purchase or refinance transaction. So, what's the problem?

While the GFEs did serve to take some of the mystery out the makeup of the behind-the-scenes costs of the products and services "sold" to borrowers during their real estate transactions, RESPA rules have never required the closing costs contained in the estimate actually match the costs that that are ultimately charged at closing.

As a result, many borrowers have been surprised to find the true cost of their transactions were far in excess of the amount outlined in their original GFEs. Effective Jan. 1, 2010, however, new HUD guidelines will require mortgage lenders and brokers to provide GFEs that are, in one word, accurate.

According to HUD, the new GFE will substantially enhance disclosure of the most important aspects of the loan by requiring the lender or mortgage broker provide a more comprehensive overview of the borrower's charges and fees. Highlights of the new rules include:

- Disclosure of the loan amount, term, initial interest rate, whether the rate is adjustable, whether negative amortization is allowed, whether reserves for taxes and insurance will be required and whether the loan has a prepayment penalty or balloon payment
- Disclosure of the lender or broker's total origination fees and third-party fees and taxes, whether the borrower will pay points to get a lower interest rate or if the borrower will accept a higher interest rate in exchange for lower closing costs and how much the mortgage broker will be paid by the lender (currently known as Yield Spread Premium, or YSP)
- Access to a table that allows the borrower to compare the trade-offs between paying points and getting a lower rate, as well as access to a "shopping cart" table that allows borrowers to enter information from multiple GFEs so they can compare mortgage offers side-by-side

Included in HUD's new rules is a change in its HUD-1 Settlement Statement, which is the form used to tally the final accounting of the costs. The new form now includes a table that borrowers can use to determine if their lenders have been honest with them by comparing the final closing costs on the HUD with those contained in the original GFE.

According to HUD, the revised RESPA regulations will save borrowers an estimated $700 in fees for each transaction closed. Given that a 2008 study conducted by Bankrate.com showed that New Mexico homebuyers and home refinanciers pay the sixth highest closing costs in the nation at $3,466 per transaction, the new rules couldn't come too soon.

By the way, even though use of the new GFEs won't become compulsory until Jan. 1, 2010, HUD is encouraging lenders and mortgage brokers to begin using the new disclosure form now.

I don't know about you, but if I were shopping for a loan, I'd certainly give additional consideration to the lender or broker who chose to compete for my business by volunteering to disclose the new information to me now, rather than waiting until he or she is forced to do so.

If you'd like to dig a little deeper into the details of the new regulations, log on to HUD's official website at www.hud.gov and enter "New GFE" into the search field. You'll find more than enough information there to keep you busy for quite some time to come.

See you at closing!

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Average closing costs

Rank	City/State	Avg. closing cost
1	New York	$4,015
2	Texas	$3,975
3	Buffalo, N.Y.	$3,845
4	Florida	$3,683
5	Oklahoma	$3,558
6	New Mexico	$3,466
7	New Jersey	$3,432
8	Pennsylvania	$3,411
9	Alaska	$3,408
10	Colorado	$3,358
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48	Chicago, Ill.	$2,869
49	Springfield, Ill.	$2,826
50*	Wyoming	$2,804
50*	Iowa	$2,804
52	South Dakota	$2,797
53	Maine	$2,793
54	Missouri	$2,758
55	Kansas	$2,669
56	North Carolina	$2,650

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Farm tours for beginning organic farmers planned

A great way to learn about farming techniques is to visit successful operations. With the increased interest in organic farming, an opportunity is available for new and transitioning organic growers to visit farms and observe some of the methods of organic agriculture. New Mexico State University extension specialists will lead the free walks. To participate in the farm walks please register by calling Suzanne Despres at 505-865-7340. Directions to the farms will be given after pre-registration.

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New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's Consumer Protection Division has entered into a consent decree with Golden Bear Trading Inc., of Santa Fe, that prohibits the company from misrepresenting the status of any Native American merchandise and requires the business to comply with the Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act, which sets forth and defines what may be represented as "authentic Indian Arts and Crafts." In an investigation done in cooperation with the Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Attorney General's lawsuit alleged that in three undercover operations, Golden Bear Trading misrepresented jewelry as having been made by noted Native American artist Calvin Begay.

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Christopher Brown, associate professor, has taken on the role of academic department head of geography at New Mexico State University's College of Arts and Sciences. Brown said he is thrilled to take the position and is ready to face the challenges of leading a department while continuing his duties as a teacher and scholar.

Bingaman to speak on renewable energy

The potential for renewable energy in agriculture and eastern New Mexico's contributions to biofuel efforts will be topics of interest at the annual field day at New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Center at Clovis, N.M. The featured keynote speaker at the event will be U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman. The field day is scheduled for Tuesday Aug. 18. For more information, call 985-2292 or email marsalis@nmsu.edu.

Statement from president on "Cash for Clunkers"

A statement from President Barack Obama released July 31 by the White House Office of the Press Secretary regarding the Cash for Clunkers program reads:

"I want to thank leaders in the House of Representatives for working quickly and in a bipartisan way to pass legislation that will use Recovery Act funds to keep Cash for Clunkers going. This program has been an overwhelming success, allowing consumers to trade in their less fuel-efficient cars for a credit to buy more fuel-efficient new models. It has given consumers a much-needed break, provided the American auto industry an important boost and is achieving environmental benefits well beyond what was originally anticipated. The program has proven to be a successful part of our economic recovery and will help lessen our dangerous dependence on foreign oil, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the quality of the air we breathe."

CFSNM director leads fundraising

Wagner Burn brings wealth of nonprofit experience

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Luan Wagner-Burn took over as CFSNM director July 20.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is continuing its support for local nonprofits with the help of Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn. Burn began her first official day with the CFSNM July 20 and immediately started on a campaign that commenced the same day Burn was announced as the new director.

The CFSNM launched the Nonprofit Economic Crises Campaign in April with a goal to raise $500,000 by Dec. 31 to help 32 nonprofits who have endowments within the foundation.

"People everywhere are talking about sustainability," Burn said. "Through this campaign, we will be able to meet emergency needs while building endowments that will keep giving forever."

With each contribution to the campaign, the CFSNM will designate 50 percent to an emergency fund for nonprofits that have endowments with the foundation. The other 50 percent will be designated to a matching fund created to build the nonprofit endowments, leading to the long-term sustainability for the organizations within the greater Las Cruces community. The principal from an endowment continues to grow forever, providing financial security even in hard times.

Burn married Las Cruces local Keith Burn and began a year-long commute from Arizona, where she worked as an executive director for the Arizona Youth Partnership. Once she began to build relationships within the CFSNM, she was recruited to her current position.

"I am excited to be a part of an organization that the community has faith in, knowing that funds will be appropriately handled," Burn said. "I am also excited about working with a variety of nonprofits and connecting those organizations with donors."

Burn's previous position allowed her to grow her grant writing skills and her ability to encourage nonprofit growth. During her time at AYP, Burn grew a budget from $200,000 a year to $3 million. She has been through hard times, however. At one point, Burn had to lay off 22 staff members.

"I learned along the way how to be sustainable," said Burn, who received her Ph.D. in human development from Ohio State University. "My experience might give me more credibility with people as I explain the situation the nonprofits are in right now."

Burn's experience will also help her meet the needs of nonprofits through the workshops and support the CFSNM provides on issues such as business needs, taxes and fundraising. Along with the CFSNM's supporting organization, the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico, Burn said she is looking forward to building on that support.

"I'm very happy to be in a community that connects donors with community needs," she 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.

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Money 101 for your spouse

Do both partners know where their money is?

ALAN UMSTEAD
Senior Finance

During my university days, a lot of beginning classes were numbered "101."

We had Art 101, History 101, Psychology 101.

I never ran across a Money 101 class, but I find myself teaching it from time to time with clients who have lost their spouse and need financial guidance.

Since I work mainly with seniors, I find most of them have devised a division of labor in their partnership. For the most part, the financial "labor" was largely the men's responsibility.

Women and men both need to share this responsibility, or at least give their partner the basic information needed to keep the household running. Household finances are vital to every family, so a partnership is necessary. Too often, the person who controls the finances becomes incapacitated or passes way, leaving the surviving spouse with little to no knowledge of financial survival.

A family's finances – even a family of two – should be treated similar to a business. Where and what are the assets? What do they own and what investments do they have? What are the family's liabilities? What bills do they owe and to whom, and when must they be paid? When does the money come in and from where? If the individual who has this knowledge does not share it, the spouse is at a huge disadvantage and is being done a great disservice, unintentional or not.

When working with seniors, I suggest creating a binder with a handful of "how to" categories. This is a simple way of creating an efficient and extremely helpful tool that can be used to teach your spouse the financial basics. It also may prove to be invaluable should the financially savvy spouse become unable to carry on with his or her duties.

Sit at the kitchen table with your spouse and discuss the categories of your assets, liabilities, insurance policies, legal documents, wills, etc. You have drafted a will, right?

In my own experience, my father's stroke left him bedridden for three years. My mother had no experience dealing with finances, and she had to learn fast.

My mother even had to be taught how to fill the car with gas! In the old days, she would go to the gas stations and attendants would refuel her car. When those gas stations no longer had attendants, my mother drove until the needle showed less than a quarter of a tank and would park the car at home until my father refueled it. This problem could have been easily resolved by taking a joint trip to the gas station and some easy hands-on training. It's the same with finance. It was hard for me to believe they co-existed this way, but it's true.

I suggest the person in the house who does not pay the bills take over this task with some guidance for a few months. This person should also review the financial documents that arrive in the mail and take a peek at documents that have been filed away. Couples should also give some thought to including another mature member of the family or other third party into the financial lesson plan, given they are comfortable with it.

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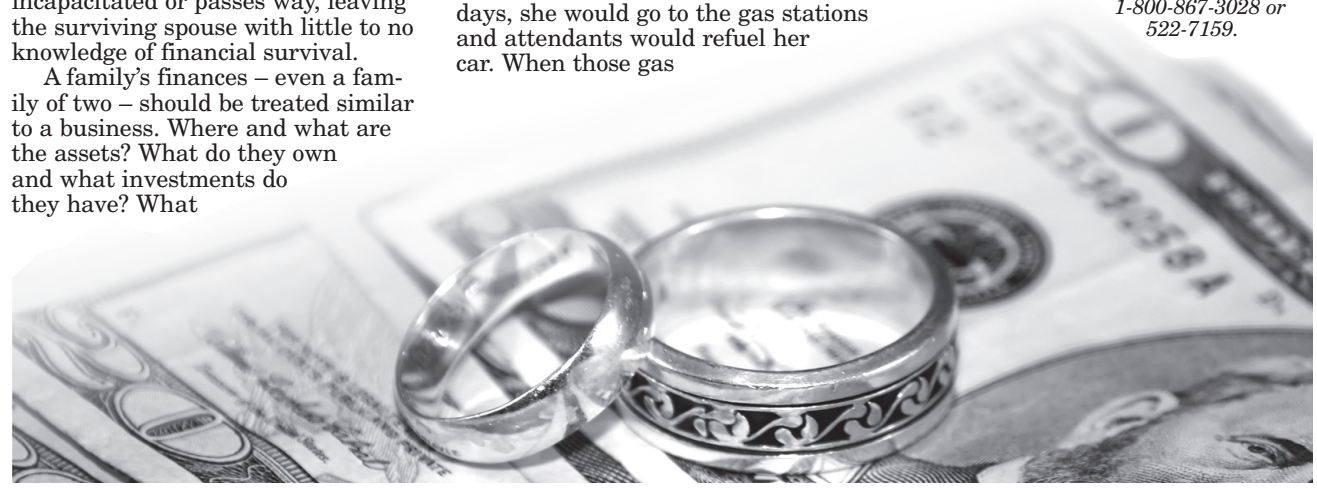

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CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

The government says my car is a clunker, despite having reasonable gas mileage and great reliability.

My ride is a 1991 Volvo 740 Sedan and it is sweet. Well actually not. I've never really liked it that much – no cup holders – but I still don't want the government telling me it's a clunker. No sir, no sir indeed.

The thing came with my wife. She had bought it new before we started dating and when we married the car was part of the deal. For the first 12 years, it was her primary car and I only used it occasionally. Then, she bought a Mitsubishi Endeavor and my daughter got a driver's license. My daughter won't be caught dead in an 18-year-old "grandma car" that's older than her. So, she drives my Toyota Camry. I drive the Volvo and our family has found a happy equilibrium, that is, until the government stepped in.

The Volvo really is in good shape. It never needs a repair, doesn't leak oil and gets around 25 mpg on the highway. Heck, even after 183,000 miles, the sunroof doesn't even leak. The engine is probably good for another 100,000 miles. Oh, the leather seats need replacing and there is a big hole where the radio used to be, but these are minor details.

According to Kelly Bluebook, the car is worth about $1,500. But here is the rub; I know it is worth more than that. Dependable and trustworthy, I can't buy a car as good for less than $4,500. No one will give me its value, so I just keep it, content with my decision.

Then the Cash for Clunkers program comes along. They tell me my car is worth $4,500 as a trade-in for a new car. This just offends my Yankee sensibilities. First, to be a clunker, a car has to get less than 18 mpg. While this might be true for Volvo 740s in general, it isn't for my well-maintained specimen. Second, if I do take advantage of the Cash for Clunkers program, they pour solvent into the engine of my little beauty, turning its innards into pudding. Destroying a perfectly good car that could run for years without a problem just galls me.

The thing that really burns me is that under the Cash for Clunkers program, someone could turn in a Hummer that gets 14 mpg and receive a $4,500 rebate to buy brand a new SUV that gets 18 mpg. This is crazy; subsidize the purchase of a new gas-guzzler while destroying my chunk of heaven that gets 20 mpg even on its worse days.

Not to mention the pollution that results from manufacturing a new car. And this is real cancer causing, heart attack provoking, view-obscuring pollution, not that new-age-global warming-carbon stuff, although producing a new car causes plenty of that too. You need a pretty substantial increase in mileage to make up for the manufacture of a replacement auto.

Will I turn in my beloved Volvo for cash? Well maybe. Like I said, I have

Yankee sensibilities and if you do the math, it makes sense for me to buy a new car to take advantage of the program. Detroit needs my help, after all.

Hey, the waste implicit in the Cash for Clunkers program may offend me, but I'm also a realist. You can't fight city hall and you can't win against Washington. But I may not get a chance to turn in my clunker whether I want to or not. As I write this, the first billion dollars is gone and the Senate hasn't yet approved the second billion. Perhaps this means my car isn't a clunker any more.

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Building Las Cruces

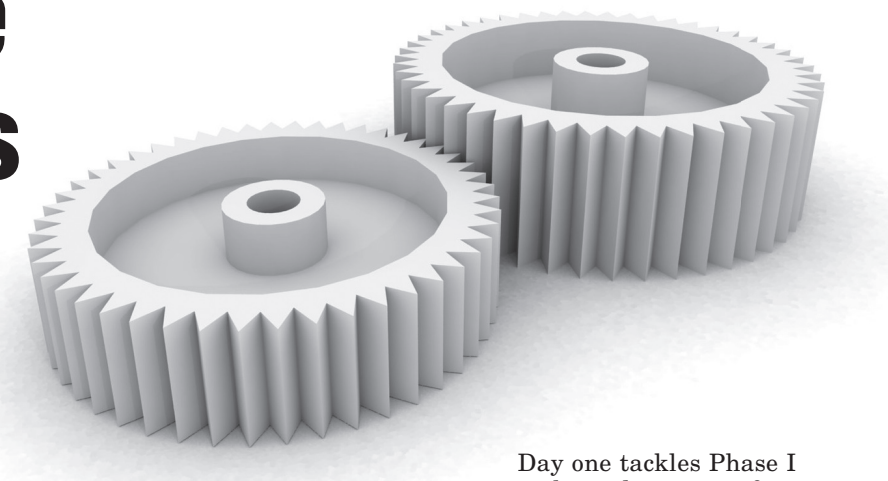
855 Spruce Ave.

Two commercial lots at 855 Spruce Ave. are being revamped with stucco southwest storefronts and a change in exterior elevation to make way for new tenants. The two spaces, at 2,000 and 2,400 square feet, will be available for lease in mid-October, according to Pueblo Builders Inc. of Las Cruces. The two adjacent properties, built in 1970, will be remodeled after work is complete on the first two spaces.

GABRIEL VASQUEZ
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Federal money available for inventors, innovators

Risky startups are eligible for federal funding



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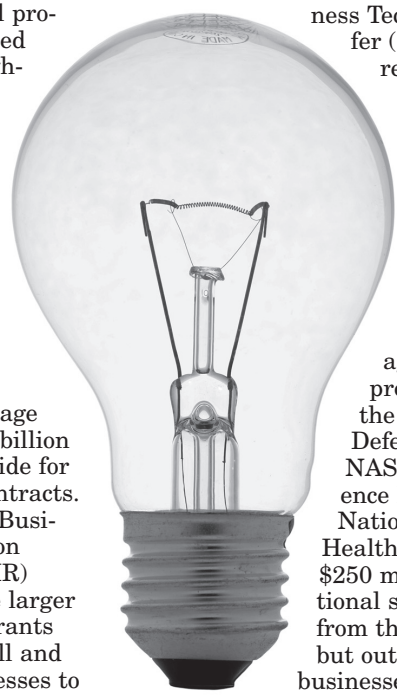

Two federal programs dedicated to funding high-risk research and development into new technology and groundbreaking innovations stand to get a little more money from the economic stimulus package than the $2.5 billion already set aside for grants and contracts.

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program – the larger of the two – grants money to small and startup businesses to develop products, technology or services that solve pressing problems in agriculture, defense, education, energy, transportation, the environment, space exploration, health and other areas. The Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program requires the business to collaborate with a nonprofit research laboratory or university that can share its technology or expertise with the innovator.

The 11 federal agencies with SBIR programs include the departments of Defense and Energy, NASA, National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health. (NIH exempted $250 million of its additional stimulus funding from the SBIR program, but outcry from small businesses prompted it to set aside $50 million to $100 million for SBIR-like initiatives.) Five agencies have STTR programs.

SBIR and STTR grants don't have to be repaid and don't require the developer to give up equity. The business, however, has to abide by federal procurement regulations and has to do the work that was promised.

Help when it's needed

SBIR/STTR grants are designed to support unproven research and development that many investors won't risk money on. In Phase I of an SBIR/STTR project, a business gets about $100,000 to study how its innovation can be applied toward solving a pressing problem. In Phase II, the business gets as much as $750,000 to expand and complete R&D.

In Phase III, the business is expected to commercialize its invention – to move it from the lab into the marketplace, so consumers, industries, soldiers, doctors or farmers can use it. While the government doesn't subsidize this phase, SBIR/STTR awards can help a business attract funding from traditional lenders and venture capitalists once the merits of an innovation have been demonstrated and a working prototype has been built.

Given the sluggish economy, proposers are under greater pressure to identify viable, sustainable markets for their innovation before requesting SBIR/STTR funding.

Boot camp for proposal writers

Entrepreneurs who want to join the many other New Mexico businesses that have received SBIR/STTR awards can attend a two-day proposal-writing "boot camp."

Day one tackles Phase I proposals, and convenes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 19, at the Santa Fe Business Incubator, 3900 Paseo Del Sol, Santa Fe.

Day two covers Phase II and the commercialization phase; it meets from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 20, at Technology Ventures Corporation, 1155 University Blvd. S.E., Albuquerque.

The workshops are sponsored by New Mexico Connect and TVC. Cost is $35 per day or $60 for both days. Register at www.eventsbot.com/events/eb621188541. Contact Shandra Clow at clow@lanl.gov for details.

Finance New Mexico is an initiative of the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) and its partners to assist individuals and businesses in obtaining skills and funding-resources for their business or idea.

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IN GOOD COMPANY: BARKER PRODUCE

Barker retains quality control level

Company to open new plant

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Barker Produce is wrapping up its onion-packing season and looking forward to opening its new processing plant now under construction in the West Mesa Industrial Park.

The processing plant will trim tops and bottoms and outer layers from the onion buibs, of which about 60 to 70 percent will be shipped to processors, manager Brandon Barker said.

"We supply Campbell Soup and Pace Picante with their onions year round," Barker said. "They use about 15 semi-loads or 600,000 pounds of onions a week. And those are just a couple of our processors.

The Barkers estimate that consumers and processors use about 14 million pounds of onions per day.

"We'll start running the processing plant in January when we'll be bringing in onions from Colorado. We'll be able store onions here, so we'll be running the packing plant for four and a half months and the processing plant for 12 months."

The new processing plant equipment was designed and built in the Netherlands, Barker said.

"This equipment can peel 12,000 pounds of onions an hour," he said. "We're (planting) more acres of (onions) next year to supply this equipment."

Usually, Barker Produce finishes its packing season in mid-August. But this season, the plant's farmers harvested 400 acres, about 100 fewer than average.

"We had right around 25 million pounds this year – a good yield for the acreage," Barker said. "Last year, we had 30 million pounds."

Larry Barker, Brandon's father, started the business 19 years ago and moved his operation to the West Mesa in 1994.

Fairacres producer Steve Lyles grows the onions in the Mesilla Valley for the packing plant. He grows about 20 varieties of yellow, white and red onions, which can change every season as seed companies keep introducing new varieties. They run test plots, and Larry Barker and Lyles monitor the mature plants for improvements.

"If we like the new varieties, we get more seed to try them out," the elder Barker said. "We're looking for new varieties all the time to improve our onion crops."

Barker follows a planting schedule to provide a steady supply.

"Our business is mostly packaging, and we plant our onions so that we can supply our processor through the summer," he said.

For example, short-day onions, which can survive the shorter winter daylight hours, are planted in September and October for harvest in May and June. Others varieties are planted in January and February for harvest in late June, July and mid-August.

MARVIN TESSNEER I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Larry and Brandon Barker with onions that have been graded and loaded into 50-pound sacks for shipment to retail and processing plants. The West Mesa produce plant is wrapping up a successful harvest season.

As the season ends, the Barker plant is receiving and packing onions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Barker's office fixtures include a Cowboys for Cancer Research saddle he won in 2007 as a heeler in team roping. He also owns a header buckle that he won in last year's C4CR roping contests.

"The roping contests bring the community together for a good cause," Barker said.

He has a roping arena next to the onion plant where he and his team-roping buddies can practice.

Barker also is proud that his plant has received its fourth consecutive Good Handling Practice certification from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, marketing director Edward Avalos announced.

The NMDA conducts audits on food processing plants, and the Barkers won their certification while maintaining current records on good agricultural practices and plant operations.

"It's good for the entire onion industry," Brandon Barker said. "Food safety is so important now. Food processing plants are going to have to be a little more strict."

"The GHP certification allows us to sell onions to major processors and retailers throughout the country," Larry Barker said.

Q&A:

Talking business with manager Brandon Barker

What is your business philosophy?
Barker Produce is committed to growing, harvesting, packing and shipping the highest quality onions with honesty and integrity.

How do you keep your competitive edge?
Barker Produce continually participates in Agricultural programs at NMSU, whether it be research and development of better seeds or helping to teach growing techniques to Future Farmers of America.

What would you like people to know about your business?
We actively support small businesses in our area and encourage others to do the same. We are very proud to be a part of this community.

Where do you see your business in five years?
Las Cruces is growing and we're growing with it. Barker Produce is currently expanding to the industrial center in the West Mesa.

What is the best part of your job?
I have many opportunities to meet new people from around the U.S. and other countries. Our local farmers are great people, and I feel lucky to work with them.

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At Moy Surveying's 25th Anniversary

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Moy Surveying Field Party Chief Peter Lopez displays his Certificate of Appreciation awarded for 13 years with the company.

Quiñones Design Build owner Bill Quiñones and Moy Surveying president Jorge Moy visit during Moy Surveying's 25th Anniversary Celebration Friday, July 31, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Guests enjoy the comforts of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Johnny De La O and Priscilla Ramirez enjoy the various banquet foods provided at the event.

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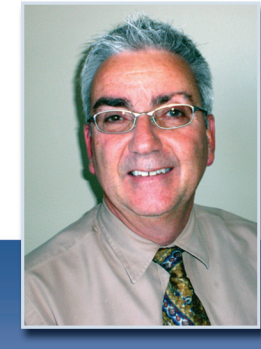

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Training Provider Fair

The New Mexico Workforce Connection, in an effort to continue to build a workforce that supports southern New Mexico, will be hosting 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 also will be a workshop for training providers prior to the fair. All residents of southwest New Mexico looking for new employment opportunities are encouraged to attend.

Date: Friday, Aug. 7
Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd.
Contact: 524-6266

Board development meeting

Help New Mexico will host a Board Development workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 21, at Catholic Charities of Las Cruces, 1280 Med Park Drive. The workshop will provide existing and future board of director members with basic information on board member and responsibilities as they relate to legal and corporate matters. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions important to them and their organizations, including board structure and membership recruitment.

Date: Friday, Aug. 21
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Catholic Charities of Las Cruces 1280 Med Park Drive
Contact: 505-766-4907

NMSU Career Expo

New Mexico State University's Career Services will host a student career expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the Ballrooms on the third floor of NMSU's Corbett Center. The Career Expo is co-sponsored by the College of Engineering and Career Services. On Sept. 22, the expo will focus on students majoring in agriculture, business and liberal arts. The following day will focus on students entering engineering, sciences and technology fields. During the Career Expo, employers will also have the opportunity to discuss internships, cooperative education positions (co-ops) and professional employment.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Sept. 23
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Corbett Center New Mexico State University
Contact: 646-1631

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report July 31, 2009

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20094475	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2881 San Elizario Court	$123,820	$1,430
20094483	B & L Roofing	Kuo Rong-Heng and Mei-Sheng	Reroof	1656 Regal Ridge	$9,000	$81
20094479	Jennifer Thibeault	Jennifer Thibeault	Res/Add	4252 Independece Loop	$5,200	$58
20094497	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5807 Coyote Peak Place	$206,312	$3,170
20094496	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5091 Kensington Way	$120,622	$3,273
20094499	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5704 East Mesa Ave.	$121,480	$3,436
20094498	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	4990 Troybrook Road	$120,622	$3,273
20094501	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5716 East Mesa Ave.	$133,332	$3,295
20094495	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5081 Kensington Way	$120,622	$3,273
20094494	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5089 Kensignton Way	$87,576	$3,217
20094512	Rafael A. Araiza	Marie B. Madrid and Ralph Araiza	Res/Add	2977 Polder Lane	$1,000	$35
20094516	Vica One Inc.	Ornithes Inc.	Res/New	7505 Sierra Bella Place	$134,562	$2,076
20094515	JC Roofing Inc.	Salvador and Carmen Torres	Reroof	1505 Gladys Drive	$4,295	$53
20094548	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	5521 Gobi Lane	$128,248	$1,687
20094547	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	5512 Patagonia Drive	$128,248	$1,687
20094529	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5831 Organ Peak Drive	$168,346	$3,105
20094528	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5807 Organ Peak Drive	$135,710	$3,050
20094545	Olga L. Gonzalez	Olga L. Gonzalez	Res/Alt	5102 Gas Line Road	$3,500	$48
20094557	Jordan Construction	Earl and Gloria M. Thomas	Reroof	4875 Beryl St.	$6,800	$68
20094572	Western Roofing and Construction	Robert E. Simmons	Reroof	4561 Paseo Azul	$4,500	$54
20094589	Kenneth H. Chavez	DR Horton Inc.	Res/Add	5816 Coyote Peak Place	$4,200	$53
20094586	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5810 Coyotes Flats	$169,740	$3,108
20094585	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5839 Organ Peak Drive	$186,960	$3,137
20094550	Top Notch Exteriors	Ronald E. and Debbie L. Stoner	Reroof	1325 Alamo St.	$5,631	$61
20094554	IBT Enterprises	Wal-Mart Stores East LP	Comm/Alt	1550 S. Valley Drive	$15,000	$116
20094592	Jordan Construction	Gerardo G. and Caroline M. Solis	Reroof	4885 Beryl St.	$6,800	$68
20094598	F.L. Builders	Thomas and Raquel Wildman	Res/Add	2015 Chisholm Circle	$9,700	$85
20094603	Professional Choice Remodeling	Texas-NM Newspaper Partnership	Reroof	246 W. Las Cruces Ave.	$13,000	$104
20094599	Summit Development	Westmoreland Ent LLC	Res/New	4745 Zachary	$166,952	$2,304
20094140	Warren Construction Inc.	Larry Barker	Comm/Add	9030 Advancement Ave.	$264,000	$924
20094648	Can do Construction	James D. Cardon	Reroof	804 Chapparo St.	$942	$35

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34916	Top Notch Exteriors	Tristan Alexander	Reroof	5080 Meadow Circle	Northfield Subdivision II	$170
34917	Self	Maria Torres	Res/New	1790 Rocca Secca Road	EBL & T Co.	$515
34918	GMJ Enterprises Inc.	Chaparral Baptist Chapel	Reroof	401 Paseo Real Drive	Chaparral Subdivision II	$80
34920	APS Inc.	Aaron and Renae Sanchez	Res/New	7365 La Fleche	Rancho del Gallo Unit 2	$657
34923	Self	Jennifer Craig	Reroof	2432 San Andres Drive	San Andres Estates	$90
34924	Riviera Homes	Riviera Homes	Res/New	101 Valle Calmado St.	Valle Hermoso Phase II	$655

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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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Pamela A. Carmody,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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No. CV-09-1164

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 March 2, 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.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-808

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

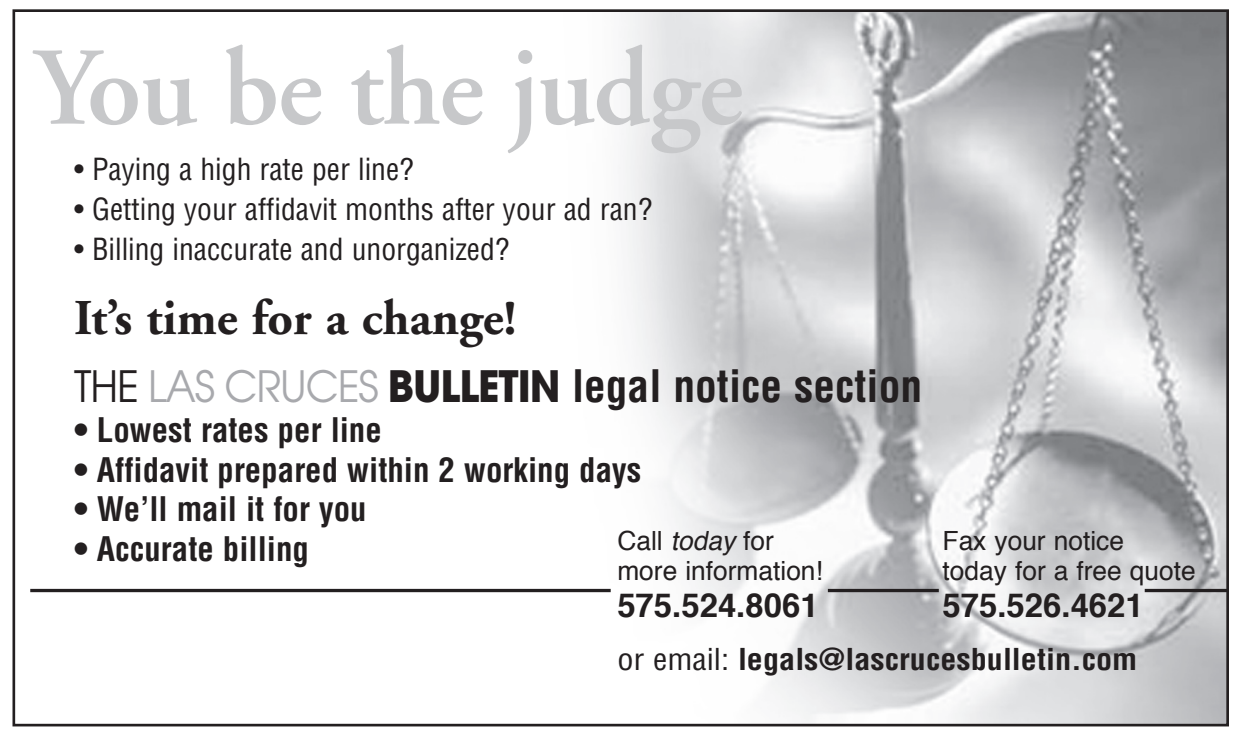
TIMOTHY DAHL; PETER I. DURAN; TAMARA J. DURAN; WELLS FARGO BANK NM NA; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

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 judg-



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rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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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, SE1/4 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, NE1/4 SE1/4 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 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

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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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2323

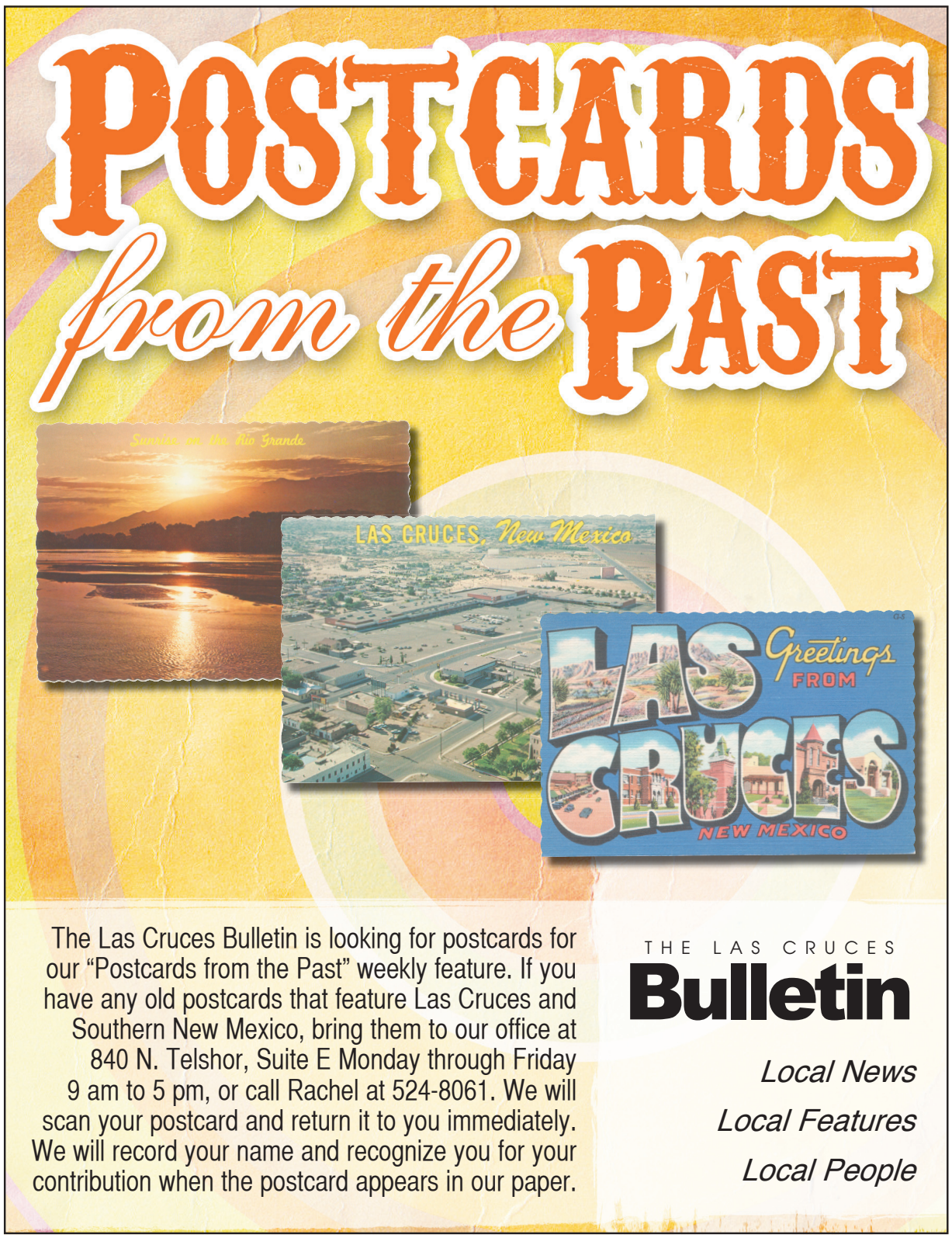
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

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 situ-



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ate 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.

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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

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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 been 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 by 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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200901612

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF BETTY JO GETZ, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF BETTY JO GETZ, DECEASED, Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Betty Jo Getz, deceased, and The Unknown Surviving Spouse of Betty Jo Getz, 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 1230 Mormon Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 2, of Replat No. 1 of the Parapro Summary Subdivision, a Townhouse Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on July 31, 1986 and rerecorded in Book 14, at Page 236 of the Plat Records Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before September 21, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
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 20th day of July 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy A. Heavner
Deputy

P602817 08/07/2009
08/14/2009 08/21/2009

Pub #8888
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 2009

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:
I0077483-Q Studio Equipment

Bid Opening Date:
8/18/09

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at https://sciquest.ionwave.net/nmsu to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub #8889
Dates 8/7, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-244

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-4, Plaintiff,

vs.

ERNESTO ROBLES; PILAR ROBLES; LLUVIA MCCLUSKY; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 2, 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 5547 Elbow Bend, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
A certain Parcel of Land being a portion of USRS Tract 32-15, situate within The Santa Teresa Grant, Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 3 East, (Projected) New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described by METES AND BOUNDS as follows:

Commencing at a found New Mexico-Texas state line monument No. 69;

THENCE along the New Mexico-Texas state line S 23°-42'-02" E, a distance of 263.09 feet (Record 269.16') to a set 5/8' rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 whence a found New Mexico-Texas state line Monument No. 70 bears S 23°-42'-02" E, a distance of 1330.44 feet;

THENCE, leaving said state line N 88°-57'-12" W, (Record N 89°-52'-00' W) a distance of 0.86 feet to a found rebar with cap No. TX 10472/NM 4297 and at a total distance of 190.82 feet (Record 178.94', typed wrong should be 187.94') to a set 5/8' rebar with yellow cap No. 5948, said rebar marking the northwest corner of a parcel of land belonging to Richard and Guadalupe Peet recorded in Book 416, Pages 680-682 on April 22, 2003 and also marking "THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, S 00°-33'-37" W, a distance of 213.66 feet (Record S 01°-14'-36" W, 214.69') to a found rebar with a cap "not readable" marking the southwest corner of said parcel of land belonging to Richard and Guadalupe Peet, marking a point on the north boundary line of a parcel of land belonging to Edward Juarez recorded in Book 22, Page 817 on August 16, 1995 and also marking the southeast corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, N 89°-00'-48" W, a distance of 240.94 feet (Record N 88°-45'-24" W, 241.36') to a found rebar with cap No. NM 7447/TX 2027 marking the northwest corner of said parcel of land belonging to Edward Juarez, marking the southwest corner of the parcel herein described and also marking a point on the easterly right-of-way line of The West Drain;

THENCE, along the easterly right-of-way line of The West Drain, N 43°-02'-55" W, a distance of 491.27 feet (Record N 42°-45'-24" W, 491.75') to a set 5/8" rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 marking the southwest corner of a parcel of land belonging to Karl and Doretha Busch recorded in Book 380, Pages 559-561 on April 19, 1994 and also marking the northwest corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, leaving said easterly right-of-way line of The West Drain, S 88°-57'-12" E, a distance of 499.86 feet (Record S 88°-45'24" E) to a set rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 marking the southeast corner of said parcel of land belonging to Karl and Doretha Busch, marking a point on the west boundary line of a parcel of land belonging to Holt Revocable Trust recorded in Book 160, Pages 359-361 on December 17, 1998, and also marking the northeast corner of the parcel herein described whence, a found rebar with cap "not readable" bears N 65°-38'-21" E a distance of 4.85 feet;

THENCE, S 01°-02'-48" W, a distance of 138.92 feet (Record S 01°-14'-48" W) to a found 1⁄2" rebar;

THENCE, S 88°-57'-12" E, a distance of 81.12' (Record S 88°-45'-24" E, 82.97") to "THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" of the parcel herein described containing 133,571 square feet or 3.07 of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $271,406.93 and the same bears interest at 7.550% per annum from June 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $5,277.19. 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

FORECLOSURE SALE

220 Fossil, Anthony, NM
3BR, 1 Bath, 1016 Sq. Ft.

Government Bid: $62,805 As-is appraisal value: $91,800
Date: September 11, 2009 Time: 1:45 p.m.
Sale Location: Main Entrance, 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM

Legal: Lot 6, Block 3, Tierra Linda, Unit 1, Phase 2, Doña Ana Co., NM. Property is not available for normal inspection as they are still owned by private individuals. However, if the property is abandoned, interested parties can contact the local Rural Development office to see if an inspection of the property can be made. Foreclosure is still pending in the NM District Court. Under some circumstances the sale may be canceled. Rural Development will not pay brokers or finders commission for successful bidders.

Terms of Sale: Bid amount to be paid by the end of the day of sale payable to the Public Trustee. Payments must be made in U.S. currency by cashiers check or certified check. All Taxes plus interest due are the responsibility of the Buyer.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

FOR MORE INFO: 575-522-8775, ext 4 or visit www.resales.usda.gov

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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 #8891
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08 2441

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

THERESA L. DUNCAN; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 2, 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 1505 Grover Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 48, DAVIS HOMESITES ADDITION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 13, 1956, in Book 7 Page 71 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 21, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $68,792.24 and the same bears interest at 5.125% per annum from June 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $753.42. 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 Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #8892
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 09-0083
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GUILLERMO A. RIOS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Celina A. Ramirez was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Guillermo A. Rios, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Guillermo A. Rios, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2009.

s/ Celina A. Ramirez,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.

s/ Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
255 W. Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132
(575) 526-3312 telephone/
(877) 457-7213 facsimile

Pub #8893
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 2009

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

LAS CRUCES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

SERIES 2009 - $18,750,000

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Las Cruces School District No. 2 ("Board"), governing body of the Las Cruces School District No. 2 ("District"), Doña Ana County, New Mexico, will, until the hour of 11:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the office of RBC Capital Markets, 6301 Uptown Blvd., NE, Suite 110, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, receive sealed bids and bids sent by electronic transmission and then publicly open the same for the purchase of the District=s General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2009 ("Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of $18,750,000. After receipt of such bids, the Board will hold a regular open meeting at the Las Cruces School District No. 2 Administration Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on August 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., local time, and will award the Bonds, adopt a bond resolution, and consider any other related matters.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and will mature on August 1 of each year as follows:

Years Maturing
2010
Amounts Maturing
$1,625,000

Years Maturing
2011
Amounts Maturing
$300,000

Years Maturing
2012
Amounts Maturing
$375,000

Years Maturing
2013
Amounts Maturing
$450,000

Years Maturing
2014
Amounts Maturing
$200,000

Years Maturing
2015
Amounts Maturing
$200,000

Years Maturing
2016
Amounts Maturing
$1,500,000

Years Maturing
2025
Amounts Maturing
$1,800,000

Years Maturing
2017
Amounts Maturing
$1,000,000

Years Maturing
2018
Amounts Maturing
$1,300,000

Years Maturing
2019
Amounts Maturing
$1,300,000

Years Maturing
2020
Amounts Maturing
$1,300,000

Years Maturing
2021
Amounts Maturing
$1,300,000

Years Maturing
2022
Amounts Maturing
$1,300,000

Years Maturing
2023
Amounts Maturing
$1,500,000

Years Maturing
2024
Amounts Maturing
$1,500,000

Years Maturing
2026
Amounts Maturing
$1,800,000

Said issue constitutes the remainder of the $60,000,000 bonds that were authorized at a special election held on February 7, 2006 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes that may be levied against all taxable property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The maximum net effective interest rate permitted on the Bonds is ten percent (10%); provided, however, that if the net effective interest rate on the Bonds is greater than ten percent (10%) per annum, as defined in the Official Notice of Bond Sale, such rate must be approved in writing by the New Mexico State Board of Finance, and the District may not issue the Bonds before such approval is given.

Bidders are required to submit an Official Bid Form or an electronic bid, as discussed below, specifying the lowest rate or rates of interest and premium, if any, at which such bidder will purchase the Bonds. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates that may be bid for the Bonds and otherwise concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Bond Sale, of which this notice is a condensation. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Bond Sale. Bids should be enclosed in a sealed envelope or delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, endorsed "Bid for Bonds" addressed as follows: the Las Cruces School District No. 2, Administrative Office, c/o RBC Capital Markets, 6301 Uptown Blvd., NE, Suite 110, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, Attention: Secretary, Board of Education, or sent electronically via PARITY. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of waiving any irregularity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid.

The Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Official Bid Form, and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial advisor, RBC Capital Markets, 6301 Uptown Blvd., NE, Suite 110, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (Telephone (505) 872-5999).

The validity and enforceability of the Bonds will be approved by the New Mexico Attorney General, Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Attorneys at Law, Austin, Texas.

President, Board of Education
Las Cruces School District No. 2

Pub #8890
Dates 8/7, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-628

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSE E. MOORE; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 2, 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 3644 Ascencion Circle, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 43 in Block A of High Desert Subd Phase 1A & 1B, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said High Desert Subd Phase 1A & 1B, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 14, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 373-375.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $347,878.15 and the same bears interest at 8.125% per annum from June 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $7,279.23. 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 #8894
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On August 4, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County directed that a public hearing be conducted at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting on August 25, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. on the question of whether to adopt An Ordinance Extending the County Fire Protection Excise Tax, as summarized below. The public hearing will be held at the Doña Ana County Government Center located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico. Should you require special accommodations as a result of a disability, please contact County ADA Coordinator at 525-5884 (voice), 525-5951 (TTY), or write to ADA Coordinator, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

The official title of the proposed ordinance is: Amended County Fire Protection Excise Tax Ordinance Adopting a Tax Increment

General Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for financing the operational expenses, ambulance services or capital outlay costs of independent fire district or ambulance services provided by the County. This ordinance extends the County Fire Protection Excise Tax, which is 1⁄4 of 1% of gross receipts, currently effect but scheduled to expire on December 31, 2009, pursuant to Ordinance #206-2003.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico during regular business hours.

Pub #8895
Dates 8/7, 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 Issuance of a Wholesaler's Liquor License to Premier Distributing Company Las Cruces, to be located at 380 Alliance Drive, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 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 issuance.

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 #8896
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 2009

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will receive Qualifications until 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services and Risk Management:

Qualification Invitation:
I0078515-P
Request for Qualification

New University Bookstore
Response Due Date:
9/3/09

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling (575) 646-2916.

Pub #8897
Dates 8/7, 2009

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Proposals at 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Purchasing of the following:

Proposal Invitation:
I0078153-P
Armed & Unarmed Security Services

Proposal Due Date:
9/1/09

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling (575) 646-2916.

Pub #8898
Dates 8/7, 2009

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Proposals at 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Purchasing of the following:

Proposal Invitation:
I0078372-RA Graphic Design Service

Proposal Due Date:
8/25/09

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling (575) 646-2916.

Pub #8899
Dates 8/7, 2009

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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.
Polyelectrolyte Coagulant Aids (Polymer) PA www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/construction_bids/ downloads/P09-10-153/	RFP #09-10-153	None	September 1, 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 #8900
Dates 8/7, 2009

THE LAS CRUCES BULLETIN CLASSIFIEDS

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

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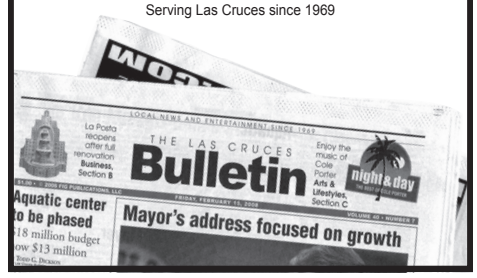

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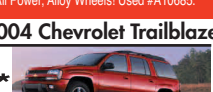

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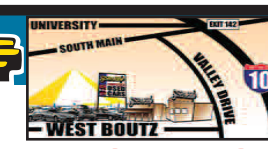

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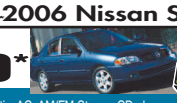

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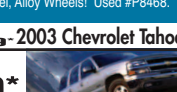

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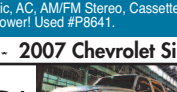

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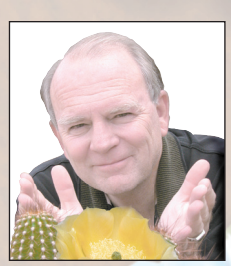

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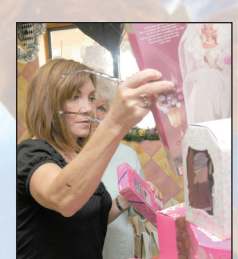

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From soap to nuts, farmers and crafts market has it all

Produce, arts and crafts just some of the local treats

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Crucens and visitors are attracted to the Downtown area every day for the galleries, bookstores and theaters. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, however, visitors come to get their goods.

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall began the summer of 1974, after the city closed part of Main Street to make way for urban renewal.

"Farmers started selling produce out of the back of their trucks," said Downtown events coordinator Olivia Hennessey.

Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market

On the Downtown Mall

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays year round

According to Hennessey, the city took over the twice-a-week event in 1999 from a group of vendors known as the Farmers Market Association. While the city kept the rules and regulations established by the association, it increased advertising.

"The vendor's fees go to advertising," she said. "Everything taken from the farmers market goes back into the farmers market."

Held year round, the farmers market has about 63 vendors on Wednesdays and more than 200 on Saturdays. Hennessey said the most popular time of the year for the market is produce season, which runs from May through the end of October.

"Another big season is from October through December around the holidays," she said. "It slows down in January and February, but picks up again when the weather is warm."

Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market shoppers can find anything from produce and gourmet food, to artistic items and crafts.

"Everything is either handmade or homegrown. It's all local," Hennessey said.

With arts and crafts vendors from Doña Ana County and produce vendors from all over New Mexico and El Paso County, there is something for everyone.

Ester and Brian Peterson began Southwest Kettle Korn nine years ago as a way for this Seattle couple to earn extra income.

"It's fun. It's an excellent way to connect with the community," Brian Peterson said.

Along with selling kettle corn on the weekends, Brian Peterson is the principal of Sunrise Elementary School and Ester Peterson is a first-grade teacher at Jornada Elementary School.

For soap maker and owner of New Mexico Soaps Diane Black, the farmers market has allowed her to sell her old-fashioned soap while meeting new people.

"I wanted to share my lush product with people," said the four-year market veteran. "It's wonderful, there's nothing like it. It's a place to meet people and make friends."

The farmers market is also a place for new vendors to get their foot in the door. Mike Smith, who began creating digital paintings about a year ago, recently became a market vendor as a way to find an audience for his work.

"I thought this was a hobby that I could make a dollar at instead of just spending money on it," Smith said.

There is also entertainment at the farmers market, such as mariachi performers, acoustic guitarists, singers and jugglers.

"There's festive entertainment. It's a giant party every week," Hennessey said.

She encourages all Las Crucens to support local vendors by attending the farmers market.

For Las Cruces residents Dee and Danny Hernandez the farmers market gives them an opportunity to enjoy locally grown treats.

"(We come) for the fresh vegetables," he said. "It's also nice to get out and walk."

On Saturday, Sept. 5, Hennessey said the farmers market will cross the street to the south end of the Downtown Mall while the northern area is being revitalized.

"We're picking it up as it is and moving it four blocks," she said.

While everything will basically remain the same, Hennessey said there will be some space changes. Vendor spaces will expand from 5-by-10 feet to 10-by-10 feet to accommodate vendors that choose to bring their own canopies.

Once construction is completed, she said vendors will have the choice to move back to the north area or stay on the south end. She also said she thinks the revitalization of the area will help the farmers market grow and increase its vendor base.

Before selling at the farmers market, all vendors must attend an orientation. While it is free for vendors to participate at Wednesday's market, there is a $2 fee for Saturday's market. Visit www.las-cruces.org for more information.

BETH SITZLER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market "youngster" Mike Smith displays his artwork on the Downtown Mall Saturday, Aug. 1.

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"The audience is going to have the rare experience of feeling and being in a live television studio, including commercial breaks," said Soldier Show production director Victor Hurtado, who spent much of the past year working on TV productions "Nashville Star," "America's Got Talent," "Clash of the Choirs" and country performing artist Michael Peterson's "My Real Life – Strong For America Tour," presented by the U.S. Army.

The 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show is a high-energy, 90-minute live musical review showcasing the talents of active-duty soldiers who were selected by audition from throughout the Army. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. They come from aviation, biological, infantry, medical, musical, signal, transportation and other tactical units. The show is assembled in five weeks, and then tours for six months.

Once on the road, soldiers work an average 14-hour day, seven days a week for seven months. Totally self-contained the cast and crew offload, load, assemble and dismantle 18 tons of equipment at each stop on the tour, including 4 miles of cable and 100 theatrical lights. During the tour, they will handle more than a million pounds of electrical, sound, stage and lighting gear. Some soldiers have described it as their toughest duty outside of combat.

The 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show is made possible through the generous support of its main sponsor, I. A.M. STRONG, the Army's Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Program and supporting sponsor AT&T.

The Soldier Show comes to Las Cruces as part of a six-and-a-half-month tour with more than 100 performances on 46 installations, including stops in Hawaii, Korea and the storied Warner Theatre in Washington.

Among the cast members of this years's show is Spc. Victoria Chang, a preventive medicine specialist at White Sands Missile Range. Chang's musically-inclined parents encouraged her to sing while she was growing up in Reno, Nev. She participated in choir from elementary through Clark High School in Las Vegas, Nev., but upon military enlistment did not imagine an opportunity to sing for the U.S. Army Soldier Show. Chang thanks her family and friends, along with her unit at McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic, for their support.

The show will open with Kirk Franklin's upbeat "Declaration (This is It!)," co-written by Kenny Loggins and Michael McDonald, which addresses survival of the everyday trials and tribulations through a positive declaration of one's purpose in life.

"It makes use of the tune of Kenny Loggins' 'This is It,'" Hurtado said. "But it has been completely redone in a very inspirational way."

Another scene features the new retro sounds of Duffy's "Mercy," Dominican Juan Luis Guerra's "La Llave de Mi Corazon," which translates in English to "Key to my Heart," and "I Decided," by Solange Knowles, younger sister of Beyonce.

"It has a little bit of English, a little bit of rap, it's all meringue – so it moves," Hurtado said. "There are also some really cool Kanye West and Rhianna numbers, with black lights and interesting drums – a lot of visuals."

A lot of dance, rap, English R&B, visuals, patriotic tunes, movement, love of country – even a roller skater – will grace the stage of the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show during the 90-minute theatrical concert production.

Soldier-performers will wear traditional attire from India during "Jai Ho," a soundtrack piece from "Slumdog Millionaire," the 2008-09 Oscar Award-winning best motion picture of the year.

The soldiers will perform Frankie Smith's 1981 funk song, "Double Dutch Bus," while playing the streets of Philadelphia-acclaimed jump rope game on stage. Raven-Symone covered the tune in 2008 and it was released to promote the film "College Road Trip." There also will be a throw forward to modernized versions of more '80s hits, complete with choreography and costuming reminiscent of the "Solid Gold" television show.

For the finale, the troops combine "The Warrior's Anthem," by Michael Peterson, with the late Robert Humphreys' "Warrior's Creed" set to music.

"It's a combination of that and a song called 'Make Them Hear You,'" Hurtado said. "It's a declaration of being heard."

That, in itself, is the director's goal for the Soldiers' show.

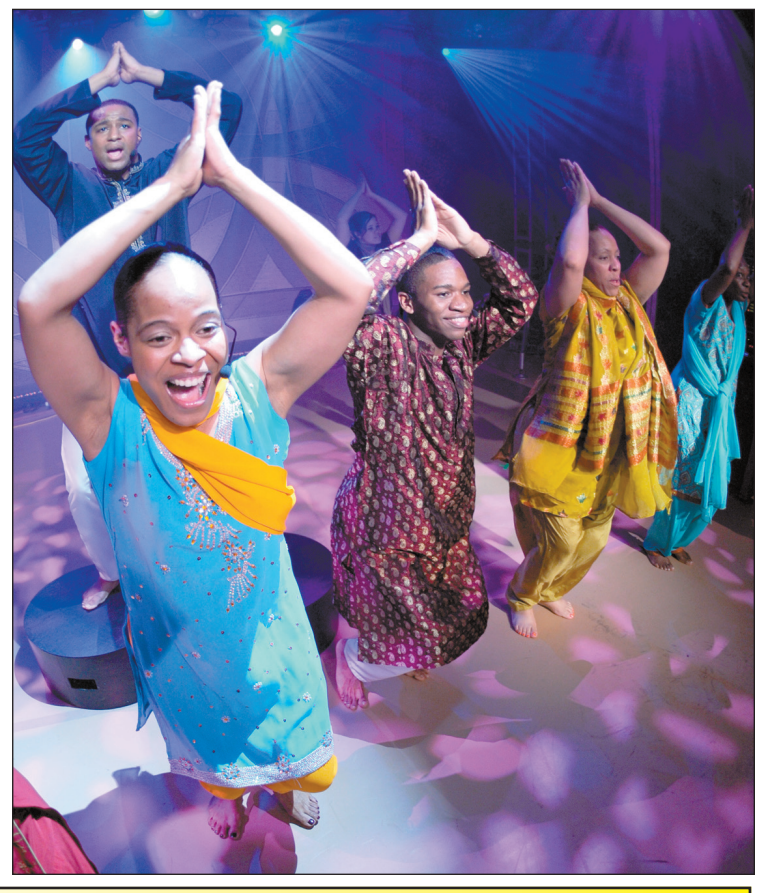
"I'm an artistic person by nature," said Hurtado, who during the past year founded Martenvee Media to help expand the entertainment horizon for enlisted troops who aspire to perform. "Just being able to focus on that, and to work from the stage back, is where I'm most comfortable, especially in working with the music.

"This is basically writing an hour-and-a-half record with feet and hands and clothes and hearts – and a roller skater this time. I'm really an artist at heart, although I have an organized side of myself that comes in handy.

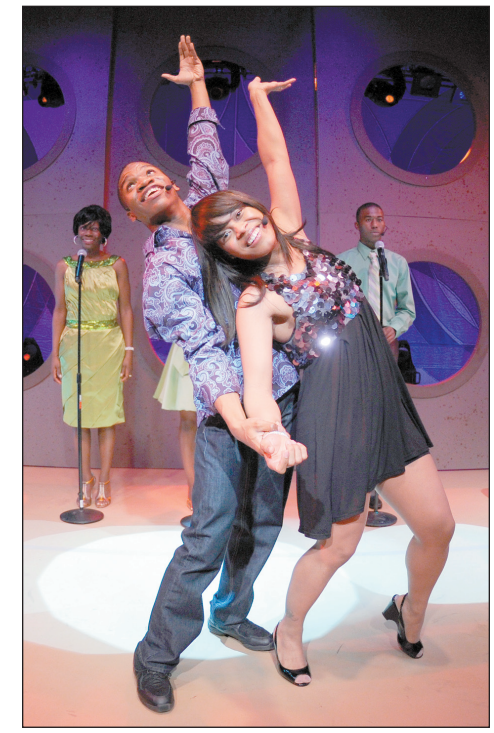
"Either way, I answer to the same boss: the soldiers in the show."

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

For more information, call 678-1256.



Cast members rehearse one of the many music and dance numbers that will be performed by male and female soldiers at the U.S. Army Soldier Show at Oñate High School on Tuesday and Wednesday Aug. 11 and 12.



"Lights! Camera! Action!" is the theme of the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Community welcomes La Catrina String Quartet

NMSU's new Quartet-in-Residence ready to improve music department

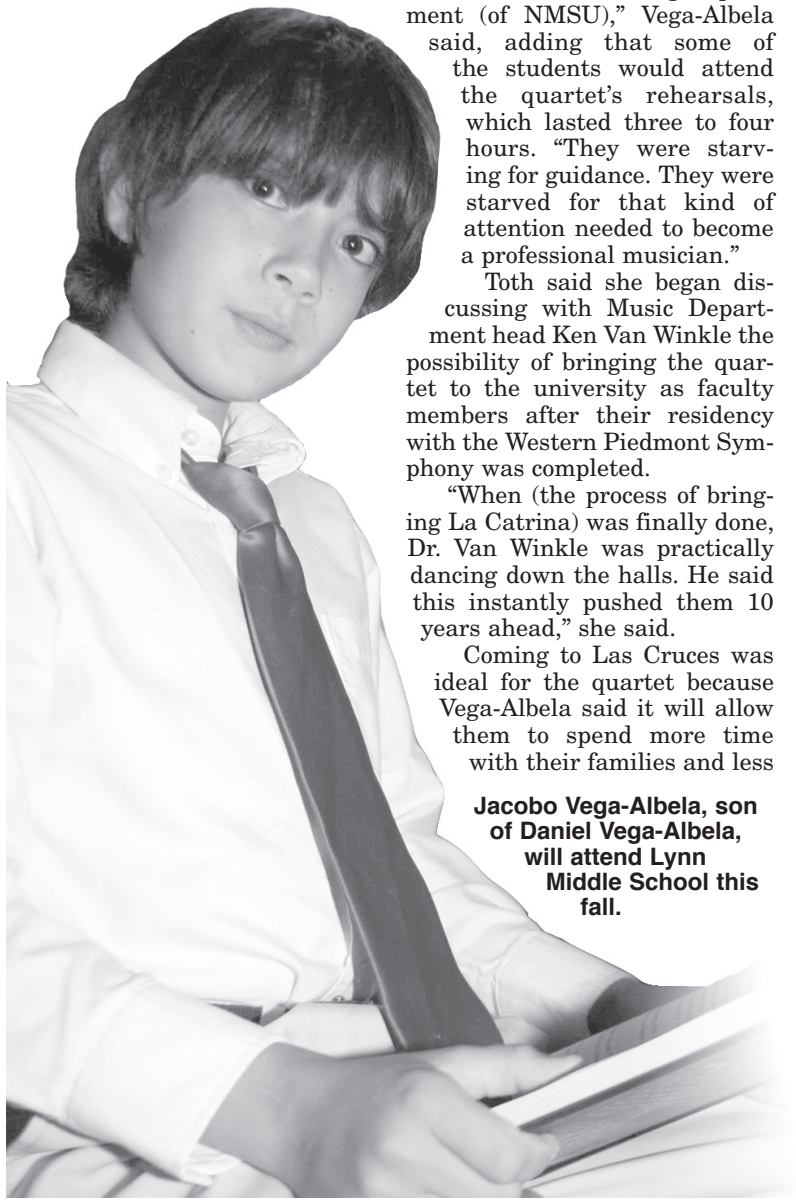
By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces and New Mexico State University celebrated the addition of La Catrina String Quarter, the university's new faculty Quartet-in-Residence, during a welcome reception held at Luna Rosa Winery Saturday, Aug. 1.

La Catrina members Jorge Martínez, viola; Daniel Vega-Albela, violin; Alan Daowz, cello; and Blake Espy, violin, formed the quartet after graduating from Western Michigan University in 2001.

The quartet began as a casual group, but received the opportunity to enter the professional world in 2004 when its members started their master's degree in chamber music at Kent State University and performed with the Miami String Quartet, Vega-Albela said.

Vega-Albela said the master's program not only allowed the quartet to work on their craft, but it also helped them with networking and marketing.



Jacobo Vega-Albela, son of Daniel Vega-Albela, will attend Lynn Middle School this fall.

Three years ago, shortly after they finished their degrees, they found a manager, Lisa Sapinkopf. With her help, the quartet began performing around the country, including the recent Medowlark Music Festival in Nebraska.

At the same time, the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music was being formed and was working with Sapinkopf to bring big name groups to Las Cruces, such as the St. Petersburg String Quartet.

"Lisa said we had to hear La Catrina," said Barbara Toth, Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music administrative director and founding board member. "In November of '07, they came and hosted a concert at St. Albino's … People were just crazy about the young men and we were delighted."

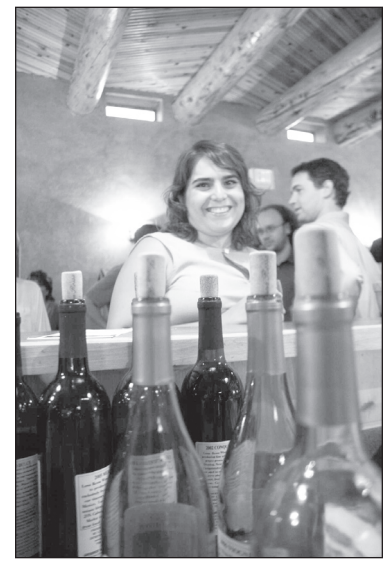
The quartet came back the following year for a weeklong visit, during which they worked with NMSU students as well as Mayfield High School orchestra students, who were included in the quartet's concert at NMSU.

"We went to master classes with kids in the string department (of NMSU)," Vega-Albela said, adding that some of the students would attend the quartet's rehearsals, which lasted three to four hours. "They were starving for guidance. They were starved for that kind of attention needed to become a professional musician."

Toth said she began discussing with Music Department head Ken Van Winkle the possibility of bringing the quartet to the university as faculty members after their residency with the Western Piedmont Symphony was completed.

"When (the process of bringing La Catrina) was finally done, Dr. Van Winkle was practically dancing down the halls. He said this instantly pushed them 10 years ahead," she said.

Coming to Las Cruces was ideal for the quartet because Vega-Albela said it will allow them to spend more time with their families and less time on the road.



Sara Daowz, wife of Alan Daowz, enjoys some wine during Saturday's celebration.

Vega-Albela has an 11-year-old son Jacobo, who will attend Lynn Middle School this year. His wife Crystal is currently finishing her master's degree in human rights.

Martínez, and his wife Veronica, who will be seeking a master's degree in accounting, have family in Mexico and look forward to visiting relatives with their 16-month-old daughter Valeria.

The group is also excited to work with the NMSU students.

"It's great to be in a place that you know the kids are eager to learn," Vega-Albela said.

He said the quartet will spend most of their energy on recruiting students for the music program, which will include going into the community.

"There needs to be buzz about the string department at NMSU," he said. "Hopefully we will do a great deal of teaching at the high school level. We want students to consider doing their undergrad in performing (arts) at NMSU."

The quartet will also continue to perform at the university, in town and around the country.

"We want the kids to see what a professional group sounds like," Vega-Albela said.

By building the NMSU string department, La Catrina will help grow the entire music department.

"For an orchestra, one of the most important things to have is a core of string players," he said. "There is no better tool for an orchestra than a string quartet."

Ultimately, the quartet would like NMSU to have two graduate and two undergraduate string quartets, which will lead to an orchestra.

"There currently is no student orchestra. They're building it from the ground up," Toth said.

"Once we have a good student orchestra, then we can host guest artists," Vega-Albela said. "The opportunities are almost limitless."

It may seem like a challenge, but Vega-Albela said they are excited to build the string department from the ground up.

"The opportunity to be given cart blanch ... you can't put a price tag on that," he said about his "new baby."

Toth said she is excited about the addition of the quartet, which has won numerous awards including Western Michigan University's All University Research and Creative Scholar Award, the Bascom Little Fund Grant and the North Carolina Arts Council cARTwheels 2009 and 2010 touring program.

For more information about La Catrina String Quartet, visit www.lascatrinastringquartet.com. For more information about Friends of Chamber Music, visit www.lascrucesfriends.org.

La Catrina String Quartet member Jorge Martínez brought his 16-month-old daughter Valeria to a welcome reception held for the group Saturday, Aug. 1 at Luna Rosa Winery.

PHOTOS BY A. KURZ

La Catrina String Quartet members, from left, Blake Espy, Jorge Martínez, Alan Daowz and Daniel Vega-Albela are the new faculty Quartet-in-Residence at New Mexico State University.

Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music founding members Joseph Sylvan and Barbara Toth were instrumental in bringing the quartet to NMSU.

Make a difference at the museums

Hard times hit local museums, but community can help

CHERYL FALLSTEAD
President, Foundation for the Las Cruces Museums

When visiting a museum, most of us don't think about how it gets the money for the exhibits on display or pays for the building, staff or even the electric bill. We just take for granted that these places are here for us to enjoy and that they always will be. Likewise, we don't think about where the money will come from to improve the museum collections or add new programs. Again, we just expect it.

Museums everywhere, however, have been facing financial problems reflective of those faced by the nation as a whole. Right here at home, our four city-operated museums have been subject to budget reductions along with other city departments and have seen a drastic reduction in funds dropped into their donation boxes.

What does this mean to our museums and their programming? Just like any other entity, if funds are not available, something has to be cut. It could mean fewer exhibit changes, lectures, concerts and other free programs could be offered, or reduction in communication such as newsletters for museum patrons.

Museums have always been the cultural center of a community. They offer us the opportunity to learn about art, history, science and culture and serve as the repositories of our community memory. They serve an essential role and must be nurtured in order for us and our children to be nourished in return.

So what can we do to help? The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is a nonprofit organization that exists for one reason – to support our city's museums. We raise funds to supplement the museums' budgets and advocate for them. Our small board and group of friends can't do this alone. We need your help.

One painless way to support the museums is to go shopping. El Mercado de los Museums (the museum market or store) offers a broad range of merchandise from high-quality Mata Ortiz pottery and colorful, hand-carved and painted Oaxacan animals to locally made jewelry, art prints by Gabriella Denton, note cards featuring work by our very own Stephen Hansen, toy trains, science toys and a wide range of books related to local history or by local authors. Every purchase supports the foundation and through it, the museums.

Another wonderful way to support the museums is to become a Friend of the Las Cruces Museums. Museum Friends have benefits, such as special tours of exhibits and the opportunity to preview some of the bigger exhibits. We are also planning trips just for our Friends. You can sign up to become a Friend at El Mercado or through our website, www.flcm.blogspot.com.

One museum supporter found another way to support the Railroad Museum. An anonymous donor offered to match donations up to $1,000. The goal was to raise enough funds to completely remake the model train layout. Not only did donations meet the necessary $1,000, but have now exceeded the goal, totaling $3,300. All because one person offered to lead the way in making a difference.

> "The simplest thing you can do is to come visit our museums."

You can see the progress on the model train layout at the Railroad Museum, thanks to people who believe museums are important to support. The foundation thanks the anonymous donor and everyone who has made a donation for this effort.

Perhaps times are tough for you right now, too. You don't have any extra money to drop into a donation box or to buy a Friends membership, let alone anything in the gift shop. There are still two gifts you can give to show your support of the museum.

The simplest thing you can do is to come visit our museums. Have you seen the Las Cruces Collects exhibit at the Museum of Art, featuring work owned by local art collectors? Or the two new exhibits at the Branigan Cultural Center, one highlighting work by local artists and the other the camera collection of Don Brenner? How about Let's Get Active at the Museum of Natural History or the permanent exhibits at the Railroad Museum? All of these exhibits can be viewed free of charge.

Finally, give a gift of your time. Volunteer at a museum. Join a committee of the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. Share your knowledge and expertise to help make our museums better for everyone. We need the support of everyone in the community to keep moving in a forward direction. You can make a difference.

CALL TO ARTISTS

GFWC PROGRESS CLUB

The GFWC Progress Club invites all artists to once again commemorate Sept. 11, 2001, by participating in its 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 media 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.

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 film were shot in New Mexico must be included with the submission. Please visit www.wsiff.com for full submission information.

DOÑA ANA WOODCARVERS

The Doña Ana Woodcarvers are planning their first carving show to take place on Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Elks Club, 3000 Elks Drive. If you are a woodcarver and would like to show your work there is a $10 table fee that includes one entry to be judged. Each additional judged entry is $5. The categories are unpainted or stained in the round, unpainted or stained relief, unpainted or stained chip, painted in the round, painted relief and painted chip. There is a limit of one entry per category. Entry fees will be taken at 8 a.m. with set up on provided tables from 8 to 10 a.m. Judging will take place between 10 and 11 a.m. Tables must stay in place until 4 p.m. Prizes will be given for the best in each category, including "Best of Show" and "Peoples Choice" prizes. The show is open to the public between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be a $2 entry fee, and children 12 and under are free.

The Doña Ana Woodcarvers currently meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. New carvers are welcome. For more information, email plawrence13@yahoo.com.

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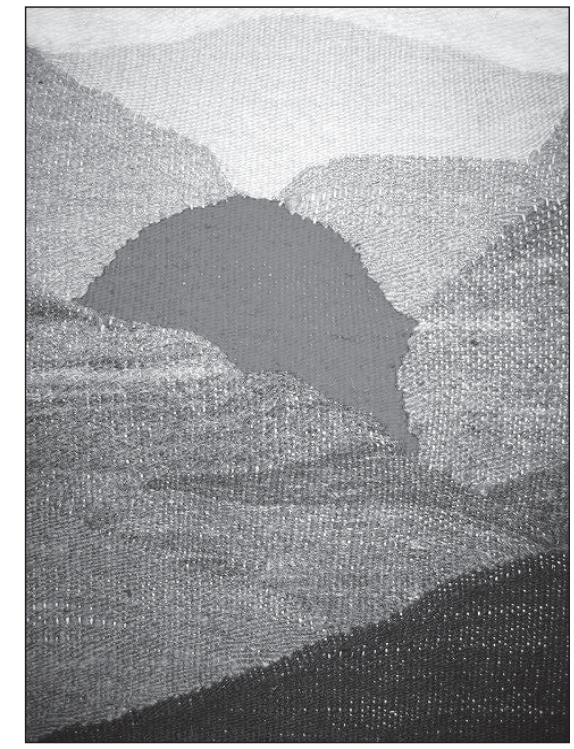
GALLERIES & OPENINGS

One of the several images by Peter Herman that will be on display at thetheatregallery in August.

"Kettle of Ravens," by Kristin Thatcher at the Las Cruces Museum of Art in September



"Red Sun" by Jan Harrison at the Tombaugh Gallery

Opening this Week

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The works of more than a dozen ladies ranging in age from the late 50s to the early 90s from the Monday Studio Group will be on display in the Rio Grande Theatre through the month of August, beginning with a reception for artists to coincide with the First Friday Downtown Arts Ramble at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Working in watercolor, colored pencils, oils and pastels, the artists of the Monday Studio Group explore many styles of expression and have found they need all of their energy and enthusiasm as they tackle the difficulties involved in portrait and figure painting. The exhibit will run through Monday, Aug. 31. The theater is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall.

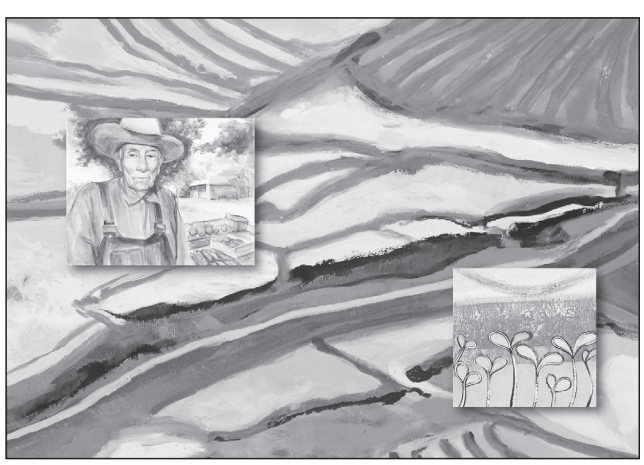
BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Two new exhibits will open at Branigan Cultural Center Friday, Aug. 7. "Batteries Not Required" is a display of historic cameras, while "Light Fantastic" is a display of an historic craft of quilts in its newest form. The opening reception for both exhibits is from 5 to 7 p.m. as part of the monthly Friday Ramble. The exhibits remain on display through Saturday, Aug. 29.

"Batteries Not Required" features more than 70 manual cameras from the collection of Don Brenner. Among the cameras to be displayed are an 1884 Blair with mahogany frame and cherry wood base, a 1909 Graflex with extensible front lens rack and a 1927 Ansco Memo featuring a vertical frame box body using a tubular view finder on top. Also included are early "spy" cameras, various Kodak models including the Brownie, Exaktas and much more.

"Light Fantastic" is an exhibit from New Mexico Art Quilters. Art quilts echo the practical and decorative skills of quilt making from yesteryear, and take new life as an art form equal to watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings. This juried show features 31 quilts by 14 artists from across New Mexico.

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



The Border Artists present a group show at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in August.

Last Chance

LAS CRUCES ACADEMY

Watercolor and drawing students of Wayne Carl Huber, instructor at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, are featured in a student show at the Las Cruces Academy, 212 S. Downtown Mall, next to White's Music Box. The exhibit will run through Saturday, Aug. 8. Call 647-5684 for more information.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery will host an art opening for Rosemary McLoughlin from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. McLoughlin's show, titled "Brooklyn Tropical Baroque," is an acknowledgement of her Brooklyn roots as well as of the people, places and experiences of her life.

She reveals herself to us through her unique artistic expression her life experiences. She tells us stories about her family, her Catholicism, her womanhood, her friends and her cats through her unique style of painting. Her style is exuberant, intense and full of bright color, laden with action, explosively expressive and often full of humor.

The show will run through Tuesday, Sept. 8. Cutter Gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 541-0658.

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 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.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery will feature fiber art by Cyndi Clark and Jan Harrison in "Finding a Voice through Fiber." The exhibit 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.

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, El Paso. The show will run through Monday, Aug. 31.

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. A wine and cheese reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in conjunction with the September Downtown Ramble.

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

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

"Chromaflow" at the Branigan Cultural Center

"Flying Fish" by Rosemary McLoughlin at the Cutter Gallery

"Las Cruces Collects," features works on loan from residents including this piece from J. Paul Taylor.

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her various media explorations at IN EFFECT Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., through the month of August.

Hedrick has serious plans for her career in art, including working in book illustrations, 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, enabling 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

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

In August, the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre, will host two local ambassadors to the art world. Ray Baird offers "impressionistic expressionism" in his choice of rural structures and international landmarks. Baird paints with translucent, complimentary oils to give his special touch to architectural and natural subjects that have endured over time.

Hal Fore is primarily an oil painter whose design strategy transforms his subject matter into realistic caricature subjects. His road to art began with cartoons. He has an extensive art background and was a special education teacher in Las Cruces.

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 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.

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 M. Milton, describing the experience during the Battle of Bougainville that earned him a silver star.

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

ONO GRINDZ

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

Van Wagner has traveled numerous times to the islands of Maui, Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii to capture these vibrant and colorful scenes that make you want to pack your bags and get on that flight today. After Van Wagner discovers and photographs the magical tropical scene, the fun and creative work begin. He digitally hand-paints and textures over his photographs using computer and pen tablet. The results are works of art that are a blend of the realism of photography and the paintbrush of the painter. Van Wagner describes this new digital art as the best of two great art media. Ono Grindz owner Rachel Faulkner said she is excited to add another art venue to the Downtown area. Call 541-7492 for more information.

Special Announcements

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"From the Ground Up XXIV," a regional, juried exhibition of contemporary ceramics, will be on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art from Friday, Sept. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 7. This biannual event is a collaboration between the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Museum of Art. An artists' reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept 4. At this time, juror Blair Meerfeld will present the awards.

This exhibition features ceramic works, both functional and sculptural, by more than 60 artists representing the states of the Rocky Mountain region – New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. Participating local artists are Joe Angelo, Klyf Brown, Christina Campbell, Walter Castro, Janice Cook, Liz Fisher, Andi Freespirit, Richard Green, Susanne Kane, Dana Kroos, John Northcutt, Cindy Waddell, Barb Williams and Cally Williams.

Meerfeld has been a professional studio potter for many years and is now a resident of Santa Fe. His work is primarily functional pieces, crafted with woodfired stoneware. He will be presenting a free public lecture on his work at noon Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Branigan Cultural Center.

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. Exhibits are accessible and free of charge. For information, call 541-2137 or visit the website www.museums.las-cruces.org.

Send us your gallery listings

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

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

Friday, AUGUST 7

DOWNTOWN RAMBLE

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The first Friday Downtown Ramble will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at various locations on and around the Downtown Mall. Enjoy new and continuing art exhibits, live music, refreshments and various events, including a poetry reading at the Rio Grande Theatre.

A map of gallery locations along with contact information is available at most galleries and at the M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery website, http://mphillipsgallery.com.

HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic, now at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, will continue to take place on the first and third Fridays of the month.

The Howling Coyote is open to acoustic musicians/singers/songwriters and poets/storytellers with sign-up beginning at 6:30 p.m. and performances starting at 7 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

The next sessions will take place Aug. 7 and Aug. 21. Visit http://howling-coyote.net to see a list of the more than 200 artists who have performed at the Howling Coyote. For more information, call Bob Burns at 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

ERNIE WATTS AT RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Jazz saxophonist Ernie Watts returns to the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, for one night only.

The concert is in support of his latest CD, "To the Point," released on his own Flying Dolphin Records. This recording represents a snapshot of where the artist finds himself today. Material from "To The Point" will be featured along with a personally selected set of compositions including his own "Spirit Song" performed on the handmade wooden Spirit Flute.

Tickets are $25 to $30 and are available Friday, Aug. 7, at Hubbard's Music 'n' More, Lorenzo's Restaurants, Fairway Golf Repair, Break N Egg and at the door.

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 run through Sunday, Aug. 16. This year's event has 71 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.

At 8 p.m. 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.

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. 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.

POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

A free Native American pottery-making demonstration by former Tigua Pueblo Governor Albert Alvidrez will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at El Paso Saddleblanket Co., 6926 Gateway East, across from the Cielo Vista Mall. Call 915-544-1000 for more information.

DRUM CLASS

Middle Eastern ethnic drumming classes will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturdays and Mondays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. A $1 donation is required pr class. Call 526-9505 for more information.

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.

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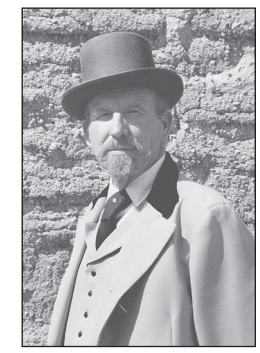
Tuesday, AUGUST 11

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE



Every other Tuesday at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall, presents master of mirth, magic and medicine Dr. J. Albert Carlile. The program is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. Admission is free. For more information, contact the DAAC at 523-6403.

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 classes 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 requested. Call 526-9509 or email www.jewellsofthedesertbellyclub.wetpaint.com for more information.

RAILROAD MUSEUM

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum welcomes Travis Berryman, local terminal manager for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, to the August Brown Bag Lecture at noon Tuesday, Aug. 11. Berryman will discuss modern railroading between El Paso and Belen, N.M. The Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. For more information, call 647-4480 or visit the website http://museums.las-cruces.org. RSVPs are encouraged.

Wednesday, AUGUST 12

READING ART BOOK CLUB

The Reading Art Book Club will hold its next meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The meeting will focus on the book "Chasing Cezanne," an art heist mystery by Peter Mayle, the acclaimed author of "A Year in Provence" and "French Lessons."

The Reading Art Book Club is dedicated to exploring the connections between art and literature by reading and discussing books. Upcoming selections include a fictional look at a developing art collector in "The Connoisseur" by Evan S. Connell as well as "The Pot Thief Who Studied Pythagoras," a mystery by J. Michael Orenduff.

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Branson Library on the campus of New Mexico State University. Rick Hendricks will conduct a tour of the Archives and Special Collections available for genealogists. For more information, email dacgslc@gmail.com.

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BEGINNERS BELLY DANCING CLASS

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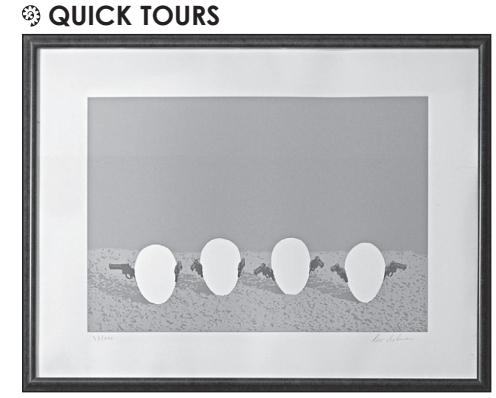

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is now hosting Quick Tours on Wednesdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. for the duration of the "Las Cruces Collects" exhibition, on display through Saturday, Aug. 22. The collections offer a unique glimpse into the vibrant community of Las Cruces and the important figures who loaned 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
"The Temps"	Sunday, Aug. 16 and Monday, Aug. 17	Black Box Theatre
Plaza Classic Film Festival	Through Sunday, Aug. 16	Plaza Theatre, El Paso
Pancake & The Crush	Tuesday, Aug. 18	Rio Grande Theatre

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

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Thursday, AUGUST 13

LECTURE AND FILM

With its current traveling exhibit, "Dreaming Cows," the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will feature a documentary film profile of the artist Betty LaDuke at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. The documentary "Betty LaDuke: Art Reflecting Life" will give a deeper profile of the artist and the inspiration behind her colorful works. Admission is a suggested $2 donation. For more information, call 522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

The Big Band Dance Club will host a T-shirt contest and dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of the Bob Burns-Mike Caranda Combo from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Free salsa/mambo dance lesson at 7 p.m. with paid admission. Admission is $6 for members and $7 for guests. Participants must be 21 and older. There is a dress code. For more information, call 524-0500 or visit www.bigbandbanceclub.org.

Saturday, AUGUST 15

FAMILY STORYTELLING

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Looking Forward

SWEC PRESENTS 'LORDS OF NATURE'

The Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC) joins the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, New Mexico State University's Department of Wildlife and Conservation Ecology and the Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen in celebrating both Aldo Leopold, the visionary New Mexico conservationist, and the role of predators such as the Mexican Wolf (Lobo) in nature, with a screening of the film "Lords Of Nature," at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. downtown mall. The film will be followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Kevin Bixby, executive director of SWEC. Admission is free. For more information call 522-5552.

EMBROIDERY TIPS-N-TECHNIQUES

Bernina Sewing & Design Center is sponsoring an Embroidery Tips-n-Techniques events in Las Cruces and El Paso. Whether you are experienced or new to machine embroidery, the Tips-n-Techniques featured during our embroidery extravaganza will blow you away. You'll take home a CD with the designs needed to create the featured projects, instructions for the projects and video clips of selected techniques. No matter what machine you own, you will love these Tips-n-Techniques.

This event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Wyndham Hotel in El Paso, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Ramada Palms Hotel in Las Cruces.

Cost of this event is $35 per person or $50 for two people. Registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 15. Call 523-2000 to register.

Sunday, AUGUST 16

FREE CONCERT

The Candice Reyes Quintet & Southwest Divas will play for the El Paso Friends of Jazz Society at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, in the Sunset Room of Ardovino's Desert Crossing, on Ardovino Drive, in Sunland Park, N.M. This concert is free and open to the public. Guests and visitors are welcome. The music follows a few brief announcements. Food and beverages may be ordered. For more information call 915-592-1357 or log on to www.elpasofriendsofjazz.org.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

The City of Las Cruces Music in the Park Series will host The Next Chapter and The Deming Fusiliers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

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'THE TEMPS' AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

Singers Lauren Fajardo, Carrie Oliver and Cindy Pits and No Strings Theatre Company present "The Temps," a musical potpourri featuring tunes from "Showboat," "Urban Cowboy," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Nine To Five." The two performances are at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets are $10 regular admission and $9 students and seniors over 65. For reservations call 523-1223.

Historic El Paso theater hosts 10-day movie fest

Concert series kicks off Friday, Aug. 7 during the Plaza Classic Film Festival

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It may comes as a surprise, but there was a time when Hollywood made movies that went beyond the obvious blow-'em-up plotline. This Golden Age of Hollywood, will be revisited at the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Center in El Paso puts on its Classic Film Festival.

Now in it's second year, the festival began on Thursday, Aug. 6, and run continue through Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Plaza Theatre, 125 Pioneer Plaza.

"It's the largest known festival dedicated to classic film in the country," said Eric Pearson, executive vice president for the El Paso Community Foundation.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" is one of the 71 films showing at the Plaza Theatre.

The Plaza Theatre opened in the 1930s as a modern film house that also featured stage productions. The theater closed in the late 1970s and fell into neglect. When plans to turn the historic theater into a parking lot began to form, members of the community came together to save it from destruction.

Pearson said the El Paso Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides a wide-range of charitable services in the region, decided in 2006 to restore the Plaza Theatre. Once the $41 million restoration project – funded by the community and the City of El Paso – was completed, the foundation turned it back into a working movie theater.

The foundation was then faced with a difficult decision – choosing the first film to be shown.

"We came back with 100 titles," Pearson said. "We decided to turn it into something big."

Of those 100 movies, 64 were shown during last year's Plaza Classic Film Festival.

"For the most part, our formula was to show movies that could have played during the plaza's heyday from the 1930s to 1976," he said.

Enticed by the wide-selection of unique and well-known titles, more than 30,000 moviegoers participated in last year's event, encouraging the foundation to turn the classic film festival into an annual event.

This year, the festival will include 71 films, such as cinema classics "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Gone with the Wind" and a rare screening of George Lucas' original "Star Wars." Along with the timeless flicks, Pearson said the festival will also include independent and art-house films as well as work from students at New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute.

"There will be some well known classics and some movies they may never seen before," he said. "It's an opportunity for people to expand their horizons."

Free film talks will also take place throughout the festival before the screening of films such as "Cabaret," "Chinatown," "Some Like It Hot" and "Vertigo."

The festival will also host three free concerts. Sleeper Car, a side band of El Paso native and Sparta singer/guitarist Jim Ward, will kick off the concert series at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. The series will continue with the multi-genre Mano Sol at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, and funk band Fungi Mungle at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14.

"We're really excited (about the festival)," Pearson said. "Everyone in Las Cruces should come. It's really affordable. None of the movies are over $8."

Most movies are priced at $2 or $6 for two films. The foundation has been able to keep the ticket cost down thanks to the festival's numerous corporate sponsors. Pearson said low ticket prices will make the festival open to everyone.

"It's so much fun," he said. "It's a great opportunity for people to appreciate what this region has to offer in terms of art."

For more information on the Plaza Classic Film Festival and for a complete schedule of events, visit www.plazaclassic.com.

FEATURED ARTIST

Jim Turrentine: Finding himself through portraitures

His passion led him to return to Las Cruces and the love of his life

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jim Turrentine's passion began with the click of the shutter and the excitement of an image.

Beginning as a childhood hobby, he found a creative outlet in the darkroom, delighting in the technical aspect of developing film, said the owner of Big Picture Digital Image Lab and Main Street Gallery.

"In the fourth grade, I had my first little brownie camera and I would take photos of my classmates," he said. "It was a magical experience to capture something on film."

As the years passed, he continued with his art and went to school to study commercial photography. He worked for several years as a photographer and found he especially enjoyed creating portraits in his free time.

After working in photography for several years, Turrentine said he "burned out" in the 1990s and switched to the world of video.

"Over time, passion diminishes. It becomes just work," he said.

He said he had a knack for assembling multiple images to create a message, and produced a diverse selection of projects. Although he had a thriving career and a home in Colorado, he decided after the death of his older brother to take a leap of faith and follow his passion.

Coming back home

Turrentine said he decided to leave Colorado for California. Before heading to California, however, he came to Las Cruces to decompress and tie up a few loose ends after his brother's passing.

"After my brother's death, I thought that I could be next," he said. "I asked myself, 'What do I enjoy out of life?' And I remembered that shooting portraits brought me joy."

While in Las Cruces, a friend of Turrentine's helped find subjects to photograph. His 12-year hiatus, however, left his skills rusty.

"It was like not exercising a particular muscle and then exercising it," he said.

A variety of people sat for Turrentine as did several flowers, but one subject made a lasting impression. At first, Kris Segerstrom, a native of Sweden, was reluctant to sit for him. She made Turrentine join her for coffee several times to know him before she consented to having her portrait taken.

Turrentine said he stuck with his plan and moved to California in the fall of 2001. The two kept in contact, however, and after six months he said he realized "she was the one" and decided to abandon his plan and moved back to Las Cruces.

"I'm originally for Las Cruces. I left in 1967 and I never ever intended to come back here," he said. "Pursuing my passion for portraiture led me back into my own backyard and to the love of my life."

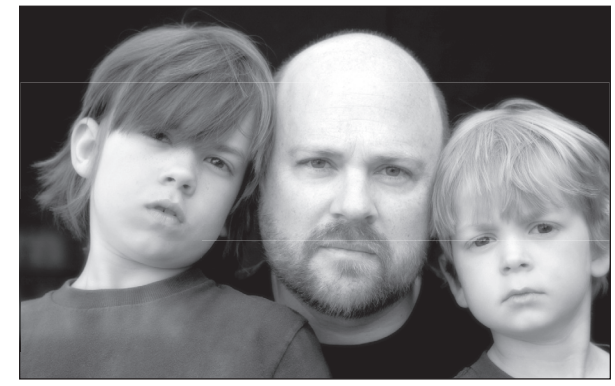
Three years ago, after exhibiting at the Main Street Gallery, he became its owner along with the Big Picture.

"All of these things weren't planned, anticipated or pursued consciously," he said. "They just happened. I was just trying to follow my passion and it led to a whole new life and a whole new career."

The self-proclaimed "craftsman of printing other people's images" will celebrate his portraiture passion and the life that came out of it during a retrospective of his work at his gallery during the month of August.

Three decades of faces

He said the idea for a retrospective came about when he began looking through envelope after envelope of portraits he shot over the years.



"2 Generations" features Turrentine's son Ken and grandchildren Dylan and Koby. Right, inspired by her "Egyptian quality" he shot artist Daphne Wirthlin in profile.

"It's an art show, but it's also more about how my life has turned out because of my passion for portraits and the love of my wife," he said.

The show will include silver prints made in the darkroom in the 1970s, color prints from the 1980s and digital images taken in the new millennium.

He said the most powerful image and the show's centerpiece will be the portrait of his wife Kris after she had completed her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. The image, titled "Hope Emerges from the Shadows," was shown at the Branigan Cultural Center as part of its cancer survivor exhibit.

"It's overwhelming. I see my wife, but I also see a cancer survivor," he said.

Another striking image in the show is a portrait of local artist Daphne Wirthlin.

"I wouldn't just line them up. I would have to see the portrait in my head before I wanted to shoot them," he said. "(For Wirthlin) I saw this Egyptian quality in her."

Wirthlin's portrait was originally shot in color, but was later converted into black and white, as are many of Turrentine's images.

Other images include a spontaneous family portrait of his son Brian and grandchildren Blake and Dawson on their ranch in east Colorado as well as an image titled "Duality."

"Duality," a portrait of an entertainer Turrentine met in San Francisco, explores the feminine and masculine characteristics that can be found in everyone.

"If we stood in front of a mirror with a card over part of our face, we will all see different qualities," he said.

The retrospective, he said, is an example of what can happen in life once you stop trying to make plans.

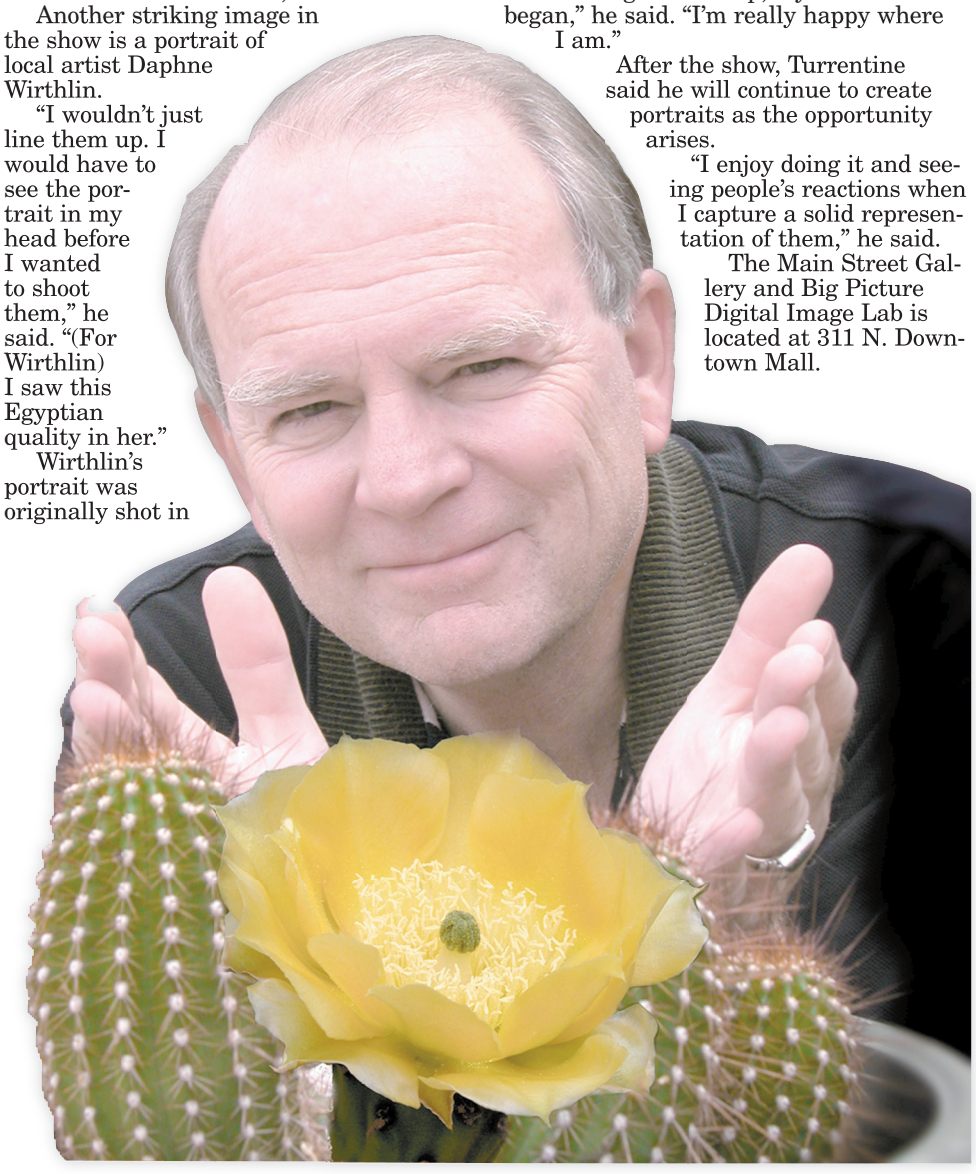
"Once I gave that up, my real life began," he said. "I'm really happy where I am."

After the show, Turrentine said he will continue to create portraits as the opportunity arises.

"I enjoy doing it and seeing people's reactions when I capture a solid representation of them," he said.

The Main Street Gallery and Big Picture Digital Image Lab is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall.

Turrentine took this image of his son Brian and grandsons Blake and Dawson on their ranch in east Colorado.



Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Tiffany's Pizza: A taste of Greece

Gyros only one of the authentic Mediterranean dishes

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A trip to Greece is a lot closer than Las Crucens may think. Located in the Telshor Tower Plaza is a Mediterranean getaway also known as Tiffany's Pizza.

Husband and wife team Anastasios and Barbara Rammos began serving delectable cuisine after moving to the city from El Paso in February 1997.

"He's always been mixed up in restaurants," Barbara Rammos said. "Cooking is his thing. Cooking and serving – feeding the people."

Once the natives of Greece decided to take the leap and open a restaurant, they knew it could serve only one thing – Greek recipes that had been passed down from generation to generation.

Barbara Rammos said their most popular item is the gyro sandwich, which consists of shaved beef and lamb.

"It's 60 percent beef and 40 percent lamb. That's the best combination," she said, explaining that they can make any combination of meat.

The second most popular dish, she said, is the mousaka. This authentic Greek dish is comparable to lasagna, with alternating layers of fried eggplant, zucchini and ground beef.

"We cover it in a special cream sauce and bake it," Barbara Rammos said.

Although the restaurant also serves salads and sandwiches, it isn't called Tiffany's Pizza for nothing.

"We use a lot of toppings and our own pizza sauce," she said.

Of the four varieties of pizza, Barbara Rammos said the most popular is the Greek, which has gyro meat, tomatoes, onions, peppers, feta cheese and black olives.

A close second in popularity is the Tiffany's pizza, which has sausage, pepperoni, pastrami, bell peppers, onions and mushrooms.

With only two servers and one dishwasher, the couples handle the rest, working 12 hours a day, five days a week.

"We're a little mama and papa place," she said. "We do all the labor. He does all the prep and cooking. He doesn't trust anyone else on the grill."

Family is very big at Tiffany's Pizza. Their eldest daughter Tiffany, for whom the restaurant is named, put herself through college working for her parents. Barbara said their youngest daughter was raised in a playpen in the back.

Even restaurantgoers can't help but feel related when they step into Tiffany's Pizza.

"We treat our customers like family," she said, adding that some customers have even helped bus tables when they've been busy. "Some of them have been with us since our opening day … I want to thank them for being with us and trusting us."

Barbara Rammos said she isn't sure what the future holds for the restaurant, but has a few ideas, which include possibly expanding to a bigger location or growing Tiffany's Pizza catering into a separate business.

"It changes day to day," she said.

Even though they're tucked in the back of the plaza, Barbara Rammos said they have the best view of the city and encourages everyone to come to Tiffany's Pizza and "find out what Greek food really is."

"It's about the Greek environment and hospitality," she said. "It's how we treat people. We make them feel like they're at home."

Tiffany's Pizza
Telshor Tower Plaza G1
532-5003
http://tiffanysgreek.com

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday
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Tiffany's Pizza serves up large portions of authentic Greek cuisine.

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Kathy Wolford from Deming, N.M., purchases a purse, slacks and a Christmas picture frame during Christmas in July. The event held Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1, at La Tienda de Jardin, a boutique featuring gently used items, located at 335 La Colonia Ave.

Volunteer Becky King arranges a holiday centerpiece to place on display.

A cake in the shape of a Louis Vuitton purse was part of the silent auction held inside the store to benefit Jardin de los Niños.

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Volunteer Jeana Gutierrez arranges a display of Barbie dolls. All of the proceeds go to the nonprofit, which serves homeless and near-homeless children.

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Las Cruces resident June Miller browses the silent auction items on display.

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

00 ON AIR
00 COMCAST CABLE

FRIDAY EVENING — AUGUST 7, 2009

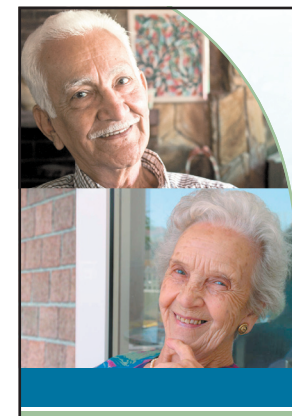
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Charlie Rose (N)		Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer		Flashpoint CC		NUMB3RS CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Surviving	Goode	Jim	Goode	20/20 CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	You Smarter?		Mental (N) CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Southland CC		Dateline NBC (In Stereo) CC				News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville CC		Chris	Game	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★★ "Shanghai Noon" (2000) CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	Soccer Real Madrid at Toronto FC. (Live)				Baseball Tonight (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis: Legg Mason Classic				Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				WTA Tennis: Los Angeles Championships				WTA Tennis	
USA	31	NCIS "Missing"		NCIS CC		Monk CC		Psych CC		House CC		Monk CC		Psych CC	
TNT	32	CSI: NY "Risk"		CSI: NY CC		★★ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. Premiere.					★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990, Action) Bruce Willis. CC				
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts. CC					Sex &	Sex &	(:40) "Secondhand Lions" (PA)		
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Carlos Mencia		Burned: Roasts		B. Saget: Right		Jeffrey Ross		Katt Williams Live	
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	Chefs vs. City		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City	
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		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		Sex-Ancient		Clash of the Gods		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Toddlers & Tiaras		What Not to Wear		Toddlers & Tiaras		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Sharkbite! Surviving		Sharkbite Summer		Blood in the Water		Blood in the Water		Sharkbite Summer		Blood in the Water		Blood in the Water	
ANPL	50	Gnt Anaconda		Whale Wars CC		Whale Wars (N)		River Monsters		Whale Wars CC		Whale Wars CC		River Monsters	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards-Place		Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas	Zeke	Wizards	Sonny
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:00) "Fight Club"		★★ "Caddyshack" (1980) Chevy Chase.				★★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller.				★★ "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves.			
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		Face the Ace CC		Inside Track		Fast Mny	Options	Mad Money		Face the Ace CC	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Reality Undercover		Lockup	

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 8, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Happiness 101 With Tal Ben-Shahar			YOU: Inner and Outer Beauty			Wayne Dyer	
CBS	3 3	20 Tobi	Turbo Jam	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.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Homes	Today Today's Real Estate; ice cream. (N) CC				Veggie	Penguins	Turbo	Babar	Zula Patrol	Friend
CW	14	(Off Air)				GoGoRiki	Winx Club	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu Gi Oh	Turtles	Turtles	Dinosaur
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Adelante	Vacuum	Walk Fit	Rosetta	Shipping	Paid Prog.	Slim in 6	Bud Billiken Parade The annual parade. CC			
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC				MLB Baseball	
ESPN2	27	Driven	Expedition	Beat	Redfish	Bassmasters CC		NASCAR Racing: Nationwide -- Qualifying				Bassmasters CC	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Burn Notice CC		Royal Pains CC		Monk CC		Psych CC	
TNT	32	Angel (In Stereo) CC		Angel "Heartthrob"		Wedding Day (N) CC		Law & Order "Agony"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		The Closer CC	
TBS	33	(:05) ★★ "Housesitter" (1992) Steve Martin.				(:05) ★★★ "Secondhand Lions" (2003) (PA) Michael Caine.					(:25) ★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999)		
COM	35	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Presents	Hart: Grown Little Man		Jeffrey Ross		Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Solstice" (2007, Horror) Elisabeth Harnois. 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: David Letterman		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House CC		Flip This House (N)		Keyshawn	Keyshawn
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC		Wild West Tech CC		The Lincoln Assassination CC				Einstein CC			
TLC	45	Designing	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	Millions	Paid Prog.	Money	Paid Prog.	Verminators CC		Dirty Jobs CC		The Colony CC		Shark After Dark CC	
ANPL	50	Dog Show: Animal Planet Champ.				Bark Mad	Breed	Animals	Housecat	Fat Pets CC		A Lion Called Christian	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Ruby	10 Things	★★ "Raise Your Voice" (2004) Hilary Duff. CC			
DISN	52	Und Wrap	Phineas	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	★★ "Night Passage" (1957) James Stewart.				★★ "Guns of Diablo" (1964) Charles Bronson.				★★★ "A Big Hand for the Little Lady" (1966)			
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"The Hive" (2007, Horror) Tom Wopat. CC				★★ "Arachnid" (2001) Alex Reid, Chris Potter.			
CNN	62	Saturday	House Call	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		The Vanishing	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 8, 2009

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	(10:00) Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone! CC				America's Home Cooking: Easy Recipes for Thrifty Cooking						Welk Stars-Yrs	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf WGC Bridgestone Invitational -- Third Round. (Live) CC								Paid Prog.	Contour
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★★ "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver. CC				Paid Prog.	Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Traveler	Contour	Baseball	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. CC					
NBC	9 9	Island	Three Wide	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Horse Racing		Beach Volleyball: AVP Crocs Tour			Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Kamen	Huntik	J Hanna	Wild Amer	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15	Parade	Cultivating	★★★ "Shanghai Noon" (2000) Jackie Chan.				Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Hollywood	White Sox
ESPN	26	MLB Baseball: Home Run Derby				World Series		World Series		Horse Racing (Live) CC		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Heart Race	Sprint Cup Happy Hour		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Zippo 200 at The Glen. (Live)						World Series	
USA	31	In Plain Sight CC		In Plain Sight "Jailbait"		In Plain Sight CC		In Plain Sight CC		In Plain Sight CC		NCIS "Bait" CC	
TNT	32	★★★ "Runaway Jury" (2003, Suspense) John Cusack. CC				★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. CC						"Bourne Suprm."	
TBS	33	(9:25) "Runaway Bride"		Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	King	King	★★ "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (2004)			
COM	35	Scrubs	★★ "Duplex" (2003, Comedy) Ben Stiller. CC				★ "My Baby's Daddy" (2004) Eddie Griffin. CC				★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995) CC		
LIFE	39	"Still Small Voices" (2007) Catherine Bell. CC				"A Near Death Experience" (2008) Amy Acker.				★ "Christina's House" (2000) Brendan Fehr.			
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	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Criss Angel Mindfreak		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	To Be Announced			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	Great White Appetite		Blood in the Water		Blood in the Water		Day of the Shark 2		Sharkbite Summer		Deadly Waters CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Most Outrageous CC		Underdog	
FAM	51	Raise	★★ "The Prince & Me" (2004) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. CC					★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Luke Wilson CC				"Legally Blonde 2"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Cow Belles" (2006, Comedy) CC			Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	The Fairly OddParents		Penguins	Penguins	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(:15) ★★ "The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid" (1972) CC				★★★★ "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969) CC						★★ "Caddyshack"	
SCIFI	59	"Larva" (2005) Vincent Ventresca, Rachel Hunter.				★ "Locusts" (2005) Lucy Lawless. CC				"Sand Serpents" (2009) Jason Gedrick. CC			
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Murder by the Sea		Death and the Dentist		Confessions of BTK Dennis Rader.				Cult Killer		Dead Men Talk	



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SATURDAY EVENING — AUGUST 8, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Welk Stars-Yrs		Soundstage (In Stereo) CC		Motown-Definitive				Get Down Tonight: The Disco Explosion				Secret Law	
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: Miami CC		48 Hours Mystery (N) (In Stereo) CC				News	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	★★★ "Finding Nemo" (2003) (In Stereo)				Dirty Sexy Money		News (N)	(:35) Cheaters CC		Wired
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	★★ "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998)				Bananas CC		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox. CC						WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bullwin	★ "Instinct" (1999) (In Stereo)		
ESPN	26	2009 Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction (Live) CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis: Legg Mason Classic Semifinal				World Series		WTA Tennis: Los Angeles Championships				World Series		World Series	
USA	31	NCIS "Iced" CC		NCIS "Untouchable"		NCIS "Bloodbath"		NCIS "Jeopardy"		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	"Bourne Suprm."		★★ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Dark Blue "Pilot"		Dark Blue CC		★★★ "The Rock" (1996) CC		
TBS	33	"Librarian: Return to King"				Engvall	Engvall	"Librarian: Curse of Judas"				Engvall	Engvall	★★ "Housesitter"	
COM	35	Tommy	★★ "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook.					★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) CC				Burned: Roasts		B. Saget: Right	
LIFE	39	★ "The Messengers" (2007, Horror) CC				★★ "Speak" (2004) Kristen Stewart. CC				Army Wives CC		Drop Dead Diva		Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Paula's Party		Summertime		Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap
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		★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood. CC						Wild West Tech		★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992) CC			
TLC	45	Toddlers & Tiaras		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Moving Up (N)		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Bite	
ANPL	50	Cat People CC		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 2"		"Legally Blondes" (2009) Milly Rosso.				★★ "A Cinderella Story" (2004) CC				Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Wizards-Place		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah Montana		★★★ "The Parent Trap" CC		
NICK	54	Sponge	Sponge	iCarly (N) CC		iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	★★ "Caddyshack"		★★ "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger. CC					★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. CC					"History-World"	
SCIFI	59	"Ice Spiders" (2007) Patrick Muldoon.				"Infestation" (2009, Horror) Premiere.				"Warbirds" (2008) Jamie Elle Mann.				"Infestation" (2009)	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Deal or No Deal		On the Money		Suze Orman		Deal or No Deal		American Greed		Suze Orman		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	64	MSNBC Investigates		Lockup		Lockup Special		Lockup Special		San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin	

SUNDAY MORNING — AUGUST 9, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Be Well Now! With Nancy			Loretta LaRoche: Juicy			Save	Julia
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Trainer	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Paid Prog.	Contour	Paid Prog.	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	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Specl Edit	Paid Prog.	Munsters	Paid Prog.
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today Free repairs. (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cliffdwell	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Health
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	Slim in 6	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		Yearbook	Yearbook
USA	31	Prince	Creflo Doll	Ed Young	J. Osteen	In Plain Sight CC		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	
TNT	32	★★★ "The Last Boy Scout" (1991) Bruce Willis.				★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson. CC (DVS)						★★★ "The Rock"	
TBS	33	★★ "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (2004)				"The Librarian: Return to King Solomon's Mines"				"The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice" (PA)			
COM	35	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Oswalt	Remix	Griffin	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Tommy
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Drop Dead Diva CC		★★ "I Love Trouble" (1994) Julia Roberts. CC			
FOOD	40	Cooking	Rescue	Emeril	Simply	Cooking	Giada	Contessa	Grill It-Flay	Big Bite	Minute	Money	FN Star
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Landscape	Get Out	Yard	Super	Curb	Unsellable	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Good Buy
A&E	43	Biography CC		Biography CC		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST	44	Spitfire Ace CC		That's Impossible		Sharp Shooters CC				More Extreme Marksmen CC			
TLC	45	KODAK	Profits	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Millions	Paid Prog.	Profits	Baby Read	Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		MythBusters 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	Bandslam	Grounded	★ "Bring It On Again"	
DISN	52	Can Worm	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	"The Little Colonel"		★★★★ "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969) CC					★★ "Highlander" (1986, Fantasy) Christopher Lambert. CC				
SCIFI	59	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone		"King of the Lost World" (2005) Jeff Denton CC				"Monster Ark" (2008)	
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.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profits	Slim in 6	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Inv: Murderous	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 9, 2009

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Julia Child Memories: Bon Appétit!		Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone! (In Stereo) CC							Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop CC		
CBS	3 3	Prelude to Final Major		PGA Tour Golf WGC Bridgestone Invitational -- Final Round. (Live) CC								Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Slim Jeans	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Homeland Security USA		Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	★ "Wrongfully Accused" (1998) Leslie Nielsen.				★ "Knock Off" (1998) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Munsters	King
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	American Le Mans Series Racing				Beach Volleyball: AVP Crocs Tour			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★★ "Wind" (1992, Drama) Matthew Modine.				Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	★★ "The Great Raid" (2005) Benjamin Bratt.				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies. CC					Inning	ALF CC	ALF CC
ESPN	26	NASCAR Countdown		NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live) CC		
ESPN2	27	Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	Yearbook	ATP Tennis: Legg Mason Classic Final				WTA Tennis: Los Angeles Championships			
USA	31	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	(10:00) ★★★ "The Rock" (1996)				★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. CC						Dark Blue "Purity"	
TBS	33	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers. (Live) CC						★★★ "Set It Off" (1996) (PA) Jada Pinkett.				★★ "Last Holiday"	
COM	35	(10:30) ★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995)				★ "My Baby's Daddy" (2004) Eddie Griffin. CC			★★ "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook. CC				
LIFE	39	★★★ "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003) CC				★★ "Uptown Girls" (2003) Brittany Murphy. CC				"Maneater" (2009) Sarah Chalke. CC			
FOOD	40	Home	Big Daddy	BBQ Unwrapped		Diners	Diners	Food	Food	Cakes	Cakes	Challenge	
HGTV	41	First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	Stagers	Bought	Buy Me	House	House	Design Star		Potential	To Sell
A&E	43	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Criss Angel Mindfreak		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
HIST	44	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers				Crime Wave: 18 Months of Mayhem CC				Hillbilly: The Real Story CC			
TLC	45	Police Women		Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant	Pregnant
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters Whirlpools.		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	Wild Kingdom CC		Africa's Outsiders		The Natural World		Wild Russia (In Stereo)		Wild Russia "Primorye"		Wild Russia (In Stereo)	
FAM	51	★ "Bring It On Again"		"Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007, Comedy) CC				★★ "Stick It" (2006) Jeff Bridges. CC				"Picture This!" (2008)	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan. CC					Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	School	School	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981) CC				★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. CC					★★ "Major League" (1989) CC		
SCIFI	59	(10:00) "Monster Ark"		"Kaw" (2007) Sean Patrick Flanery, Kristin Booth.				★ "Dragon Wars" (2007, Action) Jason Behr.				"Lost World-Jurassic"	
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Inv.: Vampire Killings		Meet the Press CC		Inv: To Love and to Kill		"Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About"				Lockup Special	

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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	Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop		The Big Band Years (In Stereo)				Leonard Cohen Live in London				Playing for Change: Peace			(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes CC		Big Brother 11 (N)		Neighborhood		Cold Case CC		News	CSI: NY "Bad Beat"		Paid
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank CC		Defying Gravity (N)		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	'Til Death	Amer	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Amer	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC	9 9	Am. Road Trip		NFL Preseason Football: Hall of Fame Game -- Bills vs. Titans						Dateline NBC CC		News (N)	Lopez	Paid	CSI Mi
CW	14	Drew	Drew	Easy Money CC		★★ "Pumpkin" (2002) Christina Ricci.				Housewives		Bananas CC		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 Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC		
ESPN2	27	World Series		World Series		World Series		NASCAR Now (Live)		World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight (N)	
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight CC		Burn Notice CC		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight CC	
TNT	32	Dark Blue "K-Town"		★★ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. CC				★★ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. CC						"Saving Private"	
TBS	33	★★ "Last Holiday"		★★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006)				(:15) ★★ "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy)				(:15) ★★ "The Wood" (1999) Omar Epps.			
COM	35	★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) CC				S. Park	S. Park	The Comedy Central Roast (N)		The Comedy Central Roast				Comedy-Roast	
LIFE	39	(3:00) "Maneater" (2009) Sarah Chalke.				Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives (N)		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives CC		Drop Dead Diva	
FOOD	40	Next Food Star		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Chopped	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Income	Estate	House	House	Design Star (N)		Estate	Renovatn	Income	Estate	House	House
A&E	43	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Animal House: The Inside Story CC				Simmons	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	My Shocking Story		My Shocking Story		Child Frozen		Conjoined Twin		My Shocking Story		Child Frozen		Conjoined Twin	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		Disasters		Raging Planet CC		Raging Planet (N)		Disasters		Raging Planet CC		Raging Planet CC	
ANPL	50	Eaten Alive CC		Monsters Inside Me		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars CC		Monsters Inside Me		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars CC	
FAM	51	"Picture This!" CC		★★ "A Cinderella Story" (2004) CC				"Another Cinderella Story" (2008) CC				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	P90X
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Sonny	Jonas (N)	"Hatching Pete" (2009)			Wizards
NICK	54	iCarly CC		Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	"Major League"		★★★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Crime Drama) John Travolta. CC						★★★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Crime Drama) John Travolta. CC					
SCIFI	59	(4:00) "The Lost World: Jurassic Park"				★★ "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise. CC						"Highlander: The Source" (2007) CC			Twilight
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St	Inside American Airlines: A Week, Life				Cruise-Money		American Greed		Wal-Mart: America's Most Powerful Co.			
MSNBC	64	Mind-Manson		Will You Follow for Me Manson				Chainsw Mass		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator	

MONDAY EVENING — AUGUST 10, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Antiques Roadshow		History Detectives		Documenting		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	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	Be a Millionaire		Dating in the Dark		(:01) Castle CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Teen Choice 2009 (N) (In Stereo) 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		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Boston Red Sox. (Live) CC						The Lost Son of Havana (N)				SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Football	NFL Live	World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight		SportsCtr	Football	Baseball Tonight		NFL Live	Yearbook
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS "Reveille"		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 CC		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Engvall	Sex &	Sex &	"National-European"		
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bill Engvall		Ralphie May		Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	The Comedy Central Roast			Daily
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives CC		Army Wives CC		Grey's Anatomy		Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Chefography		Chefography		Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	What Get	House	Property	Property	House	First	House	Estate	Unsella	First	Property	Property	House	First
A&E	43	Intervention "Janet"		Intervention CC		Intervention "Joey"		Obsessed "Richie"		Para	Para	Intervention CC		Intervention "Joey"	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Underwater Universe CC				Clash of the Gods		Clash of the Gods		Underwater Universe CC			
TLC	45	18 Kids	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Cake	Cake	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Cake	Cake
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Is It True? CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Is It True? CC	
ANPL	50	Heart of a Lioness		Underdog		Dogs 101 CC		Animal Cops		Underdog		Dogs 101 CC		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	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	"Wendy Wu: Warrior"			(:40) ★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) CC				Montana
NICK	54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	Mad Men CC		★★ "Message in a Bottle" (1999) Kevin Costner.				(:45) ★★ "Message in a Bottle" (1999) CC						(:15) "My Girl" CC	
SCIFI	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Gundam	Gundam	Rave	Rave	Lost "Tabula Rasa"	
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		Big Mac: Inside		Porn: Business		Mad Money		Fast Money		Big Mac: Inside	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — AUGUST 11, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Nova CC (DVS)		Nova scienceNOW		P.O.V. CC		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	NCIS CC		(:01) Big Brother 11		Medium CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Be a Millionaire		Better Off	Better Off	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		90210 CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		⋆ "Town & Country" (2001) (In Stereo)				MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners. CC						News	Scrubs
ESPN	26	E:60 (N)		World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Football	NFL Live	Yearbook	Yearbook	WNBA Basketball: Liberty at Sparks				E:60 (N) CC		SportsNation (Live)		World Series	
USA	31	NCIS "See No Evil"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk CC		In Plain Sight CC		Psych CC	
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 &	"Dickie Roberts"	
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	"Winter of Frozen Dreams" (2009) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Chefography		Chefography		Unwrap	Best	Chopped (N)		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best	Chopped (N)	
HGTV	41	My	House	First	First	House	Buck	House	Estate	Buy Me	First	First	First	House	Buck
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 (N)		The Cleaner (N)		Interventionist		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		The Universe CC		That's Impossible		Mega Disasters		Modern Marvels		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	18 Kids	18 Kids	Ultimate Cake Off		18 Kids	18 Kids	Ultimate Cake Off		Jon Kate	Jon Kate
DISC	47	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		Swords: Life		The Colony (N)		Dirty Jobs CC		Swords: Life		The Colony CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Facts		Killing for a Living		Animals Strike		Lion Feeding Frenzy		Killing for a Living		Animals Strike		Lion Feeding Frenzy	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	10 Things	Ruby	★★ "Nanny McPhee" (2005) CC				The 700 Club CC		Make It or Break It		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff.				Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	"Message-Bottle"		★★★ "Get Shorty" (1995) John Travolta.				★★ "Be Cool" (2005, Comedy) John Travolta. CC					★★ "K-9" (1989) CC		
SCIFI	59	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13 (N)		ECW (Live)		Warehouse 13		Stargate SG-1		Lost "Walkabout"	
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		The Entrepreneurs		The Entrepreneurs		Mad Money		Fast Money		The Entrepreneurs	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — AUGUST 12, 2009

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PBS 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Time Team America		Chaco Canyon		Wide Angle CC		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS 3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY "Prey"		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Be a Millionaire		Wipeout (N) CC		Primetime: Crime		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	House CC		Moment-Truth		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		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN 15	Home Videos		MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Chicago Cubs. CC						News	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	NFL Live	Interrupt	Softball Big League Final -- Teams TBA.				World Series		World Series		SportsNation (Live)		NASCAR	X Games
USA 31	NCIS CC		NCIS "Vanished"		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "The Curse"		★★★ "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971)			
TNT 32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Leverage (N) CC		Dark Blue "August"		Leverage CC		Dark Blue "August"		CSI: NY CC	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	"Night-Roxbury"	
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	"A Stranger at the Door" (2004) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD 40	Chefography		Chefography		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Summertime		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV 41	What Get	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Estate	Amazing	First	Property	Property	House	Income
A&E 43	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Criss Angel		Criss Angel		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest (N)		Ice Road Truckers		Tougher in Alaska		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC 45	Restorer	Estate	Police Women		Truth Be Told CC		Toddlers & Tiaras		Police Women		Truth Be Told CC		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC 47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild (N)		Verminators (N)		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Verminators CC	
ANPL 50	Season-Grizzly		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	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		10 Things	Ruby	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"An Extremely Goofy Movie"		Montana		Wizards	Montana
NICK 54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC 57	(4:00) "Get Shorty"		★★ "Out for Justice" (1991, Action) CC				★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale. CC						"Star Trek: Nem"	
SCIFI 59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places		Lost "White Rabbit"	
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 13, 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	Aggie	South	Globe Trekker		Classical	Africa	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS 3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Big Brother 11		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) The Mentalist		News	Late Show		Golf
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Be a Millionaire		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Cowboys Pregame		NFL Preseason Football Dallas Cowboys at Oakland Raiders.						Bones CC	
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		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	Countdown		NFL Preseason Football: Cardinals at Steelers						SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 27	Homecoming		Little League Baseball: World Series				Baseball Tonight		Pigskin Pro-Am		SportsNation (Live)		NASCAR	Golf
USA 31	NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		NCIS CC		NCIS "Shalom"		Royal Pains (N)		In Plain Sight CC		Law Order: CI		Royal Pains CC	
TNT 32	Golf		CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC		★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) CC				★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) CC			
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "Doom" (2005) (PA) The Rock. CC				Sex &	Sex &	(:10) "Nacho Libre"	
COM 35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Daniel Tosh		Tosh.0	Martin	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Reba	Reba	Reba		★★★ "Dave" (1993, Comedy) Kevin Kline. CC					Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD 40	Chefography "Ina"		Chefography		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		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	Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC 45	LA Ink CC		Lottery Changed		Police Women		LA Ink (N) CC		Police Women		LA Ink CC		Lottery Changed	
DISC 47	American Loggers		American Loggers		American Loggers		Man vs. Wild CC		American Loggers		American Loggers		Man vs. Wild CC	
ANPL 50	Lion Christian		Into the Pride		Into the Pride (N)		Animal Cops		Into the Pride		Into the Pride		Animal Cops	
FAM 51	70s Show	★★★ "Happy Feet" (2006) Voices of Elijah Wood.					Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"Stuck in the Suburbs" (2004)			Montana	Wizards	Montana
NICK 54	Penguins	Sponge	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC 57	"Out for Justice"		★★ "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger. CC					★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. CC					★★ "Caddyshack"	
SCIFI 59	Eureka CC		Eureka CC		Eureka CC		Eureka CC		Eureka CC		Eureka CC		Lost CC	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Generation Islam (N)				Cooper 360		Generation Islam				Cooper 360	
CNBC 63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		Crime & Punishment		Made-Millions		Mad Money		Fast Money		Crime & Punishment	
MSNBC 64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

BEGINNER

		5		7			1	4
	6		8			3		
9			1		4		8	
	9	4		1	6		2	8
		7				4		
6	8		3	4		5	9	
	1		2		9			7
		9			5		6	
7	3			6		2		

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

	1		2					
		8		3			9	4
				4			8	
8				2		7		
5			4		6			2
		6		5				1
	5			9				
9	7			8		5		
					3		7	

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

7	1						4	
9					4	6		
		4			6			3
	9		6	5				
				9	8		7	
6			4			8		
		1	3					5
	3						2	6

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

6	7	9	2	8	4	3	5	1
4	3	5	6	9	1	7	2	8
2	8	1	3	5	7	4	9	6
7	5	3	4	1	8	9	6	2
9	6	2	5	7	3	8	1	4
8	1	4	9	6	2	5	7	3
5	2	8	7	4	6	1	3	9
1	9	6	8	3	5	2	4	7
3	4	7	1	2	9	6	8	5

CHALLENGER

4	3	2	7	8	1	5	9	6
7	9	5	6	2	4	8	1	3
8	1	6	3	5	9	7	4	2
6	8	9	1	7	2	4	3	5
3	2	4	9	6	5	1	7	8
1	5	7	4	3	8	6	2	9
9	4	3	8	1	6	2	5	7
5	7	8	2	4	3	9	6	1
2	6	1	5	9	7	3	8	4

EXPERT

7	2	6	9	3	5	4	1	8
3	4	1	6	8	2	7	9	5
8	5	9	1	7	4	2	3	6
6	3	5	7	4	9	1	8	2
2	1	4	8	5	3	9	6	7
9	7	8	2	6	1	3	5	4
1	8	7	3	2	6	5	4	9
4	6	3	5	9	7	8	2	1
5	9	2	4	1	8	6	7	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.

PRIVILEGED LIFE

ENGLISH	SPANISH
CULTURED	CULTO
DIGNIFIED	DIGNO
DISTINGUISHED	DISTINGUIDO
GRAND	GRANDIOSO
IMPERIAL	IMPERIAL
KINGLY	REGIO
MAJESTIC	MAJESTUOSO
NOBLE	NOBLE
PRINCELY	PRINCIPESCO
REFINED	REFINADO
STATELY	AUGUSTO
WEALTH	RIQEUZA

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D	I	G	N	I	F	I	E	D	N	O	B	L	E	E					
E	N	E	M	D	O	N	G	I	D	T	R	G	F	C					
H	G	R	A	N	D	I	O	S	O	S	U	A	I	N					
S	L	E	J	A	C	U	L	T	O	U	L	Y	N	I					
I	Y	F	E	R	T	M	A	I	J	G	U	C	E	R					
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G	E	N	T	I	M	Q	R	G	S	A	Q	O	C	S					
N	T	A	U	T	P	N	E	U	W	Z	W	E	A	L					
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D	E	R	U	T	L	U	C	A	H	R	G	Y	K	R					

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 Refuse
6 Brings into play
13 Book of the Bible before Joel
14 Impassive
15 Alter a skirt's length
16 Acute infectious disease
17 Rubberneck
20 Linguine or ziti
24 Tourist's guide
25 Hautboy
26 Small porch
27 Naughty child
28 Guinness of "The Bridge on the River Kwai"
29 Singer Lena
30 Stretch the truth
31 Business publications
37 Coupled in space
40 Possessed
41 Makes the current current
42 Statuesque
43 Devoured
44 Heavy curtains
45 Raw
46 Rough tear
47 Besmirch
48 Irrational dread
49 St. Patrick's Day prop
53 Roofs
57 Noises
58 Globe
59 Unused
60 Sword handles
61 Flower part
64 PGA prop
65 Cosmo competitor
66 Spanish marauder
67 Gardner of "The Barefoot Contessa"
68 Quagmire
71 Snap
75 Mimic
76 Ray in the ocean
77 Rabbit relative
78 Little barrel
79 Anaheim player
80 Cornelia __ Skinner
81 Period
82 Singer Colter
83 Acorn droppers
84 Sicilian city
88 Young pig
92 Artist's workshop
93 __ Haute, IN
94 Gives notice
95 Curl one's lip

DOWN

1 Street hustler's game
2 Canape spread
3 Fire flakes
4 Behold
5 New state?
6 Get away
7 Utmost extent
8 Also
9 Feel lousy
10 Frozen dessert
11 Wyoming city
12 Hit with one's fingers
17 Prod
18 Up to the task
19 Verse
21 Does penance
22 Skin irritations
23 Heavy weights
31 Choreographer Twyla
32 Mathematical relationship
33 Skillful
34 Ford and McRaney
35 Prizes
36 P.O. code
37 Mud smears
38 Popular hit from the past
39 Shoe grip
42 Problem solver
45 Girl in a Broadway line
48 Unit of retinal illumination
50 Actor Milo
51 Thwarts
52 Coastal birds
54 Standing by
55 Annoy
56 Take an oath
61 Smooth, creamy masses
62 Utopians
63 Sell-out letters
66 Nia and Shelley
68 Avoid bogey
69 Run
70 Wines and dines
71 Country road
72 See ya!
73 Satie or Estrada
74 Army meal
76 Academic specialties
85 New Haven alum
86 Oil-well device
87 Game pieces
89 Coop parent
90 Mine yield
91 Metric square measure

GOLFER'S VACATION

ACROSS

1 Do another land survey
6 Aromatic woods
12 Stratford-__-Avon
16 Radicals of the '60s
19 Satellite of Jupiter
20 Unfertilized seeds
21 Samples
23 The golfer on vacation...
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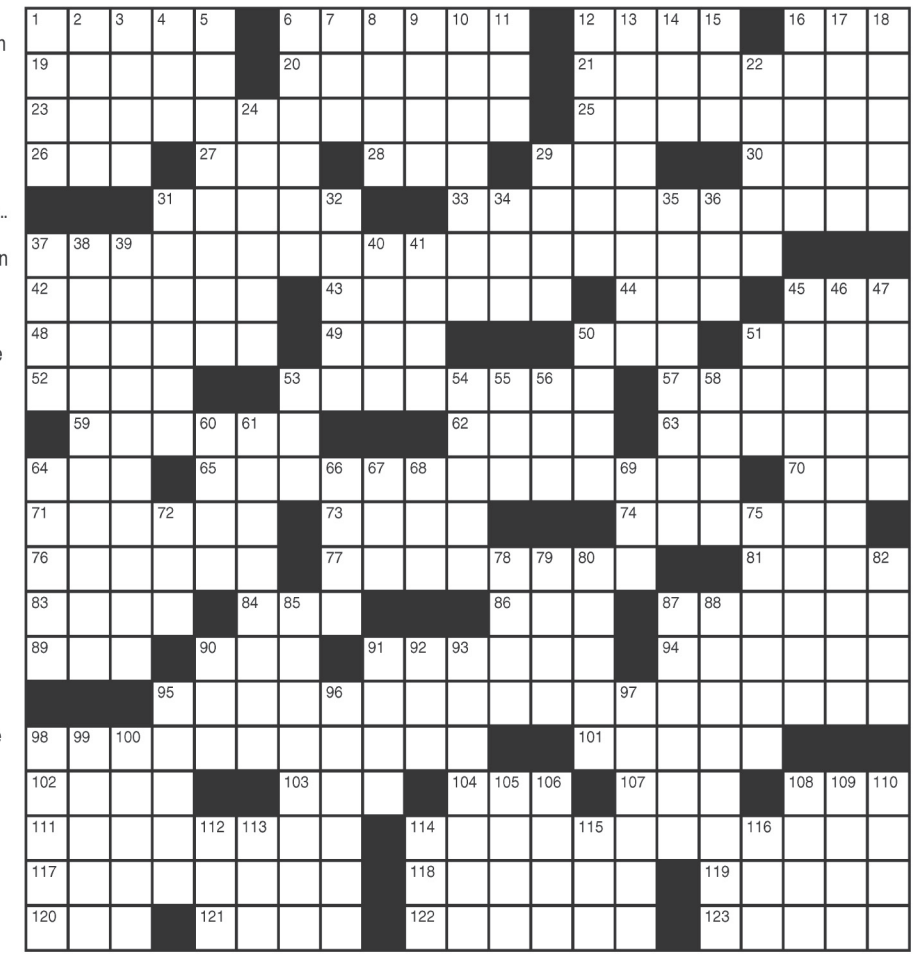

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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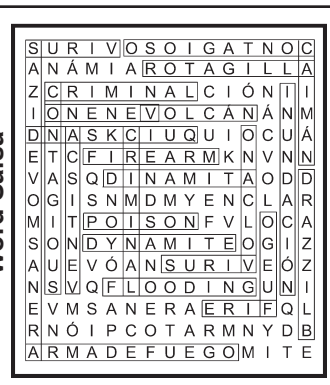

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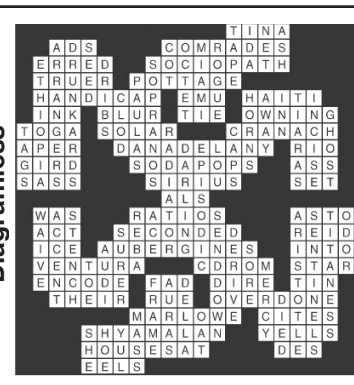

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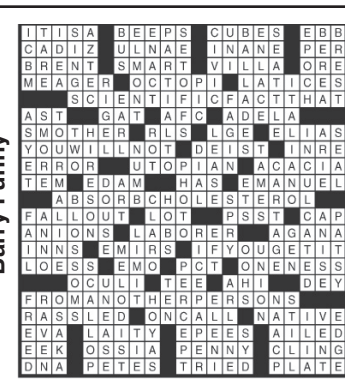

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"This is a rueful gardener's song and an edger's refrain: I fought the lawn and the lawn won."

Father-daughter team in 'More Fun than Bowling'

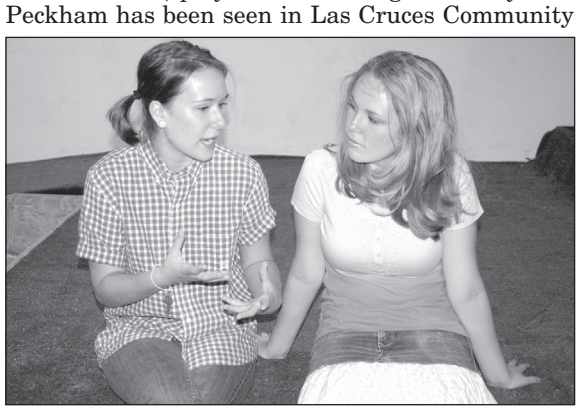
The 2009-10 Black Box Theatre season opens Aug. 14

Whether one bowls or not, the 2009-10 season opener at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., "More Fun than Bowling" guarantees an evening of hilarity.

Opening at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and running through Sunday, Aug. 30, Steven Dietz's two-act, five-character philosophical comedy directed by No Strings Theatre Company's artistic director Ceil Herman, combines suspense and humor in a small Midwestern town.

"More Fun than Bowling's" well-conceived dialogue drives the action on a most unlikely set, three large mounds of dirt, uniquely conceived by designer Peter Herman. Along with the preciousness of life, acceptance of the moment and one man's way of approaching surprises and responsibilities, "More Fun than Bowling" tickles the imagination through its take on ownership of a family business, acceptance of death and its unique approach to a fanciful plot line.

Actors Jeff and Dale Peckham, father and daughter in real life, play Jake and daughter Molly. Jeff Peckham has been seen in Las Cruces Community Theatre's "I Remember You," "Barefoot in the Park" and "And Then There Were None."



Dale Peckham and Megan Thompson star in the philosophical comedy "More Fun Than Bowling."

Dale Peckham has been seen in LCCT's productions of "Lil' Abner," "West Side Story" and "Scrooge." At Oñate High School, she was stage manager for "Grease" and performed in "Charlie Brown – The Musical" and "Sometimes I Wake Up." She is attending New Mexico State University this fall as a piano music major.

Jake's two wives are played by Katie Richardson as Lois and Megan Thompson as Loretta. Richardson has appeared in NSTC's productions of "Almost Maine," "Baby With The Bathwater" and "What I Did Last Summer." Thompson has performed in LCHS's production of "Beauty and The Beast" and has performed with Missoula Children's Theatre.

Danny Wade, usually involved with the technical aspects of NSTC's productions, makes his stage debut as the mysterious Mr. Dyson.

The actors convince audiences that while "More Fun than Bowling" could be a metaphor for the incongruities of life, they themselves are right there on stage having a good deal of fun bringing the play to life.

The scenic and lighting design is by NSTC's resident designer Peter Herman and costume design is by Cortney Newtson. Leah Angelo is the stage manager and Rorie Measure is assistant director.

Performances of "More Fun Than Bowling" are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, at 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 23 and 30 and at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. Tickets are $10 regular admission, $9 students and seniors over 65. All seats on Thursdays are $7. Preferred Patron Packages season tickets may be purchased during the run of "More Fun Than Bowling." Regular PPP season tickets are $50 and student and senior PPP tickets are $45 for the six shows of the 2009-10 season. Reservations can be made by calling 523-1223 or online at www.nostrings.org.

Katie Richardson and Jeff Peckham star in "More Fun Than Bowling" running from Saturday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 30 at the Black Box Theatre.

Robby Randall, Brandon Brown, Lennie Rainwater and Megan McQueen star in "The Musical of Musicals" at Boba Café.

'The Musical of Musicals!' at Boba Café

Five of genre's greats are reinterpreted in this theatrical adventure

Boba Cabaret is opening its first full-length production, "The Musical of Musicals! (The Musical)," Friday, Aug. 7.

Creators Eric Rockwell and Joanne Bogart penned the show, which will run through Saturday, Aug. 22, as five mini-musicals in the styles of five creators in the genre.

"This show will be equally funny for people who love or hate musicals," said director Megan McQueen, who saw the original performance in New York City. "It captures the essence of what most people love about all these musicals ... which is also what some people love to hate."

Each musical has the same basic plot, a young lady can't pay her rent to her villain landlord, so she seeks advice from a wise friend and is eventually aided by her hero.

The first musical is in the style of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Titled "Corn!," it captures the elegant simplicity of their music and lyrics, as well as the community-focused theme of their shows. It highlights actor Brandon Brown in the role of Big Willy, the hero.

The second musical, "A Little Complex," is in the style of Stephen Sondheim, the creator of "Sweeney Todd." The complexity of the music and intricacy of the rhymes combined with the cerebral theme to capture the essence of Sondheim. Pianist Robby Randall, doing double duty in the role of the landlord in all the shows, is prominent in this story as the demon artist Jitter.

"Dear Abby," the third piece, imitates the great "Hello Dolly" creator Jerry Herman. Its combines infectious melodies and playful rhymes in a skillful ode to the composer. Lennie Rainwater, as the wise friend, will play the star, Abby.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, who created "Phantom of the Opera," is evoked with the fourth story, a highly dramatic, sung-through "Aspects of Junita." McQueen is featured as the bold Evita-esque Junita.

The final section of the show is a tribute to Kander and Ebb, the writers of "Chicago," called "Speakeasy." Catchy vamps, saucy lyrics and Fosse-like movement make for a zany end to a fun show.

"Though it's a costly undertaking, we're really excited to license our first musical at Boba. We're hoping it will be the first of many to come," said Boba owner Chris Waggoner.

Dinner will seat at 7 p.m. with show time at 8 p.m. The $25 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner entrée, a beverage (beer and wine included) and gratuity. This show will offer an intermission during which additional drinks or dessert may be purchased.

Reservations are recommended by calling 647-5900. Boba Café is located at 1900 S. Espina St.

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LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Now Playing

The Musical of Musicals
Boba Café Cabaret
1900 S. Espina St.
647-5900
Tickets: $25 dinner show
Aug. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22

Coming Soon

More Fun Than Bowling
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets: $9 to $10
Aug. 14 through 30

The Temps
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets: $9 to $10
Aug. 17 and Aug. 18

Namoli Brennet
The Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Downtown Mall
523-6403
Tickets: $10
Aug. 21

No amount of cinema can make me like Tyson

Documentary marks ninth anniversary for reviewer at the Las Cruces Bulletin

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Not that you asked, but I'm going to tell you anyway.

I do not like Michael Tyson. I never have and I never will, in spite of his attempts to redeem himself, in part, through "Tyson," a sometimes enlightening documentary.

I like to think of myself as a forgiving person, and if I had some real personal reason to actually forgive Tyson for his miscreant behavior over the years, I might have done so before seeing the film. But now? Probably not.

Filmmaker James Toback allows Tyson to pretty much be the only person to talk about Mike Tyson while on camera. While we do get historical clips of fights and a few of those whose life he has affected (none can say that they enhanced his life, which is a very sad thought), Tyson goes from beginning to end describing how he was picked on as a youngster, never knew his father, how he ended up in the boxing ring partially because he was afraid – very, very afraid – and how the loss of a pet pigeon to bullies became a turning point.

Toback follows Tyson's career from a young amateur to failed champion, to his last unenthusiastic comeback attempt in 1999. It is like an editor-less biography by a man who can barely write.

Through it all, Tyson seems at least, if nothing else, amazingly brutally honest. It is refreshing, on some level, to hear him describe sleazy promoter Don King or adoration for Cus D'Amato, who was his trainer and mentor for many years until his unfortunate passing when Tyson was 19. D'Amato appears to be the only man Tyson had any respect for, and his passing one year before his first stint as heavyweight champion, the youngest ever at age 20, became another emotional catalyst for the young man.

Tyson's tattooed face remains stoic through most of this process, briefly lighting up when he talks about his sexual conquests and his description of how he "likes" his female partners to acquiesce to his wants.

We are witness to historical footage of his victories, his entrance and exit to jail, his whirlwind courtship and unfortunate marriage to Robin Givens and the squandering (or theft by sycophants) of the millions of dollars he made in his career.

In the end, after losing it all, Tyson, although not plagued with ego, seems not very contrite. He behaves like the world still owes him another chance because he was picked on and someone killed his pet pigeon.

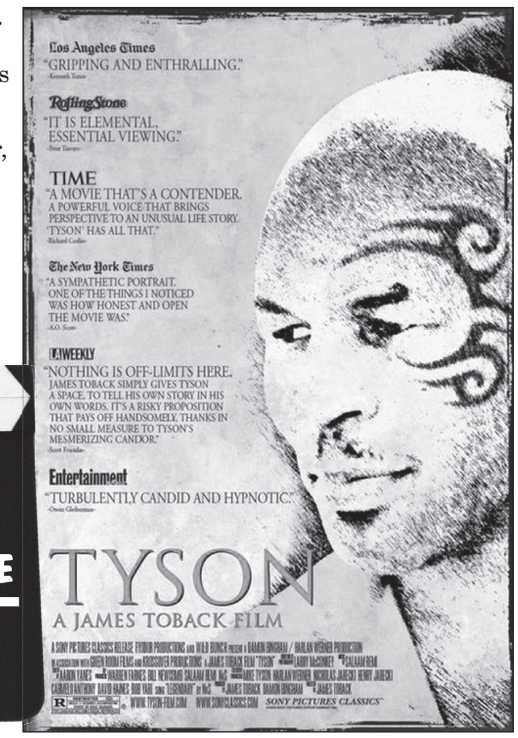
Toback allows us to draw our own conclusions, and two that I reached were as follows:

I wish Toback would not have used montage sequences that were more annoying than clever, and which also blocked part of the dialogue, as it overlapped, somewhat Robert Altman-ish.

I have no empathy for Tyson or others of his ilk, such as Michael Vick. He still comes across as being what he looks like – a fallen, would-be hero, a once wealthy thug who could have had it all, but now has nothing.

Too bad, too sad.

As a bonus, however, Nicole Martinez will perform at 7 p.m. before the Friday, Aug. 7, showing.



Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only-and not of anyone else connected with the film society. Jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com is where you drop him a line. With this review, celebrates the start of his ninth year with the Bulletin.

Crime caper at the CineMatinee

Mob chases Walter Matthau in New Mexico

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, Aug. 8, is "Charlie Varrick" (1973, 111 minutes, rated PG, Nevada stars as New Mexico).

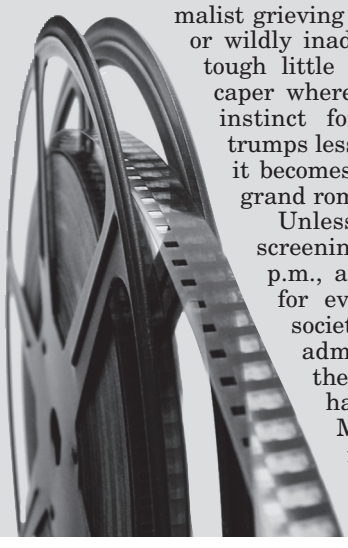
"Charley Varrick" stars Walter Matthau as a former stunt pilot reduced to robbing banks with his wife and a hot-headed young criminal. Matthau and his cohorts successfully rob a small-town bank for more than $750,000 in a heist that claims Matthau's spouse/getaway driver.

His partner's elation is tempered by Matthau's grim realization that the money belongs to the mob, which isn't about to accept such a substantial loss lying down.

Joe Don Baker costars as an icy hitman dispatched to recover the mob's ill-gotten loot and kill anyone who stands between him and the money. From there, the noose gradually tightens around Matthau's neck as the feds close in and the long tentacles of organized crime make their presence felt as far as sunny New Mexico.

Matthau delivers his usual sterling performance as a savvy operator working doggedly to finagle his way out of a seemingly impossible situation, but the film's real revelation comes from Baker, whose racist, sexist, ass-kicking brute of a henchman oozes malevolent magnetism.

A low-key, tough little thriller punctuated by casual bursts of deadpan humor, these characters take on a surprising poignancy and emotional resonance.



In another movie, Matthau's minimalist grieving might seem callous or wildly inadequate, but in this tough little film noir-ish crime caper where the overwhelming instinct for self-preservation trumps less practical concerns, it becomes nothing short of a grand romantic gesture.

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.

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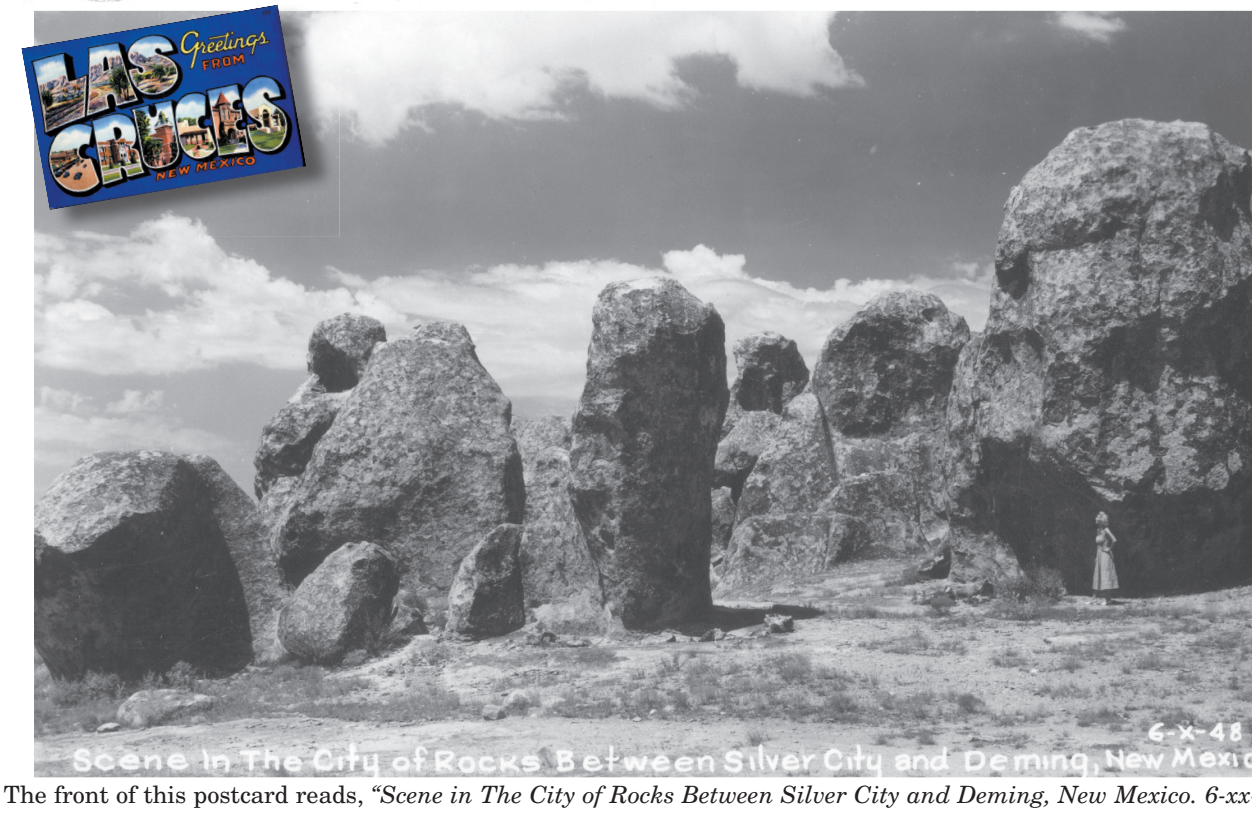


The front of this postcard reads, *"Scene in The City of Rocks Between Silver City and Deming, New Mexico. 6-xx-48"*

Apatow and crew deliver a 'funny' alternative

Comic pros show their serious side

REVIEW BY JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Judd Apatow, in his third go-round as writer-director, takes a walk on the serious side in "Funny People," starring Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill, Eric Bana and a plethora of well-known comedians (plus one rapper).

Sandler plays successful, well-known (and often lonely) comedian George Simmons. At the beginning of the movie, Simmons has been diagnosed with an incurable blood disease, and told the experimental drugs he has been given have an 8 percent success rate.

After the diagnosis, George has somewhat of an epiphany, taking pause on his movie career to return to where it all began – doing stand up in dive bars where he meets Ira Wright (Seth Rogen) and Leo (Jonah Hill).

He asks Ira to be his personal assistant, write jokes, accompany him on stand up gigs and talk him to sleep (George seemingly can't be alone, hence his lack of close friends).

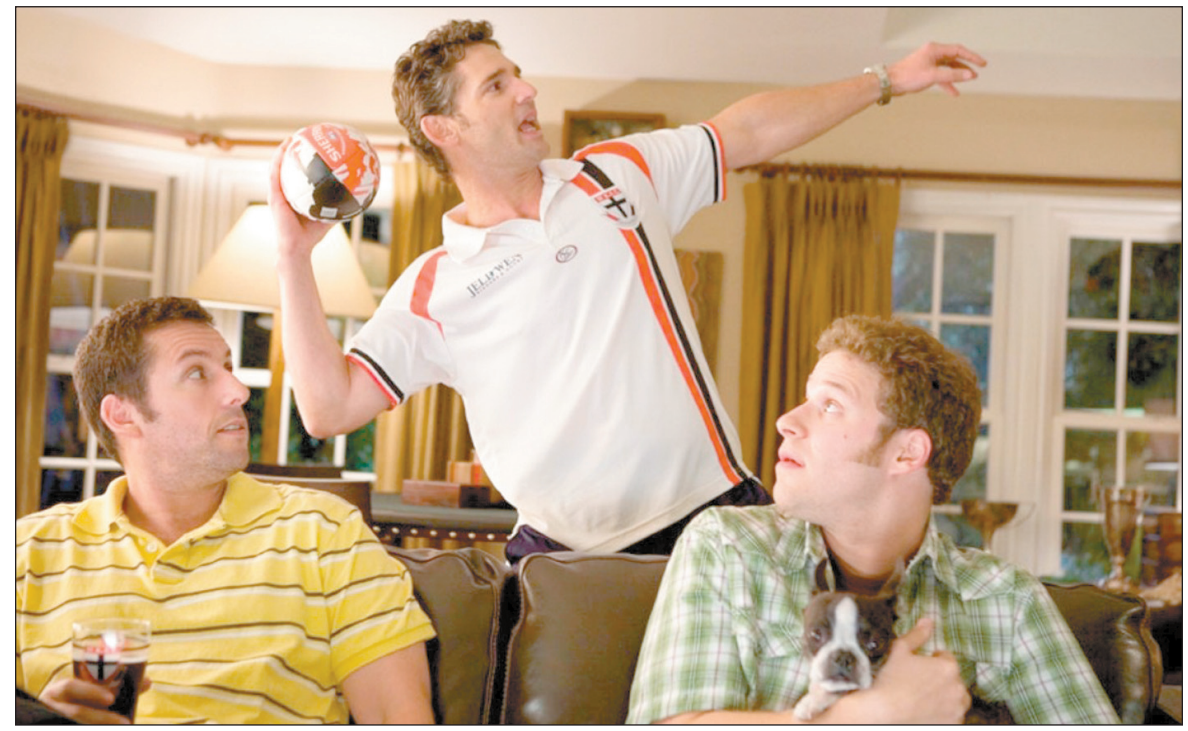
Apatow's comedic prowess is consistent throughout the film, although mid-way, we see a shift to the unreal, including the end of George's battle with the disease. This comes with a hilarious scene in which Ira and George mess with the large Swedish doctor that bears the news.

While George finally begins telling his colleagues about his illness, a slew of well-known comedians step in to add that something extra to the film – George has dinner with Eminem, while Ira hangs out with Ray Romano ("I thought everybody loved you," Ira says to Romano). Sarah Silverman and Andy Dick make cameos, as well.

Tied in with comedy is the real drama in George's relationship with his ex, Laura (Leslie Mann). Upon hearing the news that George is sick, the two reconcile and, quite predictably, her marriage has gone the way of her acting career – south. George and Ira go to San Francisco to visit her after a personal appearance, and the trip turns into an extended vacation when George and Laura "reunite."

Things get sticky when her husband Clarke (Eric Bana) returns from a business trip to find out his wife has cheated on him with George and from there, chaos ensues. Throughout the ordeal, George doesn't really change at all, and things come crashing down around him.

Sandler shows off his ability to be flexible in this role, balancing the funny with the serious and giving audiences a reason to cheer (and jeer) his actions. He meshes well with Rogen, and the two feed off each other's unique comedic characters – Rogen with the raunchy, slightly less annoying spin, and Sandler with the voices and guitar bits that made him famous. Apatow even uses images of Sandler's actual career (circa Saturday Night Live and MTV) to establish George's comedic past.


Adam Sandler, Eric Bana and Seth Rogen in Judd Apatow's latest comedy adventure "Funny People."

While the slightly larger version of Rogen – Hill, according to George – doesn't have as big of a roll as in other Apatow films, he manages to add a bit more to the movie by way of comedic genius and pause. The two comedians are roommates and live with their successful friend Mark (Jason Schwartzman), who plays on a tween series that airs on the teen network, the CW. The jokes never cease on that front.

Apatow delivers sheer comedic genius in his new film, but adds an extra-special element of character development that will take him further than the slap stick comedy for which he is known. The film delivers on many levels, and may leave you with a sense of closure – and a case of the giggles.

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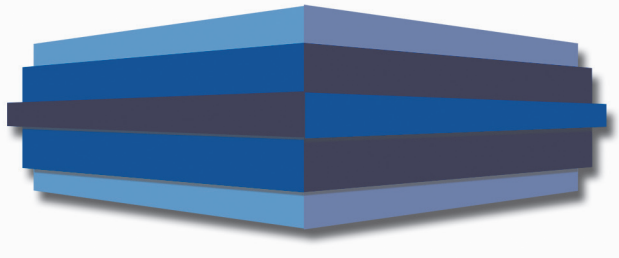

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FUNNY PEOPLE

Rating: R for language and crude sexual humor throughout, and some sensuality

Running time: 2 hours, 26 minutes

Directed by: Judd Apatow

Written by: Judd Apatow

Starring: Adam Sandler as George Simmons, Seth Rogen as Ira Wright, Jonah Hill as Leo Koenig, Leslie Mann as Laura, Eric Bana as Clarke, Jason Schwartzman as Mark and Aubrey Plaza as Daisy

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Collector
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

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

Funny People
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 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

Aliens in the Attic
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A group of kids must protect their vacation home from invading aliens.
Starring: Ashley Tisdale, Carter Jenkins
Director: John Schultz

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
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

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
Opening Aug. 7
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An elite military unit comprised of special operatives known as G.I. Joe takes on an evil organization led by a notorious arms dealer.
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Joseph Gordon-Levitt
Director: Stephen Sommers

Perfect Getaway
Opening Aug. 7
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two pairs of lovers on a Hawaiian vacation discover that psychopaths are stalking and murdering tourists on the islands.
Starring: Zahn, Milla Jovovich
Director: David Twohy

Julie & Julia
Opening Aug. 7
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The movie follows Julia and Paul Child through Julia Child's memoir, "My Life in France."
Starring: Meryl Streep, Amy Adams
Director: Nora Ephron

New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Aug. 11 •

I Love You, Man
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, Romance
Starring: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel
Director: John Hamburg

17 Again
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Starring: Zac Efron, Matthew Perry
Director: Burr Steers

The Class
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Francois Begaudeau
Director: Laurent Cantet

TOP GROSSING

• July 31-Aug. 26 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1	**Funny People (1)** $22,657,000
2	**Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (3)** $17,909,400
3	**G-Force (2)** $27,000,000
4	**The Ugly Truth (2)** $13,187,400
5	**Aliens in the Attic (1)** $8,008,400
6	**Orphan (2)** $7,525,489
7	**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (5)** $5,525,400
8	**The Hangover (9)** $5,194,500
9	**The Proposal (7)** $4,931,000
10	**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (6)** $4,688,300

Upcoming Films at the Fountain Theatre
Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30
Aug. 7 – Aug. 13 Tyson
(2009, 90 minutes, directed by James Toback)
Live music by Nicole Martinez before the August 7 screening.
Aug. 14 – Aug. 20 Easy Virtue
(2008, 93 minutes, directed by Stephan Elliot, starring Jessica Biel)
Mesilla Valley Film Society
CineMatinee Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. only
General admission $4, $1 for MVFS Members
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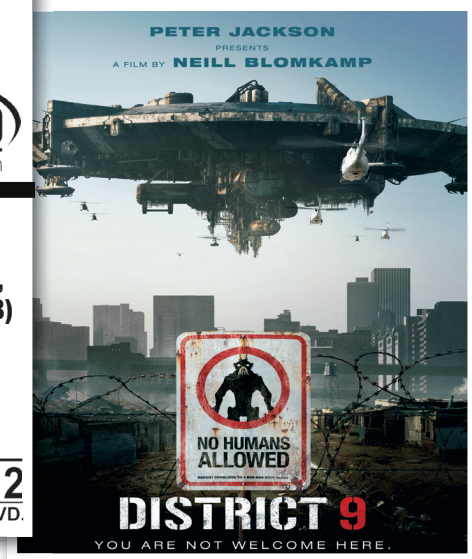

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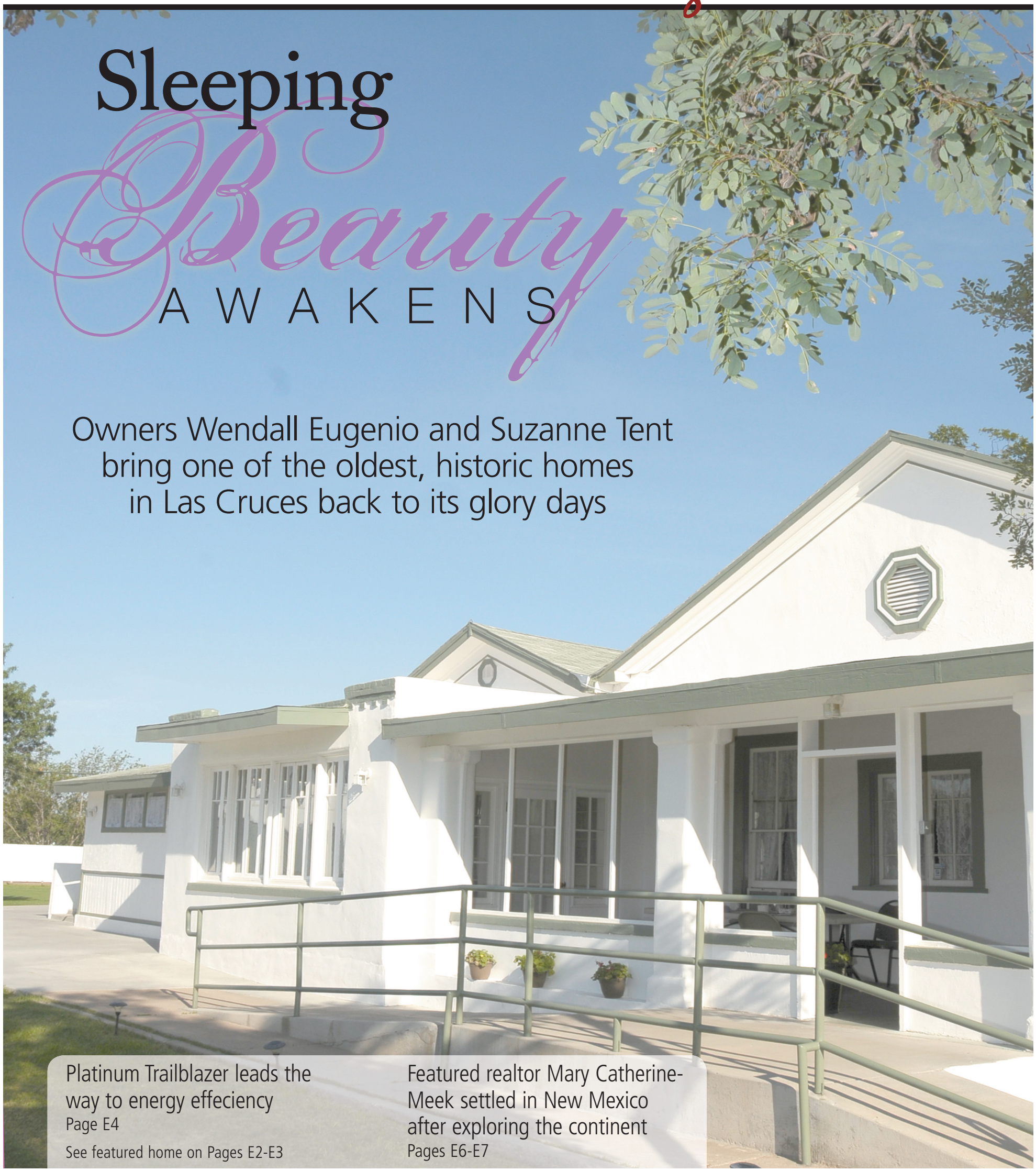

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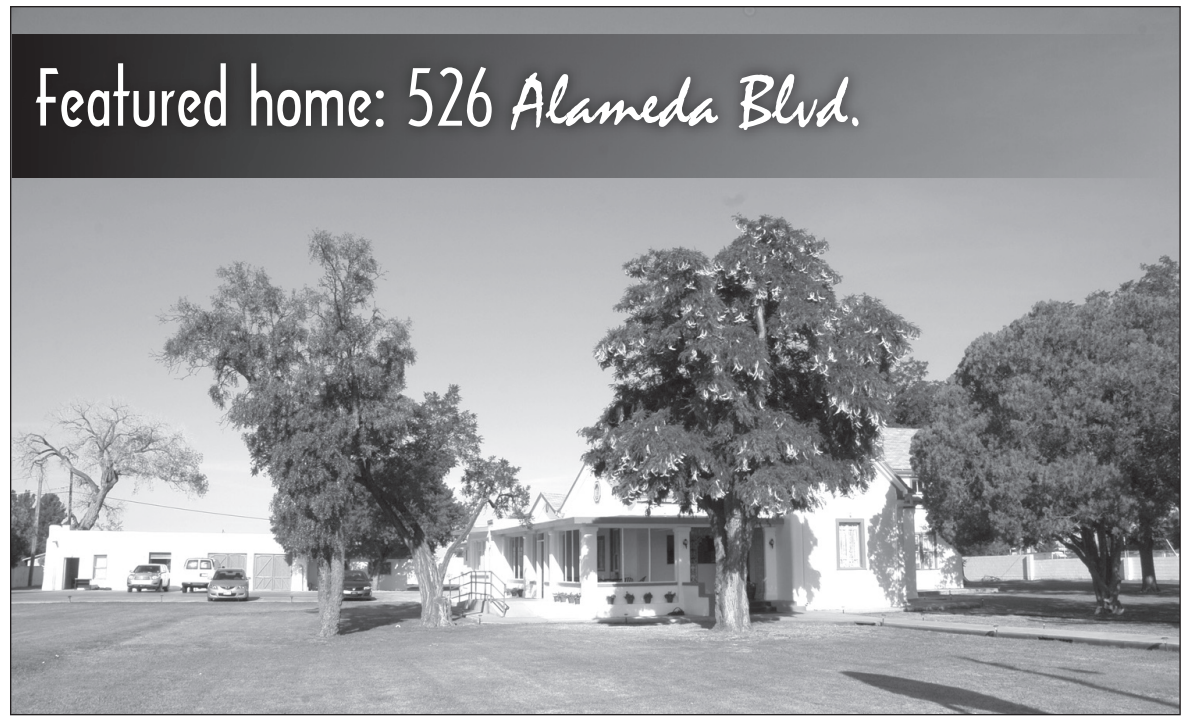
Alameda House gets new life

A house older than Las Cruces is restored to its original splendor

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin



Restoration of the historic Alameda House took almost a year to complete. It is now an event venue.

Older than the city in which it resides, the Alameda House has been witness to more than 160 years of Las Cruces history, making it one of the oldest historic properties in southern New Mexico.

After all the growth and change experienced throughout Las Cruces, the house remained silent in its Downtown location, leaving much of its story untold. However, in late August the Alameda House will have a new voice with the help of owners Wendall Eugenio and Suzanne Tent.

Moving to Las Cruces from Los Angeles, Eugenio and Tent began renovating the house in October 2008, after watching it on the market for almost two years. They said they knew the project would entail arduous labor but were eager to get started.

"From the time we saw the house it took us maybe about five seconds to decide that we wanted it," Tent said.

Now, after almost a year's worth of hard work, Eugenio and Tent are getting ready for a grand opening ceremony in late August. As the house's main function will be to host weddings, meetings and banquets or any other large-scale of events, Tent said she hopes the community will become reacquainted with the house and its history.

"It was a house that was used to entertain a lot of guests in the past and really had a social presence in the community," Tent said. "We'd like to welcome the house's social history back into the community."

Home to only four families in its 160-year lifespan, the house's original design and concept has been preserved. United States District Attorney Major William Henry Harrison Llewellyn was one of the most notable occupants, mainly because of his relationship with Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders in addition to his fight to make New Mexico an official State.

Built on a Spanish land grant in 1848, the house spans 8,000 square feet and still retains much of the charm that made it so identifiable in the early 1900s.

Tent based the house's redesign on 1920s style, which works well with much of its original design. With walls in some parts of the house as thick as 28-inches, its three-stage adobe design helps keep things cooler, while also insulating the house from outside noise.

Aside from refinishing and restoring much of the interior, Tent and Eugenio had to spend three months just tidying up.

"We had to clean out the entire house. We were cleaning out things that have been stored and accumulating here for almost 60 to 80 years," Tent said.

One of the biggest renovation challenges Eugenio and Tent faced was restoring the backyard and pool area. Eugenio has included getting the backyard ready and presentable before the house's grand opening.

Tent added that they hope to have the house fully restored and ready for an open house by the end of August; however, work on the house is still in full swing. The renovation process included copious amounts of mechanical work and utility restoration followed by the removal of all the old carpet and flooring. The two said the task has been challenging, but they are dedicated to making the house shine to its fullest potential.

Despite all the changes that have been made, the best parts of the house are still the little details that made it so desirable 160 years ago. Its high ceilings and large windows give it a bright, airy atmosphere, while much of the fixtures and hardware are original.

Possibly one of the best features of the Alameda Home is its ability to blend the outdoors and indoors into one seamless experience. Built specifically for New Mexico weather, the house features a long and roomy porch near the entrance, perfect for evening conversation or entertaining guests. The sleeping porch, toward

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For more pricing details and information on the Alameda House, call 521-0816.

High ceilings and a lofty atmosphere accent the original fixtures and ammenities of the Alameda House.

The 88,000-gallon pool toward the home's rear can make for great entertainment while hosting large-scale events.

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the rear, features long, panoramic windows that can be opened during warm summer nights with a view that seems to stretch far west of Las Cruces. The covered patio near the pool also serves as a great place to entertain large groups of guests.

Aside from the main building, the Alameda House also has a carriage house, which Tent is converting into a bed and breakfast.

With more than 3,000 square feet of indoor space and parking for up 250 vehicles, the Alameda House is an ideal location for any major event. The house has already hosted a number of events, including the Greater Las Cruces chamber of Commerce Business after Hours, a local business and networking event, and Girls Night Out, an event for La Casa Inc.

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> WENDALL EUGENIO, owner

Eugenio and Tent own and operate Real Estate Services of New Mexico, so real estate is nothing new to the two. Eugenio said he was first attracted to work in Las Cruces because of its laid back quality of life.

"In Los Angeles, around this time on a Friday, cars are sitting still in traffic and you wouldn't be sitting out on your front porch," Eugenio said. "We were looking for a more peaceful place, to get out of the rat race."

Tent and Eugenio said they are grateful to the community for all its help and support and are eager to share the house's history.

"It's experiencing history in a contemporary way," Eugenio said.

Booking prices range anywhere from a $150 luncheon rate in the main house to $1,500 for an event rental in the main house and back patio area.

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Under a cloudy sky in May, members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce enjoyed Business After Hours outdoors at the historic Alameda House.

Copious amounts of shade-bearing trees keep the house cool in summer heat.

Sarah Stegall of Surefire Promotional Products and Elena Wood of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association look down from the Alameda home's second-story sleeping porch during Business After Hours in May.

Original lighting fixtures and wood floors help retain the house's historic atmosphere.

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Maureen Villmer sits among the myriad tiles she will use to complete the home of Don and Beatriz Rudisill.

It's not over until the tile is grouted

Putting the final touches on the 'Platinum Trailblazer'

By **Bethany Conway**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This is the third article in a series following the construction of Las Cruces' first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certified home. Though owners Don and Beatriz Rudisill will not know whether they achieve this certification until their home is complete, sharing their story will help others on their journey to becoming green.

It's been two years since Don and Beatriz Rudisill began designing the "Platinum Trailblazer" at 4367 Isleta Court.

Set to be Las Cruces' first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certified home, it is now in its final stages, and on Tuesday, Aug. 4, Don Rudisill was up to his ears in swatches.

"It's getting closer and closer," Rudisill said of the home's completion in September. "The date is much more real now."

The word green may bring to mind energy efficiency construction, but there is a lot more to it when you're trying to fulfill the highest level of LEED certification. Everything, down to the cabinetry and tile, has to be chosen carefully.

Though a home's interior accents aren't incorporated until late in the process, Rudisill began collecting interior design elements before the home's construction began – even before he knew which green build program he would try to qualify for.

Now, with the help of interior designer Maureen Villmer, he is putting the final touches on a home that could make Southwest history.

Rudisill hopes to gain points for purchasing products produced within a 500-mile radius of his home, such as the countertops that will grace his kitchen from Solid Surfaces Unlimited in El Paso and the American Clay that covers his walls, which was brought in from Albuquerque. He also hopes to gain points for using cabinets and carpet made from recycled materials and the use of Masonite Safe 'N Sound doors, which are filled with recycled wheat grass.

To sum it all up, he said, they are earning the "maximum points on a moderate budget."

"We are getting about half the points, and we are doing it at a very good price," he said.

For those interior elements that he won't gain points for, such as the tile and lighting, Rudisill takes comfort in knowing that he has done his best to be frugal and environmentally friendly.

Initially, Rudisill thought he would shoot for Build Green New Mexico certification and was told that if he bought small, leftover batches of tile, it would count toward the use of recycled material. So he headed down to a parking lot sale at Casa Mexicana, where he bought several batches of mix-matched tile.

"Then we went with LEED, and LEED does not give you credit. LEED says that, to be recycled, the materials must have been in use in a building for five years, not just scraps," he said. "But I had already bought it."

Many other aspects of the interior design mirrored the tile in the way they were attained, including some of the cabinets and lighting. Rudisill bought used cabinets in 2007, which would have earned him points under BGNM, but not under LEED, which requires that 90 percent of the cabinets be recycled to receive any credit.

That doesn't mean Rudisill wasn't on the right track to being thrifty.

"This all saves you money if you can reuse scraps or buy scraps," Rudisill said.

Now it's Villmer's job to sort through the stacks and come up with a cohesive, aesthetically pleasing design.

"My three-car garage was filled with light fixtures, tile and cabinets from bottom to top," Rudisill recalled. "I showed it to Maureen and said, 'We have to work with this.'"

"It didn't scare me," Villmer said. "It just took more time to do it than it would in a natural home because I had to piecemeal it."

She began by taking an inventory of everything Rudisill had and then devised a plan in which all the pieces would come together. She even created a grid that pinpoints the exact location of each light fixture.

"It's been a jigsaw puzzle – the whole thing," she said. "The cabinets have been a part of the puzzle, the tile."

She has already demonstrated her design abilities in the sunroom, which is a mixture of two different kinds of tile.

"If you hear the story, it's a bunch of mixed and matched tiles that we bought trying to get green points," Rudisill said, "but if you look at the end result, it looks like a designer did this for the effect."

Though Villmer has more than 35 years of experience in interior design, this project is something she has never encountered before.

"That was one reason why I wanted to do this – so I would, after 38 years of doing this, learn new things," she said.

Like all aspects of the home's construction, Villmer and Rudisill see the implementation of the interior elements a learning experience.

Rudisill said he always hoped others could learn to be green from this complex project, and his advice continues to grow.

"I think we learned some lessons, like if you are going to try to reuse cabinetry you need to try and find a kitchen bigger than your own so that you have leftover pieces instead of having too few," he said. "And don't start buying things until you know what program you are going under," he added laughing.

Along with knowing she was a part of the city's first platinum certified LEED home, Villmer will apply the lessons she learned on the Rudisill home to future projects.

"I think I can take what I have learned here and apply it elsewhere. I want to be able to pass what I have learned onto clients so they don't have to go through the same thing," she said.

In the end, she added, it's all about what's best for the homeowner.

"Whether it's a green home or a non-green home, matching (the clients') needs is the most important thing," she said.

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Choosing a color scheme

Start with the colors you love and go from there

MAUREEN VILLMER
Practical Design

There are many ways to characterize colors: primary, secondary, tertiary, warm, cool, accent, shades, hues and tones, in various strengths, intensities and values. Many colleges teach color theory classes on the use of color to create mood and specific environments

But what if you haven't had all those courses? Where do you begin to develop a color scheme for your home that creates mood or environment you want?

We see millions of colors every day: the blue of the sky, the brown of the desert, the green of the cactus, the orange and red of the sunsets. Color is all around us.

Take a look.

What colors do you like to be around? How do you feel in a red room, in a yellow room or in a blue room? What is your favorite? I've personally always had some space in my home painted red – not a lot but always a little. I feel comfortable in red. I wear red. It's my favorite color.

Don't know where to start?

One of Villmer's clients based her color scheme off of a favorite piece of art.

I often tell my clients to start with the colors you like. Believe it or not, some people have a hard time telling me what colors they like. My suggestion is to "open your closet and see what you wear constantly." You usually surround yourself with colors that look good on you. You know, the outfit that everyone says "Oh, you look great in that color?" That's the color you could use to start developing your color scheme.

Next, you might go fabric shopping to find a fabric you love that includes that color. In addition to your "favorite" color, the fabric will undoubtedly include other complimentary colors. From this fabric, you can "pull" colors to use for various purposes in your room.

> "What's important is that you like the colors and can live with them for a long period of time."

Villmer based the color scheme in her own home on this peice of fabric.

I once had a client who brought me a tissue box that had a color she loved. We built an entire room with those colors. You can use many different things to help set your color scheme – rugs, pictures, a piece of china, a picture out of a magazine or a book, a quilt or bedspread, a piece of pottery, or something from nature. What's important is that you like the colors and can live with them for a long period of time.

Now that you have your basic color scheme, how much of each color should you use?

First of all, if you have used a fabric, quilt, etc., to develop your color scheme, you probably don't want to use too many of the colors from it – just a few. I often can use the 60-30-10 rule – perhaps 60 percent of a warm color, 30 percent of a cool color and 10 percent of an accent color.

You could also take a "monochromatic" approach by using different hues of the same color. It could be various shades of blue, using either the darkest or lightest shade of the color as your accent color.

You want to use your colors to "pull the room together." This is usually done by repeating one of the colors several times in various parts of the room.

Have some fun finding an excuse for developing a new color scheme. Spend each day in the colors that you love. Let your color choices change the mood of your life.

Maureen Villmer is an interior designer in Las Cruces with 35 years of experience. If you have questions you would like answered in her column, email her at maureen@environsonline.com, visit www.environsonline.com or call 496-7605.

Homeowners warm up to tax credit for wood- and pellet-fueled heat

Sustainable living can pay off in more ways than one

Although it's 100 plus degrees in Las Cruces, now is the time to plan for the chilly fall and winter nights.

For warmth and beauty in the home, it's hard to beat the ambience of a real wood-burning stove or fireplace. Homeowners now have another reason to warm up to one – a federal tax credit of up to $1,500 for purchasing and installing a 75 percent efficient wood- or pellet-burning (biomass) stove in 2009 or 2010. Thirty-percent of the total cost, including the appliance, installation and piping, can be claimed.

Also qualifying for the tax credit are wood- and pellet-burning fireplace inserts, which, when installed into existing inefficient fireplaces, quickly transform into energy-efficient home heaters.

The tax credit is part of the federal government's efforts to encourage homeowners to choose green, energy-efficient home products. The choice is good for the environment and homeowners' wallets, said Dan Henry, chief technical officer for Quadra-Fire and Harman Home Heating, which offers more than 30 products that qualify for the tax credit.

> "It is now more convenient than ever to heat your home with renewable fuels."
>
> DAN HENRY, Chief Technical Officer for Harman Home Heating

"Today's wood- and pellet-burning units are considerably more efficient than dated models, producing more heat with less fuel to provide warmth and comfort for many hours," he said. "They are thermostatically controlled, easy to maintain and feature advanced burn technology that produces less ash and low outside air particulate emissions. It is now more convenient than ever to heat your home with renewable fuels, save money on heating bills and contribute to a greener Earth."

There are several advantages to supplementing home heat with a biomass stove or fireplace insert, including:

- Controlled heating costs, since prices for wood and pellets are much more predictable than prices for propane, oil and natural gas, which can fluctuate greatly
- Reduced contribution to greenhouse gases by burning wood or pellets for heat, which are considered carbon neutral since only the carbon the tree or plant absorbed when growing is released into the air

It is now viable to enjoy a fireplace while remaining environmentally friendly

- Eligibility for the tax credit if the homeowner purchases and installs a qualifying high-efficiency product

After the purchase is made, the homeowner obtains an Official Manufacturer's Certificate from the manufacturer's website or the retailer. The certificate validates that the product qualifies for the tax credit and should be retained by the homeowner for tax purposes.

It's now possible to live green and save some money while enjoying the ambiance of a crackling fire at home. Find qualifying products and visit one of the several Las Cruces hearth dealers for details.

A publisher, Realtor and outdoorswoman

Meek explored the North America before settling in the Wild West

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Spending her days as a Realtor in the sunny Southwest, one could almost say Mary-Catherine Meek is enjoying a second life.

Anative of New Bedford, Penn., Meek spent the majority of her years dealing with the type of winter weather most Las Crucens can only imagine.

"I grew up in Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh and Cleveland," she said, recalling her days in the upper Midwest.

After graduating from Youngstown State University with a bachelor's degree in art, Meek went "from bad to worse," when she moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, near the eastern edge of the Canadian prairies.

"There were blizzards. It wasn't just snow," Meek said. "You would spend all day shoveling the snow out from behind your garage so you could get your car out the next morning and go to work."

She ended up moving further west to Edmonton, Alberta, near the Canadian Rockies, where she learned to cross country ski.

> "The best part is ... you get to meet a wide variety of very interesting people."
>
> MARY-CATHERINE MEEK, Realtor

"It was a little adventure, that's how we looked at it," Meek said. "I was in Canada for 19 and a half years."

In 1987, she "got her feet wet in sales" selling advertising for a suburban newspaper owned by the Toronto Star. She later moved to a small publisher that produced a specialty trades magazine before making her way to the Maclean-Hunter publishing house – the largest in Canada at the time.

After spending so many years in the cold, who could blame Meek for making her way to warmer pastures?

"I had known for a long, long time that I wanted to be in the desert Southwest," she said.

Her uncle Doc Campbell, whom she knew as the family cowboy, had lived in New Mexico since the 1930s. As a young girl she made several trips to the Land of Enchantment, and even as a child she was enthralled with the landscape.

Adding to this was the fact that much of her childhood entertainment featured stories of the Wild West.

"What we were watching on television was Roy Rogers and Hop Along Cassidy and the Cisco Kid," she said.

Meek finally moved to Las Cruces in 1999 and lived in a 40-foot fifth wheel with her husband Michael for nine months while their home near Lake Roberts, N.M., was completed. Coincidentally, she said, Canada and New Mexico share some similarities.

"What I liked the most (about Canada) is something that New Mexico has, too," she said. "I liked the fact that you could drive out of town about an hour and you were out in the middle of nowhere in the wilderness communing with nature."

Next she simply needed to find a way to channel her creative energy. As a longtime art lover and painter, she was hoping to find a career in which she could put her interest in aesthetics to use.

"(Art) was something that I was always interested in since I was a kid," Meek recalled. "When I was 2 or 3 years old, I can remember being scolded for drawing on my mother's wallpaper with crayons."

Along with a passion for art, she had a longtime appreciation for architecture. It seemed only natural that Meek establish a career in real estate.

"I have always been interested in building," she said. "Art was something I always loved, but I was always interested in houses and architecture."

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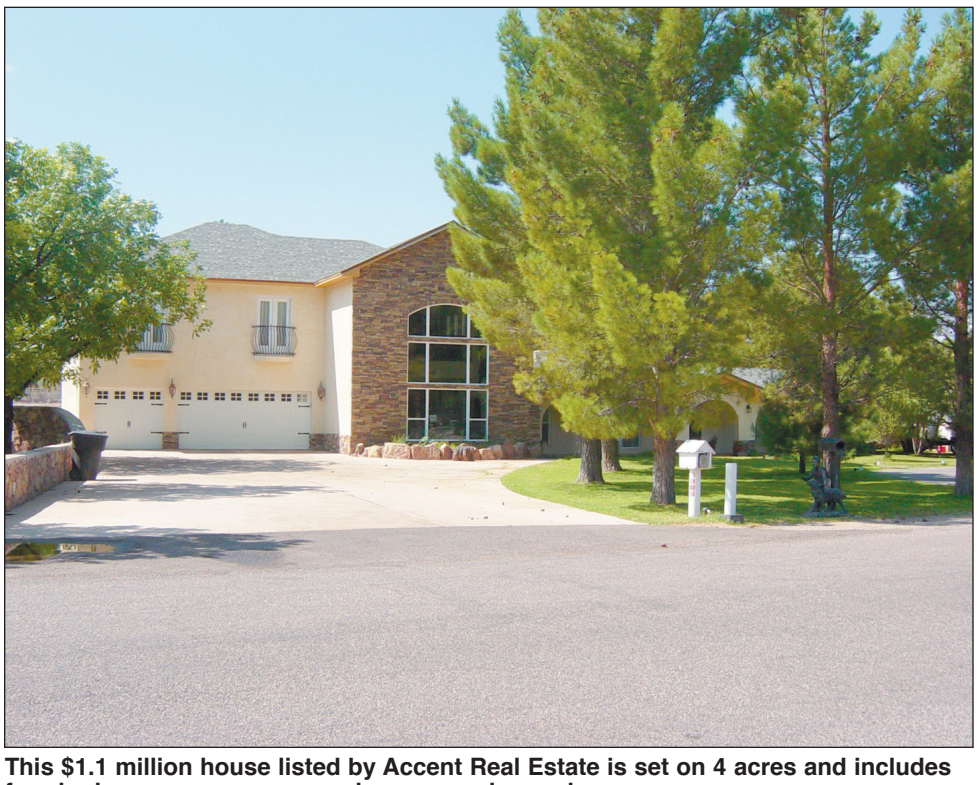

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After receiving her real estate license in November 2007, she began making the two-and-a-half-hour commute to Las Cruces once a week, working as a new homes sales rep for a local builder.

Procuring sponsors for the weekly Realtor's Caravan, she quickly met others in the business, including Marti Wells, owner and broker of Accent Real Estate.

When Wells and associate broker Stephanie Keepers asked Meek to join them in volunteering for the Special Olympics, she new she had found the right real estate crew.

"Way back in another life, back in the early '70s, I worked at a workshop for mentally and physically handicapped adults," Meek said. "So for me it was kind of a natural thing."

She joined Accent Real Estate in March of 2009.

"It's a really friendly atmosphere. Everybody helps everybody," Meek said. "Marti has 22 years of experience, so she is a very seasoned broker and she is very helpful and patient."

Aside from Wells' breadth of experience, Meek also liked the firm's versatility. With properties in Truth or Consequences as well as vacation properties near Caballo Lake, Accent Real Estate's license covers a great deal of southern New Mexico. The company's inventory includes everything from large acreages to mobile homes to million dollar manors.

Wells said she is happy to have Meek on board.

"Mary-Catherine is a very nice person and has great ideas," Wells said of Meek. "She brings her own expertise and Accent Real Estate is very lucky to have her."

In her newest career, Meek still trades stories of her past life, especially with clients moving to town from the Midwest. She is currently working with a buyer who is originally form Canada and has also had clients from Pennsylvania.

"The best part (about real estate) is what I have always liked about sales – you get to meet a wide variety of very interesting people," she said.

When she is not thinking real estate, Meek's flexible schedule allows her to continue publishing the Sunshine Seniors Newspaper, which she has been producing since 2001.

"The newspaper has taken on a life of its own," she said.

Distributed to six counties in southern New Mexico, the publication includes crossword puzzles, information on pet adoption, listings of senior programs in the area, recipes and feature stories.

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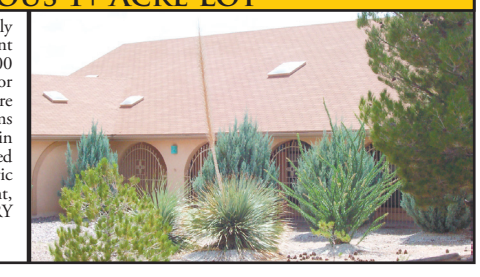

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Old shoelaces not just for your feet

Shoelaces have an infinite number of different uses

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The new school year is at hand and as parents rush to get their children prepared, every little bit of ingenuity and resourcefulness can help to ease the process along.

If you're waiting for the next paycheck to buy your child a new pair of shoes, you may be able to hold off for a little while longer with the help of the ever-reliable shoelace.

Although the exact origin of the shoe lace is not certain, some experts have found traces of early laces in 12th century Europe, while items resembling shoelaces were recently discovered along with bronze-age Ötzi the Iceman, who lived around 3,000 B.C. It's no wonder people are still using the things. A simple string with tapered ends can do just about anything.

Dig around the house to see what you can find.

1. Revamp your old shoes: A new pair of colorful shoelaces can turn an old shoe into something new. The more laces with bright colors and shapes you can find, the better, and the less your child will notice that you're trying to recycle his or her old shoes.

New laces can work especially well with girls' flats or sandals by tying the laces into decorative bows and fastening them to the tops of your daughter's shoe or sandal. You can even use laces to create a colorful pair of ankle straps. Simply string laces through the loop at the heel of each shoe and then cris-cross the laces around the ankles or calves.

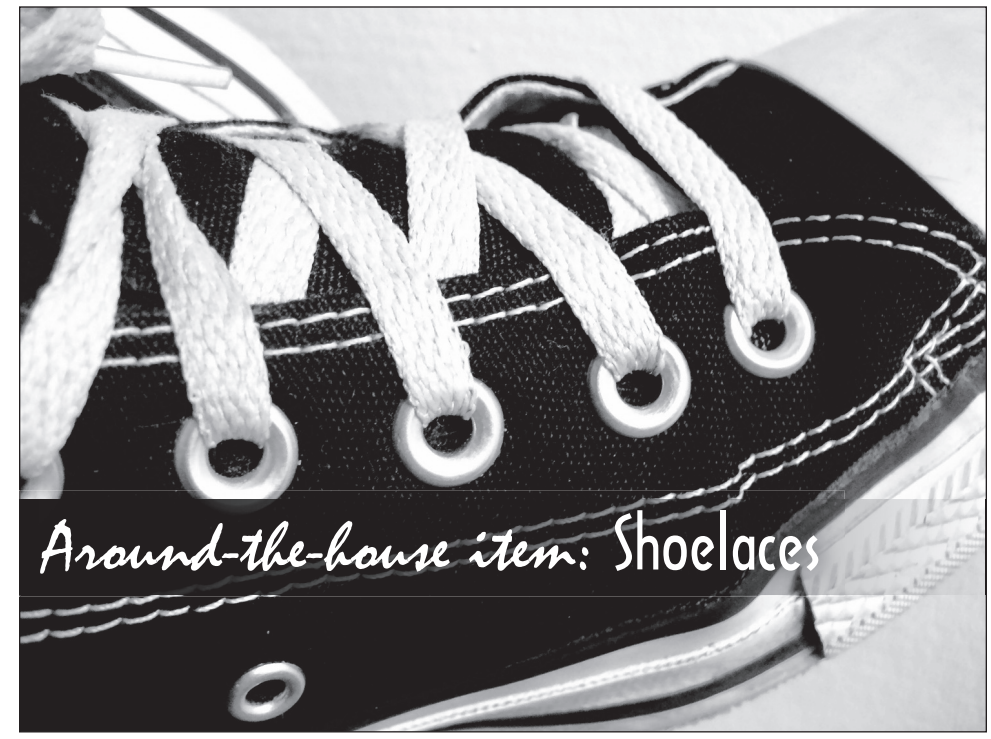
2. When in doubt, add color: A pair of bright green or blue laces might suit a classic boys' tennis shoe style such as Converse or Nike. Many shoe vendors feature a variety of laces with different prints such as stars, sports themes or skulls and cross bones. Some cheap, store-bought dye could also work great with older laces to make bright, different colors or a tie-die effect.

3. Arts and crafts: A fun option would be to challenge your children to come up with new and interesting ways they could use their old laces for the upcoming school year. Laces can be woven decoratively to make a nice bookmark, bracelet or can also work to hold books and materials together.

Laces also provide a great opportunity to engage your children in crafts and creative projects. With a couple of laces and a few items tied to one end of each lace, you could create an interesting wind chime.

4. Around the house: As for around the house, a shoelace can come in handy as a practical item and can be used as any piece of string would be used.

5. In the wilderness: Even if you're stranded in the wilderness, a single shoelace could mean the difference between life and death. Bear Grylls of the Discovery Channel's "Man Vs. Wild" has often used stray laces to hold up tarps for collecting water, snaring small game and creating a tourniquet. It's never a bad idea to throw in a few old laces with your camping gear before you head out the door.



No matter how you decide to us your old laces, have fun and be creative. There is really no limit to what you can do with a piece of string and a creative mind.

Tips to turn your new rental space from bland to grand

Keep your pad hip, your landlord happy

Moving into a new rental property and wondering how much your landlord will allow you to decorate to make it feel like your own? You're not alone. According to a recent Apartments.com survey, 90 percent of renters will decorate when moving to a new apartment; with 81 percent decorating within the first three months of the move.

Luckily, there are many landlord-approved updates that can turn the bland white walls of a rental into a warm and personal space.

Living large

In the living room, accessories such as clocks and art work will add personal style and a splash of color. Strategically placed mirrors can also help the room appear larger in size.

Worried about nail holes? New wall hooks from companies such as 3M attach using a removable adhesive that won't damage the walls. Or, vinyl wall stickers, like those from www.wisedecor.com, are another option to add design and color to the walls -- and they peel off easily when you move out.

Finally, focus on floors and windows. If your rental has less-than-perfect hardwood floors or carpeted areas, throw rugs are a perfect solution to add a soft touch, a hint of color throughout your space, or to cover up blemishes. Hanging curtains or drapes, such as the Hutlet drape from IKEA, can also be an inexpensive way to add soft texture and make a personal design statement.

Add beauty to the bath

As one of the most used rooms, the bath should be a beautiful and inviting space. However, most rental bathrooms are small and border on the blah side. Installing a Moen curved shower rod, hanging a new shower curtain and accessorizing with plush towels can pull the look of the bathroom together, provide more space and give a more upscale feel.

Swapping out your showerhead is another option that not only creates a more enjoyable spa-like showering experience, but can also save water. Moen's new Nurture water-efficient showerheads, available at Lowe's, feature three distinct settings to suit any mood -- and they use up to 30 percent less water while still providing a superior, full-body shower experience. They're a great way to help you enjoy your daily shower and lower your monthly bills.

Kitchen rental re-do

Cook up some style in the kitchen by adding colorful placemats and a centerpiece, such as plant or glass vase, on the kitchen table or breakfast bar. Posting pictures of family, friends and pets on the refrigerator can also help make your rental feel more like home. Finally, add a decorative chalkboard or dry-erase board to help spruce up the kitchen walls and provide a clutterless place for notes, recipes and grocery lists.

Love to cook? Start by purchasing quality knives and a cutting board to keep the countertops safe. Next, add compact -- yet multi-functional appliances -- such as a Cuisinart Griddler Jr. to allow you to grill burgers or paninis indoors.

Finally, upgrade the kitchen faucet to a high-arc, pulldown model. It will make a beautiful focal point in the kitchen. It will also make cleaning or filling large pots and pans, and cleaning fresh produce easy, while also allowing you to reach outside the sink to water plants or fill a bucket.

Soon after moving in, your rental space will go from bland to grand and will feel like home in no time.

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Help keep kitchen a safer place for children

Protective barrier deters children from burns

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If you have a young child who is constantly wanting to touch the hot stove, some would tell you to go ahead and let the child touch the stove. That way, he or she will have a meaningful experience teaching them the fact that hot objects will burn. From burned fingers comes a respect for fire, but burned fingers usually can't be afforded.

An adjustable stove guard, such as the Prince Lionheart Adjustable Stove Guard, is a great way to deter your toddler's wandering hands from the hot flames of a cooking stove.

What is it?

Most stove guards come adjustable from 24 to 36 inches, fitting most conventional stovetops. The stove guard uses a heat-resistant polycarbonate plastic barrier that extends out beyond the stove surface using clips and adhesive to fasten onto the edge of your stovetop.

How does it work?

It's best to start off with a clean stove before you begin mounting your guard. A clean, oil-free stove surface will ensure the adhesive provided with the guard will bond firmly. Once that's done, attach the provided clips to your stove guard and then apply the adhesive strips to the backs of each clip.

Finally, adjust the guard to your stove's size and firmly fasten to the stovetop's edge. You can mount the guard on top of your stove at least 1 and a half inches from the burners or in front of the stove above the heat knobs.

Once the guard is set to preference, unclip the plastic barrier and leave the clips over night so the adhesive will have an opportunity to cure properly.

How much does it cost?

Most prices range from $16 to $25, depending on product quality or brand name.

Where can it be found?

Stove guards are available locally throughout town at common locations from Target to Walmart, or online at www.princelionheart.com.

Helpful hints:

Although using a stove guard should never substitute responsibility and safety in the kitchen, it is good to have a little added assurance that your child is not tempted to reach into the heat of your cooking stove.

Steps for safely mounting your flat-screen TV

Mounting directly to the wall is safer and more practical

Your new 46-inch flat-screen TV may be your pride and joy, but did you know it can also be a safety risk to something else precious in your life? Like other types of heavy furniture, improperly secured flat-screen TVs can tip over, crushing, injuring and even killing small children.

Between 2000 and 2006, the most recent data available, 180 Americans died beneath fallen furniture, and 80 percent of the deaths involved children younger than 10, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Thousands more adults and children are injured by fallen furniture each year. The problem is so serious, the CPSC ranks danger from tipping furniture and TVs among its top-five hidden home hazards.

Each year, injuries suffered beneath fallen furniture and TVs send an average of 15,000 children younger than 18 to the emergency room, according to a recent study by Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. The injury rate has increased more than 40 percent in the 10-year study period.

"This trend demonstrates the inadequacy of current prevention strategies and underscores the need for increased prevention efforts," study senior author Dr. Gary Smith, director of the hospital's Center for Injury Research and Policy said.

So how do you ensure your flat-screen TV stays put – and your children stay safe? The experts at Sanus Systems, makers of furniture and mounts for TVs and other electronic accessories, offer some basic advice:

- **Don't underestimate** – The sleek, thin build of a flat-screen TV may lull you into a false sense of security about its overall size and heft. Keep in mind that these televisions can pack 100 pounds or more into their compact design. They need to be well secured with mounts specifically designed to hold them safely.
- **Wall mount well** – Wall mounting a flat screen TV has numerous advantages, including aesthetic appeal and keeping your expensive investment out of reach of little hands. When done properly with a high-quality device, mounting a flat screen on the wall is much safer than placing it atop furniture.

Look for a product, such as Sanus' VisionMount series, which incorporates a wall plate that secures into the studs behind the wall, and attaches to the TV with mounting brackets. All mounts within the Sanus offering lock securely to the wall and all are rated by Underwriters Laboratories, an independent organization that subjects products to rigorous safety testing.

- **Stand can deliver** – While wall mounting is the safest way to display your flat-screen TV, some situations might make it impossible to do so – if you're renting with strict rules about what you can put on the walls, or simply don't have enough open, secure wall space. If you must place a TV on furniture, keep in mind both the TV and the furniture piece tend to be top heavy. You should secure the top edge of the TV to the back of the furniture, and the furniture itself should be secured to the wall, following the manufacturer's guidelines.

Still, the safest, most practical mode of displaying a flat-screen TV and all its components (DVR, video game, cable or satellite receiver, etc.) is to mount the TV on the wall and place the components beneath it on a piece of furniture specifically designed for that purpose. Sanus offers a full line of home theater furniture designed to hold all your home electronics.

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Add value in a jiff

Weekend home upgrades: Fast, affordable fix-ups can pay off big

With today's falling home prices, one family's well-worn dwelling can quickly become another's dream "starter" home.

Interest rates are at historic lows, meaning buyers can get more house than they could a year ago for the same monthly mortgage payment, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

But affording a new home is one thing; affording to remodel it is another. Here are some cost-efficient upgrades that are easy enough to accomplish in a single weekend.

Start at the front door

Whether you're fixing up a newly purchased home or upgrading your current home to attract a buyer, nothing creates a better first impression than a new front entry door. Installing a new entryway door increases the perceived value of a home by up to $24,000, according to a national valuation study conducted by Therma-Tru and TNS, an independent research organization.

Beyond adding curb appeal to your home, installing an energy-efficient door is an important consideration if you're fixing up an older home. Houses built before 1939 use about 50 percent more energy per square foot than those built after 2000, according to a Time magazine report. The main culprit is tiny cracks and gaps that can expand over time and let in outside air.

Try to choose a door that is Energy Star qualified, which provides five times the insulation of a wood door and will not rot or split such as wood or rust. The doors create the tightest seal possible, creating an energy efficient envelope that stabilizes interior temperature and helps you decrease your home's energy costs.

As an added value, homeowners who purchase and install certain styles of Therma-Tru doors may be eligible for a tax credit of up to $1,500 per household through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (also known as the Economic Stimulus package). Visit www.thermatru.com for more information.

> "Light dimmers are available for as little as a few dollars at local home centers ..."

Set the stage with lighting

Upgrading the interior lighting can also make a big difference in your home. Designers often use "layered" lighting – a combination of ambient, task and accent lighting – to create a quality of light that not only looks and feels better, but is also better-suited to activities that can take place in any given room.

While you may not be in a position to install an entirely new lighting system in your home, there is a simple and affordable upgrade within easy reach. Light dimmers are available for as little as a few dollars at local home centers and hardware stores and can be installed by any do-it-yourselfer in minutes. (Just remember to turn off the circuit breaker before starting.)

According to the Department of Energy, artificial lighting consumes almost 15 percent of a household's electricity use. Dimming an incandescent bulb by just 15 percent reduces energy use by 15 percent and doubles the life of the bulb. The more you dim the light, the more energy you save.

Adding a new door can raise a home's curb appeal in no time.

Make a splash with color

Adding a new coat of paint is another easy, inexpensive upgrade. Depending on the shade you select, your room can be dramatically different or simply refreshed.

The paint you choose can also keep your home looking fresher over time. For example, Duration Home Interior Latex from Sherwin-Williams is perfect for high-traffic hallways, bathrooms, kids' rooms and anywhere long-wearing durability, antimicrobial properties and stain resistance is a must. It's tough enough to withstand repeated cleanings without visible wear, no matter what shade is selected (choose from 1,200 colors, including deep accent shades).

As you add color, add a splash of sustainability, too. A low-VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) and low-odor paint such as Duration Home can help ensure better indoor air quality, and it's manufactured using sustainable processes. For paint tips and ideas, visit sherwin-williams.com or your neighborhood Sherwin-Williams store.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	5	5	8
Homes Sold Existing	26	18	35
Pending Home Sales (All)	222	232	194
Average Days on Market (All)	164	194	188

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$155,500	$163,990	$217,495
Median Price Existing	$189,000	$161,500	$205,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,345	1,363	1,583
Real Estate Agents	538	540	617

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 07/27/09 - 08/02/09
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Capsaicin in chile can heal

Take two of these and call me in the morning

A shot (or two!) of chile may help nourish an ailing body back to health according to numerous sources.

When the body takes in capsaicin, the chemical that makes chile hot, the body reacts by increasing circulation. This increased blood flow has many medical benefits including enhancing the production of protective juices in the stomach, intestines and lungs, making them more resistant to injury and infection. The increased blood volume helps to keep the blood vessels clear and also nourishes the heart.

You've undoubtedly heard rumors that chile may cause damage to the stomach lining. Despite the bad rap, medical evidence has proven repeatedly that capsaicin is harmless. According to www.sizzlingsolutions.com, one of the most convincing capsaicin studies was conducted by a team of doctors at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

The team inserted a video endoscope (a miniature internal camera) into the stomach to visually inspect it "while introducing a series of test items to the stomach. They introduced bland food, plain aspirin, hot Mexican food and pizza and then inspected the stomach for 'gastric erosions' on the stomach lining. By far the most damaging meal was the bland one combined with aspirin," according to the report.

To further test capsaicin, the team injected "30 grams of jalapenos directly to the stomach lining. There was no visible damage." They concluded "that although capsaicin increased gastric acid secretion in the stomach and causes discomfort, it does not appear to cause stomach lining damage."

In fact, further reports that some gastroenterologists suggest that capsaicin "increases the stomach's production of protective juices, thus protecting the stomach from damage that may be caused by other things such as aspirin or alcohol."

Need further proof? The effects of capsaicin on heartburn were reported in the June 2002 issue of AARP: "Those fiery, belly-burning little peppers may in fact ease chronic indigestion."

Some participants in an Italian study took capsules of capsaicin before meals for five weeks, while others took a placebo. All participants had chronic digestive problems without a known cause. Those taking capsaicin, rather than a placebo, experienced a 60 percent decrease in pain, feelings of fullness and nausea. In addition, researcher Mauro Bortoloot reported in the March 2002 New England Journal of Medicine that capsaicin may block pain signals going from the stomach to the brain.

Other interesting chiletoids

Capsaicin increases anti-clotting properties. Studies have shown that large doses of chile on a daily basis may lower the incidences of thromboembolism (blood clots that cause strokes and heart attacks).

The British Medical Journal reported on a study where ulcers were healed when red peppers were consumed on a regular basis.

The Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer showed that capsaicin might contain cancer-blocking properties.

When applied externally, capsaicin is an effective local pain reliever. It's an active ingredient in many over-the-counter arthritis medications. Capsaicin has also been used topically to treat the pain of shingles, toothaches and surgery scars.

In times not long ago, each adult family member was responsible for braiding chiles into a ristra. To ensure a supply of dried chile throughout the winter months, the ristra needed to equal in size to half the stringer's height.

Depending on which specialist is asked – botanist, chemist or nutritionist – chiles may be referred to as a vegetable, spice, fruit or berry. Nevertheless, fresh chiles are vegetables; dried chiles are spices. Chiles still on the vine are referred to as fruit.

Some early Spanish priests, mindful of the native peoples' obsession for chiles and unsure of chile's mysterious powers, assumed the fruit was an aphrodisiac and advised against consumption, which undoubtedly added to chile's popularity among the adventurous newcomers.

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are both known to have grown chiles.

Indian tribes tied ristras to their canoes to ward off evils that allegedly lurked in the waters beneath.

The U.S. Territory of Guam is the world's largest per capita consumer of Tabasco sauce, according to McIlhenny Company. Pacific Islanders consume the equivalent of almost two 2-ounce bottles of Tabasco sauce each year, a statistic unmatched in any other country.

To celebrate the upcoming chile harvest and chile's obvious health benefits, I share two jalapeno Two Shot recipes. Enjoy!

Corn and Tomato Garnish

2 ears corn, roasted or boiled, kernels cut off and reserved
2 Italian Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced
2 scallions, washed and sliced into thin rings
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon crème fraiche or sour cream

Stir together corn kernels with all other ingredients in a small bowl.

Serve 2 spoonfuls on top of Jalapeño Shots Soup.

Two Jalapeño Shots Soup with Avocado Soup Garnished with Corn and Tomato

1 tablespoon canola oil
2 yellow onions, about 2 cups chopped
4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 jalapeño chiles, stemmed, seeded if desired, and minced
4 to 5 ripe Haas avocados, peeled and cut into chunks
1 quart chicken stock
1/2 cup crema, crème fraiche or sour cream
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice

Two shots of peppers, por favor. Not only do they add zest to almost any dish, including brownies, but chile has been proven to aid in reducing heartburn, feelings of fullness and nausea.

Heat oil in Dutch oven (covered pot) over low heat; add onions, garlic, jalapeños, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, for about 10 minutes or until translucent. Add avocados and stock and bring to the simmer. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes or until avocados are soft. Add cream, being back to a simmer, then purée with immersion blender until very smooth. Stir in cilantro and lime and serve, topped with Corn and Tomato Garnish. Serves 4 to 6.

Two Shots Jalapeño Quiche

1 frozen pie shell, baked (not browned)
1/2 cup ham, chopped
4 slices bacon, crumbled
1 cup Swiss cheese, grated
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 medium tomato, chopped
2 jalapeño peppers, chopped
2 tablespoons mushrooms, chopped
1 tablespoon parsley
4 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup sour cream

Layer the first nine ingredients in pie shell. Combine eggs, sour cream and mustard; mix well. Pour over ingredients and bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. If the edges of the pie crust begin to get too brown, cover with strips of aluminum foil.

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Carpenter bee is hard at work

What's the buzz: Construction keeps bees busy

BARRY MURRAY
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Is it the buzzing of a bee or a buzz saw – or some combination of both? If you're talking about the carpenter bee, you're definitely talking about both.

This industrious creature doesn't need electricity to power its cutting tool – its jaws are the implements of choice. It will bore through wood as precisely as a carpenter on an HGTV series – although certainly not as fast.

The female carpenter bee carves her circular entry and gallery into soft woods as well as desert plants such as yucca and agave. For her, "location, location, location" means housing eaves and unpainted wood structures.

The bee, a solitary insect that doesn't live in a colony, is building a nest and will lay eggs and leave food supplies so her offspring will thrive. And, of course, while collecting those supplies, the carpenter bee is providing a valuable service in pollinating plants.

It will take about six days for the carpenter bee to cut through an inch of wood. Typically, she'll bore an inch into a wood surface then make a 90-degree turn and continue tunneling for as much as 6 inches. The bee would prefer to modify a nest that has already been carved, understandably, considering the effort that goes into a new one.

The female, who is solely responsible for building the nest, is not aggressive, although she will sting if handled. The male, whose life is short, can be threatening – but it's a show. He has no stinger.

The damage the carpenter bee inflicts on wood is usually superficial, although after repeated uses, a tunnel system can grow large enough to weaken structures and wood must be replaced. Following are some tips to help prevent carpenter bees from nesting or to eradicate them.

- Paint wooden surfaces thoroughly (stain isn't sufficient), and inspect regularly to detect weathering.
- Seal entries that already exist to keep new bees from nesting.
- Keep bees out of their current nests by plugging the hole with a sealant such as wood putty or caulk. If it's possible, fill the interior with a sealant first. Bees trapped inside won't chew their way out.
- Locate entrances during the day, but actually do the work at night when the bees are quieter. Make sure to wear protective clothing.
- Insecticides are also available. Visit your home improvement center, garden store or pest control company.

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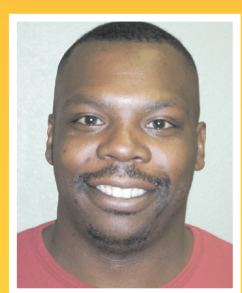
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