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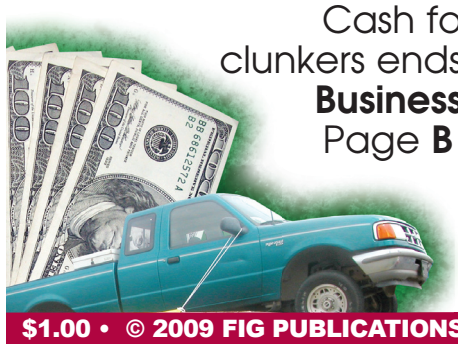

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Chile celebrated at Hatch festival

Parade, entertainment tout everything chile

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Hatch will hold its 37th annual Chile Festival on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5 and 6, going beyond its chile harvest celebration and into two days of music, entertainment, dancing and vendor booths.

The celebration will start at 10 a.m. Saturday with a parade in downtown Hatch. The coronation of festival queen Priscilla Banuelos will highlight the opening ceremony, which is scheduled for noon at the festival grounds by the Municipal Airport west of Hatch, festival chairman Marsha Nordyke said.

The Spur Ride Band will provide music at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Festival Queen Banuelos also will sing at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Horseshoe pitching tournaments will get under way at 12:30 p.m. each day. There will be five green chile roasters for visiting chile lovers, as well as red chile and ristras, the Chile Capital Artists Fine Arts show and 75 booths with food, arts and crafts, Nordyke said.

Entertainment will include the Las Cruces High School Mariachi Band at 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday and Mexican dances at 8 p.m. each day, featuring Lucero de Chihuahua and La Magistral Sonora and Avion Sierreno on Saturday and Conjunto Mysterio on Sunday.

The festival also will offer fun events such as chile toss, chile eating and watermelon eating contests.

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Mountain View Market board member and Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Director Pamela Angell, left, buys some organic produce from Eric Luther of Fairlight Community Gardens, who is holding future farmer Aizel.

HARVEST TIME

Demand growing for local produce

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For 19 years, Ray and Felicia Hale's garden farm has been selling fresh fruits and vegetables from their front yard off North Valley Drive not far from East Picacho Elementary School.

They always had a good customer base, but the demand recently for their fresh produce has sprouted like the fabled magical beanstalk.

"Last year, it just exploded," said Felica Hale as she rang up purchases Wednesday morning for a 30-foot-long line of customers that nearly reached the tents covering boxes of chile, tomatoes, green beans, corn, okra, watermelon and cantaloupe.

"We always had a steady stream of people who came," she said. "But last year, we started seeing people we've never seen before."

Those new customers are much like Joel and Nancy Cano, who heard about the Hale garden farm from friends and wanted to buy local produce.

"We wanted to get some while it was still available," said Joel Cano holding a cantaloupe. "And we want to support local producers."

Not only does he expect the cantaloupe to taste better, Cano said he also believes he is getting a bargain because he is buying the fruit fresh from the grower. No shipper or grocer as middlemen. "That way it keeps the money we spend on food local," he said.

Nancy Cano said she also finds reassurance that the produce she is buying will be safe. Many of the problems of food poisonings and contaminations happen

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Fiesta, fiesta again, fiesta once more

Labor Day weekend starts ball rolling on what some call 'Full-Tilt Fiesta Season'

Market's Sept. 5 move stays on track

Downtown vendors to line Main Street and south mall

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market vendors will be taking up new posts along the re-opened Main Street and south Downtown Mall next week as originally planned.

City councillors said Monday, Aug. 24, they couldn't justify the expense of erecting large tents for the market on a city-owned parking lot next to the El Paso Electric building on Water Street.

Even if the city only rented two 80-by-100-foot tents for six months, it would have cost nearly $70,000 and councillors said they couldn't spend that kind of money in light of other demands, such as needed improvements to ball fields, pools and community centers.

"A plan was put into place – let's try it," City Councillor Dolores Connor said. "It's going into the cooler months and we'll see what works."

Also problematic to the parking lot proposal was the condition of the lot, which will be re-surfaced anyway now that the city is more aware of its condition, said Assistant City Manager Robert Garza.

An informal polling of the 200 vendors at last Saturday's market showed most of them favoring staying on Main Street for the Sept. 5 move.

The vendors will be located along the re-opened Main Street south of Las Cruces Avenue and along the Downtown Mall south of Griggs Avenue, as well as some vendors in La Placita and in a blocked-off portion of Griggs.

The vendors of the popular twice-weekly street market have to move so the city can begin construction on the north end of the Downtown Mall to re-open Main Street with the expectation that the ven-

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Harvest time

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during the shipping, handling and storage, she said.

Had the Canos been driving by the Hales at daybreak, they would have seen the fruit and vegetables they were buying being culled from the large garden on the south side of the home.

Las Cruces is no longer isolated from national trends and the demand for locally grown food is being felt at operations like the Hales, at farmer markets and at grocery stores. Even big chain stores are making an effort to get more local produce with even Wal-Mart touting itself as the "nation's largest purchaser of local produce," though there are some "locavores" who disagrees with the retailer's definition of local as being anything grown within the same state as its supercenters.

One of the benefits of living somewhere like the Mesilla Valley is that there's a lot of local farming and roadside entrepreneurs with signs hawking everything from fresh eggs to local honey.

In a celebration of locally grown produce, Mountain View Market's Sunday Growers Market held its "Peak of the Season Fiesta" Sunday, Aug. 23.

Heather Rische, who coordinates community outreach efforts such as the growers market, said interest in locally grown produce is strong as the Sunday market enters its second year. Though many of the regulars go for the market growers' assurance that their fruits and vegetables are free of pesticides, Rische said she is seeing more new customers arrive for the purpose of finding local produce.

Part of that attraction, she acknowledges, is the greater sensitivity to the seemingly nonsensical shipping that sends produce far away for distribution. The Obama administration has raised awareness about this issue, she said, so some of the market's customers are doing their part to lessen their carbon footprint.

Cuco Perea, left, buys a black diamond watermelon from local farmer Elroy Kuhn.

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The Las Cruces Bulletin

And while they're at it, they could well be buying the best carrot they've ever eaten. That's the bigger draw for return customers, Rische said. Locally grown food tastes a lot better, she said. Much of the usual store produce is developed for its disease resistance and long shelf life, but not necessarily flavor, she said.

People have become so accustomed to the mass produced and shipped produce that the flavor of some fresh fruits and vegetables is too intense. She said the market once did a taste test between produce found in stores and that locally grown. Some of the tasters were surprised how strong the flavor is in some garden-fresh vegetables. "Sometimes the taste is just overwhelming," she said.

There is one other aspect that is supporting the local produce interest, Rische said. At a place like the Sunday Growers Market, the original Downtown farmers market or going to a garden farm like the Hales, people get the rare opportunity to meet the people who grow the food, she said.

"It makes people more connected to their food," she said. "Most of our regulars know the growers by name.

Mountain View Market Manager Shahid Mustafa and Yvette Lopez drum on the grass between the Mountain View Market and Idaho Avenue to entertain marketgoers.

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dors will return there when the $1.9 million project funded by the state is completed in about 18 months.

The city also has $1.65 million in federal money for re-opening the south end of Main Street. That work also is expected to take about 18 months.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima asked why the vendors needed about twice as much space as they had before. Christine Logan, economic development administrator, said the vendors need more space to put up individual 10-by-10-foot tents to provide some shade.

Part of the initial attraction of putting the market on the city lot was to allow simultaneous work to re-open Main Street on both the north and south ends of the mall, cutting the three-year completion estimate in half.

"We can put up with the inconvenience until the north end is finished," said vendor Sharon Grasse.

Another vendor, Debbie Bond, said sticking to the original plan was better. "I don't want to look like a circus act in a parking lot," she said.

Besides the pot-holed parking lot lacked the access to utilities and restrooms, said vendor Cheryl Christianson.

The move out from under the large shade of the metal awnings does present some challenges.

Vendor Sandra Lance said items such as soap and turquoise can't be left out in direct, hot sunlight for too long without being damaged. She also said vendors are concerned that customers won't venture to the southern end of the Downtown Mall, which looks desolate.

"We'll have to play it by ear," the mayor said.

Regardless of the temporary move, Councillor Nathan Small said there needs to be shade provided on the north end of Main Street after it is re-opened and vendors return.

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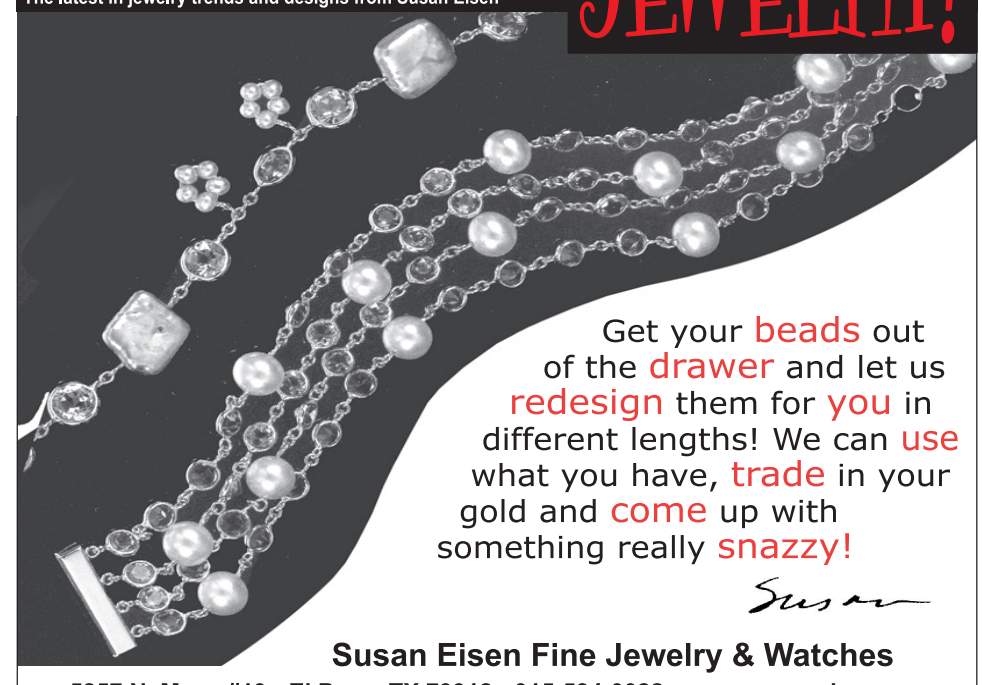

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James Allison, produce clerk at Albertson's Sav-On Food Center on El Paseo Road, loads a sack of green chile into a roaster on Saturday, Aug. 22.

'Are YOU tough enough to wear pink?'

Breast cancer awareness, research events set to begin

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Pat Sisbarro, Magellia Boston, Laura Conniff and DeWayne Walker co-chair the NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign.

Las Cruces is beginning to get "that pink glow" as the entire New Mexico State University Aggie community gets set to launch its annual breast cancer awareness and fundraising program, NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink.

Now in its third year, Pink campaign co-chairs Pat Sisbarro, Magellia Boston and Laura Conniff – breast cancer survivors who brought the Tough Enough To Wear Pink rodeo event to NCAA football – invited NMSU football coach DeWayne Walker to join their team. Like so many people, Walker's family has been touched by cancer.

Are You Tough Enough to Wear Pink is a breast cancer awareness and fundraising campaign first launched during the 2004 Wrangler National Final Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev.

Awareness is key

While NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink is a volunteer fundraising group, the campaign committee also includes leaders from the Las Cruces health and medical professions who work to raise awareness of the importance of early detection.

Sisbarro said during last year's campaign that the committee wants to raise awareness.

"We want women to know they have to get their mammograms. I wouldn't be here without early diagnosis. That is the key to saving your life," she said.

A free education seminar is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18. "The Value of Humor When Facing Breast Cancer" seminar, sponsored by Doña Ana County Community College, will be held at 2825 N. Main at the Building Industry Association office.

No. 1 fundraiser

During its first two years, the program generated more than $1 million in cash and contributions. In 2008, along with Cowboys for Cancer Research, a Doña Ana-based 501(c)(3) organization, "Pink" generated more than $800,000 in cash and contributions, earning the title of the number one Tough Enough to Wear Pink event in the world.

Pink football game

From now through the end of October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Las Crucens will have opportunities to show their support for this important program beginning with a ladies luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 9 featuring keynote speaker New Mexico Lt. Gov. Diane Denish. A fun run and walk is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at Hadley Hall on the NMSU campus.

The main event so far for September is the third annual "NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink" football game Saturday, Sept. 12. Pink tailgate parties will take place at NMSU prior to the game kickoff at 6 p.m. The Aggies will take on Prairie View A&M.

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At the WSMR Change of Command

Below, from left, White Sands Missile Range new Commander Col. John S. Regan joins Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau, the commanding general of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, and Brig. Gen. David L. Mann after completing the change of command ceremony Monday, Aug. 24, on the grounds by the range's golf course.

Nadeau shakes Mann's hand after giving him a service medal and before giving Mann's wife Robyn recognition for her service to the missile's range community.

Kent Evans of Las Cruces greets Regan and his wife Mirta at the Frontier Club.

Regan steps off the field to begin his command of the missile range. He comes to WSMR after serving at the Pentagon as the executive officer to the Army's deputy chief of staff.

Though Mann is leaving WSMR, he won't be far, since he now commands the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command at Fort Bliss, Texas.

PHOTOS BY TODD DICKSON

The Salute Battery from the 1st Battalion, 56th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, at Fort Bliss fires cannons to begin the Change of Command Ceremony.

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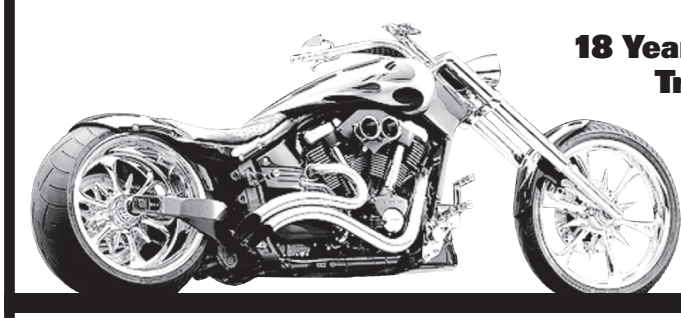

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Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

AG was right

Unfortunately, U.S. district judge disagrees that anonymous nonprofit groups who mail political propaganda should register as PACs

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

McCOLLUM

Last fall during the heat of the 2008 political campaigns, many New Mexicans were inundated with a barrage of slick advertising mailers that attacked several state legislators who were running for re-election. These full color postcards and fliers did not show support for any particular candidate. However, their messages were consistent, as they used every public relations trick in the dirty politics handbook – half truths, innuendoes, out-of-context quotes and unflattering photos to attempt to oust certain incumbent legislators.

These "informational" pieces were mailed to targeted districts including some in Doña Ana County. The mailings were from unrecognized out-of-town nonprofit organizations such as New Mexico Youth Organized. This obviously well-funded group, based in Albuquerque, was successful at unseating two Republicans and three Democrats in the 2008 election. Similar mailings were also used successfully in our local city elections in 2007.

> "They used every public relations trick in the dirty politics handbook."

New Mexico Secretary of State Mary Herrera, with the support of Attorney General Gary King, ordered New Mexico Youth Organized and similar organizations such as the Center for Public Policy and the Southwest Organizing Project to register as political action committees. As PACs, the organizations would be required, under New Mexico law, to disclose all financial contributions and their sources, as well as all campaign expenditures. King felt the direct mail campaigns were clearly attempting to influence the election and were obviously politically based.

However, the organizations filed a federal action against the state to avoid having to release the identity of their backers and their expenditures. Albuquerque District Court Judge Judith C. Herrera ruled against King by saying that the direct mail pieces were "the type of political expression that is constitutionally protected." She added, "Even though the ads could be seen as attacking the targeted legislators, where the First Amendment is implicated, the tie goes to the speaker, not the censor."

As a newspaper publisher who emphatically supports our nation's First Amendment, I must humbly – but strongly – disagree with Judge Herrera. These printed pieces contained, in my opinion, distorted and misleading information that unquestionably affected the outcome of at least five political races in 2008. For these slick marketing pieces to be delivered into our community from an anonymous source through our public federal mail service is manipulation of our system.

Growing up and playing sports in Oklahoma, my teammates and I were taught that "Cheaters never win, and winners never cheat." In my opinion the "cheaters" who have ignored the intent of our law have "won," and we, as the general public, have lost.

I agree with King and applaud him for announcing that he will appeal the judge's ruling. We pray that his opinion will prevail and the cowardly, anonymous finger-pointers will be exposed in the sunshine of public scrutiny.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unsubstantiated concerns

I am writing in response to Jay Miller's "Thoughts on Health Care," which appeared in the Aug. 14 Bulletin.

Miller raises unsubstantiated concerns about the ongoing health care debate. For example, he writes, "There have been some extremely scary claims made about what is going to happen to old people under the proposed plan."

There simply is nothing in any of the four proposed plans in Congress that even suggests "death squads" or abandonment of senior citizens rather than treating them for a terminal illness as Miller implies.

The termination of one's life will remain his/her option – a decision to be made in instances of terminal illness.

Miller cites the unfortunate personal case of his parents' long suffering from acute dementia and Alzheimer's. A more famous case was that of Terri Shiavo, who lay in a hospital bed for years with no hope for recovery while family members engaged in rancorous debate over "pulling the plug" or not. This situation escalated into a national debate involving members of Congress, the media and the federal courts.

To avoid such difficult situations, we should all make clear to family, guardians or whomever, what should be done in case of a terminal illness. This wish should be in writing.

Other aspects of the health care debate include concern that Congress and the president are rushing to enact and sign a bill. Clearly, the current proposals are being debated publicly at hearings, on the Internet and by the media. Hopefully Miller and other such sources will be more careful in airing concerns based on fact rather than political innuendo.

Some Americans, a growing number in both the lower and middle class, need to have the right to quality health care if they can't afford to pay for it. Yes, Miller, this is a patriotic stand, i.e. love of country and all of our less fortunate citizens.

JACK DANIEL SCURLOCK

Swickard's predictions

Without a scintilla of evidence or convincing rationale, Michael Swickard has decided that there has been a sea change in how the United States views the search for a fulfilling longevity for its citizens.

For the kind of change he predicts we'd need to see members of the medical profession changing from dedicated healers to killers.

All the people he would have issuing death sentences would suddenly forget that they have parents and grandparents and significantly, that they too will be old someday.

TOM JAMESON

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Letters to the Editor

System still broke

Sometimes it seems like yesterday when that timely issue of Moxie magazine appeared with the headline: "It's Your Choice – Or is it?"

As first of a three-part series on health care reform, the article read: "Coast to coast, the verdict is the same; our country's health care system is 'broke.' Throughout last year, Congress wrestled with the problem and once again resorted to gridlock."

At the same time, Moxie underscored, "Across the nation, millions are haunted by the threat of layoffs, permanent job loss or unexpected early retirement, that may slash medical coverage or even cancellation of health plans by employers."

The same feature highlighted "Hard Choices," a slim, electrifying book by three Philadelphia Inquirer reporters. Minutely detailing the scope of services and costs of health care in Canada, Germany and the United States, they noted while the U.S. system "can offer the most sophisticated medicine … it can also leave patients, families and doctors confused, exasperated and angry."

The Moxie series also highlighted "Bitter Medicine," authored by New York internist Dr. Jeanne Kassler. Chastising the American health care system for its greed and chaos, she put it bluntly: "Fragmenting the patient pool has allowed the twin issues of high costs and limited access to flourish. Rather than putting everyone together, thereby spreading the risk over the whole population and making us see these as issues facing everyone, we have carved Americans into multiple insurances niches."

Sound familiar? Sound like right now? Not quite. That Moxie series actually appeared in late 1994 and early 1995.

But not to despair! As Newt Gingrich just reminded a recent C-SPAN audience, in the end, "Society is more important than government."

MARGARET MARKHAM

Cartoon appreciated

Thanks for finally publishing a progressive political cartoon – Beattie, Friday, Aug. 21.

A myth has been spread that the United States has the best medical coverage in the world. No facts anywhere support this.

What the U.S. government does do as well as any other nation is medical research. The National Institutes of Health, supported by our tax dollars, has excelled for several decades at advances in the discovery and treatment of disease.

As a procurer and administrator of grants supporting these programs conducted and mentored by Nobel Prize winners for 35 years, I know firsthand how reliable and cost-efficient they are.

I think most of the public is aware that drug research by "big pharma" in its competitive lack of collaboration and ubiquitous costly advertising is mostly responsible for making adequate care out of reach to so many people in this country.

PAT HOLGUIN

The whole load

Regarding the health care proposal in the federal government, I have a dog in this hunt. I am 77 years old and have had eye surgery twice in the last seven months. I expect that care would have been vetoed under the proposal.

My first wife, Jo, died due to Lou Gehrig's disease in 1992. She was 58, but we had good care through the nine years before her death. Since there is no cure, I expect that care would have been vetoed under the proposal.

As a former member of the New Mexico interim legislative health and human resources committee, I can report that some six to eight members of that committee, dominated by Democrats, always lobbied for some form of universal health care, but they could never agree or bring themselves together enough to make anything happen – and they were the majority.

Their only solution for every problem was to paint everyone with the same brush, throw out the baby with the bath water, etc. (See their solutions for teenage pregnancy, safe sex, gun control, taxation, ad nauseam.)

Seventy-eight percent of New Mexicans have health care, leaving 22 percent that do not. They simply ridiculed my suggestion – as did the local Progressive Voters Alliance – of forgetting about the 78 percent that worked and fix the 22 percent that didn't, which is what I would have done had someone presented me with a problem having identical numbers.

There's an old story about an itinerant preacher who came out for a revival and only one old cowboy showed up. The preacher started and harangued that cowboy for an hour and a half. Upon finishing, he asked for the cowboy's thought. The cowboy said, "When I go out to feed the cattle and only one steer shows up, I don't give him the whole load."

As has been said, this boondoggle is the biggest threat to individual liberty and responsibility in the history of the United States.

ED BOYKIN

Cutting off your noses

Steve Marino and his wife are among the many Americans that suffer from a disease called "Constitutionitis."

They firmly believe that they are entitled to their rants, no matter how ridiculous or out-of-touch, while they want to deny others the opportunity to express their thoughts.

Now, why do they want to deny themselves the pleasure, according to them, of reading the Las Cruces Bulletin? Since they already suffer from selective hearing, speaking and seeing, they might as well practice selective reading too.

Go ahead and keep reading the Bulletin. Nobody is holding a gun to your heads and ordering you to read Swickard's comments, now are they?

Stop cutting your noses off to spite yourselves. That's just plain dumb.

EVELYN HANCOCK

Apache Homeland Casino proposal still on the table

Gov. Richardson opposes plan

JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol

Geronimo's children are still knocking at our door. On July 21, the National Indian Gaming Commission issued an order telling the tribe to stop gaming at its Akela casino halfway between Las Cruces and Deming on I-10.

But on July 30, the Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma filed a motion in federal court asking that the order be overturned. The tribe also appealed the order by the NIGC, asking to be heard by the full panel of three judges.

So the game is far from over. Fort Sill tribal Chairman Jeff Houser vows to use "every means at our disposal" to keep the casino open. And there is no reason to believe the Fort Sill Apaches will be any less tenacious than their fellow Apaches at Mescalero.

> "... a quirk in the law ... disqualified the tribe from free use of its land ..."

The Mescalero Apaches, led by tribal chairman Wendell Chino, championed the original effort for Indian gaming in New Mexico, pushing the envelope at every point he could to bring full-scale gaming to the reservation near Ruidoso.

The Fort Sill Apaches were once neighbors of the Mescaleros back when they were Chiricahua and Warm Springs Apaches, roaming the desert of southwestern New Mexico, southeast Arizona and northern Mexico.

Because of Geronimo's continued attacks, they were removed in the 1880s, first to Florida and then to Oklahoma. In 1913, four years after Geronimo's death, tribal members were given the choice of staying at Fort Sill or moving to the Mescalero.

In 1998, the tribe purchased land at Akela, in the area that once was its homeland. The U.S. government put the property in trust for the tribe a few years later. That act gave the tribe freer use of its land than if it were merely a purchased piece of property.

Under some circumstances, it would have given the tribe authority to place a casino on the property. But a quirk in the law, which I hadn't heard before, disqualified the tribe from free use of its land because there had been no break in the government-to-government relations between the tribe and the United States.

Fort Sill Apache leaders are asking what that interpretation could possibly mean when the Apaches were held prisoner for 27 years. The only relationship during those years, in the interpretation of Chairman Jeff Houser, was a government-to-prisoner relationship.

Maybe government lawyers can finesse the meaning of those words but it certainly seems the intent is clear – to find a way of preventing the Fort Sill tribe from opening a casino in its homeland. In fact, the casino is called the Apache Homeland Casino.

Gov. Bill Richardson's office is pleased with the federal government's decision to order the casino closed. When the tribe first opened the casino at Akela, in February 2008, Richardson dispatched State Police to block access to the property.

In April 2008, the casino reopened on a limited basis. Since then the state has stayed out of the matter saying it is a federal issue.

Richardson has said he doesn't want to expand gambling any more than it already is in New Mexico. Through renegotiated agreements with gaming tribes, a limit of six racinos in the state has been placed on horse tracks and a limit of three casinos each has been placed on tribes and pueblos.

The number of casinos and racinos in the state has mushroomed since Gov. Gary Johnson approved the first one days after taking office in 1995. They have proliferated to all corners of the state except the southwest corner. An Akela casino would be the closest to that corner.

So far, New Mexico has been able to keep pueblos from putting casinos on property purchased outside their tribal land. The Taos Pueblo investigated buying the Kachina Lodge in downtown Taos for a casino. The Jemez Pueblo tried to buy land near Anthony for a casino. Neither materialized.

But it could happen. In neighboring Arizona, several tribes have bought land near Phoenix and built casinos. The latest is a tribe that has bought next door to Glendale's new NFL stadium.

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Dropout rate casts dark cloud over state

Literacy problems a major reason kids leave school

By Michael Swickard
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

There is a dark cloud over New Mexico Public Education because almost half of the public school students do not graduate from their free K-12 education. This problem has existed for years but only now are we finding out.

The public education budget is almost $3 billion, half of the entire New Mexico budget, so the barrier to student completion is not money or access; rather, something far more fundamental.

I will explain shortly and suggest what needs to be done.

First: does anyone think students drop out because they are having too much fun or school is too interesting? No. Yet, something happens and each dropout at some point decides not to graduate. Why?

There is an Old West saying, "Only the cattle know why they stampede, and they ain't talking." This is not so with people who fail in our education system. But we can only hear these people if we listen. Often society is not listening. Many say they dropped out because school was of no use, which is true if we look at it from their perspective.

People were unhappy when I recently wrote, "... dropping out may be the most rational thing they do ..." One person wrote angrily, "You have done a great disservice by supporting students dropping out." No, I wrote it may be the most rational thing they do.

Experts cannot imagine not graduating since they come from a "success to success to success" world where they always prosper. They cannot identify with students who experience such a world of failure that getting away from that world is the most logical thing they can do. The reason students have, do and will drop out from a free public education is that they become seriously alienated from that system.

While alienation is caused by a number of factors, the most pernicious is lack of appropriate literacy. If students cannot read at grade level, they will not keep up with peers. When other students read effectively and they do not, these students feel stupid and often are treated as such. It hurts and alienates them. These students learn less and less in every subject until they flee the system.

The vast majority of prisoners in our justice system are poor readers so this academic handicap rules their lives. They live lesser lives because they did not get the appropriate literacy skills while in school.

To change the dropout numbers, educational leaders must see the world from the eyes of those who do not read well. The National Reading Panel of 2002 states that students must be prevented from or restored from five major reading problems. These problems include: phonemic awareness, rules of phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. Trouble with any will result in students unable to read well who then become dropouts.

The most important literacy skill is silent reading. Almost every test in public school is first a test of silent reading ability and then a test of the subject matter.

New Mexico can change the dropout numbers if it discards some notions that have not worked in the past and will not work now. Namely, taking every bit of fun out of going to school does not improve outcomes; it alienates students. Also, if a child does not learn to read, holding that student back and making him repeat a grade has no chance if the youth gets the same curriculum that did not work the first time.

When it is obvious students lack literacy skills they must have intervention that works immediately. How do I know this? I work in literacy development both from prevention to intervention. The published research shows what school districts must do to stop dropouts because of academic alienation. These interventions work if educational leaders listen. Some do, let us celebrate them; some do not. We must get their attention before more students are lost.

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T.E.A. Party bus in Las Cruces Sept. 1

The Las Cruces T.E.A. Party (Taxed Enough Already) will welcome a TEA Party Express Bus to Las Cruces at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

The bus is en route to Washington, D.C., to participate in a national T.E.A. Party protest march scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12.

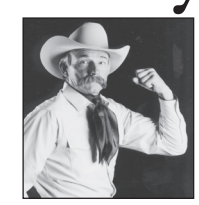
A flyer promoting the bus tour lists its national sponsor as Freedom Works, a 501(c)(8) organization chaired by former U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader Dick Armey. Co-sponsors are listed as: The Club for Growth, National Taxpayers Union, Americans for Tax Reform, Young Americans for Liberty, Leadership Institute, Grassfire Alliance, Resistnet.com and Free Republic. For more information, email lcteaparty@gmail.com.

The event will be covered by Las Cruces Channel 98 (LCC98), the fledging local station on Comcast Channel 98.

"We were impressed at how easy and inexpensive they make the process of getting on TV," said Susan Maas, spokeswoman for Las Cruces T.E.A. Party. "Our organization has found a good friend in broadcasting with LCC98."

"In the future, our station will be providing live coverage of these kind of events," said Chris Soular, president of the Las Cruces Channel.

A to Z depends on where your mind is



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

There are globally astute, politically tuned, conscientiously correct people who watch C-SPAN and write letters to the editor. When the letter "A" is flashed before their eyes they immediately think Ahmadinejad (president of Iran), Ambassador or Al Gore. Whereas when I see the letter "A," my mind brings up anteater, all-terrain-vehicle and artichoke.

"B" to the world's elite envisions Belarus, Bush, thiamine and Buckle Your Seatbelt. Me? Bass boat, bag balm, border collies and bay horses ... oh, and beer.

Them: "C" for Congress, conspiracy and caviar. Us: credit card, cowboy boots and wild cow milking!

Them: "D" Defense Department, doctor and docent. Us: Dunkin' Donuts, deal the cards and double-wide.

Them: "E" efficient, educational and entitlement. Us: eggs and bacon, ediot, epoxy and entrepreneur.

Them: "F" frugal, efficacious, philosophy and Barney Frank. Us: flat-out flat-broke, flunked algebra and fishing.

Them: "G" government, the G-7 and Gucci. Us: bubble gum, guns and gravy.

Them: "H" health care, Halston, Hillary and House of Representatives. Us: high five! Hank the cowdog, horses and hunting pheasant.

Them: "I" Income tax and international envoy. Us: independence and International Harvester.

Them: "J" jurisprudence, Japanese Yen and John McCain. Us: Joe the Plumber, Jack-in-the-Box and Judge Judy.

Them; "K" 401K, North Korea, Kuwait. Us; klunker, kitchen, Krispy Kreme.

"L" legislative, licensed and lobbyist versus licking the cake beaters, lotto tickets and Barcalounger.

"M" money, monuments, MBA and meatless Monday versus monkey wrench, mashed potatoes and muddy boots.

Them: "N" notoriety, knowledge, nose job and news hound. Us: National Finals Rodeo, Nascar and square knot.

Them: "O" Obama and international order. Us: Oreos, off-sides and oncle.

Them: "P" world power. Us: Poker Tournament on ESPN

"Q" quality versus Q-tips

"R" regulation versus regular coffee

"S" government service versus drive-in service

"T" Tehran versus trout stream

"U" United Nations versus Uncle Ben's Rice

"V" Vice President What's-his-Name versus Vanna White

"W" world peace versus hot wings

"X" xeriscaping versus marks the spot where you are on the mall map

The letter "Y" for them: yelling at politicians. For us: yawning at politicians

And the letter "Z Them: zipping back and forth like water skippers. Us: sawing zzzzzzzzzzzz.

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Skip Swickard, enjoy the Bulletin

Steve Marino writes (The Las Cruces Bulletin Aug. 21) that you "continue to publish the extreme right-wing views of Michael Swickard." As a result, he states that he and his wife, who otherwise enjoy it, "will no longer be reading The Bulletin."

That's sort of like smashing your television because you don't like a particular program.

Wouldn't it make more sense for them to just skip Swickard's column and continue to enjoy the rest?

LARRY YTUARTE

Regurgitating talking points

Ultra-right-wing conservatives, including many Republicans elected to Congress, keep spouting off about death councils in the health care reform legislation, a council that will decide whether or not an old person has enough value to receive medical care or should be left to die.

Now Michael Swickard's Aug. 21 column spouts the same thing, although he pussyfoots around the issue. It's apparent he has not read the legislation in question but is simply regurgitating the talking points pressed on neocons by the health insurance industry and others opposed to health care reform.

So, Swickard, let's get it straight. Right here. Right now. The bills (all three of the House bills and the Senate bill) offer people the opportunity to meet with their doctor to discuss how they would like to be treated medically if and when they become incapacitated to make medical decisions for themselves. This is called an Advanced Health Care Directive and the bill would allow doctors to be reimbursed for their medical advice.

I recently spent $600 to have a lawyer draw up a will, including an Advanced Health Care Directive that tells my brothers and relatives what I want them to do on my behalf. It doesn't mean I've given over to any doctor or any hospital – and certainly not to any government bureaucrat or politician – the right to make these vital medical decisions for me.

That's what the legislation proposes. That's all it proposes.

God bless every man and woman who enjoys a long life. Productivity has no place in the discussion. People have value just because they are alive and here.

I can think of no greater productive value than a grandma who showers her love on her grandchildren, even if she's captive in a wheelchair or bed.

It would be refreshing, once, to read a column by Swickard in which he gets his facts straight.

BUD RUSSO

Are teachers qualified?

With another school year started and the blame game going full circle, here is a question parents, students, school boards and superintendents need to ask.

Is the teacher in your child's class the most qualified at the subject they are teaching? In the state of New Mexico to get endorsed to teach a core subject you only need to have 21-24 credit hours in that subject. That makes you qualified to teach that subject. To be highly qualified you need a masters degree in anything.

This endorsement is extremely misleading and here is why. Let's say you went to college to be trained in teaching music. You receive your license in that subject and your endorsement. But, you will also get endorsed in any other subject, that you may have minored in as long as you have the 21 credits, making you qualified to teach it.

There is a big stretch from the methods used in teaching music compared to math.

Here's a scenario for you. A person has been teaching music for 15-20 years. You are then thrust into a math class without any explanation or desire to teach that subject. You have not taken a math class in 15 to 20 years. Add to that the person that is now teaching music has never taught that subject before. You are also given two options: take it or leave it. Both are qualified by New Mexico standards, which covers the administrator's and district's butts. Yet, are the most qualified people teaching these subjects?

Who actually benefits and wins from these types of decisions? The district doesn't win; they have to deal with any repercussions from these decisions. All they have done is cover themselves because both teachers are endorsed. The teacher only benefits because they have a job.

The students are the true losers. They now have a teacher that does not know the subject and has no desire to teach it. The only person that may consider themselves a winner in these cases are the principals. They have caused a valued, stable, experienced veteran teacher to quit, retire, look for another job or request a transfer. Which is what many of these decisions are all about in the first place.

These are the types of decisions that are made on a regular basis behind the scenes. Teachers don't talk about them in public because of a fear of retribution. This could be another reason why schools are not making AYP and people are either leaving the teaching profession or not joining it at all.

TONY MITCHELL

Tokers kill thousands

National Rifle Association haters and those that despise gun owners along with the few enlightened that know the Founding Fathers were not speaking of private gun ownership in the Second Amendment, try hard to think. Many serial killers made infamous in history never used a gun to commit their horrors.

Eric Robert Rudolph injured 150 and killed two. Ted Kaczynski injured 23 and killed three. Timothy McVeigh murdered 168.

Like these and the Tylenol Killer, Albert DeSalvo only needed his hands to sink into the history of depravity as the Boston Strangler. The list goes on. Sick minds do not need guns to injure and kill.

If you insist on hating and despising, then choose Americans that light up a marijuana cigarette. They bought the gun, bullet and pulled the trigger that has killed thousands of innocent people on both sides of the border.

Instead of stoning my glass house, feel the pain and anguish of the New Mexico family whose loved ones were gunned down in Juárez just a week past. Beyond this madness, those that insist it is a harmless non-addictive pastime are destroying my country from within and that does deserve contempt.

RONALD KEITH

Support clean energy

As I grew up in Las Cruces I took for granted the blue skies, incredible vistas and clean air. I moved away for 21 years, and in that time learned what a treasure we have here, while choking on smog, soot and coal dust in other parts of the United States and the world.

This year, we have a great opportunity to preserve this air for our children and grandchildren by supporting clean energy legislation. Using solar power alone, New Mexicans can provide all the power we need three times over. Wind power can provide us another three times our energy needs.

Both renewable resources, abundant in New Mexico, can employ thousands of New Mexicans as soon as the next two years, while preserving our clean air for our children and grandchildren.

Please contact both Sen. Jeff Bingamon and Sen. Tom Udall and tell them you support clean energy legislation.

DINAH JENTGEN

Too much sugar

I was once very skeptical about the food my children were consuming in the school cafeteria and how it was being prepared. After careful investigation, I was surprised to discover that most meals met the required guidelines.

But who is monitoring sugar intake? It is not uncommon for breakfasts that are served to be extremely high in sugar. Some common breakfast items include peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cherry turnovers, French toast and maple syrup, donuts, and fruit juices.

These items should be of major concern because of the high sugar content usually in the form of high fructose corn syrup (HFCS). Despite the newly released commercials about HFCS being okay in moderation, there is plenty of evidence showing that HFCS is a major player when it comes to obesity.

The problem is that HFCS is in everything. It is in the cherry turnovers, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, most of the bread products, and even in the fruit juices. Many of the fruits being served are in their own syrup (added sugar) or as a cocktail (again, added sugar). It is difficult to monitor "moderation" when the first meal of the day is mainly sugar.

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For more information contact Mary Pierce, ADA Coordinator at 575/528-3227 or mpierce@las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 575/528-3169.

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All things salsa come Downtown on Saturday, Aug. 29

CINDI FARGO
Executive Director of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

Welcome to the MainStreet SalsaFest 2009

Downtown's first MainStreet SalsaFest kicks off Saturday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

Q. What is a "SalsaFest"?

A. A place to taste great salsa and vote for your favorite salsa chef
B. A chance to hear spicy hot salsa music and do some dancing
C. Food, fun and something for everyone
D. An exciting new tradition underway in Downtown Las Cruces

If you answered any or all of the above – you are absolutely right!

Chris Menoch, Greg Gendall and The Big Idea

How did the MainStreet SalsaFest get started? Chris and Amanda Menoch of Ocotillo Roasters had the idea first. They talked to Greg Gendall, chair of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership Marketing and Promotions Committee and the Big Idea took hold. Gendall had heard about the Albuquerque Salsa Festival and thought it would be a great idea for Downtown Las Cruces.

"We talk about creating traditions in Las Cruces as we are planning street life in Downtown", said Gendall, "and what could be better than to celebrate salsa – truly one of our tabletop culinary traditions in Las Cruces." Gendall brought the idea to DLCP's marketing and promotions committee, who, along with staff and volunteers, took off running.

Passion for Salsa

The committee quickly discovered the "passion" that exists about salsa.

Salsa Festivals – such as those in Oxnard, Calif., and Albuquerque have been successful for many years, and bring thousands of people together to celebrate each competitor's salsa recipe. How can a simple but elegant combination of chile, onion, tomatillo, tomato, cilantro and, possibly, garlic create such a stir?

We all know why. A great salsa is something you don't forget.

We measure our favorite restaurants by their salsa, we have our favorite brands of prepared salsa and we have salsa we don't like at all. We have grandma's salsa, our tía's salsa and salsa made by a friend that comes as a cherished Christmas gift every year.

We wait for the chile harvest so we can make our favorite recipes, and we have our own preferred ways of roasting and preparing the ingredients. Salsa can top an egg, slide onto a warm tortilla or grace the most complex dish. Salsa is on nearly every tabletop in the Southwest. Great salsa is a badge of honor and a mark of our identity in the kitchen.

Children's SalsaArt

"Salsa" paintings by 25 young artists sharing their vision of the fun and spice of chile peppers are on exhibit at the Rio Grande Theatre galleries courtesy of the Doña Ana Arts Council.

Gerie Muchnikoff, a talented professional artist, helped the children produce the work as part of her summer arts program at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center.

Muchnikoff teaches young children with "a little bit of technique," she said. "I direct and they do the rest. I'm very proud of my work with kids."

With the SalsaFest in mind, Andrea Camunez, whose 5-year-old daughter participated in the summer arts program, suggested the chile pepper theme. Camunez, who is coordinator of the children's exhibit and board member of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, knew Muchnikoff's skills and saw the potential for something special.

"Gerie's ability to bring out the artistic creativity in a young child is amazing," Camunez said. "These paintings celebrate the energy of our local culture, which is the purpose of the SalsaFest."

"Spicy Fiesta" by Tristan Porter, 7, is one of many paintings from the Children's Art Program that can be viewed at the Rio Grande Theatre Galleries during SalsaFest.

The paintings, created by children between the ages of 5 and 13, are a delight to the eye and a perfect introduction to the flavors of the first Las Cruces "MainStreet SalsaFest." The exhibit is free and everyone is welcome.

Salsa Music and Dance

Ritmo Caluroso, an eight-piece Salsa Dance Band, will set the pace for dancing at SalsaFest. The group performs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the SalsaFest Main Stage on Main Street between Las Cruces and Griggs.

The music event is sponsored by Ruben Smith and the Central Loan Company and by Carmona's Day Spa. "We really wanted to be a part of the kick-off SalsaFest event," said Smith, former Las Cruces Mayor. "The event has grounding in our community's heritage, but it is also a new tradition for Las Cruces and we are proud to sponsor the salsa music and dancing."

Smith loves music and plays bassoon with the Las Cruces Symphony, and saxophone with both the Mike Caranda Band and Jazz Unlimited. Smith and his dance partner Naomi McKenna kicked up their heels at the spring 2009 "Look Who's Dancing" event at the Pan Am Center.

Sandra Mount and Marco Carmona have music and dance in their blood. Their mother, Hortensia Carmona involved them in church choirs where they sang and played the piano. "Music is something I absolutely love," said Sandra. "SalsaFest is great idea with a special cultural focus and we are glad to see things like this happening in downtown", said Sandra." Marco Carmona has a special passion for choreography and both Sandra and Marco have choreographed dance routines for pageants, weddings and quinceañeras. The pair coached Zia Middle School and LCHS squads in past years. "Music is an art that brings out the best in people. Dance is a really healthy way to express yourself, said Sandra "and even people who don't like to dance enjoy watching dancers." Sandra and Marco say SalsaFest sponsorship was a perfect step for Carmona's. "We are so glad to be part of the kick-off SalsaFest – it will draw people to our community and give us all another way to be connected and have a little more fun".

The Doña Ana Arts Council is sponsoring the Pan American Dance Institute at the Rio Grande stage in front of the theater with performances at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Salsa Tasting & Voting

10 to11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.
Rio Grande Outdoor Stage
Pan American Dance Institute

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Main Stage
Ritmo Caluroso - Salsa Music & Salsa Dancing with Dance Universe

2 p.m. - Salsa Winner Announced

In My Kitchen/De Mi Cocina Competitors
Lourdes Contreras
Bridgette Lanear
Felix Hernandez
City Councillor Dolores Connor for Big Brothers Big Sisters
Sandra Reyes
Gabriel Baeza
Teresa De La Rosa
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Commercial Competitors
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In the News

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Gov. Bill Richardson and state Veterans' Services Secretary John Garcia observe the posting of the colors Thursday, Aug. 20, in front of the Ed and Harold Foreman Engineering Complex on the New Mexico State University main campus.

Richardson visits Las Cruces

Gov. Bill Richardson visited Las Cruces Thursday, Aug. 20, to support the creation of an early college high school at New Mexico State University, to recognize NMSU's ranking as one of the nation's most veteran-friendly universities and to give a speech to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

G.I. Jobs, a national publication, ranked NMSU in the top 15 percent of veteran-friendly universities in the country for its dedication, support and assistance to veterans who want to go to college.

"With its increased amount of payment and coverage, the new Post-9/11 GI Bill could transform an entire generation of veterans," Richardson said. "Together with New Mexico State and other universities and colleges in the state, I urge our new generation of veterans to use this well-deserved benefit to pursue a post-high school education. It could be the key to achieving a greater post-military career."

Interim NMSU President Manuel T. Pacheco said veterans and active-duty military are important members of the university's community.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays full tuition and fees for four years at state universities or community colleges. Eligible veterans can also receive a monthly housing stipend and up to $1,000 annually for books.

Members of the National Guard and Reserve who have spent three months or more activated for war service are now also eligible for the new GI Bill.

The College of Engineering is preparing a support program to meet the particular needs of veteran students, including mentoring programs and tutoring.

Kenneth R. White, interim dean of the College of Engineering, said veterans are often the most focused and determined students.

Another key feature of the new Post-9/11 GI Bill allows the transfer of a veteran's earned educational benefit to a spouse and children. This is not allowed under the existing "Montgomery" GI Bill, which has been in place with minimal changes since President Franklin Roosevelt signed it into law shortly after World War II to help returning soldiers go to college and transition into a post-war society.

Richardson also touted Las Cruces Public Schools project with NMSU and Doña Ana Community College to start an early college high school. The school's 500 students will take classes on the NMSU main campus and graduate with at least a two-year associate's degree already achieved.

Richardson also announced an effort to get dropouts to return to school.

Proposed apartment complex pulled

The owners of five acres on Holman Road who wanted to build an apartment complex withdrew their zone variance application Monday, Aug. 24.

The project has faced strong opposition by residents living in the area who say they moved there because everything is zoned for single family homes. Also, the 60-unit two-story apartment complex with a day care center would have been located across from Sunrise Elementary School, which is adjacent to César Chávez Elementary School and both are at capacity with about 600 students each.

Following public meetings that had large numbers of opposing residents, an email from Greg Byres of Summit Engineering notified city planners Monday that the property's owners – Johnny D. and Mary Helen B. Tapia – were withdrawing their zoning variance request.

"We request that the case be withdrawn for consideration in its entirety," Byres wrote. "We will be re-applying at a later date with a Planned Unit Development."

Commonly called a PUD, this kind of development creates its own zoning and codes. It is often used in housing developments, which residents opposed to the apartment complex say is acceptable to them.

Public hearing set for new demolition rules

The City of Las Cruces will hold a public input meeting on the proposed Demolition Delay, Reuse and Adaptive Reuse Ordinance for Historic Structures. The meeting will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, in City Hall's Council Chambers, 200 N. Church St.

The ordinance would require the property owner/permittee to honor a 60-day waiting period prior to the demolition of structures that are registered historic buildings on the state and federal historic registers. The grace period gives interested people an opportunity to contact the property owner and propose alternatives to demolition such as encouraging its reuse or perhaps selling the property to someone interested in preserving the structure. These alternatives are purely voluntary on behalf of the property owner.

The proposed ordinance can be viewed at www.las-cruces.org/cd.

Local riders qualify for state gymkhana

Silver City rodeo arena to host Sept. 5 championship

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

More than 20 Las Cruces Horseman's Association riders, 18 and under, have qualified for the Gymkhana Championships that will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5 in the Silver City Wild West Rodeo Arena, association president Bob Romer said.

Gymkhana is an Hindi-Urdu word meaning horseback-riding sport contests that the English had developed during their colonial days in India.

Jordan Morris, 10-12 Division, continued showing her gymkhana skills by winning high-point honors in the August LCHA gymkhana with four firsts and one fifth for 26 points.

She won Barrels in 18.12 seconds; Poles in 21.94; Flags in 8.89; and Goat-Tying in 14.85.

Her fifth-place time in the Scudda-Ho monthly fun event was 14.85.

Morris and Kaysha Nakamae, competing in the 13-17 Division, are demonstrating why the younger LCHA riders have qualified for the Silver City Gymkhana Championships.

In an earlier gymkhana, Nakamae had won four firsts to earn 29 points. Her winning times were, Barrels, 17.73 seconds; Poles, 21.96; Flags, 7.31; and Goat Tying, 9.75.

In the other August age division gymkhana action:

Nancy Alexander won one first and two seconds for 24 points to lead the 40-and-Older division. Her best times were, Barrels, 18.80 seconds; Poles, 22.71; and Flags, 9.04.

Scoring was close in the 18-39 Division between Angela Ledesma, 24 points, and Kourtnie Middagh, 23. Ledesma took a first in Poles, 25.54 seconds, and Middagh placed first in Flags, 8.76, and first in Goat-Tying, 14.34.

Shawna Middagh rode the patterns well in the 13-17 Division and added 23 points to her tally with two first places, Flags, 8.55 seconds and Goat-Tying, 13.49.

In the Seven-Nine Division, Shelby Alexander was the high-point winner with 24 points by clocking three first places, Poles, 29.66 seconds; Flags, 9.04; and Scudda-Ho, 24.49.

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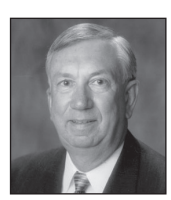

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
6:00-7:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
200 N. Church St.

The ordinance would require a 60-day waiting period before a structure listed on the state or federal historic register could be demolished. The ordinance would also provide substantial flexibility in the use of registered properties to provide options in lieu of demolition. The proposed ordinance is available at www.las-cruces.org/cd/.

For more information, contact Planner Carol McCall at 528-3209.

www.las-cruces.org

Coming Up

Native plant talk

The Native Plant Society Las Cruces Chapter has announced their events for September. The programs are free, and non-members are welcome.

David Anderson, White Sands Missile Range manager, will give a presentation on the different vegetation types of the White Sands Missile Range at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For more information, contact Ray Bowers at 541-1877 or Carolyn Gressitt at 523-8413.

ESL, citizenship classes

Small World Friendship Center is offering free English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes for the fall semester. ESL classes are provided on four levels. Classes meet from 9 to 11:15 a.m. each Tuesday. Free preschool child care is available during class time. Enrollment takes place at the center in the First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. For more information, call 526-9635.

Pet adoption events

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct two pet adoption events this weekend. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

Adoptions will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the farmers market in Downtown Las Cruces. Adoption fees are $75 for dogs/ puppies and $50 for cats/kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, adoptions also will be facilitated at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley headquarters, utilizing Pet's Barn's mobile adoption center. At the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley/Pet's Barn event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for $20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for $5 each. Proof of spay/neuter is required before a license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

For more information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018. People who are hearing-impaired can call 541-2182.

Computer classes at TBML

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will offer a series of computer classes in September. The classes include: Know Your PC, Internet for Beginners, Email for Beginners, Know Your Library Online, Word 2007, Excel 2007 and New Media and You. The library will also offer several practice sessions for students to practice their new skills.

Registration, required for all classes and practice sessions, will be in person from 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, only. After that, registration is available by phone at 528-4005 or 528-4026 or online the TBML Events Calendar at http://tinyurl.com/pbuvyr.

Class size is limited to 6 people for most classes. Patrons are allowed to register for two classes and one practice session per person.

For more information, visit the Reference desk at Branigan Library or the library website calendar at http://tinyurl.com/pbuvyr. A complete schedule of classes is available at the website.

Swim classes offered

The City of Las Cruces will hold registration for swim lessons at Frenger Pool beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration will be open until classes are filled.

Swim lessons will be held twice a week for four weeks from Monday, Sept. 21, through Monday, Oct. 5. All registration forms and waivers must be signed prior to the start of the program. Fees for children in pre-school are $35, level I and II are $38, level III and IV are $48 and level V and up are $58.

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

Workshop for nonprofits

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host a workshop titled "Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits" from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The workshop will address a step-by-step checklist to help increase the readiness of nonprofit organizations to pursue foundation fund-raising. This course is geared toward representatives of community groups without nonprofit status or new nonprofits with very little experience in grant seeking. The workshop will be held in the library's Computer Training Lab.

The program is offered free of charge, but space is limited. Registration is available online at http://tinyurl.com/pbuvyr. Anyone who will require accommodations for a disability to attend this event is asked to notify the library 48 hours in advance at 528-4005 or 528-4008 TTY

Bridge and canasta club

Welcome Strangers Bridge and Canasta Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Village at Northrise Hallmark Building at 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served. Reservations must be made by noon Thursday, Sept. 3. For more information, call Edie at 523-0509 or Jan at 647-2968.

Museum to close temporarily

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will be closed for maintenance purposes from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 31.

The museum will resume its regular hours at noon on Aug. 31. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, call 522-4100.

Pool schedule changes

The City of Las Cruces pools are operating according to a new schedule. Laabs Swimming Pool, 701 W. Picacho Ave., will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday through Monday, Sept. 14.

The East Mesa Swimming Pool will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday through Monday, Sept. 14. Outdoor pools will close on Sept. 14.

Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive., will be the only pool open throughout the remainder of the fall season. Rentals are no longer available.

For more information, call 523-0362. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Crime Stoppers: Missing woman

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information that helps find a 21-year-old woman who has been missing since 2004.

Crystal Gomez was last seen five years ago, in August 2004, when she was only 16. Gomez had a history of being a runaway and, on more than one occasion, left her home on the 400 block of Augustus Road in Las Cruces.

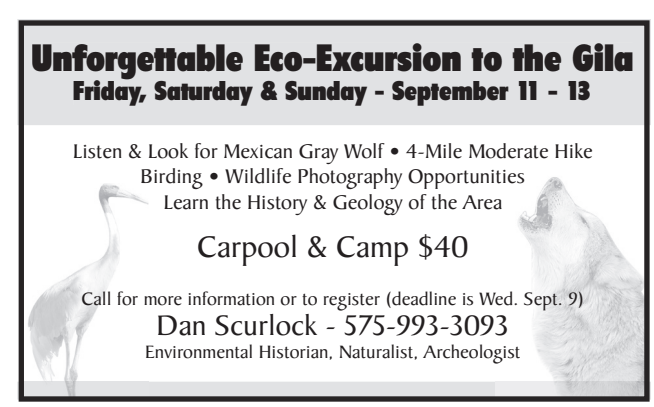
On one of those occasions prior to August 2004, Gomez was found on the streets in Orange County, Calif., and was returned to Las Cruces. On another occasion, Gomez ran away to live with friends in El Paso, Texas. Her family believes Gomez may have returned to California or possibly is in Albuquerque, N.M.

Gomez, at the age of 16, was 5-feet-8-inches tall and weighed approximately 150 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of 21-year-old Crystal Gomez, 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.

Crystal Gomez was last seen five years ago.



SWEC shows film to honor Leopold anniversary

The Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC) will celebrate the legacy of Aldo Leopold, the visionary conservationist who arrived in the Southwest a century ago, by hosting "Leopold and Lobos" at 7 p.m. Friday Aug. 28, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

The event features a screening of the new 60-minute film, "Lords of Nature," which takes a fresh look at the role of predators such as the Mexican Wolf, or Lobo, in nature, followed by a panel discussion. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and admission is free.

"Lords of Nature," created by Green Fire Productions and narrated by Peter Coyote, journeys to the heart of predator country: the Yellowstone plateau, the canyons of Zion, the farm country of northern Minnesota and the rugged open range of central Idaho – all places now resettled by the great predators society once banished. Here scientists discover these top carnivores are revitalizing forces of nature, a "keystone" species whose presence in sufficient numbers can dramatically reverse the slow decay of America's wild places, especially in the West.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion looking at Leopold, Lobos and other topics from a broad range of perspectives. The discussion will be moderated by Kevin Bixby, executive director of SWEC. Panel participants will include Silver City-based author, Sharman Apt Russell, whose books include "Kill the Cowboy" and "Standing in the Light"; Gary Roemer, conservation biologist in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology at New Mexico State University; Dave Parsons, carnivore conservation biologist with the Albuquerque-based Rewilding Institute and former head of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with nearly two decades of involvement in the restoration of Mexican wolves in the Southwest; and Oscar Simpson, campaign coordinator for the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and a former New Mexico game commissioner.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Aldo Leopold's arrival in the Southwest. It was in the national forests of New Mexico and Arizona where the young Leopold experienced an epiphany in his anti-predator views and came to realize the ecological importance of wolves and other predators, as famously described in his "Thinking Like A Mountain" essay ("fierce green fire") published in Sand County Almanac. What Leopold warned of 70 years ago, scientists from around the world now confirm: That a land lacking its top predators is a land subject to decay, and vice versa, a land with the great beasts in sufficient numbers is a land far more diverse and resilient.

For more information, call 522-5552.

Early voting is under way in county election

Sales tax at issue in poll

Early voting began at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, in advance of the Sept. 22 election, which will determine whether a one-quarter percent sales tax will continue to be collected to support operational costs for Doña Ana County's 16 volunteer fire districts.

Early voting will continue through Saturday, Sept. 19, during normal business hours, excluding weekends and holidays. The only exception will be Saturday, Sept. 19, when the Doña Ana County Government Center polling location will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The deadline to register to vote in the election was Tuesday, Aug. 25. The deadline to request an absentee ballot was 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21.

Residents of the City of Las Cruces, the Village of Hatch, the Town of Mesilla and the City of Sunland Park are not eligible to vote in this election. Only voters whose registered addresses are in unincorporated areas of Doña Ana County will be allowed to cast votes.

Election Day will be Tuesday, Sept. 22, with consolidated polling places open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For a list of polling places, visit the Doña Ana County website at www.donaanacounty.org/elections.

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MICHAEL MEANS I U.S. Air Force

Airmen from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base help unload NASA's Pad Abort One Crew Module from a Mississippi Air National Guard C-17, on Aug. 19. The module arrived at Holloman from Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif., and was transported by tractor-trailer to White Sands Missile Range for testing.

Orion module arrives at HAFB

WSMR to conduct tests on abort rocket designed for future manned space missions

NASA's next generation of manned spacecraft arrived at Holloman Air Force Base on Wednesday, Aug. 19, via a C-17 Globemaster III and left aboard a tractor-trailer on Friday, Aug. 21, for White Sands Missile Range where final check-outs with the launch abort rocket will be conducted.

Holloman was a vital stop in the Orion Program's Pad Abort One Crew Module's trip to White Sands because of the base's close proximity to WSMR and its ability to receive aircraft with heavy cargo.

"It would have been pretty much impossible to get this capsule out here if we were unable to land at Holloman," said Jeff Doughty, Pad Abort One Flight Test Vehicle crew chief.

The base's reliable support also helped in the decision to bring the module through the area.

"We've received excellent support from (Holloman)," said David McAllister, Dryden Flight Research Center lead of operations for the abort flight test. "We feel like we're at home when we're here."

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>
> DAVID MCALLISTER, Dryden Flight Research Center

Holloman was just one leg in the spacecraft's journey to White Sands. It was built at NASA's Langley, Va., facility, and flown to Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB in California, to have the avionics and instrumentation installed. When that was completed, it made its way to Holloman for its final destination at a launch site on WSMR for testing.

Doughty said the module is going to White Sands to demonstrate that it can be taken away from the launch pad, ensuring astronauts can get away from the pad in the event of an emergency.

Billed as the shuttle replacement program for NASA, the Orion Program is designed to take the next generation of astronauts to space. It is part of the effort to go to Mars, including everything from its stop here until the capsule splashes down in the ocean after it returns from Mars.

NASA is expecting the Orion to blast into orbit toward the end of 2014 or early 2015.

For additional information, visit the Holloman website at www.holloman.af.mil.

Battle flag presented to submarine commander

The crew of the Virginia-Class submarine PCU New Mexico (SSN 779) received a special gift on Friday, June 5, as part of a dying wish – the battle flag from the battleship USS New Mexico.

Robert Erland Sr., who served as a Quartermaster 2nd Class Petty Officer aboard the battleship during World War II, had the battle flag in his possession, according to his son.

"When my father found out the Navy was naming a submarine New Mexico, he wanted them to have the battle flag. It was his dying wish," said Robert Erland Jr. of Maryland.

The elder Erland, from Port Jefferson, N.Y., died in May, 2005, at the age of 90, six months after the Secretary of the Navy announced that the sixth Virginia-class submarine would bear the name New Mexico. It took Erland Jr. about 18 months, he said, to talk to the right people and set up the battle flag presentation.

Cmdr. Mark Prokopius, commanding officer of PCU New Mexico, and other crew members drove about 175 miles from Newport News, Va., to Washington, D.C., for the presentation.

"It is truly an honor to accept the battle flag flown onboard USS New Mexico during the Battle of Linguyan Gulf on behalf of PCU New Mexico," said Prokopius. "This is a gracious donation, and we will display it proudly onboard. I also appreciate the opportunity to help Mr. Erland fulfill his father's request."

PCU New Mexico is the second Navy vessel to be named after the state with the nickname the Land of Enchantment. The original battleship was in service from 1917 to 1946 and received six battle stars for action in World War II.

Cmdr. Mark Prokopius, commander of the newly commissioned submarine PCU New Mexico, accepts the battle flag from the World War II era battleship USS New Mexico from Robert Erland Jr., whose father served on the battleship.

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At the NMSU campus

Freshman Jennifer Scalva and sophomore Adrian Martinez enjoy their lunch inside New Mexico State University's Corbett Center Student Union on Tuesday, Aug. 25. Classes began for the fall semester Thursday, Aug. 20.

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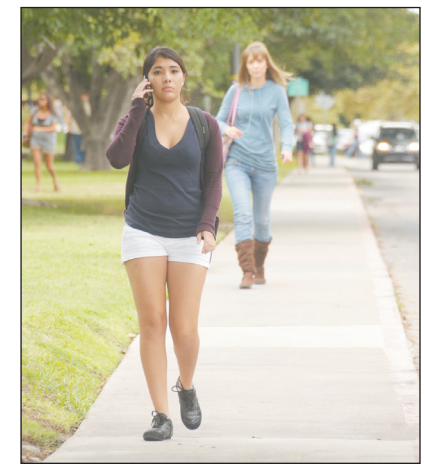
STEVE MACINTYRE

Below, NMSU students Daniel Moquin, Martin Sealey and Maria Hennelly relax between classes outside Corbett Center Tuesday.

Katie Prewitt, a double major in Spanish and Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management, waits to cross the busy intersection of University Avenue and Jordan Road on the edge of the NMSU main campus.

Christine Carn, a freshman maoring in elementary education, makes her way along Sweet Avenue as she heads to class.



Mayra Estrada, a freshman studying cultural anthropology, walks down the campus side of Jordan Road after attending her morning classes.

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A case of mistaken identity

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

I am pretty sure I was talking to Ross Conner on the telephone. In person, there might have been a question.

"People are always getting me mixed up with my brother, Jason," Ross said. "He's bigger than me so they assume when they see us together that Jason is the football player and I'm the baseball player for the Aggies. I guess we sort of look alike."

Jason Conner was a pitcher for New Mexico State from 2004-08. Ross is the senior middle linebacker on the Aggies' football team. The one who calls the defensive signals. The go-to guy for on-the-field decisions.

And the one you talk to for good quotes.

"On the field," he said, "we're all business. In the locker room we horse around a lot."

I asked if he would elaborate. "No," he said, laughing. "I don't think that would be very smart."

Conner, 5-foot-10, 213 pounds, is a shining example of NMSU's 2009 defense – small, quick and fast.

"Our defense," he said, "is all about speed. We'll match you step for step.

"Lots of mental decisions on the field. You have to think fast."

The Aggies' two-a-day practices are mercifully over. The team has settled into their new schedule of classes in the morning, meetings after lunch, then practice, usually from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. "We had a good camp (two-a-days), this year," Conner said. "We came out of camp with a lot of confidence.

"We're going to have a good team this year. I can feel it. Our offensive line has really picked it up. I know. We go head to head with those guys in practice," he said.

"We have good running backs.

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Watch out for Oñate this season

Knights to field high-caliber talent

By **Craig Massey**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While the Mayfield Trojans and the Las Cruces Bulldawgs were taking turns winning state championships the last couple of years, the Oñate Knights were building.

An outstanding group of sophomores provided plenty of hope for the OHS football team two years ago and now that they're seniors, expectations may be reaching Trojan-Bulldawg levels.

The Knights, who finished with a 5-5 record last year, open the season at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, versus El Paso Bel Air at the Field of Dreams.

Oñate coach Kelly McKee said this year's Knight team is "the same caliber" as the 2002 squad that won the Class 4A state title and the 2005 team that was a state title contender in Class 5A. Oñate has several college prospects on the roster.

"We're hopeful for a good season," said McKee. "We want to get into the playoffs and stay in there as long as we can."

The Knights, under McKee, ran a power option offense for many years until 2007 and 2008 when they decided to change things up and go with a wide-open passing attack. This season, Oñate will attempt to combine the two, and McKee has a quarterback for each style.

Senior Brandon Roybal, a 6-2 passer, will be the quarterback at times, and he'll give way to 5-8 senior Aaron Sandoval when the Knights move into their running attack. When Roybal is the quarterback, Sandoval, a third-year starter at receiver, will move into a slot position.

"Brandon throws the ball very well and Aaron is cat-quick, very fast and very elusive," said McKee. "We'll try to mix it up. We ran the ball a lot in our scrimmage (against Artesia last week). We've been throwing the ball for the past two years, so we needed more practice running it. We hope to be about 50-50 (run and pass) once the season starts."

Aaron Sandoval and his twin brother, Jason, will be slot backs and other receiving targets include Josh Collins, Cody Rogers, Ty Muldrew, tight end Zach Daugherty and Jason Hayes, who will play receiver and tight end.

The main man in the offense should be fullback Zach Hernandez, a 5-11, 215-pound returning starter.

"The fullback is the key if you run the option," McKee said. "He may be the best fullback we've ever had. He's big, strong and fast."

The Knights' offensive line consists of Christian Trevino (6-0, 210, Sr.), Art Guzman (5-9, 240, Sr.), Angelo Pacheco (6-0, 240, Jr.), John Cachora (6-2, 260, Sr.) and Jeff Stewart (6-1, 210, Jr.). Trevino, Guzman and Pacheco are returning starters.

Cachora, who is receiving interest from several universities, is known mostly for his work on the defensive line. He is starting for the first time on the offensive line, but is a three-year starter on defense.

"He's big, physical, plays

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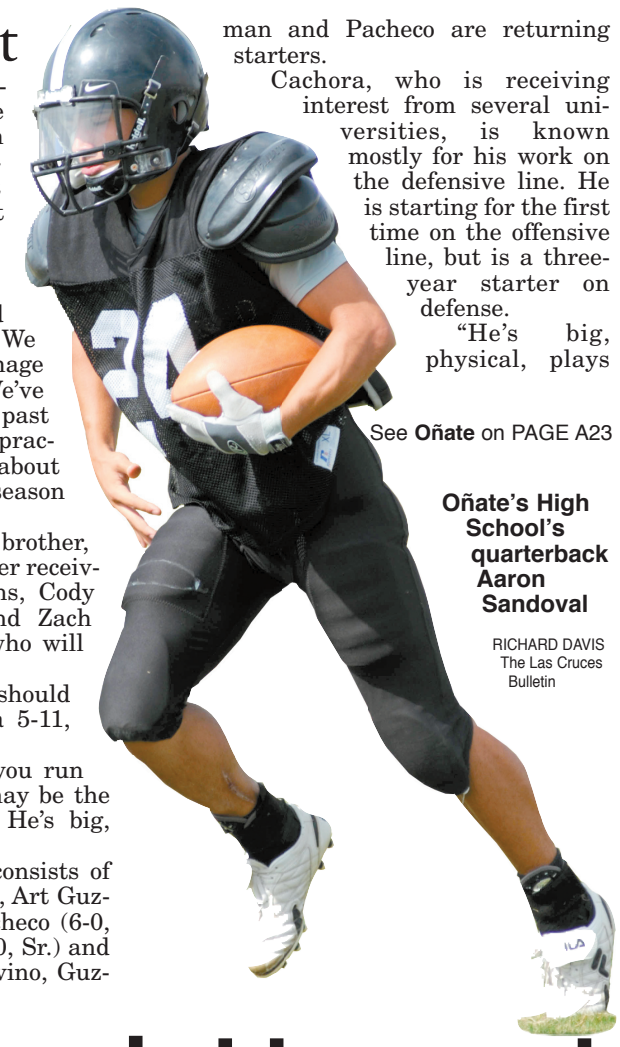

Oñate's High School's quarterback Aaron Sandoval

RICHARD DAVIS
The Las Cruces Bulletin

MVCS coach knows what to expect

SonBlazers impressive against Carrizozo

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' running back Greg Patti practices for the school's first football season.

RICHARD DAVIS | The Las Cruces Bulletin

By **Craig Massey**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When the Mesilla Valley Christian School football team took the field for the first time last week in a scrimmage against Carrizozo, no one knew what to expect.

Not even head coach Charles Gleghorn.

When the players warm up before practice, there is usually lots of chatter, Gleghorn said. In the warm-ups before the scrimmage, however, there was complete silence.

"I thought, 'oh man,'" Gleghorn said, laughing. "There were some nerves because they didn't know what to expect. But this was their first scrimmage in school history and many of these kids have never played football before, and you wouldn't have known it by the way they played.

"Carrizozo's first play was an 18-yard run," he added. "Then, they got shorter and shorter. They never scored on us."

Defense is the biggest concern for the SonBlazers as they embark on their inaugural season. The team plays its first game at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Zia Middle School against Marfa, Texas. Mesilla Valley will compete as an independent this year, with eight games currently on the 2009 schedule.

"The kids really don't have a lot of experience tackling," said Gleghorn, the former head coach at Hatch Valley, where he led the Bears to three state championships. "But they did a great job of tackling in the scrimmage. We forced four fumbles and recovered all of them."

The defense is led by nose guard Pat Smith, outside linebackers David Russell and Kyle Vasey and inside line-

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The secret's out

Ags preparing for Idaho game

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Maybe his players didn't know, but they have been practicing on the game plan for the Sept. 5 football opener against Idaho for more than a week now.

"We didn't tell them," said DeWayne Walker, New Mexico State's coach. "But some of them might have known anyway. They do know now."

Walker, pleased with last Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage, expects Idaho to toss a variety of offensive packages at the Aggies' defense. "We've been working hard on learning how to handle a multitude of packages," he said.

NMSU is focusing on special teams in practice – kicking, kick returns and stopping punt and kickoff runbacks. "That's where this game could be won or lost," Walker emphasized. "Mistakes can kill you."

"Idaho's coach (Robb Akey) is a defensive guy. I expect them to be good defensively."

After watching tapes of last Saturday's scrimmage, the Aggies' coach said his defense "is better than I thought it would be at this stage.

"Our offense made some plays. The quarterbacks are passing better."

JC transfer Jeff Fleming threw two touchdown passes, a 50-yarder to Marcus Anderson and a 20-yarder to Todd Lee.

"I think," said Walker, "that we'll be a big play offense."

He is concerned that running backs Tonny Glynn and Marquell Colston are susceptible to nagging injuries.

"I'm worried about them staying healthy enough to consistently help us," Walker said.

"I was really impressed with James Hall (freshman running back from Las Cruces High School). He's still a puppy but he looks like he can really help us down the line. I'd like to see him put on about 15 pounds and get up to somewhere around 180."

Walker said he plans to redshirt Hall but "we're going to talk about it in meetings this week."

New Mexico State University

Coach DeWayne Walker watches last Saturday's scrimmage.

Mistaken identity

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Tonny (Glynn) and Marquell (Colston) are good. Our quarterbacks (Jeff Fleming, Trevor Walls and Tanner Rust) are coming along. The thing I like about them is their athleticism. They can run and throw. Last year, Chase (Holbrook) could throw but he wasn't as fast," he said.

Conner, a local athlete who played at Mayfield High School, graduated from NMSU last spring with a degree in business management. He wants to be a dentist.

"I'm taking my pre-dental courses here now," he said. "I'll go to dental school later, probably at the University of Colorado. They don't have dental schools in New Mexico."

Conner is privileged to observe Dr. Michael Pinholster, a Las Cruces dentist, in action at Pinholster's office.

"I'm learning a lot from him," Ross said.

Conner has called for a dentist's help himself during his football career.

"Once I chipped a tooth," he said. "Another time I bit through my lower lip and had to go to an oral surgeon to get that fixed.

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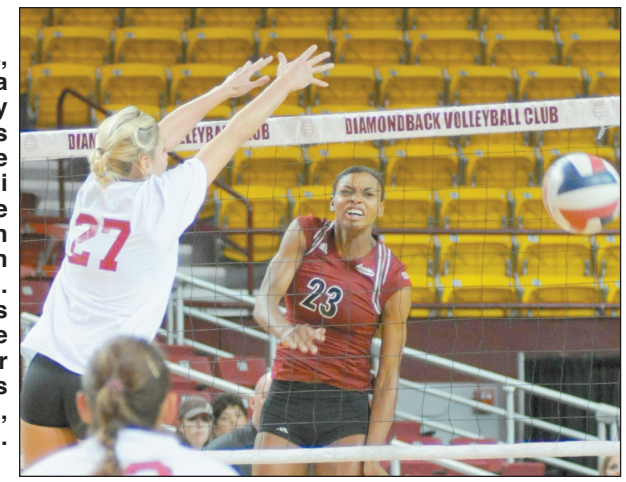
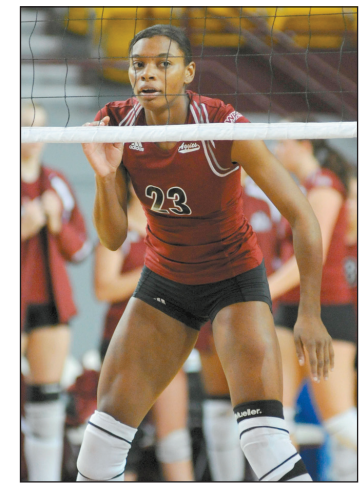
At the NMSU alumni volleyball match

Lilly Wolfe serves the ball at the NMSU alumni volleyball game.

Whitney Woods, right, makes a kill as Lindsey Yon blocks during the annual Alumni match at the Pan American Center on Saturday, Aug. 22. The Aggies bested the Alumni in four straight sets – 25-16, 25-21, 25-21, 25-21.



Kelli Goodan spikes the ball past two NMSU alumni during the annual alumni match.



Woods will be a force in the middle for the Aggies.

Stephanie Ziegler spikes the ball over former Aggie Sarah Hurguy.

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At the NMSU Football and Volleyball Banquet

New Mexico State University volleyball team members from left: senior outside hitter, Krista Altermatt, senior middle hitter Erin Birmingham, sophomore middle hitter Kelsey Brennan, freshman middle hitter Jessi Roberts and junior right side hitter Whitney Woods

Del Valle Physical Therapist Mark Figueroa and his daughter Madison, 4, talk to NMSU tight end, Ryan Franzoy, at the New Mexico State University Football and Volleyball Banquet, Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

NMSU football players Michael Grady, junior center; Michael Zant, junior safety; and David Norman, senior tackle

From left: Physical therapist Don Thome from Del Valle Physical Therapy, NMSU Provost Waded Cruzado and NMSU head volleyball coach Mike Jordan

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Assistant volleyball coach Don Flora, center, greets NMSU head football coach DeWayne Walker, left, as Associate Athletic Director Maria Roth looks on.

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Volleyball, soccer attendance at NMSU headed for top 15

Football tickets selling big

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

New Mexico State University is on its way to be in the top 15 nationally for attendance for two of its fall sports.

Volleyball has been there for a while but the turnout so far for soccer head coach Michael Needham's fledgling squad has been higher than a 1,000 for each game. The Aggies had more than 1,300 fans on hand for the season opener and Pete was happy to see the younguns taking to the program in a big way. Fan support for the NCAA sport has been sporadic nationally, but with the way fans are backing their Aggies, it could make another NM State squad a national attendance leader.

Needham, like his football counterpart DeWayne Walker, has made a point to meet the local soccer community, showing them that they are needed as the base of support for his program. Ask for a helping hand in Aggieland and you'll always find a trail hand ready to watch your back. The next time the soccer team plays at home is a ways off. Texas- Permian Basin plays at Aggie Memorial, Sept. 16. This is your next chance to keep the Aggies at the top of the national attendance numbers.

Speaking of season tickets, the number of new football season tickets continues to climb. Those of you chomping at the bit to get a seat for the UTEP game, think again about waiting. The math lesson Pete gave you a week or so back regarding a single game versus season tickets or a three pack is still in play. You won't be able to buy a single game seat until the week of the contest and may not have much of a selection for seats if any remain at that point.

If you are looking for a fun way to spend a Friday night, head to The Game Sports Bar & Grill on Espina Street around 6 p.m. for a fundraising fashion show on Aug. 28, with the men's basketball team and its coaches. Not sure if Marvin Menzies will be decked out in a lavender tuxedo or if assistant Mick Durham will be sartorially resplendent in a lemon colored double breasted sport coat, but Jardin de los Niños, our local shelter for the children of the homeless, will benefit. The styling and profiling will go on until about 9 p.m., so there will be plenty of fun to go around.

Season ticket talk, athletes helping others in our town – it's a sure sign the season is about to begin in a big way here in the Mesilla Valley.

Pete

How the others rate

Broncos still the team to beat in WAC race

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

With a week to go before the New Mexico State football season starts, I will share with you my thoughts on how I see the rest of the WAC this year.

I think Louisiana Tech will be the squad to challenge Boise State. Derek Dooley didn't have a lot of repair to do. He just had to revitalize a program that had become a little stagnant.

With the only WAC bowl victory from last year and enough experienced players to stave off the normal amount of injuries, La Tech has the stuff it takes to play at the top level. Dooley has a quarterback in Ross Jenkins who emerged at the end of last season and has continued to impress the Bulldog coaches. Like NM State head coach DeWayne Walker, Dooley is a defensive guy and tackle D'Anthony Smith should be a first team selection in December.

The next three teams in terms of preseason strength are Fresno State, Nevada and San Jose State in alphabetical order. If you put a premium on coaching you put San Jose State first in that triad. If you like tradition, it's Fresno State. Nevada has its prized pistol offense and probably the best all-around quarterback in Colin Kaepernick but I question the Wolf Pack's ability to be consistent. They expected to walk over NM State last year and lost. Going back another year, they were shut out by New Mexico in the New Mexico Bowl. Head coach Chris Ault does have a bevy of running backs to put behind Kaepernick but stopping people is the thing Nevada has to improve on.

Dick Tomey has earned his street credibility as the guy who gets more out of what he has than most others. The Ihenacho brothers are both back as stoppers. Aggie fans remember the dominant role they played last year at Aggie Memorial. Fresno State is a program that has so much support and so many resources that you can never count them out. Replacing its quarterback will be the main job on the offense, but head coach Pat Hill has two solid running backs returning if the selected quarterback is slow to develop.

Boise State is the favorite again. The Broncos have a machine when it comes to football and a smart coach in Chris Petersen. That leaves Hawai'i, Utah State and Idaho. I see Hawai'i unable to find enough replacements on defense and just not having the talent they have had at skilled positions.

Utah State is going with a new coach and has a dangerous quarterback in Diondre Borel and Idaho is hoping the work Robb Akey has been doing will pan out in his third year in Moscow.

Until they kick off it's all the voice of the turtle. See me in December.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Crystal Burns
Freshman
Soccer

Freshman forward Crystal Burns wrote her name in the Aggie soccer history books with the first-ever goal scored in school history. She knocked in a great shot from 18 yards to force overtime with Idaho State on Aug. 23. She started the first two matches of the season for NM State and she leads the team in points and goals.

Jazmin Cardoso
Freshman
Soccer

Freshman midfielder Jazmin Cardoso leads the NM State soccer team in shots after the program's opening weekend. After overtime matches at UTEP on Aug. 21, and against Idaho State on Aug. 23, she tallied five shots and one shot on goal. Cardoso started in both matches and typically handles the corner kicks for the Aggies.

Whitney Woods
Junior
Volleyball

Junior outside hitter Whitney Woods tallied 11 kills and eight digs as the Aggie volleyball team defeated the NM State alumni in straight sets during the Alumni match on Aug. 22. Last season, she posted 174 kills and 107 blocks. The Aggies open up the regular season, Friday, Aug. 28, at the North Texas Tournament in Denton, Texas.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Aug. 28

Volleyball
SMU
Denton, Texas
4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 29

Volleyball
Northern Colorado
Denton, Texas
1 p.m.

Volleyball
North Texas
Denton, Texas
7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 30

Soccer
North Texas
Denton, Texas
12 p.m.

Men's Golf
Golfweek Conference Challenge
Riverside, Iowa
All day

Monday, Aug. 31

Men's Golf
Golfweek Conference Challenge
Riverside, Iowa
All day

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Men's Golf
Golfweek Conference Challenge
Riverside, Iowa
All day

Did You Know...

The New Mexico State volleyball team is opening the season on the road in a tournament for the fourth consecutive season.

Trivia Question

Q. How many fans attended the Aggie soccer team's home opener against Idaho State on Aug. 23?

A. An impressive crowd of 1,343 experienced the official beginning of NM State soccer.

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On the green

PGA faces fallout from Bridgestone controversy

The episode serves as a teachable moment for all golfers

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Back on Aug. 9, at the WGC Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone Golf Course, Tiger Woods and Padraig Harrington stood on the 16th tee locked in a fierce battle for an important championship. Harrington had a one shot lead.

Two days earlier Harrington had closed his round out by making birdie on three of the last five holes to take the lead, so it did not seem very likely that he was about to fold. No matter that Tiger and his massive and boisterous gallery were right there breathing down Harrington's neck. Remember he's the guy who won two of the four majors last year; and also stood on that 16th as the defending PGA Champion.

But a remarkable thing happened on that 16th tee. The two players, who at this point were basically playing a "match," since one of them would be the likely winner, were "put on the clock." The group – Woods and Harrington were the last group – was 18 minutes behind the established schedule, and a full hole behind the group in front of them.

Tour official John Paramor, an experienced European Tour chief referee, made no apologies for putting the two leaders on the clock. He had even conferred with PGA rules chief Slugger White before making the decision.

White later told Golfweek magazine: "He (Paramor) asked what I thought and I said 'I don't think we have a choice.'"

Both Woods and Harrington proceeded to hit indifferent and troublesome tee shots off the 16th, a monster 600-plus-yard five par, with Harrington in the more difficult spot deep in the rough. He played out but again into the rough, and then hit his third over the green into deeper rough.

Meanwhile, Woods had laid well back to some 182 yards from the pin, which was in a red-light (no-go) spot just over the big pond that guards the green. The world's number one player seized the moment and, being the one-man-highlight-reel that we're used to seeing, hit a towering 8 iron to 8 inches. Not a typo – an 8 iron!

If you didn't see it you will eventually, as it may be re-shown as often as the halting chip-in on 16 at Augusta. Shaken or not, Harrington bladed his fourth into the pond and made a triple-bogey eight. Game, set, match. Tournament over.

Things happen

A more telling statement from the PGA Tour's White was this: "If you don't do something when a fast player is being dragged down by a slow player in the group, he'll ask why they weren't put on the clock."

Harrington is a notoriously slow player, so the clock decision probably rattled him more. But he didn't whine. It was Woods, the player who is normally "apolitical and picks his battles carefully" noted Golfweek, who said the ruling "got in the way of a great battle." But this space isn't about debating Paramor's decision, or even about slow play on Tour. The episode serves as a teachable moment for all golfers.

During a competitive round of golf things happen. Often the things that happen are out of our control, or simply chalked up to bad luck or the "rub of the green." We don't know when or what, but we can look back and count dozens, possibly hundreds, of times when we were shaken by something that went wrong, and never recovered.

It might be a lost ball; it might be a 15th club in the bag; it might be a bee sting (or a snake bite); it might be a surprise rules decision. Golf is a game that has infinite variables, and we'll never be able to account for them all. But here are some coaching suggestions for preparing and dealing with the eventuality of you being put on the clock.

The first thing I teach young players I coach is to shorten their pre-shot routine to 25 seconds. That's from the time it is your turn to play and you have first stepped in to address the ball. I favor carefully and thoughtfully sizing up the shot (yardage, hole location, breeze, lie of the ball and so on) before selecting the play. Carefully, yes, but not obsessively and in an agonizingly arduous or time-consuming manner. Once the club is selected, or the line of the putt is chosen, pull the trigger and let it go.

If you're riding in a cart, take a couple of extra clubs with you as you go to your ball. Do what's called "bracketing" the shot by estimating the long, the short and the middle distances. One of those clubs will be the right one.

Around the green take a couple of chipping choices so that you're not stuck hitting what one of my golfing friends calls the "anyway" shot.

"I knew I had the wrong club but I hit it anyway," he sometimes laments.

We all can do a more efficient job of estimating what we have to do for our next shot from the time we have hit our first one. When the ball is airborne – that's when the next shot begins. Let's not wait until we're right up to the ball. With rangefinders and GPS units we can do this much more quickly than in the past. Put your cell phone away and start thinking right away about the kind of shot and challenge you're probably dealing with.

An age-old rhythm

Sadly, most adults don't walk anymore, because walking gave us the right amount of time to contemplate what was coming up next. Maybe that's one reason, along with caddies, that the tour players are so consistent. They play a game that has an age-old rhythm.

Another strategy that you need is a back-up pre-shot routine, including on the putting green. If you're out practicing alone, try stepping up to the ball with the club you instinctively feel is the right one and just hitting it without any waggling or anything. Just hit it. Just putt it. You'll be surprised how many good shots you can hit just from instinct.

Finally, it's best not to wallow in some perceived injustice when a ruling or some bad break or irregular event takes place. I know what you're thinking right now: easier said than done, and you're right. Still, we can practice that mind set by learning from wretched things that happen and not make the same mistake twice. Like one of my old coaches used to say, "If it don't kill ya' it'll make ya' tougher."

It's good to remember the wisdom of coaching legend John Wooden when he says, "Be quick but don't hurry." We all can play faster, but we don't need to abandon our basics. Sometimes we just need to take a lesson from the good young golfers who play on the junior circuit. They set their bag down, take the club out, step up to the ball and hit it. They don't worry.

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Oñate

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hard and reacts well," said Oñate defensive coordinator Jeff Johnson. "He also uses his hands well. He's just a naturally good football player."

Another future college player anchors the linebackers. Daugherty, the part-time tight end, is a force on defense. The 6-1, 200-pounder has already given a verbal commitment to attend the University of New Mexico next year and play for the Lobos.

"He's a natural linebacker," said Johnson. "He's a big kid, very aggressive, very heady and a good tackler. He's a good inside-out player. He plays inside, but can go from sideline to sideline."

Hernandez, the fullback, is another outstanding linebacker, along with Tony Covarrubia and Ryan Holguin. Johnson said Holguin is a smart player who has been a consistent player in the program for four years.

The defensive secondary consists of safeties David Vargas and Hayes, and the cornerbacks are Bernie Hernandez, E.J. Wilson and Jason Sandoval.

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backers Garrett Autry and Tim Vida.

"David had a forced fumble and several tackles for losses," Gleghorn said. "Pat is just a great athlete. He's a real good baseball player."

Mesilla Valley went into the scrimmage with 34 players, but Gleghorn said he expected three more to join the squad after they watched the scrimmage. That's almost half of the 79 boys in the school, a percentage that has the coach happy.

Many of them play other sports, and the MVCS offense includes several members of the school's outstanding basketball team. The quarterback in Gleghorn's wide-open passing offense is senior Cody Correa, a 6-1 point guard for the basketball team.

"He's smart, a good athlete, and he is used to running the show," said Gleghorn. "He's a great communicator and he needs to be. We run a no-huddle offense, so everything is off signals. He relays the signals to everyone else. He's been excellent."

Correa will be throwing to a deep group of receivers, led by 6-1 senior Marcus Krohn and junior speedster Mitchel McMillan. Running back Greg Patti, another basketball standout, is the starting running back and he had a 35-yard touchdown run in the scrimmage.

Anchoring the offensive line will be center Conner Wagner and guards Caleb Hall and Chris Chavez.

Aggies face challenging '09-'10 basketball schedule

UCLA among tough non-conference foes

With a trip to one of the most storied programs in college basketball and 15 regular season games in the Pan American Center, the New Mexico State men's basketball team is set for a challenging season in 2009-10. The Aggies have a nationally televised game on ESPN2, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, when WAC foe Idaho travels to Las Cruces.

"I'm happy with the schedule," coach Marvin Menzies said. "With the guys that we're lacing them up with, we put ourselves in a good situation to be successful. I think we have a competitive schedule that will allow us to bring the new players along, but, at the same time, give the returning guys a quality experience with challenging games."

In this season's home opener, the Aggies host in-state rival University of New Mexico on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

"To kick the season off on a strong note with a strong competitor and a big-time rival will, hopefully, give us the push that we need at the beginning of the season to show the young guys and returners how much the community supports us," Menzies said.

"The kids are excited about the UCLA game and having that opportunity to play a traditional powerhouse," he said. "Going to California to play Saint Mary's will be another tough test for us on the road. Winning in the non-conference is tough as it is, but to play solid teams like that makes it even more challenging.

"I feel with all the returning players we have, obviously, we're going to be in a position to compete and win some games that we weren't expected to win."

The Aggies open WAC play with two home games for the first time since the 2006-07 season with Utah State on Saturday, Jan. 2, and Nevada on Monday, Jan. 4.

"The conference overall is going to be very good," Menzies said. "We're going to climb up the ladder in the rankings. I think we will jump three or four spots."

The first conference road games are at Boise State on Saturday, Jan. 9, and Idaho on Monday, Jan. 11.

2009-10 NMSU Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Nov. 2	**Western New Mexico (Exhib.)**
Nov. 13	at Saint Mary's
Nov. 17	**New Mexico**
Nov. 21	**Panhandle State**
Nov. 24	at Cal State Fullerton
Nov. 26	**North Carolina A&T**
Dec. 1	**UTEP**
Dec. 5	at New Mexico
Dec. 13	at UTEP
Dec. 1	at UCLA
Dec. 18	at Pepperdine
Dec. 21	**Alcorn State**
Dec. 23	**Texas Southern**
Dec. 28	**Prairie View A&M**
Jan. 2	**Utah State***
Jan. 4	**Nevada***
Jan. 9	at Boise State*
Jan. 11	at Idaho*
Jan. 16	**Fresno State***
Jan. 21	at Hawai'i*
Jan. 23	at San Jose State*
Jan. 30	at Louisiana Tech*
Feb. 6	**San Jose State***
Feb. 8	**Louisiana Tech***
Feb. 11	at Fresno State*
Feb. 15	**Hawai'i***
Feb. 20	at ESPNU BracketBuster
Feb. 24	**Idaho* (ESPN2)**
Feb. 27	**Boise State***
March 4	at Nevada*
March 6	at Utah State*
March 10-13	WAC Tournament, Reno, Nev.

All dates are subject to change.
Home games in bold *denotes WAC games

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Football	Friday, Sept. 4	at El Paso Eastwood	7 p.m.
Volleyball	Aug. 28-29	at West Texas Tournament	TBA
	Tuesday, Sept. 1	at Deming	6 p.m.
	Sept. 4-5	Las Cruces Sweet 16 Tourn.	TBA
Girls Soccer	Aug.28-29	LCPS Tournament	TBA
Boys Soccer	Aug. 28-29	LCPS Tournament	TBA
	Friday, Sept. 4	DeMatha (Md.) at St. Pius	4 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Football	Friday, sept. 4	El Paso Montwood	7 p.m.
Volleyball	Aug. 28-29	at West Texas Tournament	TBA
	Sept. 4-5	Las Cruces Sweet 16 Tourn.	TBA
Girls Soccer	Aug. 28-29	LCPS Tournament	TBA
Boys Soccer	Tuesday, Aug. 25	at Chaparral	3 p.m.
	Aug. 28-29	LCPS Tournament	TBA

Oñate High School

Football	Friday, Aug. 28	El Paso Bel Air	7 p.m.
	Thursday, Sept. 3	at Socorro	7 p.m.
Volleyball	Tuesday, Sept. 1	Santa Teresa	7 p.m.
	Sept. 4-5	Las Cruces Sweet 16 Tourn.	TBA
Girls Soccer	Aug. 28-29	LCPS Tournament	TBA
	Tuesday, Sept. 1	Deming	7 p.m.
Boys Soccer	Aug. 28-29	LCPS Tournament	TBA
	Tuesday, Sept. 1	Deming	5 p.m.

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Football	Saturday, Aug. 29	Marfa, Texas	11 a.m.
Volleyball	Friday, Sept. 4	at Moriarity Invitational	9 a.m.

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Katie Graul
Senior, Soccer

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CHURCH NEWS

ST. GENEVIEVE COOK OFF

St. Genevieve's 150th year celebration Chile Cook Off will be held at the parish hall from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Entry fee is $10 per person. For more information, call the parish office at 524-9649.

CHALLA FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Temple Beth-El's Academy of Jewish Learning will offer two workshops on baking presented by Susan Fitzgerald. The first, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, will discuss baking the challa, while the second, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, will cover making honey. There will be a $5 fee for ingredients. For more information, call Harvey Hilbert at 521-3711.

ST. ANDREWS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes will resume at St. Andrews Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. This year, two classes will be offered – one for ages 3 to 5 and the other for ages 6 to 8. Parents are encouraged to give their children the opportunity to share in this great experience to make new friends and learn many stories from the Bible. For more information, contact Carol at 526-6333.

PASTOR INSTALLATION

Pastor Robb Redlin will be installed as the new pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. A carry-in dinner will be held after the 11 a.m. service. The public is invited to both services. For more information, call 373-0297.

OUR WHOLE LIVES ORIENTATION

Families with teens in grades eighth through 10th are invited to attend an orientation meeting for Our Whole Lives at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Our Whole Lives is an age appropriate comprehensive

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

St. Mary's at Hill Anglican Church, 7975 Doña Ana Road, will add a parish hall next to its historic building.

BETH SITZLER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Historic Hill church gets a new addition

St. Mary's at Hill Anglican Church adds a parish hall

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the oldest churches in the area will get a new addition in September.

St. Mary's at Hill Anglican Church, 7975 Doña Ana Road, has recently purchased a manufactured parish hall to reside on a half acre given to the church by the Hill family.

The congregation, formerly known as St. Barnabas, moved into the historic building four years ago, after meeting in the home of for a year Rev. Melvin Pickering.

Pickering said the building was constructed in 1920 as an Episcopal church. It was one of 22 missions in the Mesilla Valley established by Preacher Hunter Lewis. The Episcopal church sold the building almost 20 years ago, which has since been home to various organizations.

"It was empty and not used for a year or two," Pickering said of the building. "Small groups used it off and on before that."

Once St. Mary's purchased the church, the congregation refurbished the interior with new paint, windows and a central heating and cooling system. They also restored the church's façade, which was made from Rio Grande rocks brought to the site by the original congregation members.

While the church building was repaired and ready to serve the community, Pickering said there was just one thing missing.

"The building doesn't have a bathroom," he said. "If we want to be an active church and not just a historic building, we need the other space for social gatherings."

The new 2,300-square foot parish hall will be the church's center for education, which will include Sunday school and catechism as well as community outreach.

Pickering said by upgrading their facilities, they will be able to serve the community's religious and social needs.

"We think it offers a good source for community people who want to be involved in a liturgical catholic church," he said.

Along with holding mass twice on Sundays and various sacred services throughout the year, the congregation also participates in two mission projects – raising funds to support the work of Father Ebenezer Manugwu in southeast Nigeria, and collecting donations for the Gospel Rescue Mission.

BETH SITZLER I The Las Cruces Bulletin

After moving into the historic building, the congregation restored the walls and air system, but left the original hardwood and marble floors intact.

By reaching out to the community, Pickering said he hopes the people will reach back and help them in various ways.

In addition to financial donations, Pickering said they are looking for any items that are connected to the church's history, especially caps knitted by Preacher Lewis.

"Preacher Lewis was known for two things. He carried a purse for the poor and he carried a knitting bag. He knitted a baptismal cap for every child he baptized," he said.

More importantly, Pickering said he would like to reach out to the church's neighbors to help prevent vandalism. On several occasions, he said, church windows have been broken.

"If the neighbors can help watch the building and help keep the vandals away, it would be greatly appreciated," he said.

For more information on St. Mary's at the Hill Anglican Church, call Pickering at 523-6596.

Children's behavior may be accidental, not intentional

Teach children 'please,' 'thank you' around the house

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

I need more help understanding how to interpret childish behavior. My problem is that I don't know how to react when my son, Chris, annoys me. I'm sure there are many minor infractions that a parent should just ignore or overlook. At other times, immediate discipline is necessary. But I'm not sure I'll react in the right way on the spur of the moment.

Obviously, the first thing you have to do is determine Chris' intent, his feelings and his thoughts. Is there evidence that Chris is challenging your authority? The more blatant his defiance, the more critical it is to respond with decisiveness. But if he has simply behaved immaturely, or perhaps he's forgotten or made a mistake, you will want to be much more tolerant.

It is a very important distinction. In the first instance, the child knows he was wrong and is waiting to see what his parent will do about it; in the second, he has simply blundered into a situation he didn't plan.

Let me be specific. Suppose Chris is acting silly in the living room and falls into a table, breaking some expensive china cups and other trinkets. Or maybe he loses his books on the way home from school. These are acts of childish irresponsibility and should be handled as such. Perhaps you will want to ignore what he did, or maybe you'll require him to work to pay for whatever he lost – depending on his age and level of maturity. However, these accidents and miscalculations do not represent direct challenges to authority. Since they aren't motivated by haughty defiance, they shouldn't result in serious reprimands or punishment.

On the other hand, when a child screams obscenities at his mother or stamps his foot and tells her to shut up, something very different is going on. He has moved into the realm of willful defiance. As the words imply, it is a deliberate act of disobedience that occurs when the child knows what his parents want but he clenches his fists, digs in his heels and prepares for battle.

It is a refusal to accept parental leadership, such as running when called, or disobeying and then perhaps lying about it. When this kind of nose-to-nose confrontation occurs between generations, parental leadership is on the line. It is not time for quiet discussions about the virtues of obedience. It is not the occasion for bribes or bargaining or promises. Nor is it wise to wait until dad comes home from work to handle the misbehavior.

You have drawn a line in the dirt, and Chris has placed his cute little toe across it. Who is going to win? Who has the most courage? Who is in charge here? Those are the questions he is asking, and it is vital that you answer them for him.

If you equivocate at that moment, he will precipitate other battles designed to ask them again and again. That's just the way a strong-willed child thinks. It is the ultimate paradox of childhood that youngsters want to be led but insist that their parents earn the right to lead them.

In summary, when misbehavior occurs, your obligation is to look first at the issue of intent, and second, at the issue of respect. From your interpretation of these two attitudes, you should know instantly how to respond.

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Do you think a child should be required to say "thank you" and "please" around the house?

I sure do. Requiring these phrases is one method of reminding the child that his is not a "gimme-gimme" world. Even though his parents are cooking for him and buying for him and giving to him, he must assume a few attitudinal responsibilities in return. Appreciation must be taught, and this instructional process begins with fundamental politeness at home.

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

CHURCH NEWS

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ENSEMBLE CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S

The Concert Ensemble of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., will present the oratorio "St. Paul" by Felix Mendelssohn Sunday, Sept. 27, in the church sanctuary. This marvelous work, presented in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn's birth, will feature area soloists and will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra in two concert performances. The September performance of the "St. Paul" will be the first performance of this beautiful, dramatic oratorio in the Las Cruces area. For more information, contact Minister of Music Doug Weeks at 526-6689.

ST. ANDREWS CHRISTMAS FAIRE

The second annual St. Andrews Episcopal Christmas Faire will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24. Mark your calendar and save the dates for this fabulous opportunity to do your Christmas shopping early. There will be jewelry, aprons, hand knitted goods, art pieces, baked goods, gift-wrapping and raffles. A café will serve dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

SPIRITUAL CINEMA MATINEE

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., is sponsoring a Spiritual Cinema Matinee at 1 p.m. every second Saturday of the month. A $5 donation is suggested. There will be a discussion after the movie at the center's bookstore, Wisdom Through the Pages. For more information, call 523-4847.

KID'S TRIUMPHANT LEARNING CENTER

Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive, has begun enrollment for its Kid's Triumphant Learning Center. The center provides creative, social and physical programs for children in grades kindergarten to sixth. For more information, call 528-Love (5683).

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1934

• Spanish-American War veterans organized with 22 members and named N.A Gehl commander and Frank C. Brito senior vice commander.

• In another sign of the Great Depression, as of mid-August, 713 cattle had been slaughtered in Doña Ana County and 593 had been shipped out under the federal Livestock Drought Relief Campaign.

• City service stations protested a 1-cent gasoline tax, complaining that they would lose business to stations that were outside of the city limits.

50 years ago 1959

• The City Commission voted 3-1 to appoint Roy Moore to the commission to fill the position of Carlos Sanchez who had lost in a recall election.

• The Football Writers Association of American upgraded New Mexico State University's football program to "major college" standing, which Coach Warren Woodson hoped would bring major college teams to Las Cruces for bigger games.

• A suspected polio case was identified as encephalitis, but the county planned to resume its mosquito control spraying program the following year.

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The Memorial General Hospital on Alameda Boulevard was under construction when this photograph was taken. The hospital opened in April 1950. City service offices now occupy the building.

25 years ago 1984

• County agent Javier Vargas labeled it, "a perfect environment for diseases," as two weeks of on-and-off rains left soggy Mesilla Valley fields, especially in the southern end of the county, where five inches had been recorded. Of the 10,000 acres of chile, wilt root had invaded 6,000 acres. Sacked onions on about 600 acres were starting to rot due to soggy fields. Cotton farmers normally would have been cutting irrigation to allow bolls to mature, but the plants were putting on more growth, and extreme heat was causing steam to build up, damaging the plants' lower leaves. Rain also washed out fall lettuce harvest seed beds. The rain was causing rot in cut alfalfa that had been left in windrows, and the protein in the alfalfa was being depleted because of the delays in cutting.

• The Las Cruces Public Schools enrollment was 16,500 students in the 27 public schools, up about 500, and the Board of Education added 50 teachers to bring the faculty up to 825.

10 years ago 1999

• The USDA Census of Agriculture named Doña Ana County the top county in the nation for pecan production. The county's pecan production the previous year was 35.7 million pounds that had been harvested from 20,622 trees.

• NuMex Sahara, the first seeded Bermuda grass for commercial use, was being sold in retail stores. The turf had been developed by New Mexico State University professor emeritus Arden Baltensberger and released in 1987.

• The Small Business Association and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces formed a partnership to help provide capital and assistance for new businesses.

• Gov. Gary Johnson appointed Stephen Bridgeforth as a Third Judicial District judge to succeed Judge Graden Beal who had died.

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

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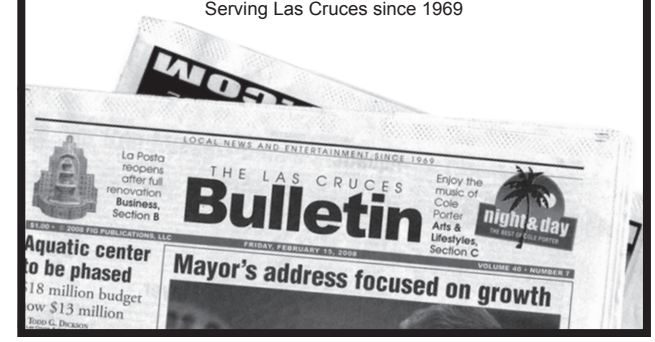

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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, 310 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 Senior 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.

A trip to Cohen Stadium if El Paso for Diablos baseball game against the Fort Worth Cats is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 28. The group will stop for dinner at the Olive Garden before the game. Cost is $30 per person.

A trip to the Albuquerque and Santa Fe area is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8, through Thursday, Sept. 10. The trip includes bus fare and two nights at the Sandia Peak Inn, breakfast, round trip train tickets from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, visits to Old Town, the O'Keefe Museum, and the Albuquerque Biological Park. The cost is $225 per person.

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.

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 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

SENIOR CLASS REGISTRATION
The City of Las Cruces will hold registration for seniors interested in 10-week courses at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 28.

Participants who are senior program members must have their blue or yellow cards with them at time of registration. Those who are not members may sign up for free membership at the time of registration. The following is a list of courses available:
- Pottery, 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays beginning on Aug. 31
- Clayworks lab, 8 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 1
- Clayworks lab, 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 1
- Clayworks lab, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays beginning Sept. 4
- Beginning ceramics, 8 a.m. to noon Mondays beginning Aug. 31
- Advanced ceramics, 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 2
- Advanced ceramics, 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 2
- Beginning lapidary, 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, beginning Aug. 31
- Lapidary lab, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 1
- Beginning and advanced glass, 8 a.m. to noon Mondays beginning Aug. 31
- Beginning and advanced glass, 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays beginning Sept. 2
- Intermediate glass, 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 2
- Beginning glass lab, 8 a.m. to noon Fridays beginning Sept. 4
- * Advanced glass lab, 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays beginning Sept. 4

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
- Tutor children from kindergarten through 12th grade to help students excel in their studies
- Clerical help doing office tasks at many types of programs
- 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.

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AROUND TOWN

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 East side Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is requested. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

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, to donor family members and to transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks are available.

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

T'AI CHI CHIH: JOY THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASSES

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement, a moving discipline comprised of 19 movements and one pose. T'ai Chi Chih may be done by almost anyone, in any physical condition and also sitting down. No special clothing or equipment is required.

Accredited instructor Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado holds free classes from 10 to 11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the MountainView Regional Medical Center Plaza, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. To register, call 556-7667.

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.

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 evening meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the home of leader Renee Beltran. Contact Beltran at 635-6683 or reneebeltran1@comcast.net for more information, including directions.

INFORMATIONAL TALKS FOR SENIORS

The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs will be holding several "It's All About You!" informational talks on health for seniors. All talks are with Genevieve Chavez, who is a naturopathic doctor at Optimal Health LLC in Las Cruces.

The talks will be held:

- Thursday, Aug. 27, Healing the Gut ... Naturally
- Thursday, Sept. 24, Helping Your Allergies ... Naturally
- Thursday, Oct. 22, Supporting Diabetes ... Naturally
- Thursday, Nov. 19, Good Mood Food and Other Strategies for Mental Health ... Naturally

Talks will be from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

The suggested donation is $10 per session (any donation amount welcome).

Genevieve Chavez's practice includes wellness and nutrition, homeopathy and Emotional Freedom Technique.

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

RISE AND SHINE HEALTH WALKS

The City of Las Cruces will hold Rise and Shine Health Walks from Monday, Sept. 7, through Friday, Oct. 16. The walks will be held from 6 to 7 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting in front of the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

The cost is $30 per participant. Everyone is asked to bring a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing. All registration forms and waivers must be signed prior to beginning the program. Blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks and weigh-ins will be conducted each week. Nutritional facts and a fitness journal will be provided to all registered participants.

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

STUTTERING SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

An effort is being made to start a local chapter of the National Stuttering Association (NSA) in order to provide an adult support group for people who stutter (PWS) in the Las Cruces area.

According to the group's website (www.westutter.org), the NSA is the largest self-help support organization in the United States for PWS and its mission is "to bring hope and empowerment to children and adults who stutter, their families and professionals through support, education, advocacy and research."

LeDeidre Garcia, an undergraduate at New Mexico State University, is working to start the NSA affiliated support group. The group is being formed mainly for adult PWS, but people of all ages are welcome.

For more information, contact Garcia at 571-9741 or lc_nsachapter@live.com.

ORGANIC HERBAL BODY CARE

Trish McCaul will host "Organic Herbal Body Care" from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Pi-Yoga Health Boutique, 207 Avenida De Mesilla.

McCaul is an herbalist and founder and owner of Mother McCaul's line of locally hand-made health and body care products. Topics to be covered will include: What is organic/natural; ingredients to avoid and why; healthy alternatives to toxic ingredients; and healthy herbal remedies for common skin ailments

For more information, contact Pi-Yoga Health Boutique at 526-0977.

ADULT DANCE FITNESS CLASSES

The Pan American Dance Institute will offer Dance Alive Adult Fitness Classes beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Pilates will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. on Wednesdays. Yoga will be held from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays and Zumba will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

All classes will be held in the Dance Studios on the second floor of the New Mexico State University Activity Center. For more information, call 646-2070.

DIABETES CONFERENCE NOV. 14

The Fifth Annual Diabetes Wellness Day Conference will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Speakers will include Andrew Lancaster, an endocrinologist from Alamogordo, Wanda A. Morgan Eastman, Ph.D., RD, LD, and Sunnie Bell, RN, CDE.

Attendees will learn about diabetes resources, new treatments and ideas in diabetes management. Door prizes will be awarded.

The cost of the conference is $7. Scholarships will be available to individuals with diabetes to cover the costs

The conference is a Community Education event sponsored by Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach (SNMDO) and the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition

For more information or to register, call SNMDO at 522-0289.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, a support group for people in recovery from mental illness, meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday night at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. In addition, the men's support group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday and the women's support group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Friday, also at the Bridge. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Las Cruces Parkinson Support Group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave., in the Education Room. The support group is for those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson disease.

For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047, Bill Wallace at 680-2520 or Teresa Brobeck at 521-6475.

Free Wheelchair Mission continues to change lives

Sponsors needed to get wheelchairs to Mexico

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For a little more than a year, Las Cruces has been collaborating with the Free Wheelchair Mission, a nonprofit organization that distributes free wheelchairs to the disabled in need throughout developing nations. After much success, FWM is asking for the continued help of the community to get a shipment of wheelchairs distributed in Mexico.

FWM President and Founder Don Schoendorfer visited Las Cruces, Friday, Aug. 21, for a luncheon at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, where he thanked local supporters and urged that efforts continue in making mobility a reality for the underprivileged in Mexico.

The program already has had enormous local success, which allowed for the purchase of a container 550 chairs ready to be shipped from China. After raising more than $50,000 in the last 18 months, Las Cruces has been established as a qualified distribution partner of FWM, with a goal of delivering 1,100 wheelchairs to recipients in Mexico over the next two years.

Local FWM advocates Dennis Prickett and Erlinda Portillo said they were confident that bringing the chairs to Las Cruces is an obtainable goal.

"Our proximity to Mexico is an opportunity to step up and help those in need," Prickett said.

Developing an idea

Schoendorfer's famous chair was first conceived when he witnessed a disabled woman in Morocco crawling through the streets because she didn't have a wheelchair. With a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Schoendorfer combined his compassion, knowledge and natural engineering talent to design and construct a chair that was affordable and durable.

Made from a resin lawn chair, a custom steel frame and mountain bike tires, Schoendorfer's chair has changed the lives of almost 400,000 immobile people in 70 countries.

Two factories in Shanghai, China, produce the chair parts. Once the parts are packed and ready for shipment, a freight ship hauls them to their destination. This is where FWM needs the help of the local community, Schoendorfer and Prickett said.

The organization has purchased a container of 550 chairs ready to be shipped to Las Cruces in October, but FWM needs the help of local sponsors to cover the customs and inland shipping expenses. Once the chairs make it to Las Cruces, they will be prepared for distribution throughout Mexico. On behalf of the Las Cruces effort, Sierra Vista Community Church was the nonprofit distribution partner applicant to FWM and is the consignee of the shipment.

"We have people who are willing to participate, it's really just the challenge of raising awareness and getting the word out to the community," Prickett said.

Developing the plan

Assembling the chairs, Prickett said, will be the easiest part of the process. He said with the help of youth, student and adult organizations, churches and businesses, FWM will be able to set up specific dates on which volunteers can gather and assemble the chairs.

Earlier in the year, local Cub Scouts, Pack 179, contributed to the cause by assembling chairs and in 2008 Las Crucens were first introduced to FWM through its Mobility in Motion tour, where they were able to build chairs at Young Park.

The biggest challenges the organization faces are covering the shipping costs and making connections in Mexico, Prickett said.

Free Wheelchair Mission Founder and President Don Schoendorfer explains his cost-effective and durable wheelchair, which he designed himself.

To help its cause, FWM already has two local fund-raising events scheduled in 2010. On Saturday, Feb 13, FWM will host Dancing with Heart to Help Lift Lives, a Valentine's dance, which will help raise the needed funds to get the chairs into Mexico. FWM will host its second annual Fajita Fiesta in the Mesilla Plaza, which is tentatively scheduled for June 12.

Portillo said FWM needs volunteers to help with project coordination, event planning, event activities, wheelchair assembly days, establishing Mexican contacts, in addition to distribution in Mexico.

Become a sponsor

A number of sponsorship opportunities are available, including a Signature Sponsorship of $5,129, a Fajita Fiesta Sponsorship of $1,500, a Catering Sponsorship of $500 or a General Sponsorship of $500, $300 or $150. Based on sponsorship type, businesses and organizations will have an option of many different amenities, one of which will allow for logos to be printed on the backs of FWM's sample chairs.

Prickett said organizing local help holds great benefits to the community as a whole.

"I think it offers a continued opportunity for the community, not to mention the impact we have on other people's lives," Prickett said.

Schoendorfer said he was thrilled to be able to meet with members of the community and encouraged them in their efforts. He said organizing on a small-scale level is most effective.

"This is the way to do it – through grass roots and local efforts. It's amazing how much people can do," Schoendorfer said.

A new design

Despite FWM's immense success, Schoendorfer has not stopped improving his signature wheelchair. He said a new chair design is in the works, which will come in three different adjustable sizes and can be fitted to the recipient's specific needs. He said he wanted to make a chair that was easier for children to use. He plans to launch the new chair design in October in Peru, where he hopes to test and fine-tune the new chair's abilities.

Schoendorfer said he has a strong belief in helping others and is inspired every time he sees how drastically a person's life can change when introduced to the chair. He also said FWM's goals are not only a beneficial experience for chair recipients, but for the people contributing their time and service as well.

"It's as important for Americans to realize that there are people like this out there in need," Schoendorfer said. "We should realize the blessings we have here in America and use those blessings to help our brothers and sisters around the world."

Those interested in volunteering may call Prickett at 525-2450, while anyone interested in event sponsorship may contact Portillo at 647-3441.

Erlinda Portillo, Don Schoendorfer and Dennis Prickett ask for the community's continued support in providing free wheelchairs to those in need in Mexico.

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Campaign fights senior malnutrition

Research shows family caregivers often overwhelmed

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Most children grow up constantly depending on their parents for love, shelter and nutrition, but as many of those children grow into adults, their parents also grow older, which can make for a trying and extremely emotional experience for everyone involved. At some point, seniors reach a stage where they need additional support with their everyday lives and their adult children are often the people to step in and help.

To help ease the stress on family caregivers, Home Instead Senior Care has launched a campaign called "Cooking Under Pressure," which offers information and resources to family caregivers who cook for their senior loved ones.

In a study conducted by Home Instead, in conjunction with The Boomer Project, 1,279 U.S. adult caregivers, ages 35-62, were interviewed online to find out how providing care for senior loved ones affects their lives. The research found that almost 83 percent of family caregivers in the U.S. help with their senior's groceries or other errands, while 65 percent assist with meal preparation. Additionally, 67 percent of people surveyed said the additional need for care and meal preparation has made their lives "extremely stressful."

Jan Wimsatt, franchise owner of the Las Cruces Home Instead office, 2801 Missouri Ave., Suite 35, said senior nutrition is "one of the first things to fall through the cracks," while caring for seniors. Because of medication, illnesses, memory problems and physical constraints, Wimsatt said proper senior nutrition is especially tough to maintain. Additionally, if a senior lives alone, or has recently lost a spouse, friend or loved one, depression can also be a deterrent to proper senior nutrition.

"We at Home Instead, have recognized how important nutrition and regular meals are to the physical health and well-being of seniors," Wimsatt said.

> "Give assistance that leaves the parent with the dignity and respect they deserve."
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> JAN WIMSATT, Las Cruces Home Instead

Home Instead partnered with the University of Maryland and Duke Diet and Fitness Center to create the campaign, a partnership that Wimsatt said aims to change mealtime for seniors into a healthy experience. Dr. Nadine Sahyoun, associate professor of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Maryland and Elisabetta Politi, RD, MPH, CDE, nutrition director at Duke Diet and Fitness Center contributed their expertise to the program.

Family caregivers will be able to find useful information through the program's website, www.foodsforseniors.com, including advice on preparing meals for seniors, senior shopping tips and recipes designed specifically for seniors.

Wimsatt said it's sometimes difficult to determine whether a senior's diet is in need of a change, mainly because of the transitional dynamics between adult children and their parents.

"In most cases, when an adult child calls their parent to check up on them, the answer is always 'I'm fine,' but sometimes it's not fine," Wimsatt said.

Children usually grow up under the care of their parents, but when the roles of parent and child are reversed, Wimsatt said, it can make for a challenging transition. Wimsatt said it is important to sit down and "have the talk" with senior loved ones as soon as the need for additional support becomes evident and before a crisis occurs. She said effective communication with a senior loved one is one of the best ways to ease the transition process.

"Give assistance that leaves the parent with the dignity and respect they deserve," Wimsatt said.

Due to busy schedules and a senior's reluctance to ask for help, it may be easy to miss the signs of poor nutrition. What are the most common warning signs seniors may not be eating properly? Cooking Under Pressure offers the following symptoms of malnutrition:

Loss of appetite – If your senior has always been a hearty eater but no longer eats as he or she used to, it's time to find out why. Underlying illness could be the root cause.

Little to no interest in eating out – If your loved one has always loved eating out at a favorite restaurant but no longer shows interest, dig deeper to determine the problem.

Depression – Change in appetite is a classic sign of depression. Be sure to follow up with a physician if you suspect depression may be a problem.

Sudden weight fluctuation – A weight change – losing or gaining 10 pounds in six months – is another sign that something could be amiss.

Expired or spoiled food – Check the refrigerator for expired or spoiled food. Seniors could be saving food until it's no longer safe. Make sure that all food is labeled, with the date, in large letters and numbers.

Skin tone – Observe your senior's skin tone. If she is eating properly, her skin should look healthy and well-hydrated.

Lethargy – If your loved one has regularly been active and enjoyed taking walks but suddenly becomes lethargic, encourage him to see a doctor. Poor nutrition could be to blame.

Cognitive problems – Seniors who live alone might forget to eat. Dementia and cognitive problems can lead to nutritional deficiencies. Quick intervention is vital.

More than three medications – Medication can influence both appetite and weight. Check with your senior's doctor to find out if his medications could be the culprit.

A recent illness – Illness or a hospital stay could make a senior stop eating. Keep tabs on your loved one's recovery, making sure she has reliable help at home.

In addition to resources available through "Cooking Under Pressure," Wimsatt said Home Instead Senior Care is available for seniors in need of additional assistance, including companionship, meal preparation, light housekeeping, medication reminders, shopping, errands, Alzheimer's care and more.

"Our mission is to help seniors stay as independent as possible with dignity and safety," Wimsatt said.

Cranberry Apricot Oatmeal

Servings: 4 • Serving Size: 1 cup

4 cup water
1 cup steel-cut oats
2 tlbs. dried cranberries
2 tlbs. dried apricots
Dash salt

This breakfast dish needs to be started the night before you plan to serve it. In a large bowl, combine water, oats, dried cranberries, dried apricots and salt. Stir well. Cover the bowl and leave overnight in the refrigerator or on the kitchen counter. In the morning, stir the contents of the bowl and pour into a pot. Over high heat, bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for about 30 minutes or until the oats have absorbed all of the water. If you prefer dry oatmeal, use about 1/4 cup less water. If you prefer your oatmeal very moist, add 1/4 cup more water.

Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories, 200; fat, 3 g; carbohydrate, 37 g; protein: 6 g

Broccoli Slaw

Servings: 6 • Serving Size: 1/2 cup

2 tlbs. crumbled Veggie Bacon
3/4 pound broccoli florets or slaw (bagged)
2 tbls. plain low-fat yogurt
2 tbls. mayonnaise
1 1/2 tlbs. apple cider vinegar
1 tspn. granulated sugar
1/4 tspn. table salt
1/4 tspn. black pepper
1/2 cup water chestnuts, chopped
1/4 cup red onion, chopped

Cook bacon in a large skillet over medium heat, turning frequently until crisp. Chop coarsely. Whisk yogurt, mayo, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add water chestnuts, onion, bacon, and broccoli and toss or stir to coat evenly.

Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories, 70; fat, 2 g; carbohydrate, 10 g; protein: 3 g

Sources: www.foodsforseniors.com

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HEALTH NEWS

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As a leading culinary figure in the community, Tatsuya Miyazaki is eager to feed the hungry in Las Cruces.

Local nutritionist works to give back

Aqua Reef to provide meals for needy

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Healthy, gourmet food at a fancy restaurant might seem out of reach to a struggling family, especially when times are tough and the economy is slow. But Aqua Reef owner Tatsuya Miyazaki believes high-scale dining is something everybody should be able to experience, even if finances don't allow.

In efforts to help families in need and to beat hunger in Las Cruces, Miyazaki has established the "We Care Program," which will provide a free meal from Aqua Reef, 900 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite B, for an entire family in need every week.

"When I created Aqua Reef in 2008, I wanted my customers to feel swept away to an exotic place to enjoy their favorite dishes from around the world," Miyazaki said. "This is also important for people in need to experience these wonderful, healthy meals."

Miyazaki has called Las Cruces home for more than 25 years and said he loves the people and culture. As a leading culinary figure in the community, Miyazaki also works as the director of Food and Nutrition Services at MountainView Regional Medical Center and said giving back to the community is one of his biggest priorities.

Additionally, he was a chef instructor at the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Las Vegas, Nev., then served as director of product development for six restaurants around the world, including Brazil, Germany, Taiwan and three in Japan.

"Las Cruces has been supportive and good to me for over 25 years and I am proud to give something back in a time of need. Food has been my passion in life and I enjoy sharing my creations," Miyazaki said.

The passion Miyazaki has is immediately evident on first entrance to Aqua Reef. The restaurant, which specializes in Euro-Asian cuisine, features an elegant, worldly setting, complete with a floating, self-serve sushi bar and an extensive menu that ranges from dim sum and sushi, to tapas.

Already the restaurant has won numerous readers choice awards including Best Asian Food, Best Restaurant Service and Most Romantic, among others.

Miyazaki said he is excited to share his restaurant and food with people who, otherwise, might not be able to have such a dining experience. He said the recent economic slump was one of the main reasons he decided to start the program.

"During the days when the economy was worst, I asked myself how I could help those in need and this was the way I felt I could most effectively share my blessings," Miyazaki said.

The program works on a nomination basis and Miyazaki said he plans to sponsor the program's first family on Sept. 1.

Anyone in the community can nominate a family living in one household and Aqua Reef will choose a nominated family based on need. Miyazaki said he hopes to help those who are struggling due to a job loss, health reasons or family circumstances. In addition to the free meal, Miyazaki encourages the community to donate canned and dry goods to give to participating families.

"Each week, our executive committee will meet to review the nominations. We will then contact the chosen family and they can pick up their meal, or we will take the food to them," Miyazaki said.

Since the program is new, Miyazaki said he is still trying to get the word out. He said others can help by word of mouth and by nominating families. He thinks there is a huge need for such programs in Las Cruces. He said it may even be a possibility in the future to collaborate with other local restaurants and provide for even more families. For now, Miyazaki said he wants to do the best he can, helping one family at a time.

"We will offer the families a variety of food from around the world, the same food we offer at Aqua Reef. It will be a healthy and flavorful, balanced meal," Miyazaki said. "I will work with my chefs to create something special each week."

Anyone interested in nominating a family may download a nomination sheet at www.aqua-reef.com, or call any of the restaurant managers at 522-7333.

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Breast cancer treatment takes only five days

Memorial Ikard Cancer Treatment Center performed its first MammoSite in July, a breast cancer radiation treatment that takes only five days, as opposed to the typical six weeks.

The current standard for treating patients following a lumpectomy is whole-breast radiation treatment. MammoSite is a partial-breast irradiation procedure that treats only the tissue directly around the removed cancer, eliminating much of the healthy tissue being exposed to radiation. MammoSite is a high-dose radiation treatment that requires two treatments a day for only five days, much shorter than the one treatment a day for six weeks that is standard for whole-breast radiation treatment.

> "MammoSite gives women another option in breast-conserving treatment."
>
> DR. CHERIE HAYOSTEK, Ikard Cancer Treatment Center

"MammoSite gives women another option in breast-conserving treatment," said Dr. Cherie Hayostek, Chief Radiation Oncologist at Ikard. "In the past, women who live farther away might have declined treatment, or gotten a mastectomy, because traveling everyday for six weeks was too difficult for them."

During the lumpectomy, the surgeon will insert a fluid-filled balloon where the lump is removed. The balloon is connected to a catheter, or hollow tube. A small portion of the catheter remains outside the breast, secured to a cushioned gauze pad to prevent movement.

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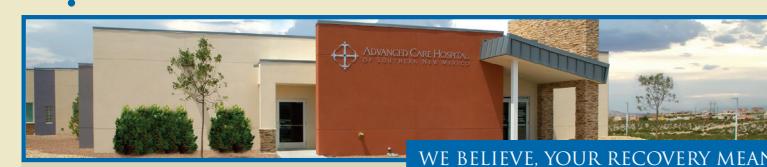

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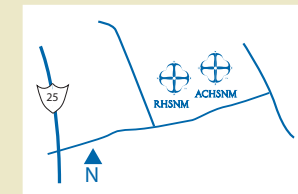

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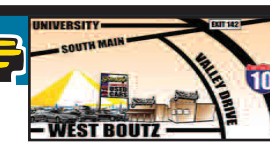

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Gov promises bright future for Las Cruces

South no longer state's 'backwater'

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

There was a time when southern New Mexico was considered to be the state's "backwater," Gov. Bill Richardson said at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon Thursday, Aug. 20.

But that notion is dissipating, he said, as Las Cruces continues to be recognized nationally as a great place to retire and as New Mexico State University keeps getting high rankings as a good educational value, as a top engineering school and as one of the most veteran-friendly campuses in the United States.

NMSU's new aerospace engineering program complements the spaceport being built 45 miles north of Las Cruces and once Spaceport America is fully operational and attracts more users, the region will be at the forefront of a new industry, Richardson said.

"Commercial space is here to stay," he said. "You laugh a little bit, but this is the future."

Richardson said the state wisely invested in building the $198 million spaceport when state coffers were flush from high oil and gas revenues. That investment will pay off in hundreds – if not thousands – of jobs in southern New Mexico, he said.

Richardson acknowledged that skepticism remains in Doña Ana County as evidenced by the slim margin of voter approval for a gross receipts tax increase to support constructing the spaceport. It may take 10 years for the area to see the jobs, he said, but they will come as the private aerospace industry presents new opportunities for job creation.

To make this really happen, quality education needs to reach down from the university and community college systems to the schools, Richardson said. While the state is facing a shortfall, the governor promised to do everything he could to spare education cuts and praised the region's resourcefulness in its efforts such as the new joint effort with NMSU, Las Cruces Public Schools and Doña Ana Community College, which is creating the state's first comprehensive early college high school to be located at the Arrowhead Center.

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Imports dominate clunker sales

Domestics are top 10 among junked cars

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Cash for Clunkers program undoubtedly increased traffic at dealer showrooms, manufacturer web sites and local car lots. But did it substantially help Americans and American automakers?

According to the latest numbers released by the U.S Transportation Department, eight of the top-10 cars sold as part of the clunkers program were imports. Toyota Motor Corp. topped overall sales, accounting for 19.2 percent of cars sold. Fifty-nine percent of vehicles bought with clunkers cash were foreign.

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Sisbarro Volkswagen-Mitsubishi displayed two Ford Rangers in a dumpster during its clunkers campaign. The top-10 cars junked across the nation are all American. Eight of the top-10 new cars sold are from foreign manufacturers; the other two are Ford models.

The top-two sellers were the Toyota Corolla and Honda Civic, both imports. Ford Motor Co.'s Focus and Escape were the only American cars in the running.

"The Cash for Clunkers program disproportionately helped foreign brand cars," said Chris Erickson, professor of economics at New Mexico State University. "But it did also help U.S. auto employees, regardless of who they work for."

As of 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, dealers had submitted 489,269 vouchers for reimbursement to the tune of $2.04 billion. The Cars Allowance Rebate System (Cash for Clunkers) ended Monday, Aug. 24.

Karl Brauer of Edmunds.com, famous for its "True Market Value" pricing tools, said the reason for higher import sales was simple – the program favored "green" cars, a segment of the market in which American car companies have yet to compete.

"Historically, foreign cars have been more reliable and their fleets have been more fuel efficient," said Ken Martin, NMSU economics professor. "Detroit has been late to get on the fuel-efficient bandwagon, primarily because trucks and SUVs earn more money."

Martin said Detroit, and particularly Ford Motor Co., is getting better at both quality and fuel efficiency.

He added that foreign carmakers control the majority of the U.S. market because motorists in America have long recognized the value and quality of foreign brand automobiles, a notion that's hard to shake, even as American cars become more reliable and fuel-efficient.

"When oil prices began rising and

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Chile harvest yields promising

Dry weather halted diseases

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley chile crop is promising good yields, but the persistent hot weather could be changing the harvest schedule, according to Stephanie Walker, New Mexico State University Extension vegetable specialist.

The hot, dry weather is causing the green chile pods to mature faster than normal, she explained.

"If people want to put up green chile, they should buy the chile early before the pods turn red and lose that green chile quality," she said. "We also haven't had heavy rains this summer, so we don't have serious problems with chile wilt."

Biad Chili Products producers started harvesting green chile pods a couple of weeks ago, and Chris Biad reported good yields and a low disease-incident rate. The company is selling roasted and frozen green pods at its plant south of Mesilla Park.

"The yields look pretty good," Biad said. "We don't have the exact tonnage yet, but it looks like we should have the highest yield that we've had the last few years."

His producers are harvesting more than 200 combined acres of the improved Big Jim Heritage and 6-4 Heritage chile varieties for

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MARVIN TESSNEER | The Las Cruces Bulletin
Chris Biad and Myrna Cardoza feed green pods fresh from the field into a conveyer belt that sends them into a horizontal roaster at the Biad Chili Products plant. The plant is busy supplying families and retailers with roasted chile.

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before the current recession, higher quality and fuel efficiency became even more important," Martin said. "I think American car companies now 'get it' with respect to fuel efficiency, but it's been a painful process for them."

The only Detroit-made vehicles in the Transportation Department's top-10 most sold with clunker cash list are the Ford Focus and the Ford Escape, which came in at No.3 and No. 8, respectively.

To increase competition, Detroit must build cars that show up with a lot of "green dots" on consumer reports ratings, Martin said.

"(American manufacturers) should build quality cars that are fuel efficient at an affordable price," he added.

Gerson Goldberg, an NMSU professor of finance who owned and operated two General Motors dealerships in Connecticut for 17 years, said he's not sure how effective the program has been and how it will affect American auto manufacturers.

"Certainly, there are people who held off normally scheduled purchases until the promotion was in effect, and certainly there are people who purchased earlier than they would have because of the program," he said. "Both distort the large sales numbers being reported. I don't think it will change the long-term sales rate."

Clunkers by the numbers

The latest data shows an average 15.8 mpg fuel economy on trade-ins and 25 mpg on the new, replacement vehicles – an increase of 9.2 mpg.

So far, 84 percent of trade-ins under the program are trucks and 59 percent of vehicle purchases are cars.

Toyota vehicles accounted for 19.2 percent of the 489,269 sales recorded through Friday, Aug. 21, while General Motors had the second spot at 17.7 percent. Imports accounted for more than half of all new car sales.

Top 10 Cash for Clunkers purchases

1. Toyota Corolla
2. Honda Civic
3. Ford Focus
4. Toyota Camry
5. Hyundai Elantra
6. Toyota Prius
7. Nissan Versa
8. Ford Escape FWD
9. Honda Fit
10. Honda CR-V AWD

Top 10 Cash for Clunkers trade-ins

1. Ford Explorer 4WD
2. Ford F-150 Pickup 2WD
3. Jeep Grand Cherokee 4WD
4. Jeep Cherokee 4WD
5. Ford Explorer 2WD
6. Dodge Caravan/Grand Caravan
7. Chevrolet Blazer 4WD
8. Ford F-150 Pickup 2WD
9. Chevrolet C1500 Pickup 2WD
10. Ford Windstar

Local appeal

Lou Sisbarro, owner of several local dealerships, said he sold more Volkswagens than any other brand under the clunker program.

"One of the biggest problems was that we didn't have enough different models," he said. "We ran out. Both GM and Chrysler were going through bankruptcy and during that period of time all the factories were turned down. We had no new cars – we had our old inventory, and that was it."

Sisbarro said his team sold 51 cars as part of the program, and that "some people whose cars didn't qualify as clunkers ended up buying one anyway."

He said he spent about $200,000 out-of-pocket for the clunker sales, but expects the government to "wake up and get their act in line" and repay him soon.

"They probably should have let another company handle it rather than the federal government," he said "I don't know when we will get paid, but I'm sure we will."

Overall, Sisbarro said he was satisfied with the initiative.

"It really was a wonderful program," he said. "It provided some stimulus for the market, a stimulus I hope continues. Sales wise, the month of August is going to be the best month we've had in about a year."

Small cars, big problems

"One big reason that cars built by foreign manufacturers have enjoyed success over time and especially under the (clunkers) program is the extended effect of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards," Goldberg said.

CAFE standards, first enacted by Congress in 1975, are federal regulations intended to improve the average fuel economy of cars and light trucks sold in the United States.

The most recent version of CAFE passed in 2007 no longer grants exemptions to light trucks classified as SUVs or passenger vans unless they meet certain weight requirements.

"There are different requirements for cars built here and those built overseas," Goldberg said. "Even if the car is assembled here, as many of the foreign manufacturers do, if it has 26 percent or more in foreign made parts, it's considered part of the foreign fleet."

Goldberg said foreign manufacturers who assemble cars in the U.S. do just that, import parts so they can be considered foreign, and in turn have lower manufacturing costs, which results in lower prices at the dealer.

"In spite of substantial improvement in quality of American cars, they still are faced with higher manufacturing costs," he continued. "This is one of the reasons GM and Chrysler needed a taxpayer bailout. They can build all the trucks and SUVs Americans want, but in order to do that, they must build overly-expensive small cars at a loss."

Chile

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the first year as a commercial crop. The two heritage varieties were improved by NMSU chile breeder Paul Bosland, who has brought them back to their original quality and yields.

The Biad plant also is processing medium-pungent Joe Parker green pods.

Doña Ana County Extension horticulturist Jeffrey Anderson also had a positive report, good yields and low plant disease incident rate with alfalfa mosaic wilt, tomato spotted wilt virus that is spread by aphids from alfalfa and desert weeds and some chile wilt fungus.

"If farmers have heavy, dense soil and they irrigate too much, that can bring on the fungus," Anderson said.

While checking chile fields, Anderson toured the Ronnie Franzoy jalapeño field near Hatch, which he described as "beautiful."

"They were trying out a new Israeli green chile harvester, which is very important here," Anderson said. "Not only does it replace hand labor, which is very expensive, but green chile pods are very tender, and we need a green chile harvester that can pick chile pods without bruising them. Harvesting red chile is easier because the pods are dry and don't bruise so easily."

Gene Baca, New Mexico Chile Association president, the early harvest indicates an increase in the state chile production.

"Acreage increased last year for the first time in 15 years," he said. "We don't have any numbers for this year yet, but the crop looks very good."

His latest state chile figures are:

2008 – 12,300 acres planted; 11,100 harvested

2007 – 12,000 acres planted; 10,000 harvested

"We are testing three types of harvesting machines for harvesting green chile this year," Baca also said. "And the initial results are looking good."

He added that consumers can make the difference in chile retailing.

"The NMCA is trying to bring awareness to the decline of New Mexcio chile and is asking consumers to ask for New Mexico chile from grocers, processors and restaurants," Baca said.

Baca also is a vice president with Bueno Foods.

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State of the Economy

The world is full of problems, and I have ideas to fix many of them, if only people would listen. Among the issues for which I have a solution is health insurance.

Estimates vary, but a good guess as to the number of uninsured is about 46 million, or 16 percent of the U.S. population. Some of these are people who for one reason or another don't qualify for insurance. Some are people who can't afford insurance – too rich to qualify for Medicaid and too poor to afford premiums. But also, some of the uninsured are people who just don't want to buy insurance. Often, these are the so-called "invisibles," usually in their 20s and 30s, who don't think they need medical insurance. After all, they are young and healthy.

We elderly, on the other hand, want these invisibles included in our health insurance pool since spreading costs over more healthy people reduces the average cost to the pool as a whole. Of course, at some future date, today's invisibles will be elderly and will benefit from forcing their children into the pool. Thus, a single insurance pool funded by taxes or mandated premiums provides affordable insurance for all.

A single insurance pool also solves another problem. As medical science advances, people will have increasing knowledge about their health risks. The good news is this knowledge will allow for improved medical care, with the promise of longer, healthier lives. The bad news is that pre-existing conditions will become an increasingly difficult problem.

It is just not possible in a voluntary market for pre-existing conditions to be insured. In a phenomenon called adverse selection, people with pre-existing conditions will systematically buy insurance, increasing the average cost of providing insurance.

Insurance companies will have to increase premiums, thereby pricing healthy people out of the pool. In the extreme, the insurance market can breakdown completely. But if everyone is forced into a single insurance pool, pre-existing conditions aren't an issue, as the healthy and sick are forced into the pool without regard to pre-existing conditions, so adverse selection is not an issue.

So, the single national insurance pool is the solution, right? Well, not so fast. This is America, and forcing people to purchase insurance they don't want strikes me as un-American. National insurance impinges on personal liberty too much.

I propose a compromise. All children 18 and younger should be covered by insurance, regardless of their parents' income. Second, lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to, say, 55 years old. As people age, pre-existing conditions become more relevant and lowering the age of Medicare eligibility will cover many who would otherwise have difficulty qualifying for insurance. Allow those in the middle – the "invisibles" – to purchase or not purchase medical insurance as they desire.

My proposal is not the lowest cost proposal, but one that balances freedom of choice with the need to cover an increasingly well-diagnosed population. Now, just do what I say and the health insurance problem is solved.

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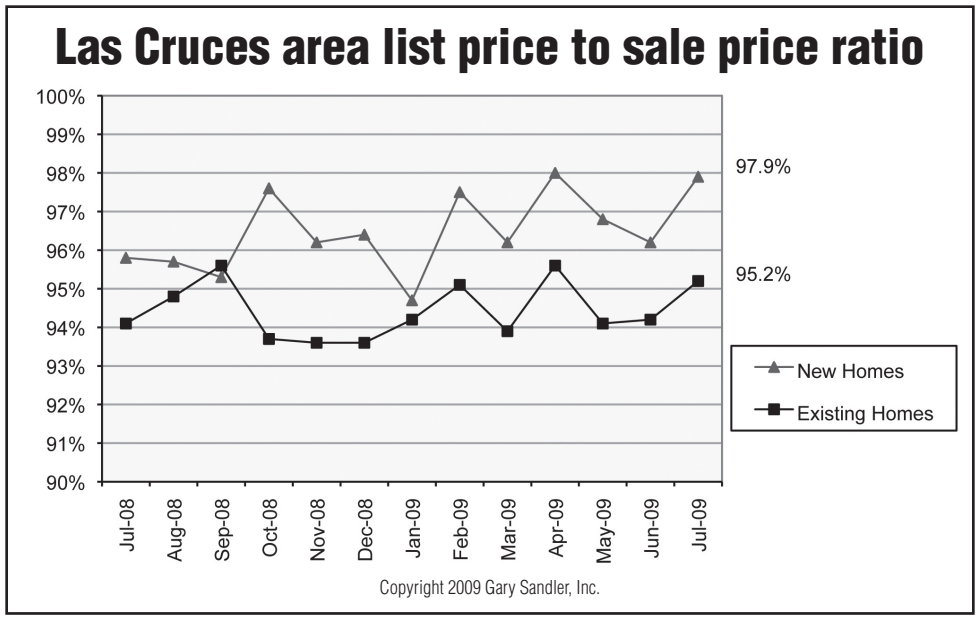

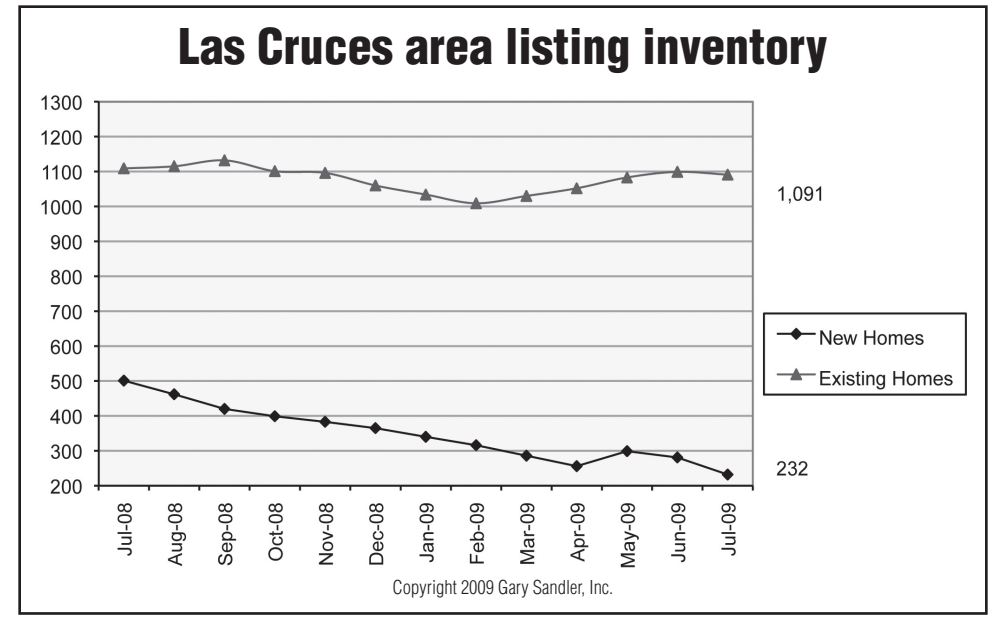

Home sales increase nationwide

Data shows local prices stabilizing

Recently, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) reported that for the first time in five years, existing-home sales across the country have increased for four months in a row.

According to the Aug. 21 report, July sales of existing single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums rose 7.2 percent over the number of sales reported in June, and 5 percent over the sales pace reported in July 2008.

Prices? Well, that's another matter. Nationwide, the median existing-home price for all of the single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums sold in July was $178,400, which is 15.1 percent lower than in July 2008. NAR attributes the continuing decline in home prices to the sale of distressed properties, which typically sell for 15 to 20 percent less than traditional homes.

Locally, existing-home sales production numbers were mixed in July, according to an Aug. 21 printout culled from the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) arm of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR). MLIS reported sales of existing homes, townhomes and condominiums booked during the seventh month of this year outpaced June sales by 9.7 percent but were down 10.6 percent from a year ago. The 94 sales booked in July represented the highest number of existing-home sales reported during the previous 12 months, however, exceeded only by the 104 sales reported in July of last year.

When it comes to local prices, MLIS reports that the median price of $162,500 posted for all of the Las Cruces area existing-homes, townhomes and condominiums sold in July represented a $10,000, or .006 percent, decline from June's median price of $172,500. July's median price was also about $12,500, or 6.7 percent, below July 2008's median price of $185,000.

National new-home sales statistics for July, which are supplied by the Census Bureau, had not been released by press time, but data from our local MLIS indicated that Las Cruces area new-home July sales production fell 37.5 percent below June's sales numbers and 47.9 percent below July 2008's production level.

Bucking the declining-price trend, the $160,492 median price of the Las Cruces area new-homes sold in July represented a $4,442 or 2.9 percent increase over the $156,050 median price posted in June. At the same time, July's median new-home sales price was $34,258, or 17.6 percent, lower than the $194,750 median price posted one year ago.

On the bright side, statistics indicate that local prices are beginning to stabilize. One positive indicator of the change is the decline in the size of our local home inventory – especially on the new-home side. As of Aug. 21, MLIS reported that there were a total of 232 Las Cruces area new-homes offered for sale. That's a 49-unit, or 17.4 percent, decline from the 281 units "on the shelf" in June and a 269-unit, or 53.6 percent, decline from the 501 units in inventory as of July 2008. Our local existing-home inventory declined as well, but not as drastically as the new-home numbers.

Typically, as the inventory of available homes becomes smaller, demand begins to rise. That rise in demand often translates into higher sales prices, which may be one of the reasons new-home prices rose in July. Another important indicator of change is the list-price-to-sales-price ratio achieved by sellers of new and existing Las Cruces area homes.

According to MLIS, new-home sellers achieved 97.5 percent of asking prices in July, which exceeded by 1.1 percent the 96.2 percent reported in June was 1.7 percent over 95.8 percent reported in July 2008. The 1.7 percent increase puts around $2,700 additional dollars in the average sellers' pockets.

Will our local market follow the national trend and continue to improve? I'll have the answer for you in upcoming columns. In the meantime, I hope it won't be long until I …

See you at closing.

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Meson gives back

Jodie York (center), owner of Meson de Mesilla, presents a check for $806 to Lorna Harris, executive director of Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, as assistant general manager Cathy Montgomery looks on, after the boutique hotel participated in raising money at its celebrity bartenders event. Meson de Mesilla also contributed $806 to First Step and $2,546 to the PINK Campaign from the celebrity bartenders event and a previous fundraiser combined.

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SBA increases contracting opportunities for minorities

Federal officials to participate in more than 200 procurement events in the U.S.

The Obama Administration said Aug. 18 it was reaffirming its commitment to ensuring that minority-owned and small businesses, including women- and veteran-owned businesses, have greater access to federal government contracting opportunities.

Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and Small Business Administrator Karen Mills announced a government-wide plan that includes federal agency procurement officials holding or participating in more than 200 events over the next 90 days to share information on government contracting opportunities, including those available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"Small and minority-owned businesses must play a significant role in our efforts to restore economic growth," said President Barack Obama in a press release. "Small businesses employ half of the nation's private sector workforce, create a large share of the nation's new jobs and introduce many groundbreaking ideas into the marketplace. It is essential that we provide our nation's small businesses with maximum practicable opportunity to participate in federal government contracting."

Obama further said that in order to better meet or exceed the goal of 23 percent of prime contracts going to small businesses, he has consulted with Vice President Joe Biden, Mills and Locke to lead a government-wide initiative to increase outreach.

"In these tough economic times, the Recovery Act is providing billions of dollars in opportunity and incentives to help businesses grow – and the president and I are committed to ensuring that small and minority-owned businesses are part of our economic recovery every step of the way," said Vice President Joe Biden in an SBA report. "By taking advantage of the expertise of an array of companies, we are going to be able to build a stronger, more secure foundation for long-term economic growth."

As part of the Commerce-SBA initiative, over the next 90 days:

- Federal agency procurement officials will hold or participate in more than 200 events to share information on contracting opportunities, including those available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- SBA and Commerce will expand their outreach to fellow contracting officials across the federal government, passing along best practices for outreach and education to every agency to ensure they have the tools they need to meet their annual contracting goals.
- Locke and Mills will promote small business contracting opportunities in remarks, events and discussions with small business groups across the country, including minority, women and veteran groups.

Locke said, "Over the past 40 years, minority-owned businesses have grown from 300,000 to nearly 4 million today. Their success and the success of small American businesses are vital to our economic recovery."

Beyond the next 90 days, Commerce and SBA will support, monitor and track the impact of these efforts going forward to help ensure the administration is maximizing opportunities for small businesses.

Small business owners can find out about federal contracting opportunities by visiting www.fedbizopps.gov. Local Commerce and SBA officials are also available in local offices across the country, including the New Mexico District Office in Albuquerque, 625 Silver Avenue, SW, Suite 320. For more information, call 505-248-8225.

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Cultural awareness is key to international success

Overlooking differences could be costly

By Jerry Pacheco
Executive director of the International Business Accelerator

Courtesy of Finance New Mexico

New Mexicans are familiar with the stereotype about Mexican Americans and Hispanics – that people who have lived here for generations have the same tastes and preferences as recent arrivals from Mexico. But many of us are just as guilty of viewing Central and Latin American cultures as a homogeneous "Hispanic" mass, thus negating the rich diversity found in the customs and traditions of South and Central America.

Such generalizations are lethal to those of us who do business across national borders. The culturally insensitive businessperson risks offending the very people he wants to please and overlooks opportunities to market to various subgroups.

One size doesn't fit all

The simple tortilla illustrates how different traditions can be within a larger cultural group.

On my first visit to Mexico, I was surprised to be served a small corn tortilla rather than a large flour tortilla like those found in northern New Mexico. My hosts stared when I tore the tortilla in half and put the remainder back in the tortilla container. When a member of this family later visited me in northern New Mexico, it was my turn to be surprised when he grabbed a whole tortilla and put it on his plate.

This experience revealed sharp cultural differences in tortillas – and tortilla protocol. In Mexico, people don't break tortillas in half and put the rest back in the container. Where I come from, the tortillas are larger and most people take only part of the disc.

I have returned to this early lesson in my travels throughout Mexico, Latin America and the U.S. Categorizing people by ethnicity, nationality, gender and age is useful when planning a marketing strategy, but the astute businessperson recognizes the limits of this perspective and works hard to understand and appeal to different target markets.

Know your world

A company planning to do business in another country should research not only the market but also the people and customs of that country or region – especially the customs associated with the product or service being marketed and the people whom the company wants to reach. That said, salespeople or representatives should graciously overlook gaffes committed by business associates from other countries or cultures, as there's a good chance your foreign associates are doing the same for you.

The International Business Accelerator can help New Mexican businesses and individuals with some of the challenges associated with taking their product or service into the global market. We can teach businesses about the export-import trade and offer access to our database of international trade leads and joint venture opportunities. For more information about IBA, visit www.nmiba.com.

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People on the Move

Elaine Johnson named RE/MAX Broker/ Owner of the Year

JOHNSON

RE/MAX International Inc., headquartered in Denver, Colo., presented Elaine Johnson with the 2008 Broker/Owner of the Year Award for New Mexico. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding broker/owners who demonstrate extraordinary commitment and loyalty to their RE/MAX associates, employees and clients.

"Elaine Johnson is a valued and trusted member of the RE/MAX Network and truly exemplifies what a broker/owner should be," said Saba Swamy, franchise development consultant for the RE/MAX Southwest Region. Johnson opened RE/MAX Classic Realty in January 1995 and since then has expanded RE/MAX throughout Las Cruces.

NM School for the Arts selects new head of school

New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA), a public, statewide, residential charter high school, has selected James Ledyard as the new head of school, effective Aug. 5. Ledyard is a veteran educator whose career has spanned high school and college teaching, secondary school leadership and university administration. He has been head of three independent schools, most recently Ravenscroft School in Raleigh, N.C., where he served for 11 years. His teaching has focused on literature for the theater, with a specialty in Shakespeare.

Wingstop guests raise $30,000 for Feeding America

Wingstop recently completed a three-week partnership campaign with Feeding America, collecting $30,000 to benefit the national charity – $5,000 beyond the restaurant chain's original goal. The Wingstop located at 1420 Missouri Ave. in Las Cruces, owned and operated by Charles Loflin, was one of the top collection sites, raising more than $1,480. Feeding America supplies food to more than 25 million Americans each year and supports approximately 63,000 local charitable agencies that distribute food directly to those in need.

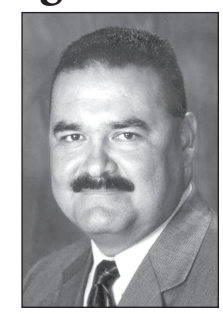
DPNM announces Board of Directors

The Dairy Producers of New Mexico (DPNM) is pleased to announce the Board of Directors for 2009-10. On June 11, at the DPNM's Annual Convention, the membership of DPNM sustained the following Board of Directors: Al Squire, owner of SouthWind and SecondWind Dairies, was retained as director of the board; re-elections include Gary Bonestroo, immediate past president; Joe Gonzalez, vice president; Charlie DeGroot, secretary; and Gerry Greathouse, treasurer. Board members are Pedram Ghoreishi, Jason Goff, John Paul Heavyside, Frances Horton, David Lawrence, Ron Schaap and Luke Woelber.

County hires finance director

Doña Ana County Manager Brian D. Haines has announced the county has hired William Noland, as finance director. Noland comes to Doña Ana County from Oakland, Calif., where he was the City of Oakland's director of finance and management since 2003. He served as the city's controller from 1999 to 2003 before being promoted. Prior to that, he served as the accounting manager and interim director of finance for the Contra Costa Water District.

White Sands FCU VP graduates from CUNA management


ESCANDON

Gabe Escandon, vice president of operations at White Sands Federal Credit Union, graduated July 22 from the Southwest CUNA Management School (SCMS) in Fort Worth, Texas. SCMS is a three-year course of study recognized in the credit union industry for innovative and hands-on professional development. Escandon was among this year's 35 graduates from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Missouri. "I learned a great deal from this school," Escandon said. "I gained a much better understanding of what should go into the strategic planning process."

Lindley recognized by Pampered Chef

Kathleen Lindley, Las Cruces resident and independent director with The Pampered Chef – a direct seller of kitchen tools – received the company's President's Award in August. President's Award recipients are the top achievers in personal sales, personal recruits, developing directors, first line cluster sales and overall cluster sales. Lindley also received the Top Performance Cluster Award in personal sales and recruiting.

State 4-H officers elected at state conference

The 2009-10 State 4-H Council Officer Team was elected during the 86th Annual State 4-H Conference in Las Cruces at New Mexico State University in July. The five officers campaigned throughout the weeklong event with posters, business cards and speeches. Delegates representing counties from across the state voted for the candidates during the conference. The 2009-10 president is Kassandra Grooms, 17, of Las Cruces. She participates in 4-H crops and wildlife contests. Georgia Mitchell, 16, of Tucumcari, was elected vice president; Augusta Ahlm, 16, of Raton, was elected secretary; and Danielle Lowry, 16, of Albuquerque, was elected treasurer. The song and recreation leader is Garrett Schmidt, 17, of Corrales.

Moody joins First American Bank

MOODY

Everett Crawford, chairman and CEO of First American Bank has announced the hiring of Bret Moody as vice president and commercial loan officer. Bret has more than 12 years of experience in the banking industry – seven as a commerical lender and five as a retail banker. Bret is an active member of the Southern New Mexico Mortgage Lenders Association and the Building Industry Association of New Mexico. Bret received a bachelor's degree of science in psychology from Brigham Young University.

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Richardson said it's that kind of collaborative effort that marks recent progress in southern New Mexico, such as the construction of a convention center that is another NMSU collaboration – this one with the City of Las Cruces.

Southern New Mexico is fortunate to also have White Sands Missile Range and the NASA test facility north of Organ, which Richardson said residents who live don't always appreciate.

"I'm struck that somehow you don't value the great things you have here," he said.

Richardson urged the business community to continue that spirit of collaboration to help educators fight problems like the state's high dropout rate.

Looming over Richardson's visit is the economic recession and its effect on the state government's money. A budgetary shortfall will force a special session in October and the governor insisted it's being caused by sluggish personal and corporate income tax – not government overspending or from the tax cuts he successfully championed at the start of his first term.

During his tenure, Richardson said he's been able to cut the state income tax and capital gains burdens in half, while attracting new business to the state through incentives, such as tax breaks for movie production companies.

Richardson promised to stand firm on not taking those tax cuts back. Nor will he let lawmakers kill off the tax incentives that have attracted new business opportunities to New Mexico, he said.

Richardson vowed to keep the proposed special session short and focused only on shoring up the budget. Based on a recent meeting with legislative leaders, Richardson said he is confident a bipartisan solution to the state budget can be reached because it is not an election year.

Though more than half of the state's budget goes to the schools and higher education, Richardson said he is urging lawmakers and state officials to look elsewhere for budget reductions. Cutting education funding would be "counterproductive," he said.

Meanwhile, southern New Mexico's agriculture continues to be the area's economic foundation and the area has thankfully been spared the violence along the U.S.-Mexico border, he said.

Before Richardson's speech, chamber board President John Hummer – who is also a state transportation commissioner – noted that work is beginning on a $36 million project to add another lane in both directions along I-10 between Las Cruces and El Paso.

During his speech, Richardson noted that the state is looking at creating a Rail Runner line between Las Cruces and El Paso.

Also, Hummer joined with Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta to recognize Patsy Duran for her work on The Bridge that evolved from the chamber's effort to help improve local education. After being active in the community for 30 years, Duran will be moving to Florida to be closer to family.

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20094974	Mesa View Homes LLC	BPS LLC	Res/New	4649 Salado Creek St.	$159,080	$3,640
20094981	GS Roofing	Benjamin M. and Janis M. Boykin	Reroof	4681 Sun Canyon Court	$9,000	$81
20094976	Mason Rodger J Construction Co.	Don and Carol Millet	Reroof	3005 Missouri Ave.	$9,500	$84
20094954	Quin Craft Construction	Barbara F. Berryhill	Reroof	2958 Sundown Road	$5,700	$61
20094994	Val-Con	Rayond L. Johnson and Raylene Barton	Comm/Alt	1886 W. Picacho Ave.	$12,000	$98
20094992	Maria S. Aguirre	Joaquin B. and Maria Aguirre	Reroof	2035 Lynch	$600	$31
20095017	Top Notch Exteriors	Laura E. Guerrero	Reroof	1802 Louise Circle	$4,500	$54
20095016	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Paul K. and Joy L. Arthur	Reroof	2050 San Acacio St.	$25,765	$167
20095004	M and M International Contractors	Ken Thurston Homes	Res/Add	3731 Vista Belleza Ave.	$1,200	$38
20094995	Earl W. and Alma Lee Shumaker	Earl W. and Alma Lee Shumaker	Res/Add	1560 S. Almendra St.	$10,000	$87
20095024	Building Systems Tech Inc.	Jess C. Williams III	Res/Alt	518 N. Miranda St.	$5,200	$58
20095005	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3555 Camino Verde	$161,130	$3,643
20095047	Rumiers Excavation and Construction LLC	Richard and Aurora Valverde	New Subdivision	1 Aurora	$247,695	$12,700
20095007	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3536 Sierra Bonita Ave.	$184,746	$3,683
20095025	GL Green and Associates	Name not required	Res/New	4331 Calle Amarilla Arc	$178,022	$3,922
20095027	Roadrunner Construction Co.	Sandra N. Valenzuela	Res/Alt	1400 Paxton St.	$12,978	$104
20094962	Lannick Construction	John S. Augustyniak	Reroof	1863 Bridger Ave.	$4,000	$51
20094999	A & A Roofing	Kelly M. Siebe-Gay	Reroof	1211 Branson Ave.	$4,000	$51
20095032	Kim Dollarhide	Kim Dollarhide	Reroof	371 Butler St.	$3,000	$45
20095002	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	7455 Sierra Linda Court	$170,560	$3,659
20094993	GL Green and Associates	Name not required	Res/New	4335 Calle Amarilla Arc	$178,104	$3,672
20095001	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3543 Camino Verde	$184,746	$3,683
20095003	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3552 Sierra Bonita Ave.	$170,560	$3,659
20095006	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3548 Sierra Bonita Ave.	$159,736	$3,641
20095029	Hayward Brown Construction	Tayvis Development Inc.	Res/New	3957 Tayvis Road	$151,454	$1,727
20094913	Desert Hills Roofing	Patricia E. Howell	Reroof	1875 Rentfrow Ave.	$7,750	$73
20094922	Scott E. Lindsay	Raymond E. and Janice K. Bamberg	Res/Add	3417 Jupiter Road	$8,000	$75
20095088	Diemer Building and Remodeling Inc.	Irene L. Seibert	Res/Alt	1340 Wofford Drive	$31,350	$195
20094912	Desert Hills Roofing	Anna Rodriguez	Reroof	1035 Heather Circle	$7,550	$72
20095066	B and L Roofing Inc.	Steven Folkers	Reroof	5325 Real del Norte	$6,000	$63
20095054	Homes by Marc LLC	Construction Trades Partnership Inc.	Res/New	633 S. Espina St.	$100,000	$226
20095030	Elwell Construction Co.	Hoffman Children Trust	Comm/New	3381 Del Rey Blvd.	$670,000	$5,563
20095084	Cushing Construction LLC	Dande Development LLC	Res/New	3353 Valverde Loop	$123,000	$3,277
20095082	Guerin Custom Homes	Bright View Land Company	Res/New	4116 Benisa Place	$175,480	$3,668
20095118	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3547 Camino Verde	$169,248	$3,657
20095077	De La Paz Construction	Cheryl Demille	Reroof	3143 Executive Hills Road	$5,000	$57
20095100	Warren Construction	JPP Investments LLC	Comm/New	4381 Lohman Ave.	$1,000,000	$14,247
20095099	GMJ Enterprises	Jerry L. and Sonia A. Knutson	Reroof	6247 Cloud Dance Drive	$4,000	$51
20095130	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	4069 Monte Sombra Ave.	$158,014	$1,738
20095116	Summit Development	Sonoma Ranch East II LLC	Res/New	4338 Canterra Arc	$254,938	$3,803
20095129	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2873 San Elizario Court	$158,014	$270
20095138	Summit Development	Summit Developmnet of LC LLC	Res/New	6516 Teal Drake Court	$155,636	$1,734
20095119	Sweetwater Homes	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3551 Camino Verde	$184,746	$3,683

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Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34958	Campos Roofing & Construction	Les Mallory	Reroof	16 Cielo Vista	Cielo Dorado Estates	$260
34959	GL Green	GL Green	Res/New	1504 San Bonifacio Arc	The Sanctuary Phase I	$538
34961	JC Roofing Inc.	Esther Schuh	Reroof	655 Kristin Drive	Sundown Acres	$140
34963	GL Green & Associates	GL Green & Associates	Res/New	1591 Santanova Arc	The Sanctuary Phase I	$575
34966	High Sierra Contractors	Georgina G. Galvan	Reroof	2962 Salome Hernandez	La Union Townsite	$90

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CFSNM says goodbye to one leader, welcomes another

Patsy Duran has dedicated 30 years to philanthropy and the community

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico has made significant strides in sustainability and fundraising in the past year thanks to a dedicated board of directors, community giving and leadership.

This year's annual gifts have more than doubled compared to the same time last year, deferred gifts have exceeded $4.5 million and the community foundation has established eight new endowments.

"This is a giving community. Even during a recession, people in the community are still giving," said Patsy Duran, the foundation's gift planning officer. "The community keeps proving they are eager to meet the needs and the community foundation is here to help with that."

While the foundation's knowledgeable board of directors will continue the mission of sustainability, they will say goodbye to Duran, who will be retiring to Florida with her husband Juan.

Duran has been instrumental in getting the foundation where it is now, starting as the founding executive director in 2000. Through the years, she worked to incorporate a large level of giving in the community among the foundation and its supporting organization the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico, by focusing on endowments, deferred gifts and estate planning.

Duran has dedicated 30 years of her life to philanthropy, starting at the New Mexico State University Foundation then moving on to the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, where she stayed for 12 years.

A year ago, the Board of directors asked Duran to position the foundation in two areas.

"When I returned a year ago, the Board of directors gave me a clear direction to structure a campaign that would help nonprofits with short term emergencies and long-term sustainability through endowments," Duran said. "Another specific direction was to structure a Planned Giving Program, and because of community gifts, that program has been successful in 2009."

In April, the foundation kicked off the Nonprofit Economic Crises Campaign and a goal to raise $500,000 by Dec. 31 to benefit the 33 nonprofits with endowments. With each contribution, the CFSNM will designate 50 percent to an emergency fund for nonprofits with endowments and 50 percent will be designated to a matching fund created to build the nonprofit endowments and their sustainability.

The CFSNM also will continue educating families within southern New Mexico to create legacies, endowments and donor advised funds, keeping money earned locally, helping locally – now with the help of new Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn.

Duran has spent considerable time with Burn, passing on viable information pertinent to the foundation.

"Luan has considerable expertise and experience to take this foundation to the next level," Duran said.

Burn will benefit from the guidance of a strong organization built by the Board of directors and Duran.

"She's a wonderful mentor and her historical knowledge of the community and the foundation is so valuable," Burn said. "She is leaving a legacy because of her commitment and dedication to the community."

Burn wants to continue the focus and passion Duran had for the foundation and the community, thinking about increased sustainability, greater levels of giving and even moving younger generations toward philanthropy, something always important to Duran.

Incoming CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn, left, replaces former director Patsy Duran, who will be retiring to Florida with her husband Juan.

For Duran, leaving will be bittersweet, but she is confident the foundation will become bigger and better every day.

"Luan is a true asset to our donors and our community as a whole. I have enjoyed spending time with her and I regret I won't be here longer to work with her," Duran said, acknowledging the foundation is composed of a strong group of leaders. "As I leave the foundation and community, I know I am leaving an exceptional and dedicated Board of directors, committed to the community and southern New Mexico."

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.

Building Las Cruces
City Aquatics Center

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Workers were busy laying bricks on the city's Regional Recreation & Aquatics Center Monday, Aug. 24, at the corner of Hadley Avenue and North Solano Drive. The new center will feature a therapeutic pool, leisure pool for swimming instruction, a play area, a three-lane lap pool, water slide and a zero-entry pool. The estimated completion date is May 2010, according to builder Jaynes Corp. of Albuquerque. The first phase of the project is expected to cost $13 million.

IN GOOD COMPANY: VITA-MAN NUTRITION CENTER

Start your day with help from the Vita-Man

Las Crucens look to nutrition center for healthy advice

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Who knew wild Mediterranean oregano could help treat the common cold? Or that colloidal silver boosts the immune system. And first-milking colostrum? It's key to establishing healthy growth and strengthening the body's antimicrobial capabilities.

If this all sounds foreign – it's no surprise. Most visitors to the Vita-Man Nutrition Center, 1213 S. El Paseo Road, in the Brazito Plaza, come seeking answers.

"We've ran this store as a family for years," said co-owner Gary Schlothauer, who purchased the store in 1976 with wife Janet. The Schlothauers were ranchers prior to purchasing the shop.

Janet Schlothauer sold vitamins and supplements door-to-door in the '50s to pay for college, her husband said – a time when any "vitamin expert" was more of a "health nut" than an educator.

Now with a staff of seven – Janet and Cliff Schlothauer, Joan Thomas, J.D. Sands, Joan Thomas, Jim Adkisson and Hannah Scyrkels – the store is outfitted with nutritional consultants who are knowledgeable and ready to help.

"Vita-Man has the most extensive selection of vitamins, minerals, enzymes and nutritional supplements that you can find in town," said Sands, who is an educational nutritional consultant. "People come from all over – Silver City, El Paso, Alamogordo – for our products. We also carry natural skin and hair care products and other things."

As the lone tenant remaining on a dreary stretch of Brazito Plaza, Sands said the store has come a long way since its humble beginnings in the mid-'70s, and continues to change with the times.

"Like all family-owned businesses, we are seeing the effects of the economy," Sands said. "But we see an optimistic future, because we offer such a personalized service and free educational consultation. We have a special place here."

Sands said the store's most popular products are magnesium and magnesium derivatives.

"Magnesium, along with most minerals, are almost completely gone from our soils and farm crops these days," Sands said. "We are such a mineral-deficient population that it has contributed to a large amount of disease."

The most common ailment for Vita-Man visitors? Digestive problems, Sands said.

"People often come in with problems related to acid reflux, gas, bloating and constipation," she continued. "That's where I do a lot of educational nutritional consulting to assist them in picking the right supplements or enzymes to help them with better digestion."

Sands said the store has the largest selection of both systemic and digestive enzymes, which are helpful in various ways.

"In some cases, they can help with inflammatory conditions in your bones, joints, vascular system or anywhere in your body," she said. "Enzymes are some of our biggest sellers."

During flu season, many flock to Vita-Man to seek alternative ways to treat their illness, Sands said.

"People want a natural way to take care of their colds," she said. "The best advice – grandma's advice – that I give to people, is wash your hands. It's the best way to stop some of these viruses. But we also offer other products to help treat colds and flu."

Sands said the most challenging part of her job is assisting people in picking the proper supplements, and making sure they do not interfere with their prescribed medicine or pre-existing health conditions.

"A lot of illness falls into the nutritional area, which many parents are not aware of," she said. "I enjoy working with parents and kids who come in with problems such as ADD or ADHD. Many of these children are deficient in things like fatty acids and can be helped tremendously by nutrition."

Athletes and the elderly also cross paths at the Vita-Man, who come in for different products but end up staying for the education and good conversation, Sands said.

"We work in conjunction with doctors to make sure they know what their patients are taking," Sands said.

Sands herself had a bout with various health conditions – first, a "really bad dental mistake," and second, rheumatoid, fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue.

"After extensive research, I made it through and got over a number of these supposed incurable illnesses," she said. "Now I'm able to share a lot of the same information with the people that come in. I love it."

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Vita-Man staff J.D. Sands, Cliff Schlothauer and Joan Thomas provide nutritional education and supplement selection guidance at the El Paseo Road store, which has been in the Brazito Plaza since 1976.

Editor's note: This article is presented for general information purposes only. Nothing in this article is intended to provide medical advice or to substitute for the advice of a physician. The information given is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease, but is intended solely for nutritional use. Check with your health care practitioner prior to adding any nutritional supplement to your diet.

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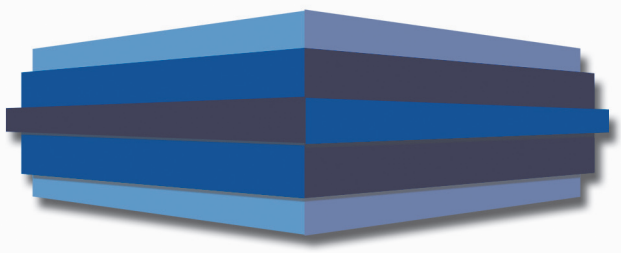

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Q&A:

Talking business with educational nutritional consultant J.D. Sands

What inspired you to go into business?
Our owner Janet Schlothaeur was really into vitamins back in the '70s, so she decided to buy this business.

What is your business philosophy?
Our business philosophy here is simple – to serve the customer. We are people-oriented and serve our customers with personal assistance and a very knowledgeable staff.

Where do you see your business in five years?
Like all family-owned businesses, we are suffering from the economy, but we see an optimistic future, because we offer such a personalized service and free educational consultation. We have a special place here.

What's your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
It's always been about even. The business community grows with the population, and that's always been stable.

What business would you like to see in Las Cruces?
I would like to see a restaurant that serves gluten-free, dairy-free and wheat-free foods. Because there are so many people in town with intolerances to these products, it would be nice to have a restaurant that serves this kind of food.

PROFILE

Shirley Jaquez:
Children's advocate and a parent's best friend

Jardin director is in the business of helping the needy

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Shirley Jaquez' life revolves around children.

At work, children's voices, laughter and footsteps – sometimes stomps – seem to follow her.

At home, Jaquez' only granddaughter is nothing less than a handful.

As the executive director of the only nonprofit in Las Cruces dedicated to helping homeless and near-homeless children and their families, Jaquez said she wouldn't have it any other way.

"It takes a special person to do this kind of work," she said. "The staff and I are here because we love the children. We know we're making a difference in their lives."

Jaquez has been in the business of helping children and their families for most of her professional career. First, she went to work with the New Mexico State Government Human Services Department Income Support Division. From there, she worked for the Department of Public Health, where she focused on community nutrition. She eventually became program manager, overseeing more than 60 employees.

"A planner position turned into a nutritionist position, which then turned into a program manager's position," she said. "At that point we were covering eight counties and thousands of people."

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>
> SHIRLEY JAQUEZ
> Jardin de los Niños

Jaquez, born in Española, N.M., grew up on a farm with her parents and five siblings. The farm had about 500 fruit trees, luscious gardens and "pets" that eventually made their way to the dinner table, she said.

"We were pretty self-sufficient at that time," she said. "My mother was a stay-at-home mom and my dad worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory. It was a very good childhood."

Before becoming a social worker and children's advocate, "I just wanted to be a ballerina," Jaquez said with a laugh. "That was my dream."

She said it was the mentorship of a high school teacher who taught her the value of helping others and helped spark her interest in what was then home economics, now family and consumer sciences.

Jaquez attended New Mexico State University and received a bachelor's degree of science in home economics and a master's degree in the same field, with a focus on food and nutrition.

"At one point, I had three jobs and was carrying 18 credits," she said. "It was tough, but I made the dean's list that year. The only time I saw daylight was when I was walking to and from classes."

In 2006, Jaquez joined Jardin de los Niños, and since then has helped ensure the future of the nonprofit's success in the community. She's made many changes – both internal and external – has helped lead innovative fundraising campaigns and has managed to get Jardin out of the red during one of the nation's toughest economic times.

"We have had lean financial times every year since Jardin opened in 1995," Jaquez said. "Typically, the (drought) period begins in April and extends through August. Sometimes it hits the media because we get so close to (bankruptcy), that we ourselves wonder if we can keep the services going."

Jaquez explained that Jardin not only helps children, but their parents as well.

"The children open the doors and receive services, but the real work begins with the parents," she said. "Children are helpless when they are in a homeless situation. Parents have to make the changes to sustain themselves."

Jaquez said Jardin has several programs designed to help parents overcome the cycle of homelessness that can often last generations.

"That's what keeps me working toward the goal of serving these children and making a better life for their parents," she said.

She said the public should be made more aware of the homeless and impoverished children living in Las Cruces.

"Many people are unaware that there are homeless children here," she said. "They think a homeless person is an adult. Many of them are, but not all.

"When that happens to a child, there are irreversible long-term effects to their health, well-being and ability to learn. At Jardin, we have 4-year-olds that don't know how to wash their hands or brush their teeth. Some that are not potty trained. The delays are numerous. We nurture these children and keep them safe."

Jaquez said the fundraising efforts will continue, and Jardin will seek out new state and federal funding to ensure the center's success, but that grant funding in the past year had dramatically declined.

"The general public has really responded to our plea," she said. "People don't know that homeless shelters get readily available funding, but places like us, the funding is never guaranteed."

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, Jaquez received the Soroptimist International of Las Cruces Ruby Award. The award is given every year to a woman in the community who works to improve the lives of women and girls through their personal and professional activities.

Jaquez graciously accepted the award with tears in her eyes.

"This means a lot to me," she said. "I am very honored that you chose me."

Shirley Jaquez
Executive director, Jardin de los Niños

Family
- Husband Norman
- Son Brandon, daughter Summer
- Granddaughter Lily

Education
- Bachelor's degree of science in home economics, New Mexico State University
- Master's degree of science in home economics, New Mexico State University

Awards
- Family Advocate of the Year, Department of Public Health
- Soroptomist International of Las Cruces Regional Ruby Award

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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 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 NW1⁄4 NE1⁄4, 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

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,
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Dates 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 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.

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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.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on July 7, 2009, Robert and Laura Steinmann, 6450 Apple Orchard Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-527-POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-527 located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 1 East NMPM, and drilling replacement well LRG-527-POD5 with 8" casing to an approximate depth of 130 ft. on land owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 10 at approximately X=1,461,646 Y=511,663 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued combined diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum per acre of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for beneficial use in the irrigation of 1.72 acres of land owned by the applicant and located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section 10 at the physical address of 6450 Apple Orchard Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Existing well LRG-527 and proposed well LRG-527-POD5 are located approximately 675 ft. and 1,070 ft. northeast of the intersection of Alvillar Rd. and Barela Dr. respectively, north of Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-527 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA.

Pub #8901
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 4, 2009, Jaren, LLC, P.O. Box 909, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-487 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-489 located at X = 1,487,145 Y = 450,684 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet on land owned by the applicant, and commence use of existing well LRG-487 located at X = 1,487,506 Y = 449,999.5 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, 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 for the irrigation of 52.5 acres of land located within the SW1/4 and the NW1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM supplemental to surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District and for a pressurized fire control system for a manufacturing plant located within the NW1/4 of said projected Section 9. Existing well LRG-487 is located south of Mesilla Park, NM and may be found at the physical address of 6000 South Main Street. Existing well LRG-489 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 of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #8903
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-8-2593

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders, CWABS, Inc., Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2007-BC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

RENEE MCCORMICK; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 16, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the 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 4354 Soda Spring Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 10, BLOCK A, SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, 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. 4008 ON 8/20/2004 IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 764-65 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 January 15, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $378,898.51 and the same bears interest at 9.625% per annum from January 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $25,877.99. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
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Pub #8913
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-595

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee, for the Benefit of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2007-25, Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-25, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTONIO R. GONZALEZ; MARIA A. CARSE; RAFAEL MARMOLEJO dba RGM Construction; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 16, 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 13700 Highway 478, Mesquite, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate Northwest of Mesquite, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 35, T.24S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. Tract 17-43A1B and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 4" iron pipe found on the East line of U.S. Highway 80-85 (Alternate) New Mexico State Highway 478 for the Southwest corner

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of the tract herein described: whence the E1/4 corner of Section 35, T.24S.,R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Survey bears S.67°30'58"E, 1839.44 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the East line of U.S. Highway 80-85, N.28°15'00"W., 197.95 feet to a 1⁄2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the East line of U.S. Highway 80-85, N.61°44'30"E., 180.07 feet to a 1⁄2 iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.28°15'00"E., 145.51 feet to a 1⁄2" iron rod set for an angle point of this tract;

Thence S.04°42'00"W., 62.52 feet to a 1⁄2 iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence S.61°45'00"W., 146.06 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.798 acres of land, more or less.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Deed filed December 13, 1990, in Book 346, Pages 323-324, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #04-1756. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 3, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $251,690.03 and the same bears interest at 7.25% per annum from July 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,149.57. 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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Pub #8915
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 24, 2009, Chris C. Bess, PO Box 1888, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-14713-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14713-POD 1, located on land owned by Chris C. and Mary Ann Bess within the NE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 33, T23S, R2E, NMPM, and drilling new well LRG-14713-POD 2 with 12-inch casing to a depth of 200 feet below ground surface on land owned by Chris C. and Mary Ann Bess within the NE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 33 at approximately X=1,487,952 Y=458,707 (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 8.06 acres of land located in Pt. S1/2 of said Section 33, of which 5.816 acres is owned by Chris C. and Mary Ann Bess and 2.244 acres is owned by B.H. Farms, LLC. Well LRG-14713-POD 1 and the proposed location for well LRG-14713-POD 2 are located approximately 500 feet southwest the intersection of Karen Dr and Broadmoor Dr, south of Las Cruces, NM. Old well LRG-14713-POD 1 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 of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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

Case No.
D-0307-CV-200800886

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A, Plaintiff,

v.

ADAM P. BURMA; DIANA J. POGUE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ADAM P. BURMA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIANA J. POGUE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said Legal Description Attached as Exhibit "A" A tract of land situate northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico located in the N1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 33, T.21S., R.3E., N.M.P.M of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract, whence the section corner common to Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, T.21S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distances: N.0 deg. 19'59"E., a distance of 265.26 feet; Thence N.89 deg. 55'50"E., a distance of 998.98 feet; Thence from the place of beginning S.00 deg. 19'59"N., 132.74 feet to an iron rod set for the southeast corner of this tract; Thence S.89 deg. 57'04"W., 332.75 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract; Thence N.00 deg. 18'11" E., 132.74 feet to an iron rod set for the northwest corner of this tract; Thence N.89 deg. 57'04" E., 332.82 feet to the place of beginning containing 1.0140 acres of land, more or less

And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 2006 Palm Harbor Homes/ MPP64D7, 28 x 64. The address of the real property is 9668 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on May 26, 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 $138,539.79 plus interest from April 20, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.2500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 09-1737
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,
vs. **ALAN J. MCFARLAND, ESTATE OF ALAN J. MCFARLAND, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ALAN J. MCFARLAND, DECEASED, AND JANE DOE (unknown occupant), Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO ALAN J. MCFARLAND, ESTATE OF ALAN J. MCFARLAND, DECEASED, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ALAN J. MCFARLAND, DECEASED

GREETINGS:

ALAN J. MCFARLAND, ESTATE OF ALAN J. MCFARLAND, DECEASED, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ALAN J. MCFARLAND, DECEASED, you are hereby notified that the above-named plaintiff has filed suit in the above-entitled court and cause against you, the general object of which is to foreclose that certain mortgage dated January 16, 2007, given by Alan J. McFarland to Citizens Bank of Las Cruces to secure a promissory note of even date, said mortgage covering the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, to-wit:
Lot B, NESLER SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3904 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 22, 2004, and recorded in Book 20, Page 572, Plat Records,

which property is more commonly known as 6280 Payan Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Unless you enter your appearance in said court and cause on or before October 1, 2009, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C., whose address is 6100 Uptown Boulevard, N.E., Suite 500, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, is attorney for plaintiff.

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 on August 11, 2009.

GREGORY TOOMEY
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By: Nancy A. Heavner,
Deputy

SUBMITTED BY:

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200800733

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2006-BNC3, Plaintiff,

v.

LOREN STARKS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM, At the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse 201 W Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005 , 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 59 IN BLOCK 9 OF THE PINES, UNIT 7, 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 DECEMBER 2, 2004 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 48-49, PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 2225 Stone Pine Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 22, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $116,996.76 plus interest from November 18, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.725% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 8/14/2009

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Pub #8925
Dates 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200801388

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2001-HE3, Plaintiff,

v.

PEDRO GARCIA; ESTELLA GARCIA; MERCEDES E. GARCIA NIK/A MERCEDES E. MAESTAS; ALBERT M. SANCHEZ; SARAH GARCIA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERT M. SANCHEZ, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SARAH GARCIA, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM, outside the front entance 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 Legal Description attached as Exhibit "A" Lot 4, Block 1, Sunrise Heights, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 14, 1992, recorded in Book 17 at Page 222, of Plat Records The address of the real property is 4070 Windridge Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on 1/23/2009, 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 $135,392.35 plus interest from December 1, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 10.7500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 8/17/09

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Dates 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200801239

CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff,

v.

BERNICE CHAVEZ; LANE D. SHERAM; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERNICE CHAVEZ, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LANE D. SHERAM, IF ANY, Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 16, 2009 at 10:00 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 10, College Place Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereot , filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on July The address of the real property is 545 Monte Vista Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 11, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $134,230.76 plus interest from November 6, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.5250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 08/17/2009

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

CANUTO MARTOS, Petitioner,

vs

MARIA ESTELLA MARTOS, Respondent.
No. DM-2009-1147
Judge: Driggers

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: MARIA ESTELLA MARTOS,

You are hereby notified that the above named Petitioner has brought suit in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, against you in Cause No. DM-2009-1147, the general object of which is to receive a divorce/dissolution of marriage from you and to obtain an award of Petitioner's separate property and his share of the community property.

You are further notified that unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint on or before 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause. Petitioner's attorney is James A. Roggow of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 N. Main Street, P.O. Drawer 1837, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837; Telephone Number: (575) 526-2449.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 13th day of August, 2009.
GREGORY TOOMEY
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
(Seal) By: /s/ Sylvia A. Evaro
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200801180 US Bank National Association, as Trustee for CSMC Heat 2006-8, Plaintiff,

v.

THE ESTATE OF MONA C. MONSIVAIS, DECEASED; MARCOS MONSIVAIS; ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS INC.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCOS MONSIVAIS, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM, Outside the front entrance of Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave, #A, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 17, Los Venados Estates subdivision phase 2, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county on January 18, 2006, in book 21 page(s) 490-491 of plat records. The address of the real property is 133 Roe Deer Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a 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 $238,764.05 plus interest from August 29, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: 08/17/2009

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NOTICE is hereby given that on March 20, 2009, Robert C. and Pamela Scarbrough, 733 Kelli Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88007-5219, filed application numbered LRG-14651 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14651 POD1 located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 1 East NMPM and drilling new well LRG-14651 POD2 to a depth of 220 feet with 7 inch casing to be located on land owned by the applicant within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 2 at approximately X=1,469,904, Y=487,371 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use at the applicants residence located in Lot 7 of the Sundown Acres Subdivision. LRG-14651 POD1 and proposed well LRG-14651 POD2 are located at the physical address of 733 Kelli Circle, in Las Cruces, NM in Doña Ana County. Old well LRG-14651 POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOTTE M. BECKER, DECEASED.

No. 09-0084

NOTICE TO CREDITOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: August 13, 2009.

Michelle K. Becker-Hapak
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Lotte M. Becker. Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
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Attorney at Law
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Albert Duran
For Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

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Dates 8/21, 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No. 09-0084
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: T. C. SASSER (a.k.a TIMOTHY CHARLES SASSER), DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date ofthe first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 2417 W. Champion St., Edinburg, TX 78539 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2009.

LAURA ERLITZ
Personal Representative
2417 W. Champion St.
Edinburg, TX 78539

JOHN E. KEITHLY
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
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Pub #8932
Dates 8/21, 8/28, 2009

NOTICE OF AUCTION BY SEALED BID FOR BUSINESS/ AGRICULTURE LEASE OF STATE TRUST LAND

Doña Ana County,
New Mexico
State Land Office BL-1939

A public auction will be held at the time, place, and date stated below in paragraph A. The item to be auctioned is a 45-year lease of the lands described in paragraph B. The most important terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C, below. If you would like a Bid Packet and copy of Business/Agriculture Lease offered at the sealed bid auction, or if you require any further information, please make your request as described in paragraph D, below. The Commissioner has set a minimum bid of $500.00 for the lease, over and above the first year's base rent, and the other required deposits set out in paragraph E below. Bidders are, of course, encouraged to offer additional bonus amounts over the minimum bid. The Lease will be awarded to the qualified bidder successfully bidding the highest bonus. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel this auction. In the event that the auction is cancelled, interested parties will be notified.

A) Sealed Bid:
Date: October 29, 2009
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: New Mexico State Land Office
310 Old Santa Fe Trail,
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

B) Description of the property to be leased: A tract of land located in Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 NW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, S1/2N1/2, of Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 309.80 acres, more or less.

C) Summary of the Lease: The term of this lease shall be for Forty Five (45) years.
The State Land Office has received an application for a long-term lease of the lands proposing to utilize the land occupying, and performing activities with respect to the Land solely for the purpose of site preparation, land conservation, maintaining holding pens, shipping pens, and other equipment necessary for the transporting and care of equine and livestock animals between international borders and for conducting any necessarily related agricultural activities, including but not limited to grazing livestock, stewardship and management of the Land.

D) Rental Rate: Minimum base rent has been established at Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($500.00) to be due on or before the effective date for the first (1st) year; second (2nd) year and third (3rd) year of the lease, during the site preparation and land conservation period. The fourth (4th) year base rent will be $3,098.00. Rent thereafter shall be adjusted by two percent (2%) every five (5) years as set out in Exhibit "A", attached to and incorporated into lease shell

E) Bidder Qualifications. In order to qualify as a bidder, interested parties must (a) comply with the applicable lease auction requirements, (b) furnish a site plan for the use of the land under the terms of the base lease; (c) are creditworthy; (d) are authorized to do business in New Mexico, and, (e) can and will comply with all Lease terms.

Further, prospective bidders must include in their bid a deposit of $20,544.84 in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bank money order, made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands. This amount represents:

1. Application Fee $ 50.00
2. First year's base rent $500.00
2. Advertising Cost $2,319.84
3. Agriculture Lease Improvements $17,675.00
Total Costs $20,544.84

The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

F) How to Obtain a Copy of the Lease, or Other Information: Please contact: Hilda Baca, Management Analyst, NM State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 505-827-5763 or hbaca@slo.state.nm.us .

Disabled individuals who require aid to participate in the long-term business lease sealed bid may call 505-827-5763; or Fax 505-827-6157, and/or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, any relevant documents may be available in alternative formats.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved and no lease shall become effective unless and until approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Dated in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 13th day of August, 2009.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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NOTICE is hereby given that on July 29, 2009, Charles A. and Aneleh D. Willingham, 408 McClure Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14725 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14725 POD1 located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 1 East NMPM and drilling new well LRG-14725 POD2 to a depth of 100 feet with 4 inch casing to be located on land owned by the applicant within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 12 at approximately X=1,473,907 Y=481,982 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use at the applicants residence located in part of Lot 7 of the North Alameda Acres Subdivision. LRG-14725 POD1 and proposed well LRG-14725 POD2 are located at the physical address of 408 McClure Rd., in Las Cruces, NM in Doña Ana County. Old well LRG-14725 POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights: and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed, to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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

PB 2009-71
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFONSO M. de LEON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Alfonso M. de Leon, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned, Leticia Trejo, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Leticia Trejo
Personal Representative
110-1 Fig Tree Lane
La Union, NM 88021

Pub #8939
Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-1323
Judge Arrieta

WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR M. CARDOZA and MARIA A. CARDOZA, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING To: VICTOR M. CARDOZA and MARIA A. CARDOZA

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff, White Sands Federal Credit Union, has filed a Complaint for Debt and Money Due in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The object of the action is for the collection of monies owed.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before the 31st day of October 2009, Judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Plaintiff's attorney is HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT, P.C. (Annamarie DeLovato), P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Annamarie DeLovato at (575) 524-8812. If you file an Answer or any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the foregoing address.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of August 2009.

GREGORY TOOMEY
District Court Clerk

By: /s/ Melissa A. Lundlen
Deputy

Pub #8940
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2259

INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

IRENE LOPEZ; SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 23, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5496 Amarillo Del Sol, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 3, Block 4, MIRASOL SUBDIVISION NO. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 9, 1984, in Book 13 Page(s) 335-337 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 22, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $215,955.59 and the same bears interest at 8.625% per annum from November 16, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $15,921.55. 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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200802149

CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY INC., Plaintiff,

v.

BARBARA J. CARAMAGNO TRINGALI AKA BARBARA JOYCE CARAMAGNO TRINGALI AKA BARBARA J. SIGUERE; CHARLES JOSEPH TRINGALI; NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SECURITY FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION; CITIFINANCIAL INC.; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1, Block 1, Ponerosa Mobile Home Subdivision Phase 1, Doña Ana County Clerk, New Mexico, as shown and designated on Plat No. 1111, thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County, on October 8, 1982, recorded in book 13, pages 142-143, plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. and more correctly described as: Lot 1, Block 1, Ponerosa Mobile Home Subdivision

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Phase 1, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on Plat No. 1111, thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County, on October 8, 1982, recorded in book 13, pages 142-143, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 1510 Branding Iron Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on July 29, 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 $67,461.33 plus interest from June 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.87500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200802371

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MARM 2007-HF1, Plaintiff,

v.

SANDRA HAMILTON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA HAMILTON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in LOT 26, BLOCK D, LEGEND WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT N, 4090 ON 01/11/2005 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 105-06 OF PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 2890 Lake Valley Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on July 29, 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 $133,745.84 plus interest from June 28, 2009, to the date of sale at the contract rate of 7.7500% 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.

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Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200800901

Matrix Financial Services Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

ANTONIO HERNANDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF FRED M. WARREN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF MARNA A. WARREN, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN;, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-200802096

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-5, Plaintiff,

v.

FELIPE AGUIRRE; ISIDRA AGUIRRE; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 10, BLOCK B, ALAMEDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 20, 1964, IN BOOK 9 PAGE 19 OF PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 312 Terry Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on July 31, 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 $81,937.24 plus interest from June 30, 2009, to the date of sale at the contract rate of 11.000% 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
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202
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(303) 285-2222

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Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 09-1986

Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSALBA P. NEVANEZ, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO ROSALBA P. NEVANEZ

GREETINGS:

ROSALBA P. NEVANEZ, you are hereby notified that the above-named plaintiff has filed suit in the above-entitled court and cause against you, the general object of which is to foreclose that certain mortgage dated October 28, 1994, given by Socorro Pinales and Maria A. Espinoza to Home Federal Savings Bank of New Mexico to secure a promissory note of even date, said mortgage covering the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, to-wit:
Lot 89 of The Bluffs Subdivision, located in 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 October 31, 1979 and recorded in Book 12 at Pages 294, Plat Records,

which property is more commonly known as 3124 Butte Drive, Santa Teresa, New Mexico. Unless you enter your appearance in said court and cause on or before October 19, 2009, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C., whose address is 6100 Uptown Boulevard, N.E., Suite 500, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, is attorney for plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on August 21, 2009 .

GREGORY TOOMEY
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

SUBMITTED BY:

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
6100 UPTOWN BLVD. N.E., SUITE 500
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Doña Ana County Labor Management Relations Board will hold a public pre-hearing on August 31, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the union's motion regarding the county's petition for unit clarification within its CWA union. This is a revision from the hearing previously scheduled for August 31 to consider the county's petition. The public pre-hearing will be held in the County Commission Chambers, located at Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM. ADA Access Note: Should you require special accommodations as a result of a disability, please contact the County ADA Compliance Coordinator at 525-5884 (voice), 525-5591 (TTY), or 1-877-827-7200 (toll free), or write to 845 N. Motel Blvd Suite 2-190, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

A Copy of the Petition may be viewed at: The Office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM during regular business hours, commencing with the date of publication and continuing through the date of public hearing. A copy may also be obtained, upon payment of .50 cents per page fee.

Pub #8947
Dates 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-702

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN GRUBBS; ROSALYN GRUBBS; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 23, 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 6121 Desert Valley Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 3, VALLEY VIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on May 6, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 196-197 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 August 13, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $363,615.14 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from August 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,698.41. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent 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 #8949
Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D0307CV200901855

NATIONAL CITY REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, INC. FKA NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO. DBA COMMONWEALTH UNITED MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF THOMAS F. VASQUEZ AKA THOMAS FIERRO VASQUEZ, DECEASED; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAME ARE UNKNOWN ; THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THOMAS F. VASQUEZ AKA THOMAS FIERRO VASQUEZ, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Thomas F. Vasquez aka Thomas Fierro Vasquez, deceased, and The Unknown Surviving Spouse of Thomas F. Vasquez aka Thomas F. Vasquez, if any. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 707 4th St, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 23 AND 24, BLOCK, PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 7, 1912, RECORDED IN BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 44, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before October 12, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Keya Koul
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
999 18th St., Suite 2201,
Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorneys for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the THIRD Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, DOÑA ANA County, New Mexico, this 13th day of August 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: M.E. Apodaca
Deputy

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Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-702

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN GRUBBS; ROSALYN GRUBBS; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 23, 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 6121 Desert Valley Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly

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described as follows:
Lot 3, VALLEY VIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on May 6, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 196-197 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 August 13, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $363,615.14 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from August 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,698.41. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent 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,
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting Held on August 24, 2009:
Council Bill No. 10-002; Ordinance No. 2531: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From M1/M2 (Industrial Standard) to R-4C (Multi-Dwelling High Density & Limited Retail and Office-Conditional) for 3.42 +/- Acres Located at 1089 W. Amador Avenue. The Zone Change Will Facilitate the Placement of a Transitional Living Facility for at Risk Youth. Submitted by Southwest Engineering, Inc. For Resources for Children & Youth, Inc (Z2790).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 25th day of August, 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8950
Dates 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-1385

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWMBS, Inc., CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2006-HYB 1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HYB1, Plaintiff,

vs.

BORIS MERZLAK; LANA NOIKOVA-MERZLAK; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 23, 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 2479 Gila Bend Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 9 in Block E of Sedona Hills Subdivision 3 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 August 20, 2004 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 764-765, 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 August 11, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $254,190.91 and the same bears interest at 5.875% per annum from August 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,209.37. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-617

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROGER L. SHAFFER; SANDRA O. SHAFFER; PULTE MORTGAGE LLC; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 23, 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 2557 Millennium Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 21, Block 3, NORTHRISE ESTATES UNIT 4, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 16, 2003, in Book 20 Pages 224-225 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 May 11, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $188,272.86 and the same bears interest at 6.00% per annum from May 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $4,518.55. 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 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-1015

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT 2005-13CB, Plaintiff,

vs.

DAMON L. DWIGGINS; SONIA D. CROSE; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 23, 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 1345 Branson Unit 1-E, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Unit E, Building 1, SOLANO TERRACE CONDOMINIUM, a Condominium at 1345 Branson Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more fully described in Declaration of Solano Terrace Condominium, recorded August 7, 1979, in Book 136 Pages 529 through 569, First Amendment recorded September 15, 1980, in Book 145 Pages 911 through 924 both of Miscellaneous Records and Third Amendment recorded January 27, 1998, in Book 116 Pages 1263 through 1267 of Official Records. Together with an undivided 1/28th interest in the common areas and facilities.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 12, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $77,899.28 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from July 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $915.05. 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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Pub #8953
Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2009

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

FOR SALE OF LAND BY SEALED BID

Sale No. 5973, Otero County, New Mexico

The Commissioner of Public Lands gives notice that pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), N.M.S.A. 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, Rule 19.2.14 NMAC, and the public auction process described in this Notice, he is offering for sale, by sealed bid, the surface estate of the following state trust land (the "Land"):

Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 06 East, N.M.P.M., Otero County, New Mexico, containing 159.96 acres, more or less.

NOTE: THE LAND IS OFFERED BY ALIQUOT PART REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL ACREAGE DISCLOSED BY A SURVEY.

1. The Land is offered "AS IS"; the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its condition or fitness for any purpose. The Land is offered for a cash sale (i.e., full payment in cash due at closing) as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract or that offer other land in exchange for the Land will not be considered. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids.

2. Details of this offer, applicable rules, instructions for submitting a sealed bid to purchase the Land, and the required form on which a sealed bid must be submitted are in the Bid Information Packet, which may be obtained by written request, in person, by telephone or email. Contact the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501, Attention: Dallas Rippy, Assistant Commissioner of Renewable Energy and Commercial Resources Division, phone (505)-827-5760 or email dbearden@slo.state.nm.us. The Bid Information Packet is incorporated in this Notice by reference and should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid. Sealed bids not complying with the requirements set forth in the Bid Information Packet are subject to disqualification. Conforming bids received will be evaluated by the Commissioner. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids submitted and to re-offer the Land for lease, sale and/or exchange on the same or different terms.

3. The Minimum Bid is set at Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($275,000.00) (cash price or exchange value received at closing) plus a minimum two percent (2%) bonus on all finished lot sales (the "Lot Sale Bonus"). The entire cash price or exchange value must be received by the Commissioner at closing; the Commissioner will not enter into an installment purchase contract. Bidders are encouraged to offer amounts greater than the Minimum Bid. The entire amount offered will be due in cash at closing.

4. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction and Performance Deposits in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the forms specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable $30 Sale Application Fee, the Performance and Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Deposits.

1. Transaction Deposit:
Sale Application Fee (non-refundable) $30.00
Advertising Cost $2,585.16
Appraisal Cost $5,500.00
Survey Cost $3,213.75
Total Transaction Deposit $11,328.91
2. Performance Deposit (10% of Minimum Bid) $27,500.00
3. Total of Deposits - $38,828.91

5. Sale of the Land will be subject to all valid leases, easements and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in the records of the State Land Office and the Otero County Clerk's Office. Authorized improvements associated with the encumbrances are not included. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land.

6. The Land will be conveyed by a single patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

7. Bids, including one (1) paper copy of required information and materials as well as any transmittal letter and supplemental materials, and the required Deposits, must be submitted in a sealed container, clearly marked Sealed Bid for Sale No. 5973, addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Assistant Commissioner, Dallas Rippy, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2009.

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX (505) 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 25th day of August 2009.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub #8954
Dates 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2009

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

No. PB 09-83
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF AUBREY B. ROWE and CORLISS G. ROWE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of these estates. All persons having claims against said estates 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 Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

BRADLEY G. POORE
Personal Representative
2369 Columbia Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-382-4351

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
Attorney for the Personal Representative
910 Lake Tahoe Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-522-5009

By: /s/ Melissa .T. Reeves

Pub #8955
Dates 8/28, 9/4, 2009

City of Las Cruces®
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
EMWRF - Water Reclamation Phase IIB www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/construction_bids/ downloads/ B09-10-167/	BID #09-10-167	September 8, 2009 10:00 a.m.	September 22, 2009 11:00 a.m.

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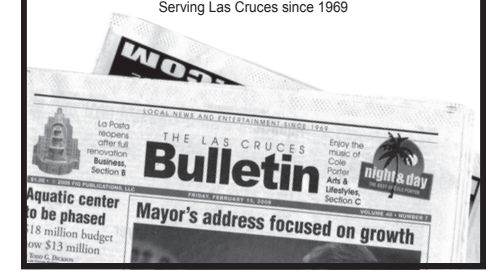

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Alzheimer's affects the whole family

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ALAN UMSTEAD
Senior Finance

In our community, attention has been recently brought to the topic of Alzheimer's disease. A gentleman who had Alzheimer's was the subject of a massive search that ended tragically near Roadrunner Parkway. Sadly, this was followed by another search for an El Paso man with Alzheimer's whose body was found lying near the railroad tracks. These are very unfortunate tragedies that should not happen in any community.

Alzheimer's is most common in those age 85 and above. Statistics show the disease affects nearly half of people in that age group. Of ages 65 to 74, about 5 percent have the disease. It is the most common form of dementia and can have a serious effect on the ability to perform daily living functions. Those with Alzheimer's suffer a decline in memory and mental capacity due to the degeneration of healthy brain tissue.

> "The emotional cost of this disease is great, but the financial cost can be managed with proper planning."

There is no cure for Alzheimer's, but with treatment, quality of life can improve. The beginning stages may start with hardly-noticeable memory loss, but can lead to irreversible memory loss and confusion. The disease can erase a person's ability to learn, remember and reason. There may be repetition in speech and severe short-term memory loss.

Those suffering from the disease may eventually put household objects in places that no logic can explain. With time, this may progress to forgetting even the names of family members.

Within the past year or two, I have been alerted by my wife of our neighbor walking down the street heading toward the city. I knew our neighbor had Alzheimer's, and observed that she never left her home unless she was with family. One time, I jumped in my car and drove to find her and bring her back home. Luckily, she agreed, and I brought her back home to her grandkids, who hadn't noticed she slipped away.

Many families are eventually faced with care issues they cannot manage when dealing with a person who has Alzheimer's. Some have no choice but to put the family member in a facility that can provide the safety and security needs that cannot be managed at home. These facilities

GPS bracelets, such as this model from www.MightyGPS.com, can help track the movement of Alzheimer's patients.

that specialize in the care of Alzheimer's patients generally cost more than a traditional care facility. Others are lucky enough to receive the care they need by qualified personnel in their own home.

One of the ways to help pay for these costs is through the purchase of a Long Term Care policy that can eliminate a great majority of the cost or at least help to minimize the out-of-pocket expense.

Another neighbor of mine, a professor at New Mexico State University, purchased such a policy for his mother, who also suffers from Alzheimer's. She and her family are now receiving the benefits from this purchase and the extra care she needs is provided in her home. We insure so many things in our lives, why not insure our health when we can?

Alzheimer's is a primary reason for benefits being paid to those with a long-term care policy. As our senior population grows and continues to live longer, Alzheimer's is on the rise, especially in women. Acording to statistics, every 72 seconds someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's. The emotional cost of this disease is great, but the financial cost can be managed with proper planning.

A fairly recent and low-cost development for in-home care is the use of GPS tracking bracelets, which have the capability of remote monitoring of Alzheimer patients. Many companies offer these bracelets that provide, more than anything, peace of mind. The bracelets can also be used in commercial settings, helping caregivers keep track of their patients. The bracelets can be covered by certain types of private health insurance.

My heart goes out to those with Alzheimer's and their families, especially those who recently lost their loved ones.

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

ON THE AGENDA

NMSU Energy Conference

U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu will be one of the keynote speakers at New Mexico State University's and honorary co-chairman Congressman Harry Teague's initiative to explore America's energy future at a two-day conference titled "Re-Energize America: Policy, Practice and Possibility for America's Future" Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 at NMSU's Corbett Center Ballrooms.

The two-day conference will give participants opportunities to discuss how they can start or grow their own energy venture and hear industry experts in renewable technologies, markets and policies, the energy water nexus and challenges, energy and agriculture, algal biofuels and biomass, solar and wind research, storage and land use, micro-grid and smart-grid systems, natural gas, nuclear power, and many other possibilities to sustain America's energy needs. Registered participants can hear Secretary Chu speak at the conference's evening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Corbett Center Ballroom. For more information on the conference and to register, go to http://energize.nmsu.edu or call Brenda Dunn 646-2575 or Aggie Saltman at 646-9323.

Date: Monday, Aug. 31
Time: Various times
Location: New Mexico State University Corbett Center Student Union
Contact: 646-2575

Do you want to be recession proof?

Financial Peace University classes are beginning in Las Cruces at University Church of Christ, 1555 E. University Ave., at 6:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2. Financial Peace University is a 13-week program on personal finance taught via video by Dave Ramsey. The program teaches families and individuals how to handle their money though common-sense principles and small group accountability. It is designed for people of all financial spectrums. For more information, a free orientation session will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the University Church of Christ. To register, call Monte Womble at 505-522-6707.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 9
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: University Church of Christ 1555 E. University Ave.
Contact: 505-522-6707

'Understanding Social Security Benefits'

Toby Rue, financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, will present "Understanding Social Security Benefits," a workshop to be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney conference office, 3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Guest speaker Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, will inform the public on their social security benefits. To reserve a space, call Rue at 522-8500 or register online at www.morganstanley.com/fa/toby.rue. Seating is limited.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 15
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Morgan Stanley conference office 3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway
Contact: 522-8500

How to catch and retain customers

The Las Cruces Optimist Club presents "The Incomparable Michael Angelo Caruso," a renowned speaker who will bring his insights into improving customer service and customer relations at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Rio Grande Theatre on the Downtown Mall. Learn how to attract customers and keep them coming back and giving referrals to their friends. Proceeds from the event will support the youth work of the Las Cruces Optimist Club. For tickets, contact George Pintar at 680-6515 or Jack Barclay at 202-2796. Tickets are also available at the Rio Grande Theatre and at A Perfect Fit, 940 N. Main, Suite B.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 17
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Rio Grande Theatre 211 N. Downtown Mall
Contact: 680-6515

Advancing Safety in the Wild West

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Zia Section will host the 2009 Professional Development Conference at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. This is the first year of the conference. The two and a half day conference is slated to kick off with an ice breaker event from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico's conference room, followed by a golf tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. The conference will start at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. For more information, visit www.asse-ziasection.org.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 2
Time: Various times
Location: Various locations
Contact: 541-2150

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Date: Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 7
Time: Call for time
Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: 800-780-8469

Send us your agenda items!

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send their workshop and meeting items to be included in the Business Section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information about the event, as well as the date, time, location, contact and cost, if any, to business@lascrucesbulletin.com. Agenda items must be received by noon Friday for consideration in the next week's Bulletin.

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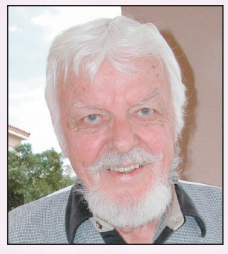

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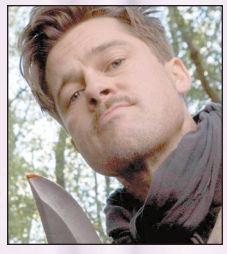

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Jeff Dunham, along with his posse of characters Walter the Angry Retiree, Bubba J. Peanut and Jose Jalapeño, will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Pan American Center.

'America's favorite comedian' visits LC

World-famous ventriloquist Jeff Dunham to perform Sept. 2

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

From a grassroots marketing campaign that sparked the interest of millions of people worldwide, comedian Jeff Dunham will bring his famed show to the New Mexico State University Pan American Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The world-famous ventriloquist, armed with a plethora of characters – Walter the Grumpy Retiree, Bubba J. Peanut, Jose Jalapeño and Achmed the Dead Terrorist – will grace the stage as part of his most recent tour. In 2008, Dunham broke world records while becoming the best-selling live comedy attraction in the United States.

Dunham credits the success of he and his posse of sidekicks to "that sneaky kid inside of me that enjoys getting away with stuff that I really shouldn't be getting away with – I'm the little kid walking by the tiger cage putting a stick in it," according to an interview with Slate magazine.

"(The puppets are) saying outlandish things, but there's an innocence to it," he explains.

In the same Slate magazine article, Dunham was named "The Hardest-Working Hand in Show Business," and was poised to become one of the biggest names in comedy. Through numerous media blitzes, Dunham has created three DVD specials, including "Arguing With Myself," "Spark of Insanity" and "A Very Special Christmas Special." "Spark of Insanity" reached the No. 1 spot for a comedy DVD on Amazon.com by customers in 2008.

Not only has he dominated the Internet and DVD markets, he will soon pen his own as-yet-untitled memoir, which will include commentary from his posse of characters that he carries around in a large trunk as well as partner with iTunes, where he will enjoy his own exclusive channels.

The characters Dunham uses also carry their own brand of comedic genius – Walter's grumpy demeanor and take on the world's problems will have audiences doubled over with laughter while hitting the nail on the head with just about any given situation. Achmed the Dead Terrorist will also appear with his signature phrase, "I keel you" (I kill you).

However, Dunham's ties with NMSU don't end at the Sept. 2 performance. In October, Dunham will honor industry legend and local hero Barbara Hubbard (affectionately named "Mother Hubbard" by Bob Hope) with the Harry A. Peebles Award for her more than 30 years as executive director of the American Collegiate Showcase (ACTS) at the International Entertainment Buyers Association conference. ACTS is a nonprofit organization that raises scholarships for students seeking a career in performing arts. Dunham has named Hubbard as one of his mentors in the industry.

Tickets to the one-time performance are $30, $40 and $50, plus any applicable service charges, and can be purchased at the Pan American Center Box Office, by calling 646-1420, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 800-745-3000.

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Robert L. Lovett
Attorney at Law

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At the SumArtFest

Sherry Doil-Carter, resident artist at Alma d'Arte, enjoys the events and artwork on display Saturday, Aug. 22, at Mikey's Place, a studio for the arts.

Andra Larson, a senior at Alma d'Arte Charter High School, competes in the "Art Battle" at the first SumArtFest event Saturday, Aug. 22, at Mikey's Place in Mesilla Park. The contest consisted of two artists timed to come up with a piece of art.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Cory Dorn, guitarist for Nancy Flight 9, performs Saturday afternoon.

Local graffiti artist Gregory Sierra creates a piece of art on the outside walls of Mikey's Place titled "Unfinished Business."

Local artist Roy Van Der Aa and Rowan Baxa prepare to compete in the "Art Battle."

NMSU's Center for the Arts receives $100,000

Jerry and Connie Hines patrons of the arts

Local business owner Connie Hines has dedicated many of her volunteer hours during the last 10 years to the arts at New Mexico State University, including, along with her husband, Jerry, donating $100,000 to the Center for the Arts project.

"Art is a huge part of everyone's life. It's one of life's greatest pleasures," said Hines, who started dedicating her time to the arts at NMSU by serving on the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Council for the Excellence in Arts and continuing with the Center for the Arts Leadership Committee.

"I have a passion for the arts and I wanted to see something developed for future generations," Hines said.

Hines, who has a fine arts degree from NMSU, owns Connie Hines Interior Design. She and her husband are involved with several area real estate and construction developments. It was through one of those developments that they were able to donate this gift.

"It is important for all of us to do what we can," Hines said of her gift. "We want to put together as much as we can to support this important effort at NMSU."

Jerry Hines agreed this is an important project for the university as well as all of southern New Mexico.

"I'm not an artistic person, but I value the arts. They are an important part of a person's life," he said.

NMSU's Center for the Arts will gather the university's scattered arts programs in one central location, encouraging more collaborative activity and providing the community easier accessibility to the many creative endeavors on campus. The project has been a true blend of public and private funding. In November 2008, voters approved the bond initiative to secure the first $19 million. In its 2009 session, the New Mexico Legislature allocated another $5.5 million from its capital outlay fund. Private gifts and pledges from a variety of sources bring the total raised close to $26 million.

New Mexico State University

Jerry and Connie Hines

Construction on Phase I of the project is scheduled to begin in 2010. Phase I includes a Dance and Theatre Arts Performance Hall, which will be located at the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street. In addition to the 500-seat auditorium, there will be classrooms and rehearsal space, state-of-the-art sound and lighting and fly storage space.

For more information on ways to support the Center for the Arts, contact Jill Grammer, director of development for the Center for the Arts, at jgrammer@nmsu.edu, 646-3587 or 800-342-6678. Gifts also can be made online at http://giving.nmsu.edu.

Diven sculpture graces Mesilla home

Artist Bob Diven created this "Bean Sprout" outdoor sculpture for the Mesilla home of State Rep. Joni Gutierrez and Lowell Catlett. The piece is hand-formed silicon bronze and stainless steel, measuring 6 feet from the tip of the sprout to the bottom of the bean. It rests on a 7-foot cast concrete columnar base. The piece is visible from the street near the couple's house.

BOB DIVEN I For the Las Cruces Bulletin

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Enjoy 'An Afternoon of Jazz' at St. Paul's

Chamber Jazz Ensemble performs Aug. 30

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, along with the New Mexico State University Department of Music, will kick off the beginning of the 2009-10 edition of their concert series with a performance by the Chamber Jazz Ensemble of Las Cruces at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The series, titled "St. Paul's Sunday Afternoons," features one concert per month through May 2010. The concert, "An Afternoon of Jazz," will be in the sanctuary at St. Paul's and will feature Curt Warren on guitar, Jim Shearer on tuba, Allan Kaplan on trombone and Eric Unsworth on bass. Admission is free to the public, although a love offering for the performers will be accepted.

The Chamber Jazz Ensemble of Las Cruces is made up of musicians from the El Paso and Las Cruces areas. All the members are accomplished jazz musicians as well as college professors.

Kaplan and Shearer are both faculty members at NMSU. Both hold terminal degrees in music performance from the Manhattan School of Music and the Eastman School of Music, respectively.

Warren teaches jazz guitar and jazz history at the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a former member of the Navy's Jazz Commodores and has performed with such jazz greats as Bill Watrous, Herb Ellis, Carl Fontana, Bud Shank and Eddie Harris.

Unsworth teaches string bass at UTEP and is a "first-call" player for numerous recording artists.

The members of the Chamber Jazz Ensemble have performed together in many different ensemble configurations over the past 17 years. This current quartet was put together for The Kennedy Center Jazz Ambassadors Program in 2001. All the members agree that it has been a very enjoyable challenge to "pare down" this music to the bare bones. There is no drummer, piano or big horn section.

As Shearer put it, "This is live music without a net. All four of us perform several different roles in the group."

Kaplan said, "Usually, when we play jazz jobs each player gets to take a break now and then, but with this group, as soon as your solo ends, it is time to comp for the next player." The members of the Chamber Jazz Ensemble are entertaining educators as well as consummate performers.

Director of the concert series at St. Paul's is Douglas Weeks, minister of music at St. Paul's.

Teresa Walters will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010.

Luca Ciarla will kick off the DAAC Cultural Series with a performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

Frederick Moyer will perform at the Rio Grande Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

The world-famous Vienna Boys Choir will make two appearances at 6 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

DAAC Cultural Series to feature world-class entertainment in LC

Luca Ciarla first in the line-up

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since its reopening in 2005, the Rio Grande Theatre has seen numerous performances by local artists and traveling acts – but never before has a series been created quite like the new, one-of-a-kind Cultural Series to kick off with a performance by Luca Ciarla on Friday, Oct. 9.

The Doña Ana Arts Council announced their newest endeavor at a press conference Wednesday, Aug. 19, and said use of the Rio Grande Theatre has been growing throughout the last two years.

"This is a remarkable testimony that after only four months in office, we are able to launch a cultural series of this caliber," said Larry Broxton, executive director of the DAAC, who took the position just four months ago.

The series will feature Italian violin virtuoso Luca Ciarla at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9; Grammy-nominated Latin singer Perla Bertalla at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21; critically-acclaimed concert pianist Frederick Moyer at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010; internationally renowned concert pianist Teresa Walters at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010; the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2010; and the pre-eminent vocal ensemble, The Vienna Boys Choir at 6 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

There will also be several "wildcard" performances by other artists of the same caliber throughout the season that were added once the series had been launched.

"We're thrilled to be able to finally offer this service to our theater patrons," said DAAC Board President Kathleen Squires. "We've had people ask about something like it in the past and now it has become a reality. This series is a great way to kick off what is shaping up to be a marvelous season at the Rio Grande Theatre and we anticipate many more just like it to come."

The DAAC will sell subscriptions to the series for $150, which is a 15 percent discount off regular ticket prices. Subscription holders will have first shot at the "wildcard" performances, as well as exclusive invitations to receptions and concert after-parties and a listing in all programs as a series subscriber. All subscriptions are being handled through the Rio Grande Theatre's website at www.riograndetheatre.com, where subscribers can choose their seats for the entire season.

"I really believe this is a series people can get behind – with so many world-class international performers," said David Salcido, manager of the Rio Grande Theatre. "This is the kind of thing a sophisticated audience looks for – and we have that right here in Las Cruces."

For more information about the series, call the DAAC office at 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2010.

Singer Perla Batalla will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Opening this Week

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery's September featured artists are Phil Yost and Kurt Van Wagner.

Yost is not a student of art but has become completely captivated by watercolor medium. He retired from teaching high school science after 30 years, during which time he also coached wrestling and soccer. He was accepted into the New Mexico Watercolor Society as a Signature Member in 2005 and since has received numerous art awards.

Van Wagner has emerged as an accomplished self-taught digital artist. His artwork has gained international and local attention. During the past six years, 20 of his pieces have been featured in international magazines and book publications. He transforms his personal photographs into collectable works of art.

Digital photographer Steve Martin will join the gallery, as well. Martin has spent the last 25 years traveling and photographing the diversity and natural splendor of a uniquely blessed land by capturing the essence of a place at a particular point in time.

The gallery will host the annual ArtsHop celebration in conjunction with Doña Ana Arts Council from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. There will be refreshments provided by La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant in addition to local art that will be for sale.

Tickets may be purchased through the Gallery or from the Doña Ana Arts Council. Call 522-2933 for more information.

In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in many media, which include original paintings, encaustics, infused glass art jewelry, handmade cards, stained glass, photography, affordable prints and miniature paintings.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. 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

A controversial labor program that brought millions of Mexicans across the border to work in U.S. fields is the subject of a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, "Bracero Memories," which will open in the museum's Legacy Gallery on Friday, Aug. 28, and run through Jan. 18, 2010.

Mainly through historic photographs, the exhibit tells the story of the Bracero Program, a temporary guest worker program for millions of Mexican laborers between 1942 and 1964. The program marked a significant chapter in American and Mexican cultural history and relations. After the U.S. entered World War II, there was an immediate need for labor to fill the jobs left by Americans who went off to fight. The practices of that time are relevant to current debates about illegal immigration, farm labor issues and proposed guest worker programs.

The traveling exhibit was produced by the University of Texas at El Paso Institute of Oral History and the UTEP Centennial Museum. The Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum has supplemented the exhibit with historic photographs from New Mexico, as well as a replica of living quarters that includes several objects from the museum's collections.

A reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Filmmaker Patrick Mullins will show his award-winning 2008 documentary "Bracero Stories" at 7 p.m. The film draws on interviews and photographs collected by the Smithsonian Institution's and the University of Texas at El Paso Institute of Oral History's Bracero Oral History Project to recount first-hand experiences of workers and program administrators to see the workers behind the official policies and programs. Admission is a suggested donation of $2.

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Regular admission is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are admitted free.

Call 522-4100 for more information.

Continuing this Week

BLACK BOX THEATRE

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 held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in conjunction with the September Downtown Ramble.

THOMAS BRANIGAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host a print collection of America's most notable art works during the month of September.

The "Picturing America" exhibit will help visitors understand American democracy and allow them to experience America's history through art. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded an important grant to the library, which will bring works of American art to schools, libraries and communities throughout the country.

Call 528-4005 for more information. The TTY number is 528-4008.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery is hosting the work of Rosemary McLoughlin in a show titled "Brooklyn Tropical Baroque" – an acknowledgement of her Brooklyn roots as well as of the people, places and experiences of her life.

She reveals herself through her unique artistic expression her life experiences. She tells stories about her family, Catholicism, womanhood, 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. Call 541-0658 for more information.

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MAIN STREET GALLERY

The work of Jim Turrentine is on display at the Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, through August. The retrospective examines portraiture work he has completed over the last four decades.

The gallery is also showing works by some of Las Cruces' finest artists including the etchings and pastels of Winfrey Hearst, the impressionisms of Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht's brilliant dyes on silk, Daphne Wirthlin's whimsical fantasy scenes, Lois Wilson's fused and dichroic glasswork, Lynn Unangst's Spirit Minders, Margaret Berríer's detailed rock-art jewelry, Joanna Bradley's flamboyant gourd artworks, limited editions of Robert Highsmith's splendid watercolors, the skillfully and colorfully fired RAKU works of Rudy Lucero and the newly released limited editions of world class western pencil artist, Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Call 647-0508 for more information.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery features fiber art by Cyndi Clark and Jan Harrison in "Finding a Voice through Fiber." The exhibit continues through Friday, Aug. 28. 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 between her tapestries and basketry. For more information, call the church office at 522-7281.

TERRACE GALLERY

The Terrace Gallery, on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, features the Las Cruces Art Association art show, "Everything Goes" through Friday, Aug. 28.

Artists include Carol Groves, Olivia Solomon, Mary Lacy, Kurt Van Wagner and Judy Licht. Paintings of all media as well as photographs and a stained glass mirror are featured. Most artwork is for sale and can be purchased for $200 or less.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Branigan Cultural Center presents "Batteries Not Required," a display of historic cameras, and "Light Fantastic," a display of a historic craft of quilts in its newest form. 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 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information about exhibits, contact the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

SUSAN EISEN FINE JEWELRY & WATCHES

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.

IN EFFECT GALLERY

Lulu Hedrick, a recent graduate and class valedictorian of Alma d'Arte High School, will present a one woman show of her various media explorations at In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., through the month of August.

Hedrick has serious plans for her career in art, including working in 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 Hedrick a wide-open path for her talent to grow.

Her body of work is 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

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The works of more than a dozen ladies ranging in age from late 50s to early 90s from the Monday Studio Group is on display in the Rio Grande Theatre through the month of August. 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.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

An untitled piece by Carol Lopez at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre, hosts two local ambassadors of the art world the month of August. 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.

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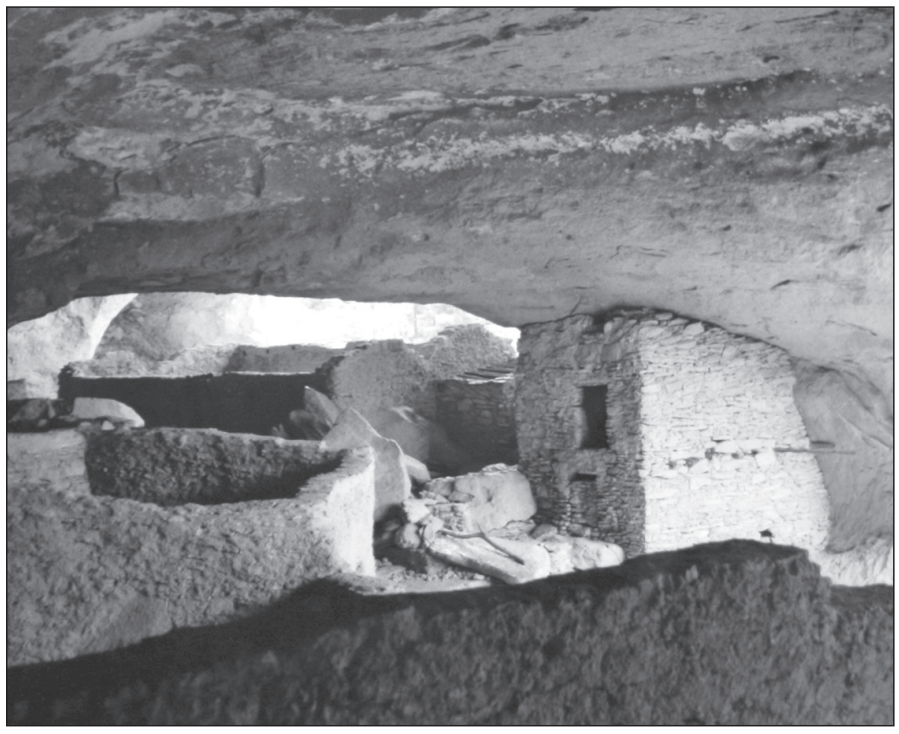

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NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

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.

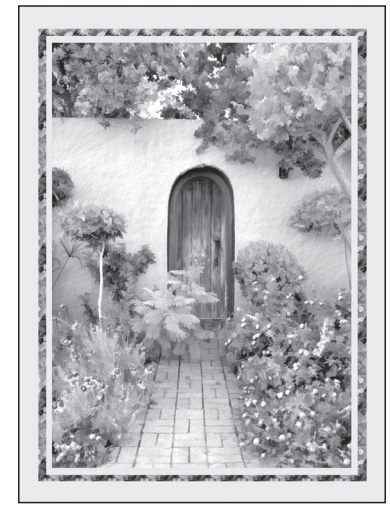
The exhibit, which complements the library's recently published book by the same title, includes photographs collected by the Navy and donated to the Archives by Paul Forsberg. Visitors to the exhibit may also listen to an audio stream of former State College president and Army Brig. Gen. Hugh M. Milton, 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.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Border Artists, an organization of 21 widely-recognized artists now in its 19th year, presents a group show at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, centered on the theme of agriculture in the Mesilla Valley, titled "The Art of Cultivation."

This highly anticipated show includes



Kurt Van Wagner is one of the featured artists at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery for the month of September.

both contemporary and traditional work in a range of media, including painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, photography and ceramics, all centered on the engulfing theme of agriculture and its innate relationship with the Mesilla Valley.

Artists showing their work will include Carolyn Bunch, Tauna Cole, Janice Cook, Sherry Doil-Carter, Tom Gerend, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Cassandra Lockwood, Tony Lazorko, Joyce Macrorie, Rosemary McLoughlin, Diana Molina, Virginia Ness, Jeanne Rundell, Jo-an Smith, Dan Tapper, Scott Weaver and Bob Willis.

The show runs through Dec. 6.

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-themed 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. Ono Grindz is open during lunch and dinner hours Monday through Friday and on Saturday for lunch.

An image from "Bracero Stories," an exhibit on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

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'THE BURNING PLAIN' AT THE FOUNTAIN THEATRE

Mesilla Valley Film Society

As part of the ongoing 20th anniversary, the Mesilla Valley Film Society will host a special advance screening of "The Burning Plain," which stars Academy Award-winning actresses Charlize Theron and Kim Basinger, at the Fountain Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

The film was partially shot in Las Cruces, and Academy Award-nominated director Guillermo Arriaga will appear at the screening as a special guest. His previous screenwriting work includes "Babel," "21 Grams" and "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada."

A reception will be held after the film from 10 p.m. to midnight, courtesy of Meson de Mesilla. Only ticket holders will be admitted to the screening and reception. Tickets are $20 for members of the film society and $25 for non-members.

There will be only 90 tickets available and tickets for non-members go on sale Saturday, Aug. 29. Call 522-8287, Ext. 2, for more information.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART CLASSES

The Las Cruces Museum of Art will host two classes in the coming months dedicated to teaching adults how to create their own works of art. Instructor Audra Noblet has been teaching art at the Las Cruces Museum of Art for four years and has shown work in Ohio, Las Cruces and Mesilla. She has worked as a classically trained oil painter for 12 years and operated her own gallery and studio in Findlay, Ohio, for three years.

Noblet will teach Introduction to Pastels beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and running through Oct. 20, with another session from Oct. 27 through Dec. 15. The class will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

In this class, students will explore different types of pastels and pastel techniques and learn how to make pastels at home from scratch, which saves lots of money. They will also explore paper preparation, color theory and application techniques. Subjects will be portrait, landscape and an introductory still life the first day.

Noblet will also teach Classical Oil Painting, using tricks and secrets by the "Old Masters" such as Leonardo, Michelangelo and Caravaggio. The class will begin Wednesday, Sept. 9, and run through Oct. 21, followed by another session from Oct. 27 through Dec. 15.

Students will learn recipes and a step-by-step technique that is not often taught in modern schools and will work toward realism creating beautifully luminous paintings.

Contact the Las Cruces Museum of Art at 541-2215 or visit www.museums.las-cruces.org for more information and to register for classes.

Friday, AUGUST 28

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.

Saturday, AUGUST 29

SALSA BAND TO PERFORM

Ritmos Cauroso, a Las Cruces salsa band, will perform on the Downtown Mall near the Rio Grande Theatre from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. The event is free and open to the public.

Ritmo Caluroso is a Latin jazz band that performs a wide range of Latin styles, including salsa, mambo, cumbia, cha cha, merengue, bolero and bossa nova.

Contact Jim Helder at 373-2188 for more information.

SNAP CLASSICS

The Doña Ana County Animal Control and the Spay Neuter Action Program of Doña Ana County (SNAP) will sponsor the SNAP Classics golf benefit Saturday, Aug. 29, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course.

All proceeds will benefit spay/neuter surgeries for pets.

MAINSTREET SALSAFEST

Main Street between Las Cruces Avenue and Griggs Street will be the site of a salsa "smackdown" Saturday, Aug. 29. Salsa makers will compete for cash and awards in the first annual celebration of this culinary tradition at the MainStreet SalsaFest, an event brought to Las Cruces by the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership. It's about everything salsa – salsa music, salsa dancing and, of course, America's most popular condiment – salsa. Call the Downtown Partnership office at 525-1955 for more information.

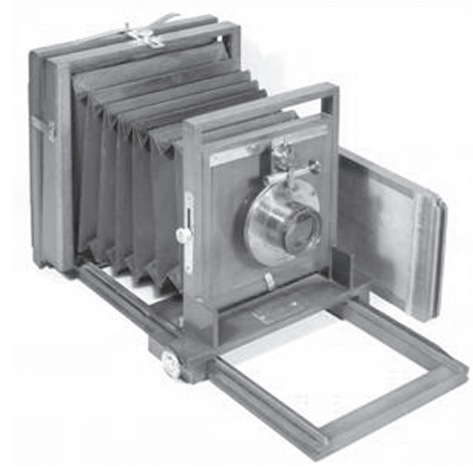
FAMILY STORYTELLING

Storytellers of Las Cruces presents family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at COAS Bookstores. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Louise O'Donnell and the storyteller for the Solano Drive location will be Loni Todoroki. A free book will be provided to each child who attends.

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 center, 975 S. Mesquite St., from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. 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.

'LET'S TALK CAMERAS' AT BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER



In conjunction with the exhibit "Batteries Not Required," camera collector Don Brenner will be on hand to meet with the general public from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 29. This is also the final day of the exhibit.

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 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information about exhibits, contact the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Ellen Roberts Young will introduce her new poetry chapbook, "The Map of Longing," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at The Bean, 2011 Avenida de Mesilla. A member of Sin Fronteras, Desert Writers and Mesilla Valley Writers, Young most recently served as emcee for open readings at the Bean. "The Map of Longing" is her second chapbook published by Finishing Line Press. Call 532-9239 for more information.

Sunday, AUGUST 30

CHAMBER JAZZ ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., and the New Mexico State University Department of Music will begin the 2009-2010 edition of their exciting concert series, jointly sponsored by both institutions, with a concert featuring some of the best jazz musicians in the area, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

The series, titled "St. Paul's Sunday Afternoons," features one concert per month through May 2010. The concert, "An Afternoon of Jazz," will be in the sanctuary at St. Paul's and will feature Curt Warren, guitar; Jim Shearer, tuba; Allan Kaplan, trombone; and Eric Unsworth, bass.

Admission is free to the public, although a love offering for the performers will be accepted. Call 526-6689 for more information.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Music in the Park Series will host Phat Soul and Souled Out at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

Music in the Park is a 14-week musical extravaganza offering Las Crucens an eclectic mix of music performed by local, regional and nationally recognized artists at Apodaca Park, Klein Park and Young Park. Music genres include jazz, rhythm and blues, mariachi, classical, country, tejano, bluegrass, new wave and pop, among others.

The City has provided the Music in the Park Series as a public service, free of charge, since 1994. Residents are reminded that in accordance with a City of Las Cruces policy, pets are not permitted at special events held at City of Las Cruces facilities.

For a complete online listing of the 2009 Music in the Park Series, visit www.las-cruces.org. The schedule is subject to change without notice.

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 1

HARVEST COOKING CLASS

This month's harvest cooking class, taking place from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, will feature recipes that include figs and/or plums, green chile and fall herbs. Carol Koening is the chef and pre-registration is required. The class is $35. For more information, call 522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

STITCH 'N' VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. To participate, bring a portable craft such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. The focus of the group is good conversation and sharing creative ideas. The group meets at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at Unravel Yarn Shop and Gallery, 300 N. Downtown Mall. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Susan Armstrong at 522-2984 or email susan50@juno.com.

ADULT BELLY DANCING CLASS

Adult Belly Dancing class with Susan Jewell and Jewells of the Desert take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. A $1 donation is required. Call 526-9509 or email www.jewellsofthedesertbellyclub.wetpaint.com for more information.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Back this fall, the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host its children's program. "Read to Me," a thematic story time for children ages 3 and up, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the Children's Room. Stories, songs and fingerplays will be included. "Mother Goose Time," a lapsit program for babies ages birth to 13 months and their caregivers, will be held from 11 to 11:40 a.m. every Wednesday in the Terrance Gallery. It will include songs, nursery rhymes and free play time. "Toddler Time," a story time for children ages 1 to 3 and includes songs and fingerplays, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Children's Room. All programs are free and open to the public. Call the Children's Department at 528-4225 for more information.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2

JEFF DUNHAM AT THE PAN AM CENTER

New Mexico State University will present comedian Jeff Dunham at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Pan American Center. After a record breaking 2008 that saw Dunham become the best-selling live comedy attraction in the U.S., Dunham was declared "America's favorite comedian" by Slate. Tickets range from $30 to $50 and are available at the Pan Am Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call the Pan Am Center Box Office at 646-1420 or Ticketmaster at 1-800-75-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

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Thursday, SEPTEMBER 3

BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

The Big Band Dance Club will dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of the High Society Orchestra from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Eric Fierro will teach a free cha-cha 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 523-4322, or visit www.bigbanddanceclub.org.

Friday, SEPTEMBER 4

DOWNTOWN RAMBLE

The First Friday Downtown Ramble will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at various locations in and around Downtown Las Cruces. There will be art openings by local galleries and artists, along with musical entertainment and light refreshments.

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
MainStreet SalsaFest	Saturday, Aug. 29	Downtown Mall
Jeff Dunham	Wednesday, Sept. 2	NMSU Pan American Center
ArtsHop	Friday, Sept. 11	Various Las Cruces locations
An Evening of Art with Amado Peña	Wednesday, Sept. 16	New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 5

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, Sept. 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is a $6 cover charge. Jim Corrons will provide the entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS

Award-winning author John Duncklee will be the guest speaker at the first meeting of the Mesilla Valley Writers to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Good Samaritan Village Social Lounge, first floor, Building E.

Duncklee has authored 17 books based in the Southwest – some of which are self-published. He will apprise attendees on the process of self-publishing. His awards include: "Author of the Year" from the Friends of Branigan Library, "Fellowship Award for Excellence in Writing" from the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Western Writers of America "Spur Award for Best Western Poem." Duncklee is a retired professor, rancher and quarter horse breeder.

The Mesilla Valley Writers meet the first Saturday of every month. A guest speaker or other program follows a short business meeting. Annual dues are $15. All are welcome. For more information, call Bob Sanchez at 521-4212.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 6

CERAMICS WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the "From the Ground Up XXIV" exhibition, artist Blair Meerfeld will conduct a two-day ceramics workshop titled "Pots from Parts" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Sponsored by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces and New Mexico Potters and Clay Artists, the workshop is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept 6. The cost is $50. To register, contact John Northcutt with the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces at 373-0043 or Barbara Williams at 522-2342.

Monday, SEPTEMBER 7

MESILLA VALLEY BOSQUE PARK FRIENDS MEETING

The Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at 5000 Calle del Norte. All MVBSP Friends and those who are interested in supporting the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park are invited to attend. The park fee will be waived for those attending the meeting. Call 523-8009 for more information.

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 8

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Every other Tuesday at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall presents the songs of Brand New Day. The program is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. Admission is free. For more information, contact the DAAC at 523-6403.

BOOK REVIEW AT BRANIGAN LIBRARY

The Friends of Branigan Library invite the public to a book review in the Terrace Gallery in the library, at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Charla Strosser, assistant English professor at El Paso Community College-Transmountain Campus, will discuss Margaret Atwood's "The Penelopiad: The Myth of Penelope and Odysseus," a shrewdly insightful, at times funny, picture of what life in those days night actually have been like. Contact Arlene Dohr at 521-4845 for more information.

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 10

DIGITAL IMAGING WORKSHOP

The Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops located in the Preston Contemporary Art Center announce its second season of digital photography weekend workshops. Nationally recognized photographic educators instruct workshops in September. Howard Wallach will open the season with The Photographic Narrative Thursday, Sept. 10, to Sunday, Sept. 13, during which participants will examine the history and varied form of the photographic narrative, as well as selected literary and musical works, then create photographic narratives of their own. The class offers a balance between imagining and doing, seriousness and fun.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Call 523-8713 for information.

FILM SHOWING

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will screen the documentary film "Bracero Stories" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, by Filmmaker Patrick Mullins.

The Bracero Program, a temporary guest worker program for millions of Mexican laborers between 1942 and 1964, marked a significant chapter in American and Mexican cultural history and relations. The practices of that time are relevant to current debates about illegal immigration, farm labor issues and proposed guest worker programs.

"Bracero Stories" draws on interviews and photographs collected by the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Texas at El Paso Institute of Oral History's Bracero Oral History Project to recount first-hand experiences of workers and program administrators to see the workers behind the official policies and programs. Admission is a suggested donation of $2. Call 522-4100 for more information.

Special Announcement

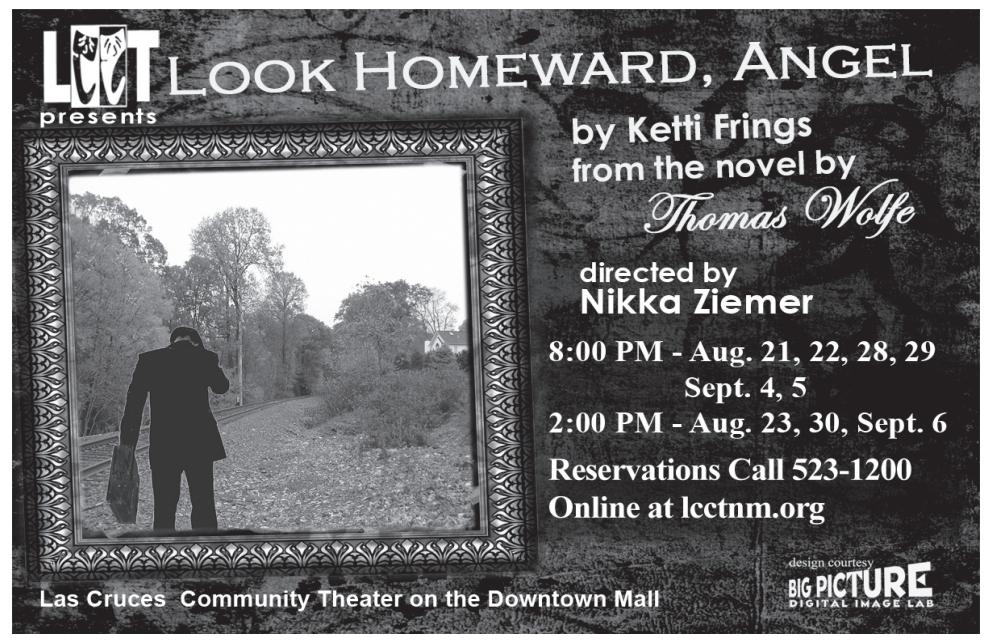
LCSA BOOK FAIR

Join the Las Cruces Symphony Association Saturday, Aug. 29, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the Mesilla Valley Mall for a fundraising book fair.

During this special weekend, Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of every sale made with a special book fair voucher, to the Las Cruces Symphony Association. Proceeds will benefit the educational programs presented by the LCSA.

Book fair vouchers can be picked up in the Symphony office, located in room 210 on the second floor of the Music Center at New Mexico State University.

Call 646-2966 for more information.



FEATURED ARTIST

‘Cactus’ Chris Buethe:
Cowboy poet who didn’t know it

New children’s book puts artist on the map

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the most famous and prolific cowboy poets of this age is Baxter Black, with his creative and popular prose on the ways of the men who ride the range and their views on the world. Black is also the inspiration behind “Cactus” Chris Buethe’s venture into cowboy poetry, turning a hobby into a lifelong passion.

When his three sons were little, Cactus would sit at their bedside as they told him the characters they wanted in their bedtime stories. From there, Cactus would make up the tall tales that would have the boys giggling in their sheets – and fixated on the adventures that came from their father.

As the boys grew up, the stories faded, but Cactus still had an inkling to tell these tales and began dabbling in the world of cowboy poetry, inspired by the words of Black and other like-minded poets.

“I saw Baxter (Black) perform once and thought he looked like he was having an awful lot of fun,” Cactus says.

The 80-year-old Village at Northrise resident came up with the name “Cactus” when he was searching on the Internet, discovering that it wasn’t being used by any cowboy poets, and living in the desert, he says it was “just kind of fitting.”

A captive audience

Cactus performs live for organizations interested in original cowboy poetry, including retirement groups, conferences and cruise ships, and he says part of his love of the performances comes from years of teaching.

“Part of it is, after 39 years, I kind of missed having a captive audience,” he says.

Cactus taught high school physics for 39 years in Nebraska, Colorado and California, as well as at the University of Nebraska, New Mexico State University and Indiana State University, where he was a professor emeritus. He also served as a guest professor at Miami University in Ohio and Central Washington University.

As a Fulbright Scholar, he was sent to Tangier for one year with the U.S. State Department.

Cactus says that with so much experience in the hard sciences, some of his writing skills were lacking.

“In our region where I grew up, we had poor language skills, so when I started college, I started taking English classes,” he says. “After a few years, I was told that if I took two more classes, I would be qualified to teach English. I taught for a few years and I worked my butt off.”

Cactus says the students had a profound effect on his writing and inspired him to write his silly poems.

A published author

In 1995, Cactus published his first collection of cowboy poetry in his book “Wanna Be A Cowboy,” followed four years later by “Wanna Be A Cowboy 2” in 1999.

In the years since he began exploring the world of writing, he has had 25 poems published in magazines across the country and more than 130 published total.

Cactus also has been asked to perform at numerous functions across the U.S. in more than 120 live performances.

“The best audiences are women from rural areas,” he says. “The toughest are the big city high school boys. I like to have the audience laughing and enjoying the performance.”

In 2008, Cactus published a children’s book, “Whose Cat is That?,” which was illustrated by local artist Michael Wyatt. The book is available at COAS Bookstores, Hastings and select shops in Mesilla.

“Whose Cat is That?” was inspired by a cat his wife brought home one day, that became “his.” After eight years, the cat ran away, and after three months, Cactus figured it was gone for good, but it returned. He says he got so attached to the cat and didn’t realize it and it was that attachment that spawned his newest publication.

Family influence

Some performances Cactus does are inspired by the struggles he and his famil have endured, including his wife’s onset of Alzheimer’s. Now in a special facility for Alzheimer’s patients, Cactus visits her daily and says every day is a struggle – but through it all, it’s the silly stories that help him cope.

“Through family struggles, I’ve had these stories to fall back on and develop,” Cactus says.

One of his sons has begun developing the disease at age 47, and has fought the effects of an accident and brain injury at the age of 18, so Cactus is aware of the need for the means to develop a cure.

When booking performances, Cactus offers groups the option of giving the money they were going to pay him to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Artistic Endeavors

Cactus not only finds refuge in being a wordsmith, he also is skilled in painting with watercolors, and has a few on display in his apartment.

After being shown the “ropes” by his sister-in-law, Cactus signed up for a class at the community center in Mesilla Park to sharpen his skills.

“I took a class where I was the only man in the class and the only person studying watercolor as a medium. I’ve really had to learn how unforgiving watercolor can be,” he says. “I try to create something wild, with bright colors.”

Cactus has also dabbled in the world of performance art, taking lessons in jazz, which he says was “a lot harder than I thought it would be.”

Now, his concentration is on developing his painting skills and keeping up with the bookings he has received from groups around the Southwest for his cowboy poetry skills.

“A lot of silliness helps in this profession,” he says.

“Cactus” Chris Buethe is a self-proclaimed cowboy humorist and artistic geezer and has published three books – two on cowboy poetry and one children’s book.

JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Meson de Mesilla: Like no other

Boutique hotel, restaurant reopens to high acclaim

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Meson de Mesilla has seen a lot of changes in the last few years – new owners, a two-year renovation and a wealth of new entertainment for the venue. But, among all the changes, one thing remains the same – Meson de Mesilla is unlike anything Las Cruces has to offer.

Meson de Mesilla was built in 1983, and has seen a number of owners, most recently falling into the hands of Jim and Jodie York and Joseph and Courtney Muench. The business partners and friends were looking to create a place they could come and enjoy a great meal and a good glass of wine.

"My husband and I like good food and wine – and we felt Las Cruces was needing that," Jodie York says. "This place – it's a great atmosphere. It's romantic and peaceful, and we have a certain energy that makes people want to come back again and again."

The boutique hotel's restaurant offers world-class cuisine, carefully prepared under the watchful eye of Executive Chef Michel Mal, affectionately known as "Chef." He says the entire restaurant operation is teamwork oriented, and stresses freshness and quality.

"Our menu is well-balanced, made with high-end food. We don't compromise on quality," Mal says. "This is a group effort and we pay attention to customer feedback that the staff hears about what people want."

The restaurant serves lunch Monday through Friday each week, and offers many selections at $10 or less, an affordable option for those looking for a high-class business or casual lunch. Each day, the restaurant features a fresh fish entrée, which is created from the finest ingredients flown in from the Seattle coast.

Dinner is served every day of the week, and a number of items are seafood, such as the popular parpadelle pasta with sautéed rock shrimp, made with roasted bell peppers, pancetta, garlic and fresh herbs, roasted tomato cream sauce and parmesan cheese. The restaurant also offers a number of beef entrées, such as the pan-seared filet of beef tenderloin, with porcini mushroom veal demi-glaze. Each dish is carefully paired with a wine that complements the flavors of the dish, from the restaurant's impressive wine list.

"Our wine list has been created carefully. We took a great deal of time trying different wines to separate ourselves from others in the area," says Cathy Montgomery, assistant general manager of Meson de Mesilla. "The list features many California wines and wines from the Northwest, as well as Gruet out of New Mexico. We improve the list every week and have 20 wines by the glass that are $5, so they are affordable, too."

Meson de Mesilla also has expanded their lounge area, serving appetizers and specialty cocktails every day of the week. Sundays and Mondays, the lounge area serves a limited number of dinner entrées, as well as $2 off martinis and two-for-one appetizers. Patrons can enjoy the view from the lounge's outdoor patio or venture atop the second floor of the property to witness the breathtaking view of the Mesilla Valley, a one-of-a-kind restaurant view.

Tuesdays offer another unique venture for the restaurant with Perfect Pairings at 5:30 p.m. Chef Mal creates three dishes to pair with three different wines each week – food specifically created to match the wine. The cost is $20, which includes tax and gratuity, and reservations are required.

"We want to be a place where people meet and tell us, 'Thank you so much for opening a restaurant of this caliber,'" Jodie York says. "It's a great feeling to have – and goes right along with our saying, 'Life As It Should Be.'"

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Meson de Mesilla has reopened under new ownership in the extensively renovated property on Avenida de Mesilla. They serve lunch and dinner, as well as cocktails in the large lounge area.

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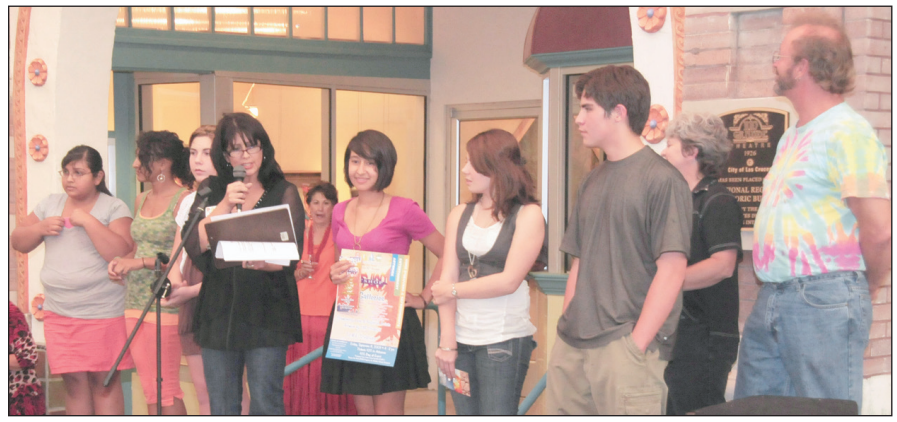
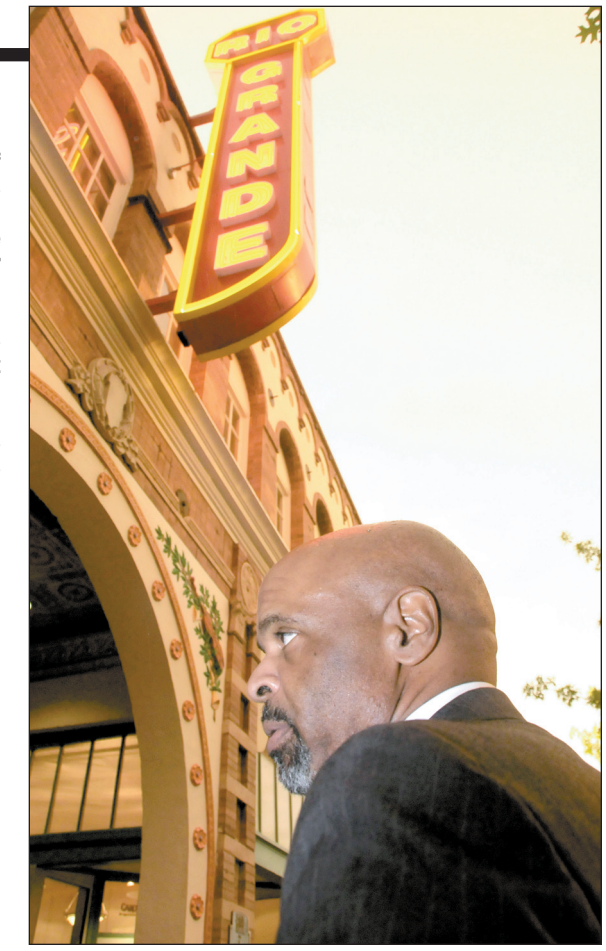


Students are presented with awards from the Doña Ana Arts Council. From left are Leslie Ann Sanchez, Asiah Thomas, Blair Hartley, Ceci Vasconcellos, Gabrielle Woolf, Donovan Swann, Anthony Muñoz, Kristin Boren and Olin Calk.



Larry Broxton, executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council, chats with guests at the advance artist reception for ArtsHop 2009, on Monday, Aug. 24. On hand were students from the Career Art Path program and their winning entries, as well as participating galleries and the T.I.M.E. Project sculptors.

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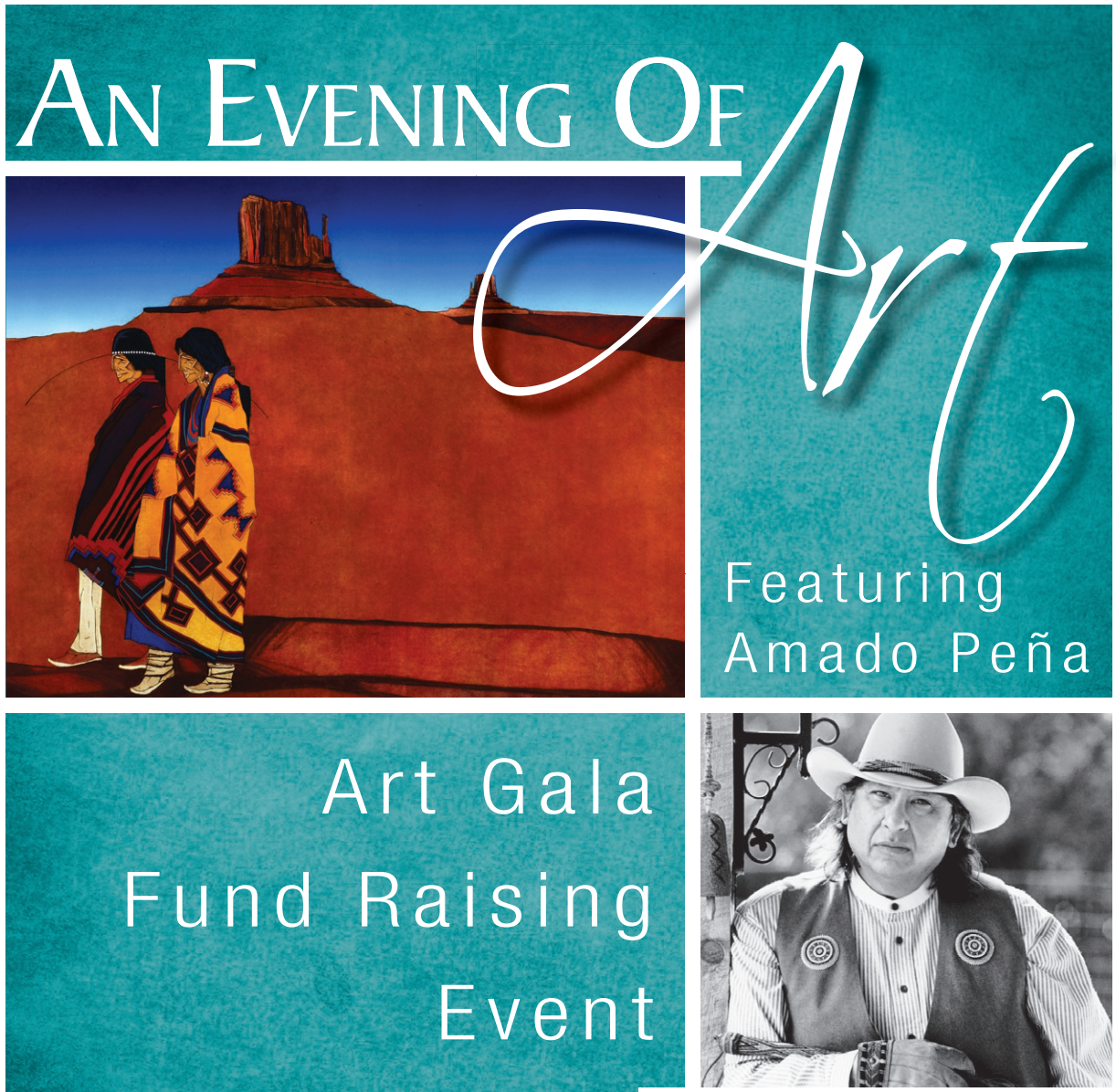
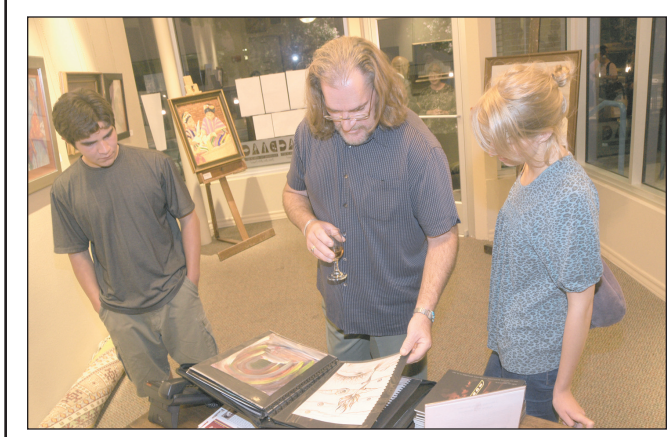


Glenn Schwaiger, T.I.M.E. artist, and Bud Russo of KSNM's "Explore New Mexico"

Robert Senecal provided musical entertainment at the event, playing original compositions on his keyboard.



Career Art Path student Anthony Muñoz, local artist Judd Wright and Camilla Calk look at Muñoz's portfolio inside the Rio Grande Theatre.

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

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00 COMCAST CABLE

FRIDAY EVENING — AUGUST 28, 2009

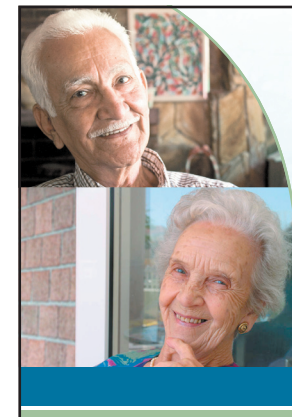
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	NFL Preseason Football: Patriots at Redskins						Paid	Fortune	News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Supernanny cc		Ugly Betty cc		20/20 cc		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil cc		Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?				To Be Announced		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 "Beast"		Chris	Game	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★★ "Bowfinger" (1999) Steve Martin.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	High School Football						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter cc		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2	27	WTA Tennis: Pilot Pen -- Semifinal				World Series		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) cc				SportsNation (N)		World Series	
USA	31	NCIS "SWAK"		NCIS "Twilight"		Monk (N) cc		Psych (N) cc		House "Locked In"		Monk cc		Psych cc	
TNT	32	CSI: NY cc		CSI: NY cc		★★★ "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) cc					★★ "Pride" (2007) Terrence Howard.				Contact
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) cc				Sex &	Sex &	(:10) ★★ "Herbie: Fully Loaded" (2005)			
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Lewis Black		Craig Ferguson		Presents	Gerry Dee		Presents	RENO	RENO
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Project Runway		Models	Project Runway		Models	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge		Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City (N)		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City	
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	Buck	House	Unsella	Design Star		Property	Property	House	Buck
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load		Motorheads cc		Cocaine cc		Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load	
TLC	45	Master-Receptn		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Making Over		What Not to Wear		Making Over		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Truth-Traffic		MythBusters cc		Hard Time Alaska		Rampage! cc		MythBusters cc		Hard Time Alaska		Rampage! cc	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops cc		Untamed and Uncut		Jockeys (N)		Monsters Inside Me		Jockeys (In Stereo)		Untamed and Uncut		Monsters Inside Me	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club cc		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	"Wizards of Waverly Place The Movie"				Lights	Sonny
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Halloween 5"		★★ "Out for Justice" (1991, Action) cc				★★★ "Fight Club" (1999) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. cc						★★ "Psycho" cc	
SYFY	59	Star Trek: Ent.		Eureka Baby gifts.		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		Reports	Options	Game Industry		Porn: Business		Mad Money		Fast Money		Porn: Business	
MSNBC	64	Kennedy Brothers		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		The Last Voyage		Lockup	

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 29, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime
CBS	3 3	Money	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) cc				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Strawberry	Care Bears
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		Emperor	Replace	Little League	
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 Michael Jackson's burial. (N) cc				Veggie	Penguins	Turbo	Babar (El)	Zula Patrol	Friend
CW	14	(Off Air)				GoGoRiki	Winx Club	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu Gi Oh	Turtles	Turtles	Dinosaur
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Cultivating
ESPN	26	SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter cc		Gameday		High School Football	
ESPN2	27	Driven	English Premier League Soccer Chelsea vs. Burnley. (Live)					Expedition	Redfish	SportsCenter cc		Bassmasters cc	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	In Touch-Dr		Royal Pains cc		Monk cc		Psych "High Noon-ish"		Psych cc	
TNT	32	Angel "Orpheus" cc		Homicide: Life		Law & Order "Harm"		Law & Order "Shield"		The Closer cc		Law & Order "Juvenile"	
TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	★★ "Mouse Hunt" (1997) (PA) Nathan Lane.				★★ "The Pink Panther" (2006) Steve Martin.				"Herbie: Fully Loaded"	
COM	35	★ "Corky Romano" (2001) Chris Kattan. cc				Craig Ferguson		Gerry Dee		Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Ab Circle	Thinner	Steam Mop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Winter of Frozen Dreams" (2009) Thora Birch.			
FOOD	40	Italian	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Ultimate	Ask Aida	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ingred. Fix
HGTV	41	Weekend	Sweat	Holmes in New Orleans		Holmes in New Orleans		Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Biography "Roseanne"		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House cc		Flip This House (N)		Keyshawn	Keyshawn
HIST	44	Heavy Metal cc		Boneyard "Katrina"		Katrina		Underworld		Tsunami 2004: Death		Rogue Waves cc	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Slim in 6	Paid Prog.	Verminators cc		Dirty Jobs cc		The Colony cc		Dirty Jobs cc	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Dog Show "Crufts 2007" Dogs compete.				Bark Mad	Breed	Animals	Housecat	Living With Tigers		Into the Lion's Den	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Ruby	10 Things	'70s Show	"Labor Pains" (2009) Lindsay Lohan.		
DISN	52	Hounded	Bell Rings	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(4:30) ★★★★ "Fort Apache" (1948) John Wayne. cc					★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Martin. cc						Chisum
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Eye of the Beast" (2007) James Van Der Beek.				"Croc" (2007, Horror) Peter Tuinstra. cc			
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.	Steam Mop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Mind Control	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 29, 2009

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Workshop	MotorWeek	Wdwright	Old House Hr.		Gourmet	Primal Grill	Taste This	Food	New York	Lawrence Welk Show	
CBS	3 3	WTA Tennis: Pilot Pen -- Final				PGA Tour Golf The Barclays -- Third Round. From Jersey City, N.J. cc						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Little League Baseball: World Series				Little League Baseball: World Series, U.S. Championship					Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Preview	Paid Prog.	Baseball	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds. cc					
NBC	9 9	Island	To Be Announced		Beach Volleyball: AVP Crocs Tour			Golf: Amateur Championship				Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Kamen	Huntik	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees. cc						Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN	26	High School Football				Heisman	Gameday		Horse Racing (Live) cc			SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2	27	Expedition	Redfish	Beat	Beat	WNBA Basketball: Shock at Silver Stars				LPGA Tour Golf: Safeway Classic			
USA	31	"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America"				★★ "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey. cc				★★ "The Break-Up" (2006) Vince Vaughn. cc			
TNT	32	★★★ "The Client" (1994, Suspense) Susan Sarandon. cc					★★ "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington.				★★★ "Drumline" (2002) cc		
TBS	33	"Herbie: Fully Loaded"	Friends	Sex & City		Sex & City	Raymond	King	King	★★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996) (PA) cc			
COM	35	★★ "Beverly Hills Cop III" (1994) Eddie Murphy.				★★ "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult" cc				★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995)			
LIFE	39	"You Belong to Me" (2007) Shannon Elizabeth.				"Her Only Child" (2008) Nicholle Tom. cc				★ "Glass House: The Good Mother" (2006) cc			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		Chopped		Chefs vs. City		Iron Chef America		Best Thing	Boitano
HGTV	41	Bang, Buck	What Get	Challenge	Divine	Genevieve	Color	Colour	Outside	Dime	Rate	To Sell	Income
A&E	43	Hoarders cc		Hoarders cc		Angel	Criss Angel Mindfreak		Criss Angel Mindfreak		★★★ "Edward Scissorhands"		
HIST	44	Marked cc		Motorheads cc		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Lock N' Load		Extreme Marksmen cc			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Making Over America		Masters of Reception		18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs cc		Dirty Jobs Turkey farm.		Dirty Jobs cc		Dirty Jobs cc		Dirty Jobs cc		Dirty Jobs cc	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Most Outrageous cc		Underdog	
FAM	51	Labor Pain	★★ "Stepmom" (1998) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon. cc			"Twitches" (2005) Tia Mowry. cc		★★ "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" (1985) cc				★★ "Nanny McPhee"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Twitches" (2005) Tia Mowry. cc			Wizards-Place		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	The Fairly OddParents		Penguins	Penguins	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(10:30) ★★★ "Chisum" (1970) John Wayne.				★★★ "Fight Club" (1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton. cc						★★ "Out for Justice"	
SYFY	59	★ "Dinocroc" (2004) Costas Mandylor. cc				"Supergator" (2007, Suspense) Brad Johnson.				★★ "Deep Blue Sea" (1999) Thomas Jane.			
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.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Ultimate Betrayal		Inv: Rampage Killers		Inv: Hollywood Vice		Treasure Hunt Karl Ryll.		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator	



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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	Aggie	America	Desert	World	Monarch of the Glen		Benny	Red	Time Team America		Chaco Canyon		Austin City Limits	
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	NFL Preseason Football San Diego Chargers at Atlanta Falcons.						Jeopardy	Fortune	News	CSI: NY "Trapped"		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	★★ "Flightplan" (2005) Jodie Foster.				Jimmy Kimmel		News (N)	(:35) Cheaters CC		Wired
FOX	8 14	Cowboys Pregame		NFL Preseason Football: 49ers at Cowboys						News	Seinfeld	MADtv CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law Order: CI		WrestleMania		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live CC		
CW	14	★★ "The Bounty" (1984) Mel Gibson.				Bananas CC		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		★★★ "True Crime" (1999) Clint Eastwood. CC					News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bullwin	★ "Wrongfully Accused" CC		
ESPN	26	High School Football Cedar Hill vs. DeSoto. (Live)						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis: U.S. Open Series -- Pilot Pen				NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Qualifying				MLS Soccer: Chivas USA at Galaxy				World Series	
USA	31	NCIS "Silver War"		NCIS "Deception"		NCIS "Mind Games"		NCIS "Boxed In"		Psych "He Dead"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	(3:30) "Drumline"		★★★ "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) CC					★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. CC					★★ "I Am Sam"	
TBS	33	★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994) (PA)				Engvall	Engvall	★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994) (PA)				Engvall	Engvall	"Jingle All the Way"	
COM	35	"Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"				★★ "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson. CC				"Futurama: Bender's Big Score" (2007)				"South Park"	
LIFE	39	"Widow on the Hill" (2005, Drama) CC				★ "New Best Friend" (2002) CC				Army Wives CC		Drop Dead Diva		Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge		Challenge	
HGTV	41	For Rent	House	Divine	Gene	Color	Color	House	House	Rate	Design	Divine	Gene	Color	Color
A&E	43	"Edward Scis."		★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) Joe Pesci. CC					Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) CC			
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Woodstock: Now & Then CC				Sex in '69: Sexual Revolution in America				Woodstock: Now & Then CC			
TLC	45	18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	Moving Up (N)		18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	18 Kids	Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Swimming Lions		Me or	Me or	It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		Me or	Me or	It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51	"Nanny McPhee"		★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Premiere.				★★ "Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts. CC					Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Lights	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	"Wizards of Waverly Place"		Wizards		Lights	Jonas	Jonas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly CC		iCarly	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	"Out for Justice"		★★★ "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003)					★★ "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves. CC					"Return of Dead"	
SYFY	59	"Malibu Shark Attack" (2009) Peta Wilson.				"Mega Shark vs. Giant Octopus" (2009)				★ "Spring Break Shark Attack" (2005)				"Kraken: Tentacles"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Originals: Bud		On the Money		Suze Orman		Marijuana Inc.		American Greed		Suze Orman		Marijuana Inc.	
MSNBC	64	To Catch a Predator		Lockup		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: N.M.	

SUNDAY MORNING — AUGUST 30, 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)				Raven Tls	Mr Rogers	Sid	Santa Fe	Wash Wk	Washngtn	Religion	Minding
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Money	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tennis: Ashe Kids' Day	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall St	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Jones	Paid Prog.	Highlight	Paid Prog.
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today Autism. (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Home	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Paid Prog.
CW	14	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NASCAR
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Facts	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Children	Paid Prog.	World Series of Golf		WWE Superstars CC	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC				Little League Baseball	
ESPN2	27	Chronicles	Journal	Whitetail	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	Bassmasters CC		NHRA Drag Racing		SportsCtr.	Baseball
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	Ed Young	J. Osteen	★★★ "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" (1969) George Lazenby. CC						"Spy-Loved Me"	
TNT	32	(4:00) ★★ "I Am Sam" (2001) CC				(:45) ★★★ "Secondhand Lions" (2003) Michael Caine. CC				★★ "Pride" (2007) Terrence Howard. CC			
TBS	33	(4:20) ★ "Showtime" (2002) (PA)				(:20) ★★ "Murder at 1600" (1997) (PA) CC			(:20) ★★ "Ladder 49" (2004) (PA) Joaquin Phoenix. CC				
COM	35	★★ "Beverly Hills Cop III" (1994) Eddie Murphy.				Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	"Naked Gun 33 1/3"	
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Thinner	Health	Project Runway CC		Models	Project Runway CC		Models
FOOD	40	Cooking	Rescue	Emeril	Simply	Cooking	Giada	Contessa	Grill It-Flay	Big Bite	Minute	Money	Dinners
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Landscape	Get Out	Yard	Super	Curb	Unsellable	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Good Buy
A&E	43	Biography A profile of singer and actress Cher.				Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST	44	Lost Treasures		Ax Men "Initiation Day"		Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC	
TLC	45	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Insanity	Slim in 6	Survivorman CC		MythBusters "Jet Pack"		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild "Iceland"	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Housecat	Animals	Bark Mad	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom Wolves.		Wild Kingdom CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	★★ "Legally Blonde"	
DISN	52	Poof Point	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Einsteins	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(4:30) ★★ "Indecent Proposal" (1993) CC				★★★ "Mystic Pizza" (1988) Julia Roberts, Lili Taylor. CC					★★★ "My Girl" (1991, Drama) CC		
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Infected" (2008) Gil Bellows, Maxim Roy. CC				"AVH: Alien vs. Hunter" (2007) William Katt.			
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.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Dead Men Talk	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 30, 2009

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Aggie Alm	NOW	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Healthy	Animal	Uncorked	Europe	Burt Wolf	Yachting	Antiques Roadshow	
CBS	3 3	Tennis	Preview	PGA Tour Golf The Barclays -- Final Round. From Jersey City, N.J. (Live) CC								Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	So Raven	So Raven	Homeland Security USA		Little League Baseball: World Series, World Championship					Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	★★ "The Brothers Grimm" (2005) Matt Damon.				Motorcycle Racing		3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Preview	King
NBC	9 9	Track and Field: Golden League			Beach Volleyball: AVP Crocs Tour			Golf U.S. Amateur Championship -- Final Round.				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	"Quicksilver" (1997, Horror) Christopher Lloyd.				CW's Fall	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	Sports	Sports	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (In Stereo Live) CC						Inning	Honeymnr	Honeymnr	Honeymnr
ESPN	26	Little League Baseball		Web Gems		Dog Challenge		LPGA Tour Golf Safeway Classic -- Final Round.				SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Preview		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- NAPA Auto Parts 200. (Live)							Tony Hawk	
USA	31	(10:00) "The Spy Who Loved Me"			★★★★ "Goldfinger" (1964) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe. CC					★★★ "GoldenEye" (1995) Pierce Brosnan. CC			
TNT	32	★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. CC					★★ "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah. CC				★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith.		
TBS	33	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees. (Live) CC						★★★ "Galaxy Quest" (1999) (PA) Tim Allen.				★★★ "Men in Black"	
COM	35	"Naked Gun 33 1/3"		★★ "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" CC				★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995)				★★ "Idiocracy" (2006)	
LIFE	39	★★ "Family Sins" (2004) Kirstie Alley. CC				"A Decent Proposal" (2007) Jessica Tuck. CC				"Like Mother, Like Daughter" (2007) CC			
FOOD	40	Boitano	Big Daddy	Rachael	Road	Diners	Diners	Food	Food	Cakes	Cakes	Munchies Unwrapped	
HGTV	41	First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	House	Bought	Buy Me (N)	House	House	Design Star		Potential	To Sell
A&E	43	★★★ "Edward Scissorhands" (1990) Johnny Depp. CC					★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci. CC					CSI: Miami "Ambush"	
HIST	44	Ax Men CC		Ax Men "The Ax Falls"		Ax Men "Fresh Meat"		Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men CC	
TLC	45	Police Women		Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Stories of ER	
DISC	47	9/11 Towers		Flight, Fought		Flight, Fought		Hottest Place		Planet Earth: The Filmmakers Story CC			
ANPL	50	Season of the Grizzly		Stranger Among Bears		Stranger Among Bears		Stranger Among Bears		Raw Nature CC		Raw Nature CC	
FAM	51	★★ "Legally Blonde"		★★ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"				"Legally Blondes" (2009) Milly Rosso. CC				★★ "Sky High" (2005)	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Wizards of Waverly Place"			Lights	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	School	School	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	(9:30) ★★★ "My Girl"		★★ "The Secret of My Success" (1987) Michael J. Fox. CC					★★ "Sabrina" (1995) Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond. CC				
SYFY	59	★★ "Dark Breed" (1996) Jack Scalia.				"Living Hell" (2008) Johnathon Schaech. CC				"Showdown at Area 51" (2007) Jason London.			
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.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Dead Men Talk		Meet the Press CC		Kennedy Brothers		The Runaways		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Holman	

SUNDAY EVENING — AUGUST 30, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Globe Trekker		Nova CC (DVS)		Nature (In Stereo)		Masterpiece Mystery! (N)		From		American Masters		Short List	(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes CC		(:01) Big Brother 11		Neighborhood		(8:59) Cold Case		News	CSI: NY CC		Paid
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Extreme-Home		Shark Tank (N)		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	NBC	News	NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos.						Dateline NBC CC		News (N)	Lopez	Paid	CSI Mi
CW	14	Tyra	CW's Fall	Red Carpet		The 36th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards				Housewives		Bananas Sara Shea.		Star Trek CC	
WGN	15	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	News	Replay	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym
ESPN	26	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC		
ESPN2	27	Homecoming		World Series		World Series		World Series		World Series		World Series		NASCAR Race	
USA	31	(3:00) "GoldenEye"		★★★ "Casino Royale" (2006) Daniel Craig, Eva Green. CC						★★★ "Licence to Kill" (1989, Action) Timothy Dalton. CC					
TNT	32	(3:30) "Hitch" (2005)		★★★ "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) CC				★★★ "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) CC						★★ "Last Holiday"	
TBS	33	"Men in Black" (PA)		★★ "Men in Black II" (2002)		(:35) ★★ "Men in Black II"				(:10) ★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) (PA)				"Galaxy Quest" (PA)	
COM	35	(4:00) "Idiocracy"		Futurama	Futurama	"Futurama: Into the Wild Green Yonder"				"Futurama: Into the Wild Green Yonder"				Michael	RENO
LIFE	39	★ "Because I Said So" (2007) CC				Drop Dead Diva (N)		Army Wives (N)		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives CC		Project Runway	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Chopped	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Income	Estate	House	House	Design Star (N)		Property	Renovatn	Income	Estate	House	House
A&E	43	CSI: Miami "All In"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Lock N' Load		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Marked CC		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TLC	45	Stories of ER		Multitude Mlt.		Your Kid Ate What?		Dancing Tweens (N)		Multitude Mlt.		Your Kid Ate What?		Dancing Tweens	
DISC	47	Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC		Planet Earth CC	
ANPL	50	Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me	
FAM	51	(4:00) "Sky High"		★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) CC				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) CC				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Wiz Deck	Suite Life	Montana	"Wizards of Waverly Place The Movie"				Jonas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Jackson	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	Sabrina	★★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson. CC					Mad Men (N) CC		(:02) Mad Men		(:03) Breaking Bad		Mad Men CC	
SYFY	59	"Copperhead" (2008) Brad Johnson. CC				"High Plains Invaders" (2009) Premiere.				"I Am Omega" (2007) Mark Dacascos.				Twilight	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	Fastest Grow.		The Oprah Effect		Made-Millions		American Greed		Swoosh! Inside Nike		Porn: Business	
MSNBC	64	Lockup: Holman		In Cold Blood		Deadly Secret		Deadly Dreams		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator	

MONDAY EVENING — AUGUST 31, 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		Great Performances		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Mother	Mother	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock (N) CC						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	House "Saviors"		Lie to Me CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law Order: CI		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		MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs. CC						News	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	Countdown		NFL Preseason Football Minnesota Vikings at Houston Texans.						SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	U.S. Open Tennis First Round. (Live)								E:60 (N) CC		Football	SportsNation (Live)		Yearbook
USA	31	NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				(:05) Royal Pains		Law Order: CI		(:05) Monk CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		The Closer CC		The Closer CC		The Closer CC		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY "The Fall"	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Engvall	Sex &	Sex &	★★ "The Weather Man" CC		
COM	35	"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"		Larry, Cable				The Comedy Central Roast			The Comedy Central Roast			Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Army Wives CC		Army Wives CC		Grey's Anatomy		Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	First	House	For Rent	Unsella	First	Property	Property	House	First
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Intervention "Jeff"		Intervention "Marci"		Hoarders (N) CC		Para	Para	Intervention "Jeff"		Intervention "Marci"	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The Crumbling of America CC				Clash of the Gods		Bible Code: Prd		The Crumbling of America CC			
TLC	45	Dancing Tweens		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Ultimate Cake Off		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Ultimate Cake Off	
DISC	47	Nature's Most		Nature's Most		Nature's Most		Nature's Most		Nature's Most		Nature's Most		Nature's Most	
ANPL	50	Natural World CC		Dogs 101 CC		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops		Dogs 101 CC		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Secret-Teen		Greek CC		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club CC		Secret-Teen		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Eloise at the Plaza" (2003) CC				Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Ferris Bueller"		★ "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1992)				Mad Men CC		(:02) ★ "The Skulls" (2000) CC				Mad Men CC	
SYFY	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Gundam	Gundam	Rave	Rave	Lost "Homecoming"	
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		Crime & Punishment		Prostitution		Mad Money		Fast Money		Crime & Punishment	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 1, 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. (N) CC		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	NCIS "Legend"		(:01) Big Brother 11		NCIS "Legend"		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Crash Course CC		Shaq Vs. (N) CC		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		MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs. CC						News	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	NFL Live	World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	U.S. Open Tennis Early Round. (Live)								Hey Rookie, NFL		SportsNation (Live)		NASCAR	Poker
USA	31	NCIS "Switch"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		HawthoRNe CC		Saving Grace CC		HawthoRNe CC		Saving Grace CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	★ "Boat Trip" CC	
COM	35	Greg Giraldo		Patton Oswalt		S. Park	S. Park	The Comedy Central Roast			The Comedy Central Roast			Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	Medium "Pilot"		Medium CC		Medium CC		Medium CC		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Anatomy
FOOD	40	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrap	Best	Chopped		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best	Chopped	
HGTV	41	House	House	First	First	House	Buck	House	House	Estate	First	First	First	House	Buck
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		The First 48 CC		The First 48 (N)		The Cleaner (N)		The Cleaner CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The Universe CC		The Universe (N)		Earth-Made		Mega Disasters		The Universe CC		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	Ultimate Cake Off		Jon & Kate Plus 8		18 Kids	18 Kids	Master-Receptn		18 Kids	18 Kids	Master-Receptn		Jon & Kate Plus 8	
DISC	47	Made	Made	Swords: Life		Swords: Life		The Colony (N)		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		The Colony CC	
ANPL	50	Close-Danger		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Nightmares		Piranhas CC		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Nightmares		Piranhas CC	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	10 Things	Ruby	★★★ "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson.				The 700 Club CC		Greek CC		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Beethoven's 2nd" (1993)			Wizards	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(4:00) "Joe Kidd"		★★ "Last of the Dogmen" (1995) Tom Berenger.				(:45) ★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood. CC						(:15) Mad Men	
SYFY	59	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13 (N)		ECW (Live)		Warehouse 13		Stargate SG-1		Lost "Outlaws"	
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		House of Cards				Mad Money		Fast Money		American Orig.	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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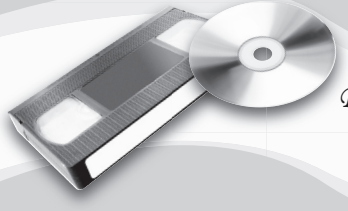

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PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	American Masters "Trumbo"			Art	Wide Angle (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Christine	Preview	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wipeout (N) CC		(:02) Crash Course		Primetime: Crime		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	You Can Dance		(7:58) Glee "Pilot"		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	America-Talent		America-Talent		Law & Order: SVU		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		Coach	Coach	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays. (Live) CC						MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers.						SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Tennis U.S. Open -- Men's First Round and Women's Second Round. (Live)								SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	NASCAR	Baseball	Poker
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS "Honor Code"		NCIS CC		NCIS "Chained"		★★ "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey.				In Plain Sight CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Leverage (N) CC		Dark Blue (N) CC		Leverage CC		Dark Blue CC		CSI: NY CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	"Son of the Mask"	
COM	35	"Futurama: Into the Wild Green Yonder"				S. Park	S. Park	The Comedy Central Roast			The Comedy Central Roast			Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	Medium CC		Medium CC		★ "The Messengers" (2007, Horror) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Anatomy
FOOD	40	Challenge		Spuds Unwrapped		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Renovatn	Amazing	First	Property	Property	House	Income
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Bounty Hunter		Dog	Dog	Criss Angel		Criss Angel		Bounty Hunter		Dog	Dog
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC	45	Restorer	Stager	Lottery Changed		Truth Be Told (N)		Toddlers & Tiaras		Lottery Changed		Truth Be Told CC		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild (N)		Man vs. Wild CC		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC	
ANPL	50	Unexplained		Untamed and Uncut		I Was Bitten CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Was Bitten CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos CC				The 700 Club CC		10 Things	Ruby	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	★★ "The Thirteenth Year"			Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	★★ "Dragonheart"		★★ "Stargate" (1994) Kurt Russell. Premiere.					★★ "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart.					★★ "Wolf" (1994)	
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places		Lost CC	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Big Brother 11		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) The Mentalist		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Bones CC		Fringe CC		To Be Announced		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	30 Rock	Parks	Office	30 Rock	Law & Order CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Supernatural CC		Supernatural CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		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	College Football South Carolina at North Carolina State. (Live)						(:15) College Football Oregon at Boise State. (Live)						(:15) SportsCenter	
ESPN2	27	Tennis U.S. Open, Early Round. (Live)								SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	NASCAR	Yearbook
USA	31	NCIS CC		★★★ "Blood Diamond" (2006) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC						Monk CC		Law Order: CI		Burn Notice CC	
TNT	32	CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC		Bones CC		★★★ "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) CC					★★ "Pride" (2007) CC		
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	★★ "The Ringer" (2005) Brian Cox				Sex &	Sex &	★★ "Eurotrip" (2004) Scott Mechlowicz.			
COM	35	★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) CC				S. Park	S. Park	The Comedy Central Roast			The Comedy Central Roast			Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	Medium CC		Medium "Lucky"		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Models	Project Runway		Models	Will	Anatomy
FOOD	40	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	41	House	House	First	First	House	House	House	Estate	Property	First	First	First	House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 (N) CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Gangland Phoenix.		Marked (N) CC		Marked CC		Mega Disasters		Gangland Phoenix.		Marked CC	
TLC	45	LA Ink CC		Police Women		Police Women		LA Ink "Episode 9"		Police Women		LA Ink "Episode 9"		Police Women	
DISC	47	Made	Made	American Loggers		American Loggers		Verminators (N)		American Loggers		American Loggers		Verminators CC	
ANPL	50	Cell Dogs CC		Into the Pride (N)		Animal Armageddon		Animal Cops		Into the Pride		Animal Armageddon		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	★★★ "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"					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	★★ "Ice Princess" (2005) Joan Cusack.				Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:30) "Stargate"		★★★★ "Young Frankenstein" (1974) Gene Wilder.					★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981)				★★ "Be Cool" (2005) CC		
SYFY	59	"Infestation" (2009, Horror) Brooke Nevin				★★ "Pitch Black" (2000) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel.					"Sand Serpents" (2009) Jason Gedrick.				Ripley
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		Harvard Business		Mad Money		Fast Money		Big Mac: Inside	
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

			7		6	3	5	
7	5		2				4	
		1	9	5		6		
3				6		9		7
	1		3		2		8	
6		4		8				5
		7		1	3	5		
	8				5		2	4
	4	9	8		7			

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

6	1	3		5			8	4
8								
					1	3		
						4		9
2			6		8			5
1		7						
		1	5					
								3
4	6			1		7	2	8

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

			9			4	2	5
		4		8				9
5			4			3	1	
	9		5		6		8	
	8	3			7			6
3				1		2		
2	7	6			5			

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

7	9	5	3	8	4	1	6	2
1	2	8	6	9	7	5	3	4
3	4	6	1	5	2	7	9	8
8	6	2	9	7	1	3	4	5
9	3	1	4	2	5	8	7	6
4	5	7	8	6	3	2	1	9
2	8	3	7	4	9	6	5	1
5	1	4	2	3	6	9	8	7
6	7	9	5	1	8	4	2	3

CHALLENGER

5	8	4	6	9	3	1	2	7
9	3	6	2	1	7	8	5	4
1	2	7	5	4	8	9	3	6
7	5	3	4	2	9	6	1	8
4	1	2	7	8	6	5	9	3
6	9	8	3	5	1	4	7	2
3	4	1	9	6	2	7	8	5
2	6	9	8	7	5	3	4	1
8	7	5	1	3	4	2	6	9

EXPERT

8	1	9	7	3	4	6	2	5
2	5	6	8	9	1	4	3	7
4	3	7	6	2	5	9	1	8
7	4	1	2	6	9	8	5	3
9	6	3	5	1	8	2	7	4
5	8	2	4	7	3	1	9	6
3	9	4	1	8	7	5	6	2
1	2	5	3	4	6	7	8	9
6	7	8	9	5	2	3	4	1

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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.

GIVE ME A SIGN

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ALERT	ALERTA
GREEN LIGHT	LUZ VERDE
INDICATION	INDICIO
LETTER	CARTA
MESSAGE	MENSAJE
POSITIVE	SEGURO
SIGNAL	SEÑAL
TO INDICATE	INDICAR
TO VERIFY	VERIFICAR
TO WAVE	AGITAR
VERBAL	VERBAL
WINK	GUIÑO

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I	R	F	I	R	E	V	E	J	Ñ	E	S	L	B	W					
T	V	E	R	I	F	E	G	A	S	S	E	M	R	A					
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G	R	A	C	V	R	I	Y	F	I	R	E	V	O	T					

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.

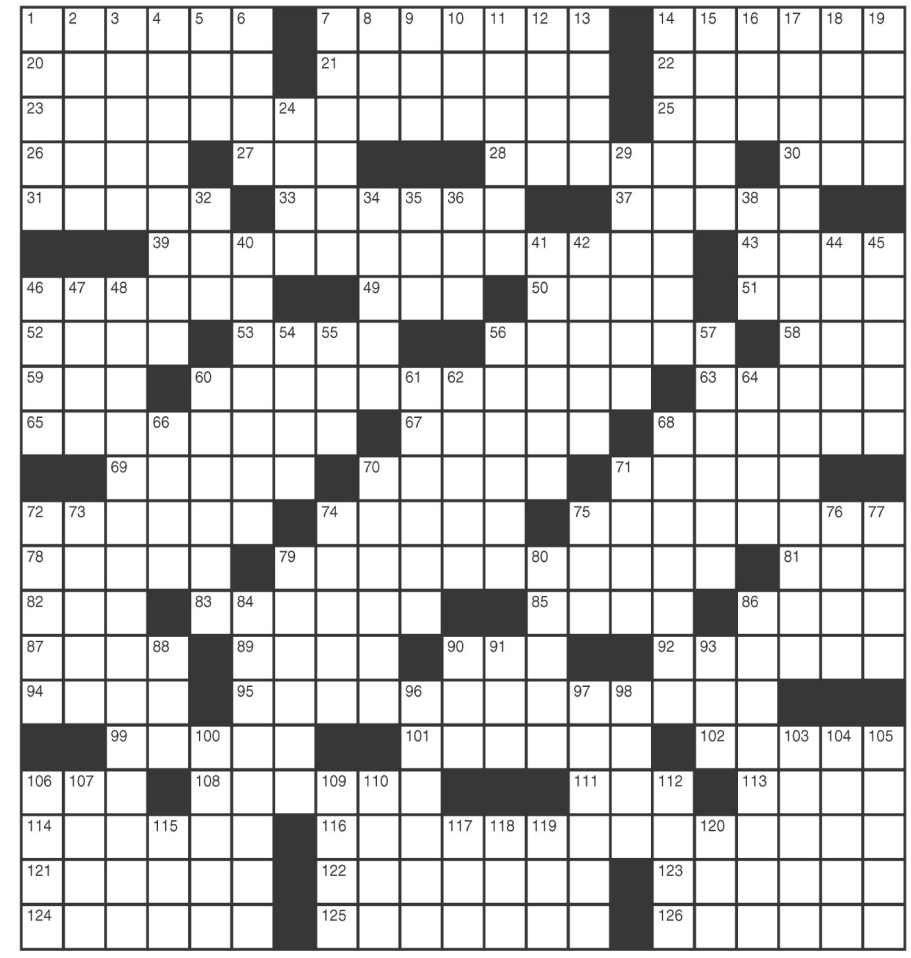
ACROSS
1 Charms
8 Brings from abroad
15 Mass beginning
16 Alecto's cohort
17 French castle
18 Made land plan
19 Author Fleming
20 Singer Domino
24 Mets' park
27 Operated
28 Building wing
29 Counterbalance
31 Odd ornaments
34 Clinch
35 Notice
36 Actress Louise
37 Fireside
38 Pacino and Hirt
39 Tire patterns
41 Needle opening
43 Scads
45 Tiny amount
46 Displace
50 Be indebted to
51 Manipulate
52 Mine detectors
53 Cariou or Berman
54 Chaotic struggle
56 Diner
58 Massage
59 Full theater sign
60 Mudhens' home
63 Related
67 __ gotcha now!
68 "Oh, Pretty Woman" singer
72 In days past
73 __ Moines, IA
74 Hepburn film
75 Dash
76 Derisive looks
79 Precious one
80 Judd and Campbell
84 Cowboy Mix
85 Reality rerun?
89 First
93 Lee or Landers
94 NASA partner
95 Mount Hood state
96 New York city
97 Greek letter
98 Grain beard
99 Tidings
100 Mature
101 Black goo
102 Harvesters
106 Ancient Greek philosopher
110 Wood of Hollywood
111 Informal alliance
112 Cowboy hat
113 Like richer soil

DOWN
1 Superlatively risky in Britain
2 Nasal applicator
3 Marvel Comics man
4 Work of __
5 Canape spread
6 Actress Farrow
7 Overfills
8 Damage
9 Brooks or Torme
10 Links org.
11 Horse morsel
12 Court do-over
13 Cloying sentiment
14 The blues
21 Buffoon
22 Tiger's peg
23 Actress Meryl
24 Secret plot
25 Color property
26 Time period
29 Somewhat aged
30 In less time
32 Annette or Peter
33 Precipitation event
40 Border on
42 Uh-huh
44 Repudiate
46 Phonies
47 Aquarium favorite
48 Billy of keyboards
49 Empress of the past
55 Mine yield
57 Tip of a wingtip
60 Forceful trend
61 Carry to excess
62 __ of two evils
64 Argyle repairman
65 Large lizard
66 Kiddy taboo
69 Kids' weapons
70 Anger
71 Cook just below boiling
76 Thomas __ Eliot
77 Child's play
78 Spring (from)
81 Gin cocktail
82 Too quickly
83 Talking pig?
86 Marcus or Jackie of baseball
87 __ of consent
88 Promise
90 Ring legend
91 Little devil
92 Vin of movies
103 Writer Conroy
104 Ernie of golf
105 __ Grande
107 Lennon's love
108 School org.
109 Skirt border

C FORTIFIED

ACROSS
1 Confound
7 Book bag
14 Tent occupant
20 Cream-filled pastry
21 Blot on the landscape
22 By word of mouth
23 Perfumed love letters?
25 Backdrop
26 Transit waste allowance
27 Distress signal letters
28 Online business
30 Affirmative response
31 Asian skewered dish
33 City near San Diego
37 As a friend: Fr.
39 Public weigh station?
43 Bryce Canyon state
46 Sleekly graceful
49 Delight
50 Bunker or Nob
51 Long yarn
52 Sudden thought
53 Avid for
56 Brunch cocktail
58 Fish with a long snout
59 Cell stuff
60 Get ready to make wine?
63 Transmission components
65 Student's challenge
67 Eagle's home
68 Loud and flashy
69 Grizzled
70 Tankard
71 Relay race requirement
72 Go-betweens
74 Potbelly, e.g.
75 Touched tenderly
78 Welsh dog breed
79 Absent-minded maestros?
81 One-tenth of MDX
82 "__ a Wonderful World"
83 Water passages
85 Demolish
86 Deep in tone
87 Medical pers.
89 Cotton package
90 Lea low
92 Airport runway surface
94 Break suddenly
95 Check out Goya self-portrait?
99 Tappan Zee Bridge town
101 Sturdy shoe
102 Hindu mystic
106 Possessed
108 Share top billing
111 Dawn goddess
113 Spill the beans
114 Ferdinand's realm
116 Really nasty-looking mildew?
121 Nobleman's address
122 Powerful naval forces
123 Rainbow band
124 Hod jockeys
125 Make like new
126 Noted sleuth's sidekick

DOWN
1 Outdoes
2 Ghana's capital
3 Speedy
4 Disney classic
5 Lang. course
6 Joule fractions
7 Vacillate
8 Vote for
9 Lunar New Year
10 Forensics series on CBS
11 Accords, e.g.
12 Consequently
13 For fear that
14 Some officers
15 Redolence
16 Bub
17 Casablanca con?
18 Supermodel Macpherson
19 Deli loaves
24 Part to play
29 Symphony members
32 One of a Chinese philosophy duo
34 Extensive
35 "Xanadu" band
36 Contrail milieu
38 Greek letters
40 Airplane safety machines
41 Contribute
42 Actress Anouk
44 Lab cultures
45 Strident
46 Solid
47 Writer Buchanan
48 Misbehavior in the tanning trade?
54 Prone to pry
55 Boy king
56 One Hemingway
57 Striped stones
60 Unchanging
61 Bayou lurkers
62 Medieval bailiff
64 Cupid alter ego
66 __ Kong
68 Rooms at the top
70 Hot
71 Folk singer Joan
72 Etching fluids
73 Boarded
74 La __ (Milan opera house)
75 Dixie, initially
76 "Born Free" cat
77 Kind of jockey
79 Light noshes
80 Maine campus site
84 Leaves secretly
86 Intimidate
88 007, e.g.
90 Man of mystery
91 Buffoon
93 Sawbones' org.
96 Public meetings
97 Sharp fold
98 Golden calf, e.g.
100 Squirrel's bite
103 Jackson and Rickman
104 Bette's "All about Eve" role
105 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
106 Mia of soccer
107 Diva specialty
109 Old autocrat
110 Farm unit
112 Plodding
115 Muck
117 Tangled mass
118 Meter lead-in
119 Remote
120 Auber opera, "__ Diavolo"



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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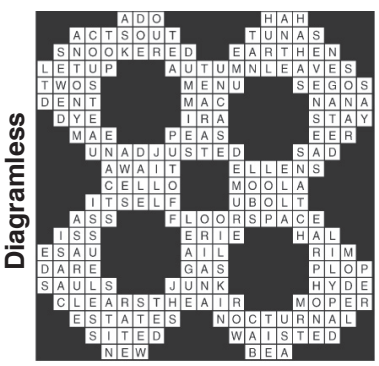
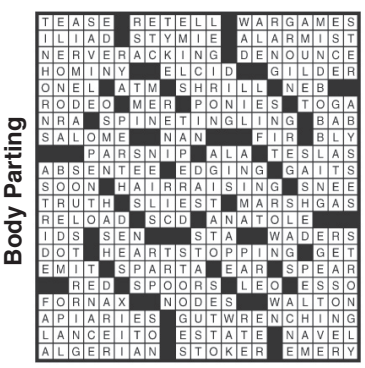
Diagramless



Body Parting



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"The dinosaurs were really pumped over the mellow new kind of coffee they had just discovered- Jurassic Perk."

A mother's love can be powerful, suffocating

'Look Homeward, Angel' at LCCT

REVIEW BY JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When a mother's love becomes overwhelming, things can get a little complicated.

In the coming of age tale "Look Homeward, Angel," Eugene Gant is learning a little about life and love, and through Sept. 6, the Las Cruces Community Theatre will host the performance, directed by Nikka Ziemer.

Eugene (played by Evan Hadfield) is 17 and on a path toward becoming a man. He lives in a house with his overbearing mother, alcoholic father, complaining sister and a number of questionable boarders – not to mention his brother, Ben, who seems to care for him far more than the others. The newest boarder, Laura James (played by Carrie Hakes) has captured the eye of Eugene, and as the play progresses, their love grows. So does the unrest within this family of Gants.

At the center of the unrest is Eliza Gant (Kathi-Jane), a woman who is known for making "deals" – in business and with people. She is a bit on the manipulative side and always looking for a quick buck. Kathi-Jane plays this role well – with as much passion and aggressiveness as the playwright intended.

Throughout the production, Eliza is bent on selling her husband's stone carving shop, much to his demise. Her "deal" would help keep the boarding house, Dixieland, afloat and could be used for sending Eugene to college. However, the shop has special meaning to W.O. Gant (played by Ken Eastlack) and he fights her every step of the way. It is only at the end of the production when the family is faced with impending doom that the two can truly get along, and address their problems.

Ketti Frings wrote this play in 1957 and it opened on Broadway to critical acclaim. A coming of age tale on the surface, the play and characters go far deeper to the recesses of overwhelming love and heartache.

Ben (played by Dylan Sweet) plays his role as the bitter son well – constantly going to bat for his younger sibling against his mother, who loves her son but can't seem to show it. Her criticism of his seemingly platonic relationship with Marie "Fatty" Pert (played by Autumn Gieb) is at the heart of Eliza's arguments. Up until the end, when Ben grows ill, Eliza doesn't give up her thoughts on the issues at hand.

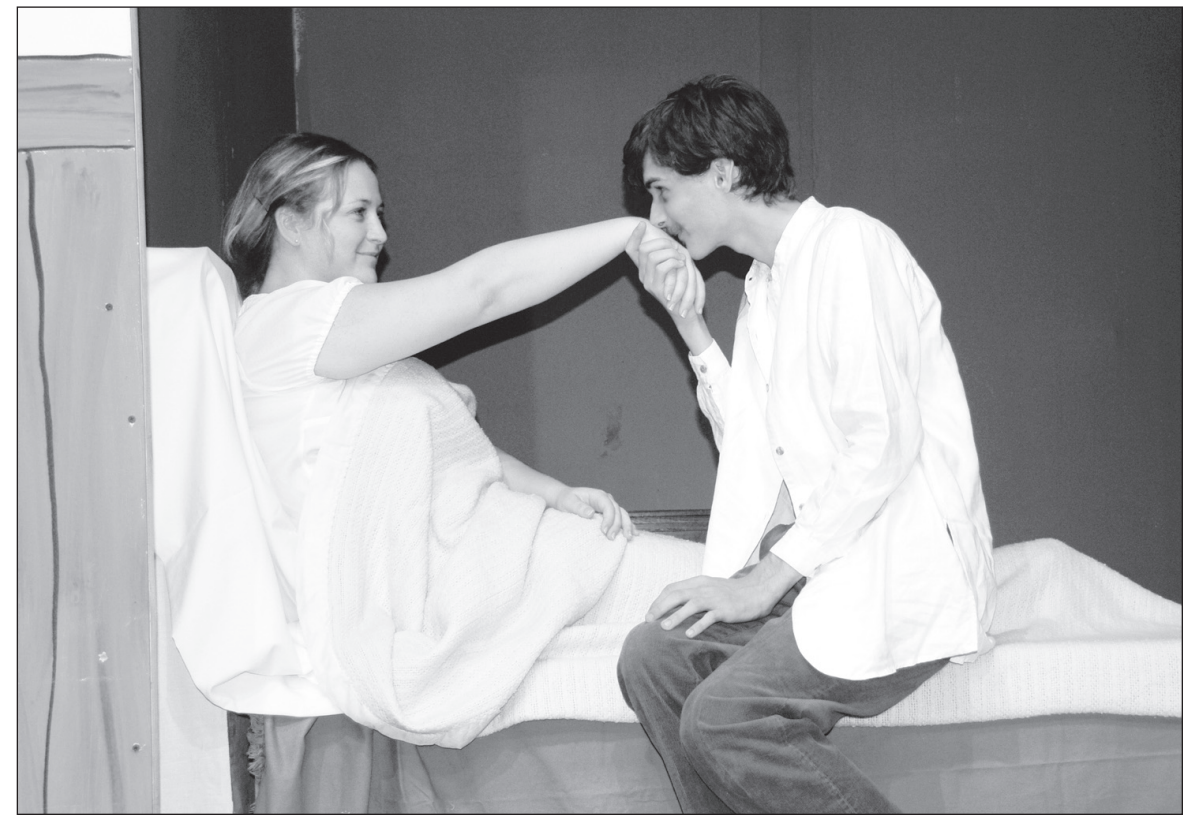
Perhaps the most entertaining (and relatable) character is that of W.O. Gant. Eastlack has a knack for the theatrics, and he commands the stage in each and every scene – even the ones where he is not the main character. His role is very physical, and he plays it without a hitch. He certainly is one to watch in the Las Cruces theater scene.

An impressive display, the backdrop to the performance was fitting to the entire production – two bedrooms set up above the rest of the stage and seen only after a large door rolled back. The set design by larrychandler, Doug Roby, Ziemer and Eastlack is certainly impressive.

The gaggle of boarders, played by a number of local actors and actresses, certainly add a positive element to the play – however different and quirky they may be.

"Look Homeward, Angel" will run through Sept. 6, at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Downtown Mall.

Tickets are $5 to $10. Call 523-1200 for more information and for reservations.



Eugene Gant, played by Evan Hadfield, kisses the hand of tenant Laura James, played by Carrie Hakes, in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's presentation of "Look Homeward, Angel," which plays Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 6.

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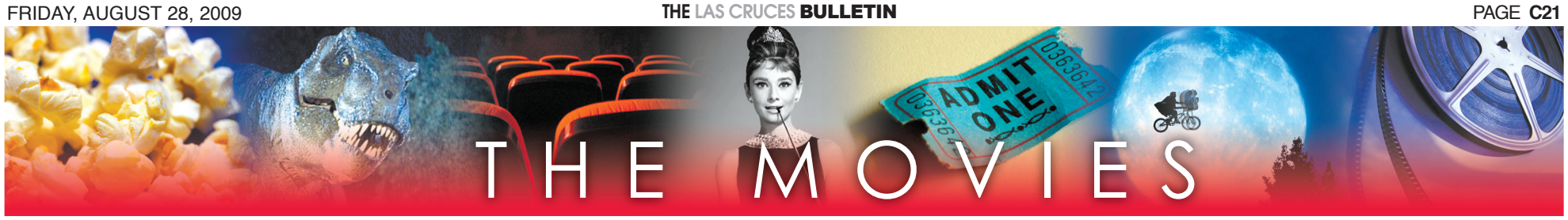

‘Treeless Mountains’ hard to cut down

Sisters learn life the hard way in CineMatinee film

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

“Big Aunt” is not someone you want to be stuck with if you are a kid.

Crass, unloving – except of the bottle – Big Aunt has been assigned a job she wants no part of – watching her two young nieces while her sister goes, presumably, to search for her long missing husband, who is also the girls’ father.

Jin and Bin, the two young sisters, are not without resources. Still trusting of adults, they patiently await the return of their mother, who has left them a piggy bank, explaining to them in tones of dishonesty, that she will return when they fill the bank with coins.

The two girls have never known real parental nurturing, as witnessed in the “last supper” that they share with their foolish and uncaring mother, as she ignores Jin’s attempt to have her acknowledge a school paper for which she received an “A.”

By the time they get to Big Aunt’s hovel, school is out, and the two girls – Jin, the oldest at seven – are left to their own devices. They spend their days either looking or longing for their errant mother to return or by having minor adventures. They also cook up an entrepreneurial pursuit, as they catch and grill grasshoppers, selling the crunchy delicacy to other children to help fill up the red bank.

There is not much dialogue in the film, which helps it quite a bit, keeping it away from the overused kids in peril genre, and distancing it from comparison to a somewhat similar film, Truffaut’s 400 Blows.

Instead, New York-based director So Yong Kim concentrates on movement and facial expression to get the point across for us. Both young actresses show an amazing ability in expressiveness – something that clearly caught me off guard.

Both director and actresses also successfully show the emotional stress of children who are abandoned or in unfamiliar places. Bin has a bedwetting problem, which adds another touch of reality, albeit a slightly sad one to the story. When she conquers the problem herself, the adults in her life ignore her accomplishment, dwelling instead on past memory of her problem.

Soon, the girls start to give up hope that their mother will return, and Big Aunt gives up on them entirely, shipping them off to the countryside to live with their grandparents, both of whom seem much too old and frail to care for such young children.

Grandfather wants no part of it, and for the most part, ignores his kinfolk, while grandmamma, who might have a touch of dementia, starts to include them on her simple daily routine. The girls start to thrive as they learn many new things from the wise crone.

The girls find themselves offered something that all children need – a sense of stability and routine.

Alight with quiet humor, dignity, poise and intelligence, “Treeless Mountain” is much more than it appears on the outside.

It offers, simply, a beguiling and honest look at the needs of children, and perhaps the entire human race.

Lots of treeless mountains around here, eh? Email Jeff Berg at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

FILM REVIEW

A week’s worth of this quiet and effective film starts Friday, Aug. 28, at the Fountain Theatre. It runs through Sept. 4. It is in Korean with subtitles, and not rated, but suitable for everyone, especially those who had lousy parents.

GRADE A

CALL TO ARTISTS

DOÑA ANA WOODCARVERS

The Branigan Cultural Center is sending out a “Call to Artists” for the Día de Los Muertos exhibit to be shown Oct. 2 through Nov. 7. Submission deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Instructions for entering work for the exhibit is available on line at www.las-cruces.org/museums, then follow links to Branigan Cultural Center exhibit submissions. Guidelines are also available at the reception desk at the Cultural Center. There is no fee to enter.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. For more information about exhibits, contact the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154.

NEW MEXICO MAGAZINE PHOTO CONTEST

Prestige and prizes await amateur photographers entering the ninth annual New Mexico Magazine Photo Contest, co-sponsored by Eloquent Light Photography Workshops of Santa Fe. New Mexico Magazine is a division of the New Mexico Tourism Department.

The grand prize-winner will receive a workshop from Eloquent Light Photography (estimated value: $1,000) as well as six-nights lodging at The Lodge at Santa Fe.

Additional prizes include software-and-equipment packages courtesy of OnOne Software, Nik Software, Foliolink.com, West Coast Imaging, Manfrotto, X-rite, Lowepro, Alien Skin Software, SanDisk, UNM Press and Photoworkshop.com.

Prizes will be awarded for best of each category: Landmarks, Landscapes, People, Wildlife and Miscellaneous. All winning photos, plus some honorable mentions, will be published in the January 2010 issue of New Mexico Magazine. A slideshow of all winners and more will be on view at www.nmmagazine.com throughout 2010.

Winners will be juried by Varjabedian; Fabian West, art director of New Mexico Magazine; and Cathy Wright, director of the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History. The decision of the judges is final.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to Monday, Sept. 21. For rules and entry forms, visit www.nmmagazine.com. For more information, contact New Mexico Magazine at 505-827-7447 or visit www.nmmagazine.com.

LAS COLCHERAS QUILT SHOW

Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Las Colcheras Quilt Guild 10th Judged Quilt Show to be held Feb. 6 and 7, 2010, at New Mexico State University Corbett Center. Deadline is Jan. 23, 2010.

Visit www.lcqg.org or call 522-4902 for more information.

WHOLE ENCHILADA PARADE

The 2009 Whole Enchilada Fiesta invites businesses and organizations to participate in this year’s parade. This year’s theme is “Fall Festival of Fun!”

The parade, celebrating the 29th anniversary of the Whole Enchilada Fiesta, is set for Saturday, Sept. 26. The parade is limited to 100 entries. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Whole Enchilada Fiesta’s website, www.enchiladafiesta.com on the fiesta parade page. Forms are also available at Roberto’s Restaurant, 908 E. Amador Ave. Completed applications must be received by Thursday, Sept. 24, with entry fees, which are $100 for business and $25 for all other entries. Applications can be mailed along with a cashiers check or money order to: TWEF Parade, PO Box 8248, Las Cruces, NM, 88006.

The parade will begin at the intersection of Hadley/Walnut and end at Apodaca Park on Solano. The exact parade route can be viewed on the fiesta web site.

Peer into the dynamics of four generations

Caine, Walken and Lucas add that extra ‘something’ to this 2004 film

The CineMatinee film for Saturday, Aug. 29, is “Around the Bend” (2004, 85 minutes, rated PG-13, made in New Mexico). Director Jordan Roberts’ feature debut pulls off the dizzying high-wire act of being both a misty-eyed glimpse into four generations of the men in the Lair family and a steely meditation on manhood, parenting and the pitfalls thereof.

Michael Caine plays the elder Lair, Henry, who, as the film begins, is in the process of dying with all the crusty wit he can muster (which is plenty). He shares the family home with his grandson Jason (Josh Lucas) and his great-grandson Zach until a grimacing, wire-haired wraith appears at the front door one evening and turns everything around.

That wraith is Jason’s long-estranged father, Turner (Christopher Walken), who walked out on his son and his father some 30 years before, following the death of his wife (and the maiming of his son) in an automobile accident. Jason is less than thrilled at this possibly malignant returner, a former heroin addict and professional sneak thief, but Henry is exultant, and he takes the lot of them to the local Kentucky Fried Chicken for a final meal and then pens a last will and testament that takes the surviving trio on a road trip across the country.

The men head cross-country, stopping here and there at various KFCs to read another Post-It note instruction and a revelation or two. This sort of thing rarely works these days – it’s just too difficult to steer the modern audience through the treacherous twin perils of brimstone and treacle without capsizing your craft amid gales of laughter – but somehow Roberts manages to make it work, against all odds.

Caine, of course, owns the screen every second he’s on it, but after his character exits the scene, it’s up to Lucas and Walken to battle it out, and battle they do. There’s an exquisite “fine-tunedness” to the screenplay (thank you, Mr. Redford) that belies the occasional gush of sentimentality, and a final grace note that will, yes, mist the eyes of all but the most cynical in the audience. A fine, familial elixir to remedy despair and soften hardened hearts, “Around the Bend” is likely just the first of many feathers in Roberts’ shiny, new directorial cap.

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.

‘Basterds’ is an obscenely beautiful masterpiece

Tarantino’s latest is fiendish, captivating

Review by **Gabriel Vasquez**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

“Inglourious Basterds” is a bloody good war movie. It’s grotesque, funny, radical – but most of all, infinitely entertaining.

Quentin Tarantino’s latest, (a self-described “WWII meets Spaghetti Western”) is like the perfect Bloody Mary, shaken (not stirred). Basterds is an ideal combination of humor, violence, drama and masterful acting and directing.

INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS
Rating: R for explicit content and language
Running time: 153 minutes
Written by: Quentin Tarantino
Directed by: Quentin Tarantino
Starring: Brad Pitt as Lt. Aldo Raine, Melanie Laurent as Shoshanna Dreyfus, Christoph Waltz as Col. Hans Landa, Eli Roth as Sgt. Donny Donowitz and Diane Kruger as Bridget von Hammersmark

Grade: A+

Set during the rise of the Third Reich, Tarantino’s Nazi revenge flick stars Brad Pitt as Lt. Aldo Raine – a wise-cracking, thickly accented Tennessee hillbilly with an affinity for scalping Nazis – Eli Roth as Staff Sgt. Donny Donowitz aka “The Bear Jew,” Melanie Laurent as Shoshanna Dreyfus – a young and vengeful French-Jewish girl on the run – and Christopher Waltz as Standartenführer Hans Landa aka “The Jew Hunter.”

Exercising his obsession with vengeance and fascination for filmmaking, Tarantino creates a revenge-driven plot with three intertwining stories.

The first is about Raine and his team of “Basterds,” a motley crew of Jewish-American soldiers (a la “Dirty Dozen”) whose orders are to collect 100 Nazi scalps a piece in what is then Nazi-occupied France.

Also in France is a young Shoshanna Dreyfus, the lone survivor of a Jewish family killed by Landa. The Basterds and Dreyfus remain unaware of each other but unknowingly cross paths by the film’s end.

Bringing the stories together is Landa, a famed “Jew Hunter.” He’s the embodiment of pure evil. A derisively mocking, disdainful Nazi whose M.O. is to hunt Jews.

Eli Roth and Brad Pitt star in Quentin Tarantino’s “Inglourious Basterds,” now showing at Allen Theatres.

In the film’s opening sequence, Waltz delivers a scintillating performance. While interrogating a French dairy farmer suspected of hiding Jews, Landa manages to break down the farmer by using absurd but masterful dialogue and chilling mannerisms. Landa’s men open fire on Dreyfus’ family, but Dreyfus manages to escape.

Four years later, Dreyfus assumes the identity of “Emmanuelle Mimieux,” proprietress of a French cinema. The cinema becomes the setting for the ultimate Nazi revenge party – and the film’s ending.

A young Nazi war hero turned actor takes a liking to Dreyfus. The unlikeable war hero later convinces Joseph Goebbels (Sylvester Groth) to hold the premier of his new war film in Dreyfus’ theater.

Meanwhile, the Basterds continue their killing spree, bringing the film’s most humorous and violent action.

Eventually, the three plots come together to deliver an ambitious but well-crafted ending that rewrites history and the way movies are made.

This is easily Tarantino’s most creative effort. With conversations winding nearly 20 minutes in length, characters playing into plot devices destined for explosive failure and self-serving dialogue, one could say this film is more about rewriting the the rules of cinema than it is about the film itself. But it works.

The movie ends with the line “This might just be my masterpiece.” In the director’s case, it just may be.

Bravo, Tarantino.

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Picking the Flicks

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The Time Traveler's Wife

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A romantic drama about a Chicago librarian with a gene that causes him to involuntarily time travel and the complications it creates for his marriage.
Starring: Eric Bana, Rachel McAdams
Director: Robert Schwentke

The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Used-car liquidator Don Ready is hired by a flailing auto dealership to turn their Fourth of July sale into a profitable event.
Starring: Jeremy Piven, Ving Rhames
Director: Neal Brennan

Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea

Rated: G
Plot Overview: A Disney animated adventure centered on a 5-year-old boy and his relationship with a goldfish princess who longs to become human.
Starring: Noah Cyrus, Frankie Jonus
Director: Hayao Miyazaki

Shorts

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young boy's discovery of a colorful, wish-granting rock causes chaos in the suburban town of Black Falls when jealous kids and scheming adults set out to get their hands on it.
Starring: Jimmy Bennett, Leslie Mann
Director: Robert Rodriguez

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An elite military unit consisting 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

Funny People

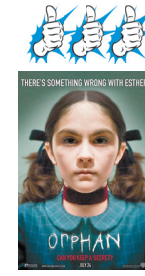
Rated: R
Plot Overview: When a seasoned comedian learns of his terminal condition, his desire to form a genuine friendship causes him to take a relatively green performer under his wing as his opening act.
Starring: Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen
Director: Judd Apatow

Julie & Julia

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

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



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

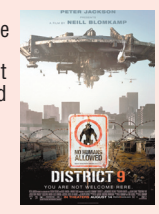
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: As Harry Potter begins his sixth year at Hogwarts, he discovers an old book and begins to learn more about Voldemort's past.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Michael Gambon
Director: David Yates

Post Grad

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Ryden Malby graduates from college and is forced to move back into her childhood home with her eccentric family while she attempts to find a job, the right guy and just a hint of where her life is headed.
Starring: Alexis Bledel
Director: Vicky Jensen

District 9

Rated: R
Plot Overview: An extraterrestrial race forced to live in slum-like conditions on Earth suddenly find a kindred spirit in a government agent that is exposed to their biotechnology.
Starring: Sharlto Copley, Nathalie Boltt
Director: Neill Blomkamp



500 Days of Summer

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An offbeat romantic comedy about a woman who doesn't believe true love exists, and the young man who falls for her.
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Zooey Deschanel
Director: Marc Webb

Halloween 2

Opening Aug. 28

Rated: Not Rated
Plot Overview: Laurie Strode struggles to come to terms with her brother Michael's deadly return to Haddonfield, Ill. Meanwhile, Michael prepares for another reunion with his sister.
Starring: Tyler Mane
Director: Rob Zombie

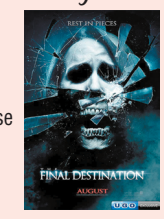
Inglourious Basterds

Rated: R
Plot Overview: In Nazi-occupied France during World War II, a group of Jewish-American soldiers known as "The Basterds" are chosen specifically to spread fear throughout the Third Reich by scalping and brutally killing Nazis.
Starring: Brad Pitt
Director: Quentin Tarantino

The Final Destination in 3-D

Opening Aug. 28

Rated: R
Plot Overview: After a teen's premonition of a deadly race-car crash helps saves the lives of his peers, death sets out to collect those who evaded their end.
Starring: Nick Zano
Director: David R. Ellis



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• Tuesday, Sept. 1 •

State of Play
Rated: R
Genre: Suspense, Crime
Starring: Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck
Director: Kevin Macdonald

Earth
Rated: G
Genre: Documentary
Starring: James Earl Jones
Director: Alastair Fothergill

Sin Nombre
Rated: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Paulina Gaitan, Diana Garcia
Director: Cary Joji Fukunaga

TOP GROSSING

• Aug. 21-23 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1	**Inglourious Basterds (1)** $37,602,000
2	**District 9 (2)** $18,900,000
3	**G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra (3)** $12,500,000
4	**The Time Traveler's Wife (2)** $10,025,000
5	**Julie & Julia (3)** $9,000,000
6	**Shorts (1)** $6,600,000
7	**G Force (5)** $4,205,000
8	**Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (6)** $3,515,000
9	**The Ugly Truth (5)** $2,850,000
10	**Post Grad (1)** $2,800,000

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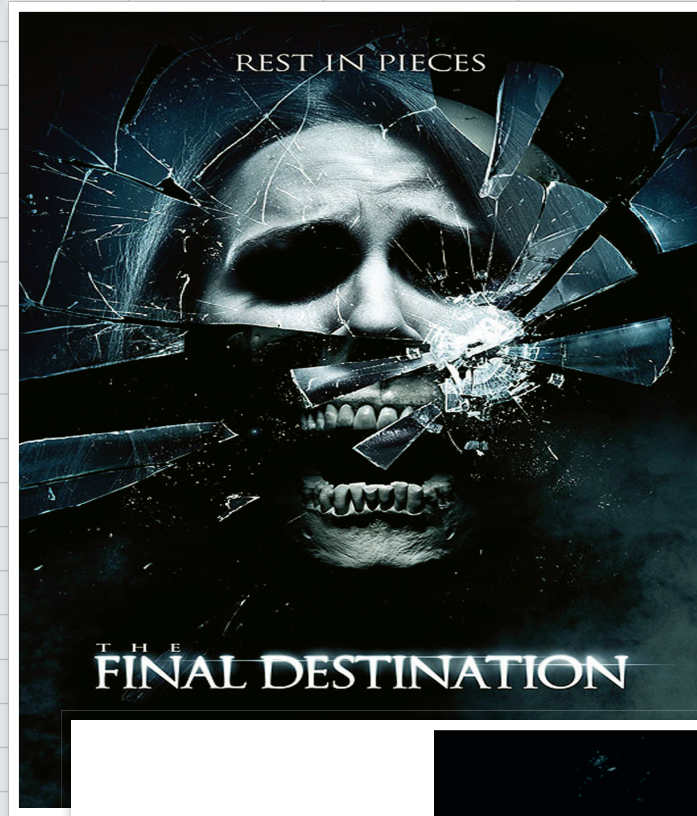

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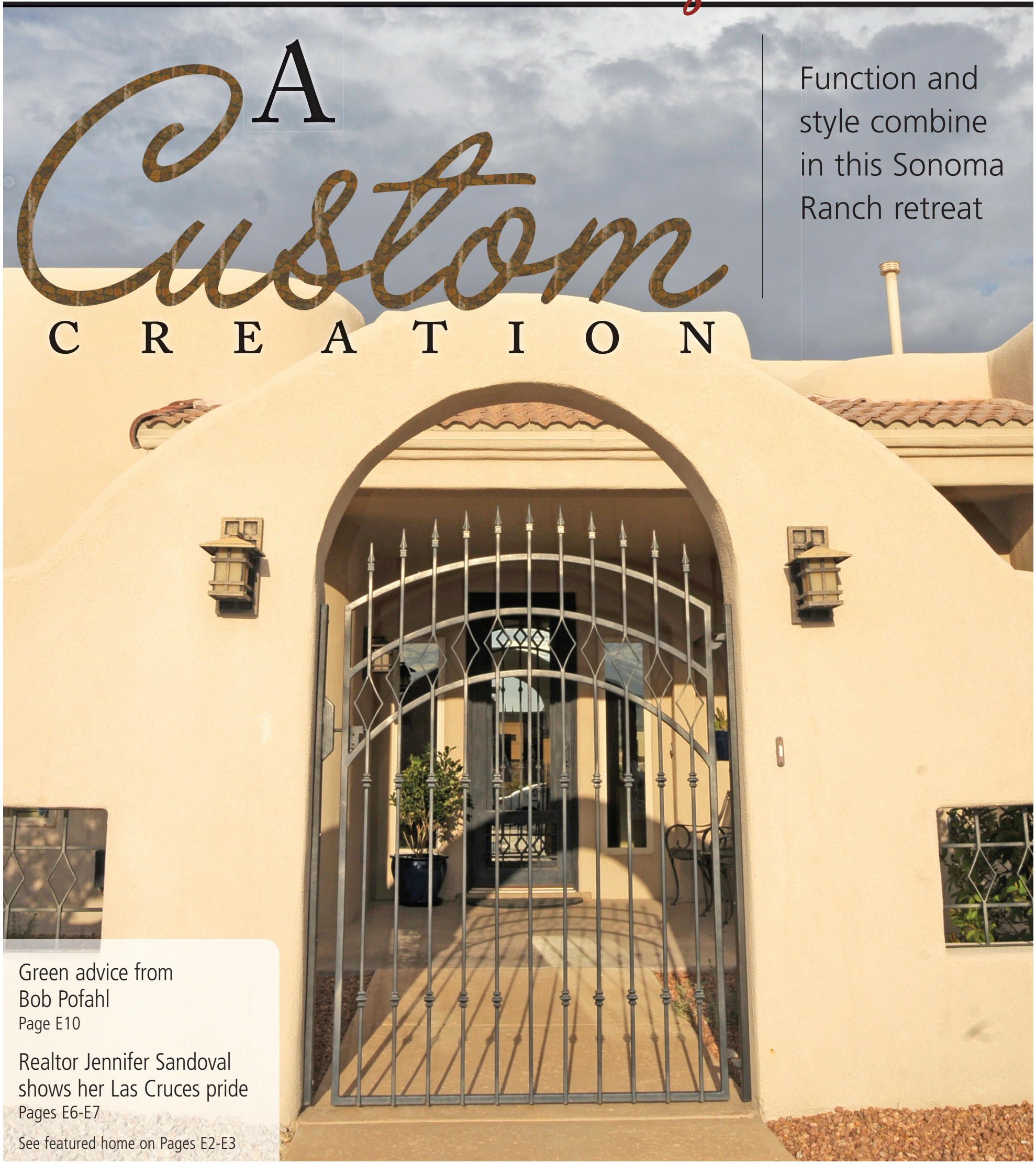

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A beautiful oasis in Sonoma Ranch

Mountain views highlight of 'soft Southwest' residence

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As with many out-of-state transplants, when retired teacher Mary Cline and retired Delta Airlines pilot Lawrence Aucin came to Las Cruces from Atlanta, Ga., they were looking for a home that showcased one of the area's most beloved features – the Organ Mountains.

They found just the place at 4330 Venetian Loop nestled in the Sonoma Ranch Estates.

"We really loved New Mexico and came out to visit a variety of times," said Cline, whose custom home was designed and built by Desert Sage in May 2005. "We loved the mountain views and the weather. We built the house to take advantage of the views."

> "We tried to create something that would be an oasis and a place of beauty."
>
> MARY CLINE, Homeowner

The quest for the perfect view began with the lot. Cline said they chose that particular location because they felt it offered the best views. Once the lot was selected, the building process began.

The biggest challenge with building the house, Cline said, was the distance, which required several trips from Georgia to New Mexico.

"I wouldn't recommend (building a house) long distance," she said.

Despite the challenges, the result captured the vision of the couple's dream home.

When visitors enter the four-bedroom home they are greeted by an office on the left, a formal dining area on the right and a spacious living room ahead.

"It's a kind home and very serene," said Elaine Socolofsky Szalay of RE/MAX Classic Realty.

Down the hall to the right is the couple's master bedroom, which is separate from the rest of the bedrooms, a feature that was important to the couple.

The circular seating area is Cline's favorite part of the home because it is the perfect spot for rest and relaxation.

"It's a wonderful place to meditate," she said of the room, which includes a fireplace and a breathtaking view of the mountains.

The master bath features double sinks and a jet tub and leads to the walk-in closet with separate sides for him and her. The bathroom's main attraction, however, is the step-in caracol shower, so named for its shell-like, spiral shape.

"I really love having it," Cline said of the shower that doesn't require a shower curtain.

At the center of the home is the living room. With a built-in wet bar and bookcases, the spacious living room encompasses most of the home's entertaining area. The vaulted, 12-foot ceiling and tall windows add to the room's openness, an attribute Cline said she found appealing.

"It's beautiful all times of the year, and all times of the day," she said. "It's very soothing and relaxing."

The kitchen, which is next to the living room, continues the home's open theme. Graced with black Brazilian granite countertops and decorative appliances, Cline said the two-cook kitchen has a high-end feel without the high-end price tag. She added that while the oven is electric, it is plumbed for gas and can be converted.

Szalay said future owners will appreciate the attention to detail that went into making the kitchen more functional, including the custom cabinets with sliding shelves and the pot filler built into the top of the stove.

"It's rare but so handy," she said of the pot filler spout. "So many people forget it and regret it later."

Cline worked with Kitchen Kraft to create the home's custom cabinetry.

"Stephanie (McDaniel) and I had a great time working together," she said.

On the other side of the kitchen are three bedrooms and bathrooms. Designed to be a pool suite, one guest room has its own bathroom and access to

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Visitors are in for a visual treat when they step into this oasis located in Sonoma Ranch Estates.

Owner Mary Cline said the caracol shower doesn't require a curtain and is easy to step into.

The custom pool and hot tub are accented with various native plants, which attract hummingbirds.

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the backyard area, while a Jack and Jill bathroom connects the other two bedrooms.

"A lot of care went into the details, colors, light fixtures," Cline said. "We tried to create something that would be an oasis and a place of beauty."

The beauty continues outside to the covered patio and backyard. Along with a fireplace, the patio also has a built-in grill and mini-fridge, perfect for outdoor entertainment around the custom pool. Cline said the pool includes an attached spa and waterfall.

Another beautiful aspect of the home is its landscaping with an irrigation system.

"My husband loves the landscape in the backyard," Cline said. "We wanted to use plants indigenous to New Mexico."

The colorful native plants include oleanders, lantanas and Mexican palms, all of which attract hummingbirds, she said.

Along with the spectacular views, the home's lighting was an important feature for the couple. Throughout the residence, visitors can find accent lighting in the nichos to display art, lights in and under the cabinets, up and down lighting in the living room and skylights.

Described as "soft Southwest," the home features traditional Southwest features, such as corbels and hand carved columns, used sparingly to create a balanced look that would appeal to anyone.

With the couple's decision to move closer to family on the East Coast, Cline said she pictures just about anyone living in the residence, from retirees and families to those who love to entertain, want to be surrounded by beauty or be close to town.

"The craftsmanship was very well thought out," Szalay said. "I see something new every time I'm here."

Details

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The two-cook kitchen is perfect for entertainment or preparing family meals.

The open living room features built-in bookcases and a vaulted ceiling.

Owners of this home will enjoy the covered patio, which includes a built-in grill and mini-fridge.

This seating area can double as a formal dining room.

The panoramic window arrangement shows off the home's views of the Organ Mountains.

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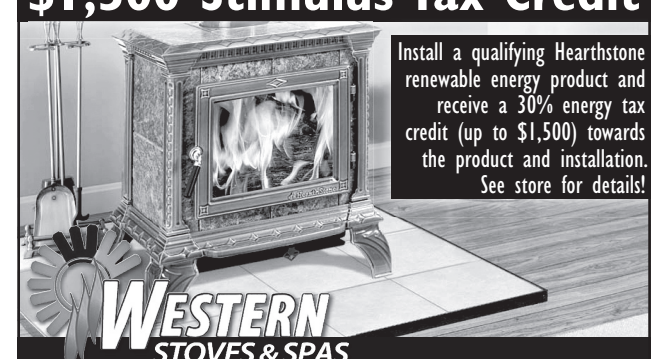

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Erasers remove more than pencil marks

Use this schoolhouse staple to clean house, keep earring attached

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

School has officially started in Las Cruces and children all over the area are lugging around backpacks full of items to help them learn. One schoolhouse staple found in every student's arsenal is the pencil eraser.

British engineer Edward Nairne created the eraser, also known as a rubber, in 1770 from natural rubber. Prior to the eraser, tablets of wax were used to remove lead and charcoal marks from paper. Crustless, white bread was also used as an eraser.

Since Nairne's erasers were made from raw rubber, they were perishable and would go bad after time. Thanks to inventor Charles Goodyear's discovery of the vulcanization process in 1839, sticky, raw rubber was transformed into the durable material we know today.

Modern erasers can be found in several different colors, shapes and even types, but they are all designed to remove that which shouldn't be, including some unusual messes.

This school year, steal an eraser or two from the kids' backpacks and put them to use around the house.

1. Shine a shilling: For those who enjoy collecting coins, such as the new state quarters, an eraser can be used to keep your collection glossy and new. Simply rub the eraser over the coin to remove dirt and polish its surface. Be careful to never use an eraser on valuable coins, however, since part of their value is in the patina (finish) that has formed over the years.

2. Lost your earring back?: Ladies, how many times have you been late to work or a hot date because you can't find the back to your earring? Instead of spending precious time searching for the tiny backing, just remove the top of a pencil eraser. The eraser will hold the earring in place and no one will be the wiser – as long as you wear your hair down.

3. Keep suede spotless: Nothing ruins a pair of suede shoes faster than scuff marks. To keep your suede spotless, rub it with an eraser. The friction of using the eraser lifts the dirt and fluffs up the suede fibers, making it look new again. This technique can also be used on other suede objects, but be sure to test it on a spot that doesn't show in case the fabric is mixed with another material that can cause different results.

4. Hold your pins together: Use a larger eraser in your sewing box to hold straight pins and needles together. The pins won't embed themselves as deep in the rubber as they would a pincushion, making them easier to remove. They also won't fall out, creating a mess in your box.

5. Prevent wall damage: There is always a risk that the large picture you just hung on the wall might scratch the paint surface. To make sure this doesn't happen, cut off the erasers of two pencils and hot glue them to the bottom corners of the frame. They will gently rest against the wall and prevent the frame from causing any damage.

6. Perfect your vinyl: It usually takes more than a simple floor cleaner to remove those pesky scuffmarks from a vinyl floor. Instead of spending hours on your hands and knees, use an eraser to quickly remove stubborn marks. The eraser cleans the marks away with a little elbow grease.

7. Create squeaky-clean glass: Removing labels from glass can be a challenge. No matter how hard you try, it seems the sticky gray substance left from the label just refuses to go away. To get rid of any left over residue, rub it with an eraser. The eraser's friction dislodges the adhesive enough that the excess can be easily wiped away with a damp sponge.

8. Clean off crayon marks: Anyone who has children knows they will always prefer to draw on the surface of a blank wall to the surface of a blank piece. The magic trick to removing these works of wall art is using an eraser. Just erase the crayon marks like you would erase the marks on the paper to get the wall back to its pre-children cleanliness.

9. Take care of your baby grand: No matter if your piano is a traditional upright or a collapsible keyboard, removing those greasy finger marks and collections of dirt can be a pain. The best solution is to find an eraser that fits between the ivories and the black keys and simply rub away the marks by getting into those hard to reach places. This works on both real and plastic keys.

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Identify a grub by its "creamy white" body and brown head.

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There is also a liquid botanical insecticide called Grub Beater by Bonide. This product disrupts the grub's hormonal balance so it dies before it molts to the next life stage. It is available in a ready to use hose end sprayer.

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Realtors association celebrates 60 years

LCAR anniversary means exciting things for community, homeowners

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For 60 years, the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) has served Doña Ana County and its various needs.

Beginning in May 1949 as the Las Cruces Board of Realtors, the association was established to represent its members in the public domain as well as provide them with educational opportunities, said Isaac Chavez, LCAR governmental affairs and public relations director.

At first, the association had nine active members and covered all of southern New Mexico, but as time passed and southern New Mexico's population grew, several counties began their own associations, allowing LCAR to focus on Doña Ana County.

Now with about 550 members, the association still provides important services to its Realtors and affiliate members, which are businesses that support the industry.

Serving the Realtors

Chuck Olson, LCAR president and regional owner of Exit Realty Horizons, said the association is different from other organizations because it is self-policing and enforces a high standard of rules.

"What separates the Realtor association from other industry associations is that we have a code of ethics we have to abide by," he said.

One way they do this is through a grievance committee, which the public and Realtors can use. If a Realtor has committed an infraction, he can be penalized in a variety of ways including suspension, a fine, a letter of reprimand or attending a class about the offense.

Chavez said as the third most-regulated industry in the United States – after the nuclear industry and nursing homes – Realtors must work to maintain their titles. To be called a Realtor – the registered trademark owned by the National Association of Realtors – an individual must be a member of the organization and must go through a background check. They also have to obtain 30 hours of continuing education every three years.

"All Realtors must maintain educational requirements," he said. "We're constantly being educated."

Along with providing educational programs at its 150 E. Idaho Ave., facility, LCAR will host this year's Realtors Association of New Mexico (RANM) annual fall conference Wednesday, Sept. 9 through Friday, Sept. 11, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

The conference, which rotates locations each year, is designed to bring the state's Realtors together to discuss issues affecting the industry, such as state laws.

Olson said the association, both state and local, is very active in the community and has several committees that focus on various issues, including the legislature.

The legislative committee works to represent the association at city council meetings and other legislative functions to provide a voice for its members.

"Our Realtors are very active in the community," Olson said, adding that real estate is a very large part of the economy and should be well represented in every facet of the community.

Serving the community

For as much as they do for Realtors, Chavez said the association really represents the homeowners.

"We're the only organization in the world that represents homeowners," he said.

"If it's not good for our homeowners," Olson said, "it's not good for us."

Working as a "vigilant watchdog," Olson said LCAR acts as a "spokesman for the little guy" and works to see that the public's private property rights aren't infringed upon.

> We really are trying to preserve individual property rights.
>
> CHUCK OLSON, LCAR President

"We really are trying to preserve individual property rights," he said.

An example of this, he said, is the transfer tax in Santa Fe, which placed a tax on the transfers of all homes. The Santa Fe Association of Realtors reached out to the national association, which then polled the public on the tax. The association then worked to educate the public about the effects the tax had on affordable housing.

"I'm a big believer that the Realtor associations in the city and state are the only true advocates for private property owners," said Connie Hettinga, Las Cruces Realtor and the 2010 Realtor Association of New Mexico President.

Chavez said LCAR is currently watching local legislation on impact fees as well as participating in the town hall meeting on health care.

"The bill affects the Realtors since they don't have an employer," he said explaining that a Realtor is an independent contractor who gets paid by commission.

Providing the community with the best is important since purchasing a home is one of the biggest decisions a person can make, he said.

To better accommodate their clients, Olson said LCAR uses the Multiple Listing and Information Services (MLIS), which organizes all Las Cruces listings on a computer system making it easier to find a home that fits specific wants and needs.

"It puts all of our listings into a hat so there is more inventory," he said.

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Las Cruces Association of Realtors Governmental Affairs Director Isaac Chavez, LCAR Executive Officer Lynn Gould, incoming President Elect for the Realtors Association of New Mexico Theresa Ramos, incoming President for RANM Connie Hettinga and LCAR President Chuck Olson show off the new LCAR logo, designed in honor of the association's 60th anniversary.

Growing to serve the future

This year, in honor of its 60th anniversary, Chavez said the association has created its first logo.

The blue and yellow logo was designed by local artist Michael Kelley, husband of Monique Kelley of Exit Realty Horizons, and features the Organ Mountains, desert and the Rio Grande – all elements that represent Las Cruces.

LCAR is also taking advantage of the latest technology by creating a website and Facebook page, which currently has 189 friends, more than any other association in town.

"We're on the cutting edge of technology," Chavez said. "We have to be."

Growing with technology, Chavez and Olson said they see great things happening with the association in the future.

As only the third RANM president from Las Cruces and the first in 20 years, Hettinga said she will continue to work with legislators to provide the best for association members and the community.

She said she also wants to increase the association's membership by interacting with community members state wide.

LCAR is reaching out to their members in several ways including a newsletter, various monthly events and a quarterly Realtor rally. The rally scheduled for October will update members about the Downtown revitalization project.

Volunteering to be on the LCAR board is a great way for association members to give back, Olson said.

"It's giving back to the association for what you've taken from your industry," said Olson, whose term as president will end in December.

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Knowledge of construction meets a drive to serve

Jennifer Sandoval showcases the best of Las Cruces and its culture

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With an interest in business and knowledge of construction, it was a natural progression for Las Cruces native Jennifer Sandoval to enter the world of real estate and offer potential homeowners an inside look at the building process.

"I grew up in the building industry," she said. "I grew up running through homes as they were being built."

Her fascination with the building industry continued to grow and 11 years ago, she and her husband, builder Robert Sandoval, began R. Hines Construction, specializing in "providing superior amenities and one-of-a-kind craftsmanship."

While she had explored other industries, she said she always wanted to become a Realtor and help local and out-of-town residents find a place of their own. Finally, seven years ago she took the plunge and found the career fulfillment she desired.

Creating a real estate home

Sandoval's journey into real estate began with a different kind of business venture – a fitness studio. Inner Balance Fitness allowed her to spread her entrepreneurial wings, but said the 12-hour workdays took too much time away from her sons Cameron, 7, and Tristan, 4.

After selling the studio, she decided to explore her interest in real estate by becoming a licensed Realtor.

"I really do love real estate and working with people during such an exciting time for them," she said.

A year after she began selling real estate, Sandoval and her Realtor friend Terriane Everhart agreed to take "the leap" and opened their own company, Property Consultants.

Sandoval's new listing is her own home at 1224 Academy Court, which consists of 4,200 square feet and includes three bedrooms, gourmet kitchen a cinema and exercise room.

"We knew we were capable (of owning our own business) and saw a need for a more personal company that offered more of a personal relationship with clients," she said.

> "I love selling homes to people from out of town."
>
> JENNIFER SANDOVAL, Property Consultants

Thanks to her familiarity with the building process, Sandoval is able to provide her clients with first-hand knowledge of what is in a home, such as the building's structure, plumbing, installation and wiring.

"I'm educated in all the details that go into a home," she said. "Clients ask a question and expect you to know the answer."

Sandoval is also proud to be knowledgeable about the city of Las Cruces.

"I was born and raised in Las Cruces so I can answer any questions they might have," she said.

She said she takes pride in the city and is especially eager to work with those new to the state.

"I love selling homes to people from out of town," she said. "They're so unfamiliar with the area, its great to show off the state and the culture. I'm proud to be from New Mexico.

"I lived in a couple of different states in college, but I came back to New Mexico ... living in other states really made me appreciate this one."

To further support the town she loves, the New Mexico State University alumni, who received a bachelor's degree in business, has recently joined the NMSU Center for the Arts board to help bring the arts to Las Cruces area.

"I want to experience the arts and I want my children to grow up experiencing

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Featured Realtors: Jennifer Sandoval

Details

Featured Realtor
Jennifer Sandoval

Company
Property Consultants

Phone
541-9221

Address
606 W. Amador Ave.

Education
Bachelor's degree in business, New Mexico State University

Family
Husband Robert Hines
Sons, Cameron, 7
Tristan, 4

Sandoval's listing at 6216 Lazo del Norte features a master bedroom with breathtaking views of the Organ Mountains.

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the arts. We need that in our society," she said. "I hope to see the building get completed and be a success."

Her desire to provide for her family and her community is a driving force for Sandoval.

Finding the balance

Becoming a Realtor has benefited Sandoval in several ways, such as being able to create her own work schedule.

"I work full time, 40-hour weeks, but I can still take my kids to the dentist," she said of the flexible hours, "and I like that."

Finding a balance between her family and her career was important for Sandoval and entering the world of real estate has allowed her to achieve just that.

"Balance is a huge issue. Balance in life is what creates so many successes," she said. "I strive for that on a daily basis."

Sandoval attributes her business successes to being able to "set goals for myself, know what I want to achieve and going for it." This ability has also helped Property Consultants during the recent economic downturn.

"The economy right now is the biggest challenge," she said. "It directly hit home sales and real estate."

With homes staying on the market longer, Sandoval said she has had to be more proactive on marketing a home.

"You have to be more aggressive in this market to sell a home now," she said, "because you're up against so many other properties."

Sandoval said she thinks the economy is slowly beginning to come back and foresees an exciting time in Las Cruces home sales.

"Las Cruces is a wonderful place to live," she said. "And our product is good. Our initial goal was to be the very best at what we do, start to finish, and we've been very true to ourselves. This is an exciting time."

Providing her customers with the best motivates Sandoval, Everhart and the other four Property Consultants employees to succeed.

"I represent myself as an agent and as an owner," she said. "I pay close attention to details with the client and the market to make the process go smoothly."

Sandoval said the thing she enjoys most about being a Realtor is helping families find a place to call home.

"I feel like people purchasing a home is the biggest decision they'll make in their lives," she said. "Seeing someone move their family into a home and the smiles on their faces is a big bonus."

She said as far as her career goes, she is delighted for all the accomplishments she has made over the years.

"I'm very proud of the fact that I'm a successful entrepreneur," she said. "I've run successful businesses not only in real estate, but other industries, too."

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This Lazo del Norte home showcases hand crafted items.

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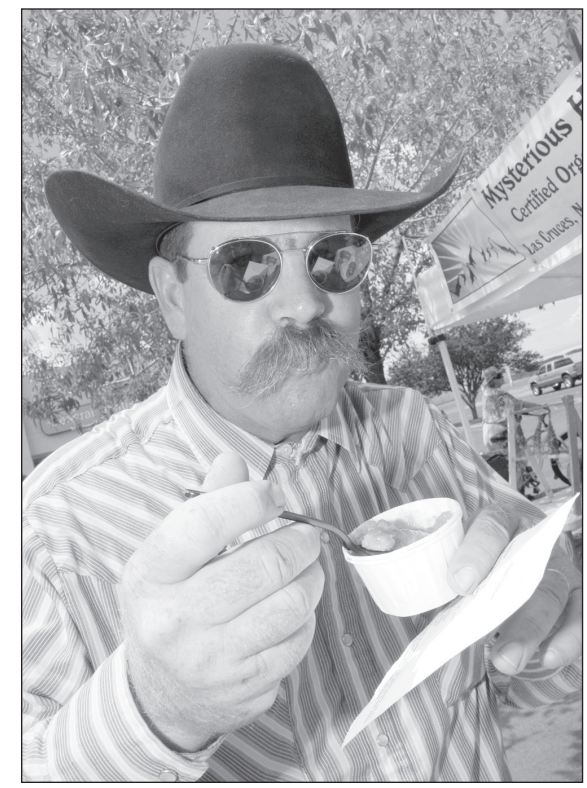
At the Southwest Solar Cook-Off

Mark Westbrock describes the benefits of photovoltaic, or solar-powered energy, at his booth set up in the parking lot of Mountain View Market.

Jon Simmons serves up some of his green chile enchiladas with zucchini to a market shopper.



Amy Jones stands next to her solar-powered cooking apparatus as she was cooking "Curried Calabasitas" with her partner Olin Calk as part of the Southwest Solar Cook-Off held at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, on Sunday, Aug. 23.

Jim Maynard of Maynard Cattle Company LLC judges a peach cobbler made by one of the participants in the Southwest Solar Cook-Off.

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A new, energy-efficient garage door can save as much as 71 percent of energy that would be lost otherwise.

Put a stop to high energy bills

Tips to update your garage door and save money

A leaky, un-insulated garage door may not be an obvious culprit in rising monthly utility bills, but it's worth a second look if you have an attached garage.

Replacing an older garage door with a new, energy-efficient model can reduce energy loss through the garage door by up to 71 percent, according to a comparison study conducted by Clopay engineers.

"Since attached garages typically share one or two common walls with the house, any hot or cold that travels through a door will ultimately affect the adjacent living areas," said Mark Westerfield, director of product development for garage door manufacturer Clopay Building Products. "An insulated garage door can help stabilize temperatures in the garage to reduce heat losses or gains from common house walls."

Depending on the specifics of your home and attached garage construction, a well-insulated door can help keep your unheated garage 10 to 20 degrees warmer on a cold winter day.

"That can have a significant impact on the comfort of family rooms or bedrooms located above or next to the garage," said Westerfield.

Homeowners who purchase an energy-efficient garage door now through Dec. 31, 2010, will not only save on heating and cooling bills, but may qualify for up to $1,500 in federal tax credits, thanks to the new stimulus legislation. Certain criteria apply. Visit www.clopay.com or call 800-225-6729 for more information and a list of eligible models.

Tips for upgrading a garage door

More than 40 percent of the current housing stock was built prior to the era of energy efficiency, according to a report by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. If your garage door is a hold-over from the dark ages, here are some things to look for when making an upgrade:

- **A 2-inch-thick, three-layer "sandwich" construction** – This environmentally safe, construction includes chlorofluorocarbon-free insulation layered between two sheets of heavy-duty galvanized steel.
- **R-value or U-factor** – These are measurements of the thermal efficiency of a door's insulation. The higher the R-value, or the lower the U-factor, the more energy-efficient the insulation.
- **Energy Tax Credit eligible** – Available for garage doors with a minimum factor of 0.30 installed on a homeowner's primary residence.
- **Insulation type** – There are two different types of insulation used in garage doors – expanded polystyrene and polyurethane. Doors constructed using either kind qualify for the Energy Tax credit, and both are strong and durable.
- **Design** – Get the most out of your garage door upgrade. Choose a model that complements your home's architectural style.

Merging living and family spaces with the kitchen is not only family-friendly, but is great for entertaining and selling your home.

KRISTINE SANDRICK
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Make your open kitchen look great

A chic open floor plan can also help sell your home

More homeowners are merging living and family spaces with the kitchen in an open floor plan.

This kind of floor plan is not only family-friendly and perfect for entertaining, it will actually sell better if you ever decide to put your home on the market.

An open floor plan makes your space seem bigger and more up to date. However, rooms with competing decor, such as a contemporary family room versus a traditionally styled kitchen, can make blending the space difficult.

The best way to make an open floor plan a success is to create a seamless transition from the kitchen to the other living spaces.

Here are some useful tips on creating a harmonious open floor plan:

- Incorporate small contemporary touches that make a big impact, such as a stainless steel range hood and a glass mosaic tile backsplash. Just make sure that the colors and textures are compatible with each other and the adjoining room.
- Select a cabinet door in a rich brown finish that complements living and dining room furniture. A deep brown glaze over a Cognac finish settles into the corners and grooves, giving the cabinets a traditional, vintage look. Pairing this with modern hardware completes the transitional design.
- Display contemporary decorative objects on open shelving in the kitchen island. Selecting objects that complement the decor of the adjoining room is a subtle way to make the kitchen flow nicely with the open space.
- Consider a farmhouse sink that has been redesigned with a contemporary finish, such as stainless steel. Stainless steel acts as a neutral, so it will not detract from more elaborate home decorations.

To create that perfect open space, you'll want to work with a designer at your local home center to help the remodeling process run smoothly – from product decision-making to installation. For additional design ideas and information, visit www.woodmark-homedepot.com.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	5	3	0
Homes Sold Existing	20	9	13
Pending Home Sales (All)	235	240	201
Average Days on Market (All)	166	145	149

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$163,930	$164,725	$0
Median Price Existing	$157,500	$210,000	$168,500
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,590	1,353	1,565
Real Estate Agents	528	529	616

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 08/17/09 - 08/24/09
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No more excuses!

Avocado knife is a safe alternative

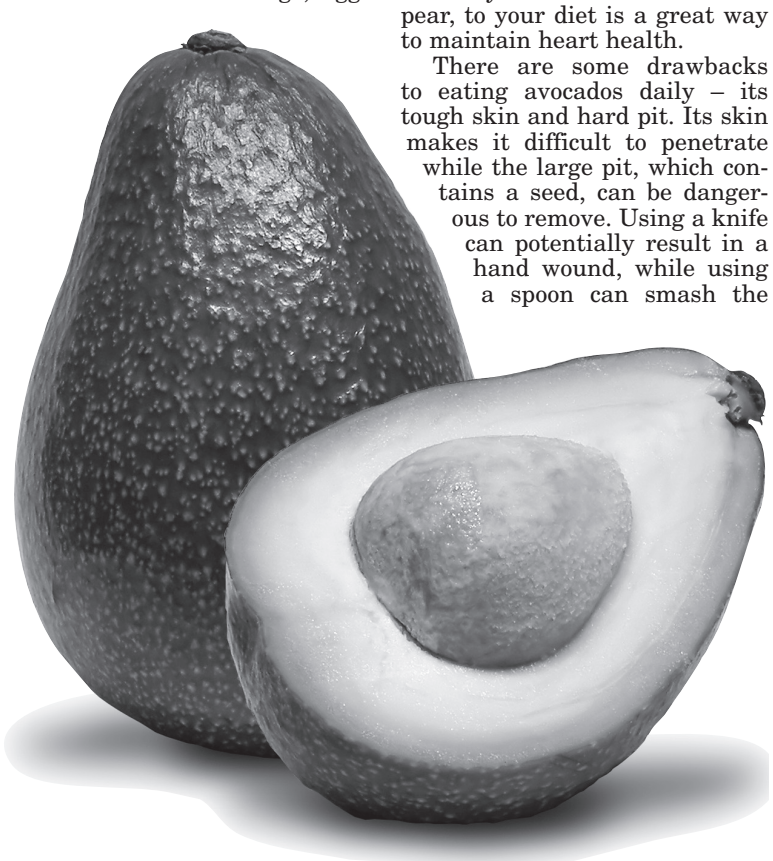
By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

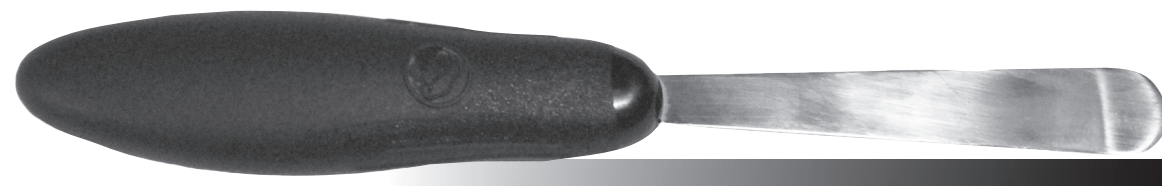
The heat on your tongue, the sweat dripping off your brow, the pounding of your heart – you just ate a hot New Mexico green chile and you're looking for some relief. A quick and tasty solution is a heaping pile of guacamole made from avocados.

The avocado is a large, egg-shaped fruit – believe it or not – originating in southern Mexico. Avocados now are grown in the Caribbean, South America, Central America and in states such as California, Florida and Hawaii.

High in the "good kind" of fat, also known as monounsaturated fat, avocados have been shown to lower cholesterol levels. Finding daily ways to add the fruit, affectionately nicknamed the butter pear, to your diet is a great way to maintain heart health.

There are some drawbacks to eating avocados daily – its tough skin and hard pit. Its skin makes it difficult to penetrate while the large pit, which contains a seed, can be dangerous to remove. Using a knife can potentially result in a hand wound, while using a spoon can smash the avocado or fling the pit across the room. The solution – the avocado knife, of course.





Featured gadget: Avocado knife

What is it?

This knife is specially designed to cut through the tough skin of an avocado and remove its stubborn pit. It comes in two forms – serrated or smooth

Both measure about 8 inches in length and are furnished with a rubber-gripped handle, eliminating messes and preventing slips. Both knives get the job done, but the serrated blade, which also has pointy pit-removing spikes, can be dangerous, especially around children. The smooth blade offers a safer alternative.

How does it work?

After the avocado knife cuts the fruit in half, it can then be used to remove the pit. Simply, use the flat end of the knife to dig around the pit until it is loose and can be easily detached.

Once the pit is dislodged, use the curved, round end to slice and dice the avocado. Then use the flat blade like a spatula to easily separate the meat from the peel.

How much does it cost?

Easily slicing and dicing avocados comes at a relatively low price. A top brand avocado knife can cost $20, while other knives cost around $9.

Where can it be found?

This specialty item may be hard to come by, but can be found at many kitchen specialty stores, such as Bed, Bath & Beyond and Las Cosas de Mesilla Kitchen Shoppe, as well as online at www.amazon.com and www.kitchen-conceptions.com.

Guacamole

3 avocados, peeled, pitted and mashed
1 lime, juiced
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup onion, diced
3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
2 roma (plum) tomatoes, diced
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
1 pinch ground cayenne pepper, optional

In a medium bowl, mash together the avocados, lime juice and salt. Mix in the onion, cilantro, tomatoes and garlic. Stir in cayenne pepper. Refrigerate one hour for best flavor, or serve immediately.

Strawberry Avocado Parfait

6 large fresh or thawed frozen strawberries
2 ripe avocados, seeded, peeled and cubed
1/2 cup flavored yogurt
1 tablespoon juice concentrate
1 teaspoon sugar
Shredded coconut, optional

Place strawberries in a bowl and lightly mash with fork. Add avocado cubes and gently mix together. Spoon the strawberry/avocado combination into four long-stemmed wine glasses. Combine yogurt, orange juice concentrate and brown sugar in a small bowl. Drizzle yogurt mixture over strawberries and avocado. Sprinkle with coconut if desired. Serves four. Recipe is adapted from www.avocado.org.

Starting from scratch

Going green from the ground up

During my more than 40-year career in the construction and real estate development business, I have witnessed a dramatic change in the standards and practices that guide how we do things. In no area have these changes been more profound than in green building and development.

In retrospect we used a lot of "green" techniques back in the day. For the most part, we used those techniques because they made sense, not because they were green. There are a lot of other things we've all had to relearn when it comes to living green.

Here are a few of the lessons I've learned when it comes to green living:

Preservation

Today there are so many resources and tools to help us live a greener life. I've spent the last 10 years studying the topic and feel I have only scratched the surface. One thing I have learned is that living green starts from the ground up.

Preserving natural landscape, for instance, protects the natural environment and saves resources. Natural landscape on a home site saves both upfront landscaping costs and conserves water for the long term.

We now understand that there is a crypto-biotic crust, a living organism that covers the desert surface. This crust minimizes erosion, improves water absorption and retains natural plant seeds. Left undisturbed, the natural plant life and eco-balance will continue to be self-preserving. Once destroyed, it takes many years to be restored, if ever. This is where you see tumbleweeds and non-native plant-life take root as well as dust blowing off disturbed surfaces.

Another simple strategy we've learned is to build retaining walls and yard walls around a home before building construction begins. This allows for the delivery of rock, sand and concrete on the building pad area rather than destroying natural landscape around the perimeter of the pad.

Durability

Some things last a long time without having to be replaced often, or their maintenance has a very low impact on the environment. Materials such as concrete, marble, tile, exterior stone facades, stainless steel sinks, etc., are things you only have to buy once and can last as long as the home. That makes them green.

Once I began to understand the basics for being green, I learned that much of the process is common sense. It is common sense that more durable materials last longer and therefore don't end up in a landfill. Durable products may not necessarily be "green" on their own, but can be a contributing factor to giving a home a green designation.

Renew-ability

Materials are considered renewable if they are replenished at a rate that is equal to or faster than its consumption by humans. Since bamboo grows so quickly, anything made from it can be considered green.

Using energy sources such as the sun and wind are considered green as there is no danger of exhausting their availability. The use of solar energy systems to power homes has become increasingly available and affordable.

Biodegradability

Materials that have the ability to break down safely into raw materials and disappear into the environment are considered biodegradable. Many plastics and other petroleum based products never breakdown in landfills. Make sure to check labels. Using biodegradable products in your home whenever possible is green.

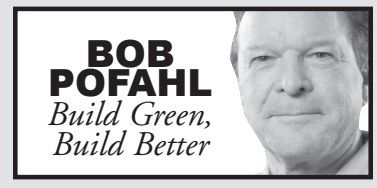
Conservation

Doing more with less is definitely green. Conservation of our natural resources including water and energy is an integral part of building green. Use of efficient, reduced-water-use plumbing fixtures, reclaimed building materials, native landscaping and gray water systems are ways to conserve our natural resources for future generations. Energy Star appliances and high efficiency heating and cooling systems also are great products to conserve energy.

Education

There are labeling programs, design guides, books, websites and endless opinions for going green, but there's no universal law or definition of a "green" home. So where should you start?

Education is the key to becoming green and sustainable. I have learned many simple, practical ways to integrate green principles into my everyday living as well as my construction and development business.



The National Association of Home Builders has a great website to begin or add to your "green" education. Build Green New Mexico, U.S. Build Green Council, El Paso Electric Company and countless other resources about green and sustainable living are available on the Internet.

A green home incorporates smart design, technology, construction and maintenance elements to significantly lessen the negative impact of the home on the environment, improve the health of the people who live inside and save the homeowner money.

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SUNNY CONLEY
Chile Knights

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Sunny takes the harvest heat and eats it!

A good news, bad news situation with delicious dishes

Hi Sunny: Was thinking of you [in Arizona] today. Las Cruces had a bumper crop year. We just completed packing up 75 pounds of freshly roasted green Jim Parker (medium/hot) chiles into about 76-gallon Ziploc freezer bags and putting them in our freezers. That should last us for a few months! – Jerry (and Cyrille) Kane

Groan. Rub it in, Jerry. I think everyone knows by now how much I miss southern New Mexico's chile harvest. I've received several emails similar to his, including these:

Saturday I rode by a chile field and could smell the ripening pods - mmmm! – Don

Thought you were coming here in August for the harvest? We could have a Hot Luck. – Cristina

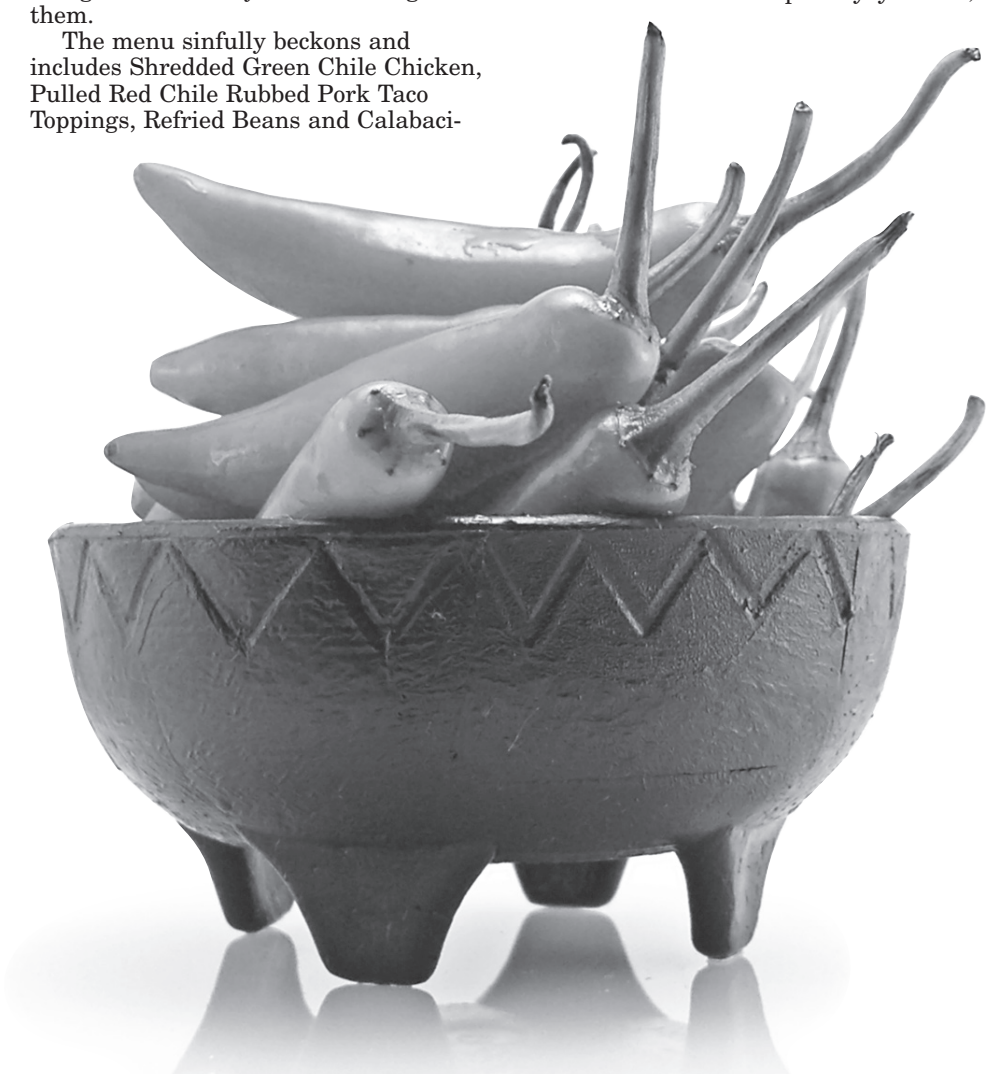
Unfortunately, I'm unable to make it to Las Cruces for this year's harvest. However, there's good news, bad news, but maybe good news. The good news is the email I received from my alma mater:

Come join the NMSU Phoenix Alumni Chapter for great food, fun and chile roasting! Saturday, Sept. 19, at 11:30 a.m.

The bad news: I already have plans. The good news: Maybe I can change them.

The menu sinfully beckons and includes Shredded Green Chile Chicken, Pulled Red Chile Rubbed Pork Taco Toppings, Refried Beans and Calabacitas - Roasted Corn and Green Chile and Squash.

Ah, my tummy grumbles in anticipation. Stay tuned. If I attend, I'll file a complete report here. If not, I'll make plans to whip up a similar menu and serve the recipes below to fellow chile head friends.



Shredded Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas

12 corn tortillas
1/2 cup oil
12 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
3/4 cup white onion, chopped fine
1/4 cup real butter
1/4 cup flour
2 cups chicken broth
1/2 cup favorite medium-hot green chiles, fresh roasted, stemmed, seeded and chopped
1 cup sour cream
3 chicken skinless breast halves, boiled and shredded
Green onion and cilantro, garnish, chopped

Cook tortillas one at a time in hot oil until softened (5 seconds). Place some chicken, cheese and onion on each tortilla and roll up. Place seam side down in greased baking pan. Melt butter, add flour and stir well. Add broth and cook until thick. Stir in sour cream and chiles. Stir until heated. Pour over enchiladas.

Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until heated all the way through. Put remaining cheese on top and return to oven for 5 more minutes. Garnish with chopped green onions and cilantro, if desired. (Adapted from http://bellybytes.com)

Pulled Red Chile Pork Taco Toppings is on the menu for the upcoming chile roasting fiesta hosted by the New Mexico State University Phoenix Alumni Chapter.

Hot as a Pistol Grilled Pulled Pork

3 cups cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons black pepper, finely ground
2 tablespoons liquid hot pepper sauce
3/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1 (3-pound) pork butt or shoulder roast

Combine vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, hot pepper sauce and salt, and mix well. Let baste stand at least 1 hour at room temperature before using. Never use this sauce as a marinade – it's too hot!

Meanwhile, prepare grill; it's best to use a covered smoker type. If none is available, you may use any charcoal-type grill, but be sure to cover the pork with a heavy foil to equalize the temperature.

Since the roast grills for a long time at a low temperature, prepare a large bed of coals. When coals are covered with white ash, spread them out to make a bed. Position the grill 5 inches above coals. Let grill heat about 2 minutes, scouring it with a metal brush, if necessary.

When grill is hot, set roast in place. Sear 2 to 5 minutes on each side or until uniformly browned, and then brush generously with baste. Close hood and cook 1 to 1 1/2 hours, or until meat is tender enough to fall from bone. Turn roast over and baste every 15 minutes.

Transfer to a large cutting board. When slightly cooked, use two forks to pull meat into shreds. Serve in warm corn tortillas or prepared corn tortilla shells. Top with sour cream and chopped green onions, if desired.

A gas grill can also be used. Follow the manual's instructions. (Adapted from New Edition, "Hotter than Hell," by Jane Butel, Northland Publishing, 2005)

Calabacitas - Roasted Corn and Green Chile and Squash

Calabacitas is a traditional dish of the Southwest Pueblo Indians.

3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup onion, finely chopped
2 to 4 cloves of garlic, minced
2 1/2 cups summer squash, diced
2 1/2 cups zucchini, diced
2 cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen
6 (about 3/4 cup) scallions, chopped
1/2 cup hot green chile, roasted, with skin removed (wear gloves when handling chiles), chopped
1/2 cup mild green chile, roasted, with skin removed, chopped
1 cup ripe Roma (plum) tomatoes, diced
1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, firmly packed and coarsely chopped
1/2 cup cream or grated Jack cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large skillet and sauté the onion for about 4 minutes over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and sauté 2 minutes longer. Add the squash and zucchini and sauté 5 minutes longer, until softened.

Add the remaining 1 to 2 tablespoons of oil with the corn, scallions and chiles and sauté another 3 minutes.

Stir in the tomatoes, cilantro and cream (if desired) and heat through, about 5 minutes.

Season with salt. Serve hot or warm. Yield 8 to 10 servings. (Adapted from Corn, Olwen Woodier, Storey Books, 2002)

Sunny Conley, a former Las Crucen, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunnyconley@earthlink.net.

Gardeners and poets tell different snail tales

Slow moving and slime synonymous with these creatures

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

The beauty of snails and slugs is most definitely in the eye of the beholder.

Children and poetry lovers see them as what little boys are made of – slugs and snails and puppy dogs tails. The snail's a cute little creature that carries its home on its back in a swirl of a shell, right?

But ask gardeners their view. Since this is a family column, I can't repeat the few apt descriptors they might use for this veggie-eating pest. Watch out, slugs and snails will be in the pumpkin patch nibbling at the very young, still soft growth of what you hoped to be your jack-o-lantern. They can be excised from the garden by cultivating, minimizing moist areas or picking them out, among other methods.

Most, but not all, whether land or marine varieties, are herbivores. They'll eat holes in all sorts of plants and lay eggs in the garden soil. The marine-based snails are viewed more kindly for eating algae and other nuisance greens.

The snail is synonymous with slow in our culture – and if you have the chance to watch one travel, you can clearly see why. The garden snail might move about 0.03 miles per hour. You may be most familiar with this creature for lending its name to Snail Mail – the old-fashioned, takes-a-while way to send a message.

Both snail and slug – a snail that's evolved without a shell – produce a silvery slime that helps them move and protects them when they creep over glass or other sharp objects. They live most everywhere, and depending on species, their life span can be as short as a year, or occasionally, up to 30 years in captivity. They can be very tiny, but some sea types can grow as long as 30 inches and weigh 40 pounds. Land snails are hermaphrodites, producing both sperm and eggs. Some marine or freshwater varieties are separate sexes.

Predators are numerous – everyone loves a snail, birds, snakes and yes, people. The ooh-la-la escargot prepared as French cuisine comes to mind most often, although they are also used in dishes in Spain and Portugal among many other countries.

Now that I think about it, the only snails that aren't slow are escargot. Every time I've seen them, they're gone very quickly.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective to pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Arizona-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.

Both snails and slugs use their slime to get around.

Habitat will break ground on Saturday

Volunteer, community supports family in need

Times are tough and the construction of new homes has slowed across the country. Here in Las Cruces, however, a family has been selected by the Mesilla Valley Habitat of Humanity to partner on the construction of their new home.

A groundbreaking celebration will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, on the construction site at 7560 Monte Verde. This will be the future home of Jesse Atwell and Veronica Valenzuela and their family, Raymond, 9, Luiz, 7, Analise, 5, Christopher, 3, and a new baby who is on the way.

"This is exciting not only because it is our first launching for this building season, but more importantly it is the start of a new home for this deserving family," said MVHFH Executive Director Ed Johnson of the home, which is one of four to be built this year.

The goal of MVHFH is to reduce poverty housing in our community and to make simple, decent housing affordable to individuals and families in need.

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