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More students destined for LCPS, NMSU

Fall enrollment increases expected for all schools

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

Classes start next week for both Las Cruces Public Schools and New Mexico State University, and both are expecting moderate growth in enrollment.

For NMSU, it's very good news when many other colleges and universities nationwide are having to make painful cuts forced by decreased enrollment and less government support.

Total enrollment at NMSU last fall exceeded 30,000 and that growth trend only slowed slightly during the spring and summer semesters.

"We're seeing increased enrollment at the Las Cruces campus and all the community college campuses," said Bernadette Montoya, NMSU assistant vice president for enrollment management. "This means we expect to hit enrollment goals for the fall semester."

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There is an increase in the number of freshmen students and also at all the main campus colleges, she said.

Montoya credited the enrollment growth to NMSU's strong recruitment efforts, but didn't rule out the attraction of the land grant university's mission to train the work force at a time when many are having to find new careers.

Also, NMSU's reputation continues to improve, as illustrated

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Las Cruces Public Schools School-Community Partnerships Coordinator Lesilie Cervantes, center, helps Memorial Medical Center staff load backpacks onto a pickup truck Wednesday, Aug. 12. The hospital provided 300 backpacks and employees filled them with school supplies to be given to Title 1 elementary school students in the district.

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Superintendent review AYP results

Las Cruces school board meeting will focus on why more schools don't meet annual goals

Doña Ana begins saving its past

Rehab plans drawn for village's oldest buildings

By **Jim Hilley**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While the village of Doña Ana may seem like a sleepy town to most Las Crucens, at one time it was the county's only settlement, and an important stop along El Camino Real for settlers and traders passing between El Paso del Norte and Ciudad Chihuahua to the south and Santa Fe to the north.

On Monday, Aug. 10, a preliminary plan to preserve some of the only surviving buildings along the historic Camino Real was presented at a meeting in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Purification Church in Doña Ana.

Martin Kuziel, an architect with Conron and Woods Architects of Santa Fe, presented plans to stabilize and restore the De La O Saloon building and the adjacent Wertheim Store and residence on the Camino Real route, now labeled Cristo Rey Road. State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia secured funding for the restoration.

Assessment of the De La O building has already begun, and the next phase will involve getting approval from the State Historic Preservation Office to begin stabilization and restoration of the former saloon.

According to a release by the architects, plans call for the De La O building to be converted into a "multi-purpose facility that will serve the needs of a visitors center and community space, while also restoring and preserving the original character of the building."

Plans include the removal of a contemporary bathroom in the building, rebuilding a portion of the building that has been

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Supporting NMSU student families

Family Resource Center offers more than backpacks

Carla Zubiate and her son Louis, 3, came in for a backpack on Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Family Resource Center on the New Mexico State University Campus.

PHOTOS BY JIM HILLEY

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The start of the fall semester is a stressful – and an expensive – time for students at New Mexico State University, especially for those with school-age children. Besides dealing with enrolling in classes, buying books and clothes, students who are parents must also be getting their own children ready for the beginning of school.

That is one reason the Family Resource Center at NMSU gives away hundreds of backpacks stuffed with school supplies to NMSU and Doña Ana Community College students every year.

Another reason is to help students become aware of the services the center makes available and give them an incentive to find the facility tucked away off Sam Steel Way in family student housing.

"By giving out the backpacks, it gets students familiar with the center," said Esther Devall, a professor of family and consumer sciences and the director of the center, "and it helps them know where it is."

The center has been conducting the backpack giveaway for about six years. In the first year, the center gave away approximately 60 backpacks, but this year it was more than 230. Each backpack is filled with school supplies appropriate for each child's grade level. Parents were asked to fill out forms in advance specifying the age of their children so the backpacks could be prepared.

"It was a big organizational job," Devall said. "But Noel Martinez (a graduate-student intern) produced a spreadsheet that made it much easier."

The Family Resource Center is a good place for students with families to know about.

Besides the backpack giveaways, the center also offers parenting workshops, marriage and family therapy, nutrition education, parents' time out, family activities and referral services to on- and off-campus resources.

This year, Devall said, they also have plans to provide child care for the younger siblings of incoming freshmen.

"We noticed that a lot of incoming student's families bring along younger children, they get bored and in the way, so on Move In Day, Sunday, Aug. 16, parents can drop off younger kids ages 4 to 12 at Piñon Hall and we will have games and snacks for them," Devall said.

The center will also be announcing the date for their annual welcome-back picnic at Preciado Park in the near future.

The center is funded by the Associated Students of New Mexico State University, but the backpack giveaway is primarily funded by student, faculty and family donations, Devall said.

For more information on the Student Resource Center, call 646-2065, or visit the center at C-100 Cervantes Village on the NMSU campus. To reach the center, drive south on Sam Steel Way past Myrna's Children's Village and turn in to the next parking lot. The center will be on the left, facing away from Sam Steel Way.

Student intern Linda Lopez shows off the Family Resource Center logo imprinted on the backpacks given to children of New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Branch Community College students.

Professor Esther Duval and intern Noel Martinez display some of the items included in the Emergency Preparedness Kits that were included with the backpacks handed out at the NMSU Family Resource Center.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters, big hearts

Big brother Peter Reich and little brother Daniel Pando enjoy the Big Brothers Big Sisters' back-to-school event Saturday, Aug. 8 at Veterans Memorial Park.

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Big brother and big sister duo Sam and Jennifer Ramos snack on hot dogs and hamburgers with little brother and sister Sam and Jennifer Olivos.

The Big Brother Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico Board of Directors and staff pose behind the back packs and supplies given to "littles" at Saturday's picnic.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico hosted its annual Back to School event Saturday, Aug. 8, at Veteran's Park.

Big brothers and sisters celebrated with their "littles" by playing softball, volleyball and enjoying hotdogs and hamburgers provided by several local sponsors.

All "littles" who attended the event also received free back packs with school supplies and small gifts.

Jerry McMulland, owner of Wienerschnitzel on Lohman Avenue, donated the hotdogs and chilli dogs and cooked all of the food on the wiener wagon.

Curtis Rosemond, manager at Wal-Mart on Walton Boulevard donated the hamburgers.

All of the Albertson's Food Stores in town donated chips and buns for the hamburgers.

Lowe's Fiesta Foods on Main Street donated paper supplies and cheese for the hamburgers.

School supplies were donated by:

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Tiffanie Phillips, big sister and BBBS board member, stands with little brother Roman Castillo. Several BBBS board members also serve as big brothers and sisters.

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Memorial Medical Center and Las Cruces Public Schools staff load backpacks onto the back of a pickup truck Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Schools

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by this week's edition of Forbes magazine ranking NMSU much higher than other universities in New Mexico, as well as better than the University of Texas at El Paso.

Although some students have already moved into on-campus housing, the big "move-in" day is Sunday, Aug. 16.

Julie Weber, director of NMSU's Housing and Residential Life, said 350 volunteers will be on hand to help more than 3,000 students move into their resident halls and apartments. That's an increase of more than 230 students from last year and doesn't include on-campus married and family housing.

It will mean that Residence Assistants will have to share their room and there will be some doubling and tripling up, but Weber said NMSU has enough on-campus housing to handle the increase without having to find off-campus living quarters. She said NMSU is committed to providing on-campus housing for students because studies show students living on campus usually do better in academically than students living off campus.

NMSU classes begin Thursday, Aug. 20.

LCPS first-day policy

Classes at LCPS start Monday, Aug. 17, and all students need to show up, said spokeswoman Jo Galvan. The district's new stricter attendance policy starts the first day, which high school students need to understand and follow, she said. Some high school students don't show up for their first class or for school the first few days thinking it won't make a difference, she said. That's not true under the district's new attendance policy, she warned.

"We want to make it clear that every day counts," Galvan said. "Attendance will be taken every period, starting on the first period of the first day."

NMSU Foundation raises $210 million

Goal is $225 million by end of 2010

New Mexico State University's Doing What Counts fundraising campaign has raised $210 million to date and continues to move toward its $225 million goal by December 2010.

The campaign is the most ambitious fundraising endeavor undertaken by the university and has already exceeded expectations. The original goal of $150 million by December 2008 was met early in the effort causing the NMSU Foundation Board of Directors to revise the goal to $225 million by December 2010.

"The money raised is helping NMSU achieve even higher levels of excellence," said Nick Franklin, vice president of university advancement and executive director of the NMSU Foundation. "The generous gifts we have received are the reason we continue to grow and transform NMSU."

The campaign was intended to fund academic chairs and professorships that support NMSU's outstanding faculty, to create additional scholarships to attract quality students and to establish funding for several capital projects including the Native American Cultural Center, which will soon be under construction, as well as the Center for the Arts and the Domenici Institute.

In the last five years gifts to the university have made it possible to establish more than a dozen chairs to support outstanding faculty and several hundred student scholarships.

As the campaign moves toward conclusion, the focus will include continued efforts to fund various projects across campus that support faculty and students as well as efforts to raise additional needed funding for the Center for the Arts and the Domenici Institute.

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. It is intended to be a regional arts venue to serve all of southern New Mexico and west Texas.

Named for New Mexico's longest-serving senator, NMSU's Domenici Institute brings together some of the best minds in the country to focus on significant national issues. Among other activities, the institute hosts an annual public policy conference where leading policy makers discuss topics with a real impact on people across the country. This year's conference will be held Sept. 16 and 17 at the NMSU Corbett Center Student Union.

During the campaign, NMSU has discovered many friends and partners who have helped the university achieve its goals. To become an NMSU Partner in Excellence, visit http://giving.nmsu.edu/.

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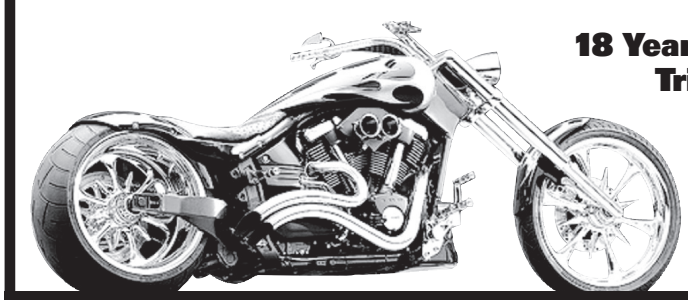

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

One wish?

Have you ever thought about granting a wish for a special child?

BY DAVID E. MCCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

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Many of us have occasionally pondered the question of what we would request if we were granted one magic wish. Would we opt for fame, fortune, good looks, world peace or perhaps the greedy option of wishing for more wishes? Our answers can be quite revealing about our personal priorities.

However, instead of asking for something for ourselves, what if we actually had the opportunity to help fulfill the wishes of others? The unselfish action of helping someone else could be even more satisfying than having our own wish granted.

In fact, we now have that opportunity to wish for the latter – in this case, a very special group of New Mexicans – young people between the ages of 2 and 18 who have life-threatening illnesses and conditions. Through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico, our generous donations can help ensure that the fondest wish of each of these children can become a reality.

> "Many people have learned that the joy from wishes granted is multiplied through touching the lives of families..."

Last year, more than 100 children with life-threatening medical conditions throughout New Mexico experienced the thrill and needed boost of having their special wishes granted. Twelve of those children were from the Las Cruces region, including a 12-year-old boy who wished to be an animator for a day at Pixar studios in California, and a 14-year-old girl who requested a computer. Other children have been granted their special wishes to see the Dallas Cowboys in action, to visit Disneyland, to have a special quinceañera, and to be a police officer, a pilot and even a princess for a day. Some children have even chosen to help others as their special wish.

Here's how you can help these special children's wishes come true. Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico is raising funds to support its program for youth in the Las Cruces region. The national Make-A-Wish organization has offered a $25,000 matching grant, with an Oct. 1 deadline for Make-A-Wish in our Mesilla Valley. Unfortunately, so far only $6,000 has been raised and the deadline is fast approaching.

The average cost of granting a wish is $5,000. This means the funding of $50,000 raised through this matching grant opportunity would help provide wishes for at least 10 children from our area. Many people have learned the joy from wishes granted is multiplied through touching the lives of families, referral sources, sponsors and everyone else who come into contact with these children.

If you, your family, your business or your organization is interested in helping out this incredibly worthwhile cause, please consider making a monetary investment to help Make-A-Wish attain its matching grant for Doña Ana County. It's easy to help a special young person's wish come true – and you don't even need to kiss a frog to do it!

You can contact the Make-A-Wish organization directly at 800-884-5276 or send an email to magic@wishnm.org, and ask about how you can support this nonprofit agency through needed tax-deductible donations, fund-raising activities and volunteering. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation in New Mexico, visit www.wishnm.org. I am confident you will be glad you made the call.

"It's not enough to make me feel like one of those bankers getting a government subsidized bonus . . . but it's a start."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say no to health bill

The health care reform bill now being crafted in Congress is designed to put authority to determine who lives or dies in the hands of the government bureaucrats.

Outrageous?

Yes.

This bill, as now written, gives government access to your bank accounts and authority to make withdrawals. This is unbelievable, but true. Read the bill, folks – this bill would give the government bureaucrats the power to make life and death decisions.

This is chilling.

This health care bill being pushed by President Obama and the majority of Democrats (some are opposed) has the potential for totalitarian control by not only the Obama regime, but also future administrations, more repressive than Hitler's or Stalin's governments.

Let's not tolerate this proposed disaster. We demand a no vote from our representatives in Washington: Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Sen. Tom Udall and Rep. Harry Teague.

CATHERINE FULLER

They're coming ...

First the feds came for the Branch Davidians in Texas, and the faith healers and voluntary assisted suicide proponents in Oregon, and I wasn't one of them so I didn't help them.

Then they came for those who feel state or private insurance funds shouldn't be used for male circumcisions, and as my friend was a doctor who "earned" $1,000 a week doing three quick circumcisions and paid for my beer at the parties he invited me to, I didn't lift a finger to help the opponents of circumcision.

Then they came to force people to get kidney dialysis or liver transplants, in violation of the 1991 Patient's Self Determination Act, even though those people would have preferred to die and go to heaven according to their religious faith, and as I wasn't diagnosed, even perhaps falsely diagnosed, with a kidney or liver problem, I didn't help these people even though my income taxes were higher and they threatened to re-impose sales tax on food because of the cost of treating those kinds of people.

But then they came for people who are free hikers, and they came to get people who prefer to use their savings for proper foods, and they came to round up people who don't want to spend a nickle on health insurance or a fitness club membership, and I tried to help such people because I was one of them, but it was too late – the Fed-State stole our savings that we refused to spend on health insurance and fitness club memberships, then threw us in jail, and forced us on junk food and unnecessary medications to enhance the value of their investments in big pharma and the junk food profiteers.

JEFF NORTH

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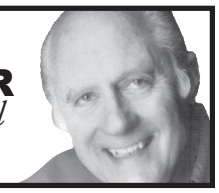
Jay Miller's thoughts on health care

Maybe, if everyone is covered, the world will be better off

JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol



With all the talk about health care, I feel compelled to offer some of my thoughts for what they might be worth. I am far from being a health care analyst. These thought are from purely personal experiences.

I've been on Medicare for more than six years now and must say, I love it. I can go to just about any doctor, present my Medicare and Blue Cross cards and never hear another word about co-pays, deductibles or denied coverage. And I know they won't cancel me. That's insurance.

Occasionally I have asked a doctor if an expensive procedure will be covered. I've been told not to worry often enough that I no longer ask. Will the proposed health care plan help me? Not likely. I'm already set for the rest of my life.

Since I already have about as good a plan as I could ever want, why should I support the government extending that guaranteed coverage to everyone else? It will surely raise my taxes regardless of what is being promised so I'll actually come out behind. Besides, the government could lower my Medicare benefits.

So about the only reason to support health care coverage for everyone is that I shouldn't be selfish and maybe having everyone covered will make this a better world. I read somewhere it is my patriotic duty to want health care for everyone.

If I'm going to be patriotic and unselfish, I at least want to see this proposed plan be as good as it can be. There have been some extremely scary claims made about what is going to happen to old people under the proposed plan.

I'm told President Barack Hussein Obama is going to send out death squads to decide whether I can live any longer. I find it impossible to believe any member of Congress would vote for that, much less a majority of both houses.

And I think the American Association of Retired Persons, to which all us old folks should belong, would be able to keep something like that from happening.

Actually, in my community, the problem is much the opposite. We're concerned that the new owners of our hospital will require all patients be kept alive as long as absolutely possible.

To me, that's not welcome news. My parents spent the last 10 years of their lives in a nursing home, one with acute dementia, the other with Alzheimer's. They had great care and were in good health but they didn't know where they were, who they were or who I was.

That is zero quality of life as far as I am concerned. I am reaching the age at which they started their long downhill slide and don't want to be a burden on my family. I have a long-term-care policy, which I hope would eliminate the financial burden. I will write this column as long as I can to keep the mental juices flowing.

But when I reach the point that I no longer enjoy life, I don't want to stick around another 10 years. I would like for there to be some end-of-life options. I don't expect the government ever to snuff me out, but I would like for there to be some way to respect my wishes.

The main problem in my mind is that the health care effort is being rushed. Obama is said to believe it is now or never. In my mind that means never. Everyone needs to settle down and search for changes all can accept.

It appears to me that the poor and the old already have deluxe coverage. The rich can take care of themselves. And the young have their health. Who really needs help? The middle-aged, middle-class.

And yet, at congressional town halls, they seem to be the ones raising the most ruckus. At one, on TV, almost all raised their hands that they had insurance.

Since people with individual coverage are at the mercy of insurers, the protesters must have insurance through their employers. And yet, their health is insured only as long as their job is insured. And that isn't much these days.

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Letters to the Editor

La Tienda thanks patrons

The Christmas in July at La Tienda de Jardin was a marvelous success, so much so that the sale will continue until mid-August. The Las Cruces Sun-News and Las Cruces Bulletin staff were instrumental in getting the word out to the community, and we attribute the large crowd of shoppers to the great pre-event publicity.

We would also like to thank Barb at Friendly Flowers for her balloon bouquets, Jereann Hutchinson for the biscochos and Diane and Hank Greenholdt for running a very profitable silent auction.

Our stellar cast of volunteers included Beverly Chavez Floyd, Patsy Warthen, Kathy Groves, Polly Dias, Barb and Tobey Thie, Becky King, Lanova Sheets, Claudia Durham, Janice Servais, Barbara Allen, Heather Pollard and Louis Samaniego.

La Tienda is located on the corner of South Main Street at Alameda and La Colonia avenues and is open Monday through Saturdays. We welcome all gently used and new donations to our boutique.

We are also starting a La Tienda Guild, and because all our staff are not salaried, we encourage more volunteers, especially those with retail and "shopping" experience. Stop by and see our new look.

Thank you to everyone in the community who attended Christmas in July.

Sister BETH DADDIO
La Tienda Manager

Teague indefensible

Tom Hester (The Las Cruces Bulletin, Aug. 7) defends Rep. Harry Teague's cowardly one-on-one meetings (as opposed to "town hall" format meetings) by claiming that Teague may have been "shell shocked" by "screaming critics" of "cap and trade" legislation in Silver City, N.M.

Hester, like all who try to defend the indefensible, spouts nonsense.

He says: "Maybe Teague realizes that our environment is imperiled by current profligate carbon emissions. Maybe Teague has a grasp of the complex scientific conclusions that demonstrate how we are cooking our globe …"

Complex scientific conclusions? Time to wake up. There is not a single piece of scientific evidence that shows that "carbon emissions" (I assume Hester means CO2 emissions) are making the world warmer. Not one.

Does Teague have a "grasp of complex scientific conclusions?" No.

There are none to be grasped. What Teague has a grasp on is his desire to maintain his political career and the wallets of his constituents.

LARRY YTUARTE

Health care fixes

Many moons ago when I was still young, I never thought about getting old, but now I can tell you that being old is the pits. To begin with, your memory starts to fail you. I find that often when I go into a room in my house I can't remember what it was that I wanted. I can't remember names like I used to, and I can no longer ride a horse or a bicycle. Birthdays have long been forgotten.

Speaking of health care (did I mention it before?) I notice that everything is much different now. There are so many more drugs that brag about curing your illness, and they all have similar side-affects, such as nausea, dizziness, vomiting, etc. There are several that give you nightmares and thoughts of suicide. Isn't that just great. I think the FDA should take those drugs off the market, but (alas) money is their promoting factor.

Have any of you gone to a doctor lately, and have had to wait for an hour or more to see the doctor for about 10 minutes or less? I almost forget what I wanted to ask him or her. I just wish the magazines were a little newer.

Now, there are even some doctors who will not accept Medicare, or they charge more than Medicare will pay, and expect you to pay the entire bill up front. They will send in the forms for you, but you have to wait to be reimbursed.

We, the elderly, expect to have more health problems as time goes by, and we'll be spending more time in doctor's offices. The cost will be tremendous.

In my opinion, health care is too complex an issue for Congress to solve. I personally believe in "states rights." I really don't want Congress to decide what is good for New Mexico. There cannot be any comparison between New Mexico and New York, California, etc.

Oh, well, forgive my ramblings. I guess I'm too old to figure out these problems, so I'll leave it to you younger folks to decide.

CONNIE SHARPE

Trouble in store for legislators

Lawmakers deserve heat when they don't read legislation they intend to vote into law

By Michael Swickard
The Las Cruces Bulletin

This is an odd August congressional recess. Usually members of Congress enjoy being back in their district, seeing old friends and holding infrequent town hall meetings marginally attended at best. They look forward to being in their home districts to escape the humidity and heat of Washington. It is usually a time when their names disappear from the newspaper pages.

This recess the Washington heat is nothing compared to the heat in their home districts. In fact, many members of Congress are counting the days until they can go back to D.C. For the record, I did not see this coming. The deer in the headlights look says it all. "Hey, wait, you are supposed to adore us who serve you in Congress, why are you shouting?"

> "I cannot imagine voting for society-changing legislation without reading it."

Yes, some citizens are shouting. Partisans say the shouters are professional shouters not real citizens from our district. But I am not buying it because some shouters are friends of mine.

These people are venting because of the actions of the members of Congress, who, in response, have canceled public town hall meetings because they hate the yelling. I wonder how they will feel when swept out of office. They may be swept out for acting sanctimonious instead of repentive.

What bothered me the most is they passed profound legislation without reading it. Let me say that again: without reading it. We can argue the merits of the legislation and many do, but the loudest critics are those who can find no reason to have members of Congress who are not reading the bills.

Wonder why Joe Citizen is mad about some legislation? The members of Congress have no idea why Joe is steamed since they did not read it. And the process of introduction made sure that no one read it before voting on it. We have to ask ourselves what was gained.

Maybe it is just me, but I cannot imagine voting for society-changing legislation without reading it. The partisans of each party can say that it is the way things are done, but I do not believe it. Was the Constitution of the United States signed without being read? What might be the liabilities of passing our Constitution without it being read first?

It is from the "Department of Stupid" to have to point out that if our representatives pass legislation they have not read they cannot project possible negative outcomes. Is this news to anyone or is there another game going on?

I know the people who wrote the legislation read it and had time to think of the possible outcomes. But for laughs go ahead and make your case why in our system of government it is important for the representatives of the people to not know what they are passing. Tell me that I just do not understand how things are done in our nation's capital. Go ahead and tell me that somehow things in our country would be worse if our leaders knew what they were approving.

Everyone in Congress should be thrown out of office if they say that passing the legislation is so important that no one has the time to read it. Regardless of party, a vote without reading the bill should result in being voted out of office at the earliest opportunity.

I hope people yell at the members of Congress every day of their term of office and then vote them out of office for not reading the profound legislation before them. It does not appear that anyone can make a case for not reading legislation other than those who want to make the case that a dictatorship is a better form of government because the trains all run on time.

While I prefer reasoned discourse where people are able to disagree without being disagreeable, it is not my place to tell Americans betrayed by their elected leaders to hush.

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Reservoir Advisory

The Bureau of Reclamation has projected a snow runoff of 419,000 acre-feet, 73 percent of average, at San Marcial, an improvement from its June forecast for 360,000 acre-feet, the bureau reported in its Reservoir Advisory.

The snow pack runoff has ended, and storage in both reservoirs has dropped:

- Elephant Butte – 516,093 acre-feet, 26 percent of a full reservoir, a decrease of 21,064 acre-feet from a week earlier, 65 feet below the dam spillway.
- Caballo – 53,330 acre-feet, 24 percent of capacity, down 2,530 acre-feet.

The 2009 Rio Grade Project allocation is 919,800 acre-feet, 99 percent of a full supply, 288,467 for Elephant Butte Irrigation District; 575,443 for El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, and 55,890 for Juárez, Mexico.

Mechanical bull

BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

"So, what's the difference between riding a mechanical bull and riding a real one?" asked the boy of his dad.

"You will know the difference, my son, the first time you climb over into the buckin' chute and look down."

The mechanical bull is a carnival ride, it is not a life changing experience. Riding a real bull will affect how you answer one of the questions you will be asked the rest of your life. Whenever PBR comes on ESPN, or Extreme Sports are being discussed, you will have a practiced answer like "I was going to ride one once but I had a sinus infection so I couldn't," or "I was taking piano lessons and worried about injuring my hand," or "Yeah, I rode bulls till my brains came in."

I can't remember the first bull I got down on. I do recall trying to hang onto the back of a steer in a roping chute and being scraped off. I started riding bulls in high school. There wasn't much of a system set up for kids to learn. Most of the rides I made were in rodeos where the money was up.

I tell the story in retrospect years later that I had a friend on the New Mexico State University rodeo team named Charley Engle. He was a good bull rider and I admired him. When I asked him for advice he suggested that I had to practice.

"Practice?" I thought.

Does that make any sense to anyone reading this: "I'm going to have a train wreck tomorrow, I better have one today to practice!"

The difference between riding a mechanical bull and a real bull has less to do with the actual ability to stay on, and more to do with facing your own courage, i.e., how you will deal with an unforgiving, unpredictable, massively strong, dangerously quick force of nature. Riding bulls is better compared to standing outside during a tornado, arm-wrestling an octopus, or walking in a cage with a grizzly bear.

You cannot control the outcome, yet you drop down on his back with a leg on either side. You glance at the spread of horns as big as baseball bats three feet in front of your face. Your muscles are as tight as tarp rubbers as you slide your rosined hand into the rope. They pull it tight.

"Good?" they ask.

"More," you say. You have squeezed your mind into a steel jacketed blue tip laser flame of concentration. You have gone inside your mind as the mechanics of mounting swirl around you. You take your wrap.

The bull bangs his horns on the steel chute. He mashes your leg into the side. You can feel his body heat and taste his feral tension. It smells like a storm coming. You scoot up on your hand, lean back. You are so in tune, you can feel your nerves running through your veins like sand in an hourglass. You are totally spring-loaded shivering focused.

Dad says, "Nod your head when you're ready."

The son nods his head and they explode from the chute together.

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Domenici Conference in Sept.

Napolitano, Cartwright will speak

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Joint Chiefs of Staff Vice Chairman Gen. James Cartwright and former U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici himself are just a few of the speakers lined up for the 2009 Domenici Public Policy Conference, Sept. 16 and 17, at New Mexico State University's Corbett Center Student Union.

This is the second year of the conference, hosted by NMSU's Domenici Institute. Named for New Mexico's longest-serving senator, the institute brings together some of the best minds in the country to focus on significant national issues. This year's topics will include the U.S. economy and national debt, homeland security and the U.S.-Mexico border, national security and nuclear energy.

"For this conference, we are specifically targeting issues with a real impact on people across the country," said Garrey Carruthers, NMSU vice president for economic development and director of the Domenici Institute.

Napolitano will headline the session on homeland security and the U.S.-Mexico border the first evening. The following day, Mexico's perspective on the issue will be covered.

Cartwright will speak during the session on national security along with former Congresswoman Heather Wilson. Wilson is also a former member of the National Security Council.

David Walker, former director of the Government Accountability Office, will speak about the U.S. economy and the national debt. Alex Flint, senior vice president at the Nuclear Energy Institute, will speak about nuclear energy.

Sen. Chris Dodd and former Sen. Pete Domenici during the 2008 Domenici Public Policy Conference.

"We encourage everyone to participate in this event," said Ann Morgan, project manager for the Domenici Institute. "The public often doesn't have a chance to see and hear from this many people who create and influence policy in our country."

As in last year's conference, students from universities around the state, including NMSU, New Mexico Tech, the University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University, Northern New Mexico College and New Mexico Highlands University, will have a chance to interact with the conference speakers and ask about their views at the conclusion of each session.

Conference registration costs $25 and is available online at http://domenici.nmsu.edu. Student registration is free. For more information, call the Domenici Institute at 646-2066.

Coming Up

Blue Star moms meet

The Blue Star Mothers of America meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Blue Star Mothers are those mothers who have children serving in the military, guard or reserve, or children who are honorably discharged veterans. The organization is a nonprofit, non-partisan group created to support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Associate members include Blue Star Dads and other family members of active duty military personnel and honorably discharged veterans. For more information contact Cynthia Clark at 649-9715.

Collectible show

The University United Methodist Women will have an Antique, Collectible, Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. The show will feature local vendors of antiques, homemade crafts, jewelry and collectibles as well as a silent auction and food booths. Admission is $1 and proceeds will benefit the church's local and global missions.

For more information, call Mary Lacy at 532-5877.

Dog dip Saturday

The 10X Youth Shooting Club will have fund-raising dog dips from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 19, at The Feed Store, 5165 Doña Ana Road. Donations will benefit the club.

Pets up for adoption

The 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. 15, at the Las Cruces Downtown Farmers & Crafts Market. 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 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, adoptions also will be facilitated at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive. At the 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 further information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018. People who are hearing-impaired may call 541-2182

Growers market set

The Sunday Growers Market at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will host the "Peak of the Season Fiesta," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23.

Along with the freshest and tastiest produce of the season, the event will include live music, fun kid's activities and free samples. Visitors can meet the people who grew and picked the produce.

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

Republican women meet

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The guest speaker will be Steve Landeene, executive director of Spaceport America. Lunch is $8 and reservations are required by Sunday, Aug. 23. For more information or to make a reservation, call Anna Mae Evans at 635-9174.

Ciclovía set Aug. 30

Ciclovía Las Cruces is a free monthly event designed to provide healthy activity to participants of all ages. Each Ciclovía offers bike riding, walking, jogging, dancing, aerobics, jumping balloons and more. The Ciclovía is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the last Sunday of each month through October at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. The next Ciclovía will by Sunday, Aug. 30.

Ciclovía is sponsored by the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition and the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach.

For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289 or for information in Spanish, call Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

Chile cook off

St. Genevieve's Catholic Church will have its 150-year Celebration Chile Cook Off at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave., from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

The entry fee is $10 per person. For more information, call the parish office at 524-9649.

Teen center opens

The Mesilla Teen Technology Center will open Monday, Aug. 17, as an after-school location for middle and high school students who are writing a report, doing homework or researching for school assignments.

The center is located inside the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, in Mesilla, and is open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

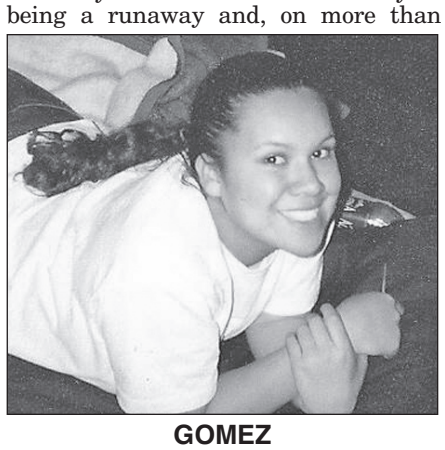
It is funded by a grant from the state of New Mexico, the Mesilla Teen Technology Center and offers students the use of computers with Internet access and printers.

For more information, contact Kristie Medina at 524-3262, ext. 116, or kmedina_tom@comcast.net.

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.



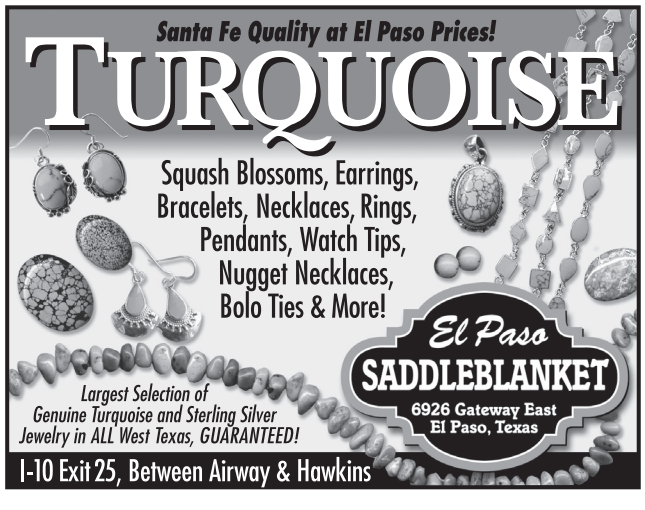
GOMEZ

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.



Back-to-school weekend offers tax-free bargains

Annaliza Grijalva helps daughters Arianna, 5, and Mariela, 7, accessorize their new back-to-school clothes while dad and baby sister waited at Kohl's Saturday, Aug. 8. Grijalva said she shopped this weekend to take advantage of the savings, "especially nowadays with the economy and three girls."

Loretta Rivera and her daughters, Mikayla, 11, Ariel, 14, and Desirae, 15, drove from Deming, N.M., Saturday, Aug. 8, to take advantage of the tax-free shopping and sales at the Kohl's store on Triviz Drive.

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Jayden Walsh, 9, tries on a Pittsburgh Steelers jersey, while mom, Leah, holds other new back-to-school clothes.

Council revisits Downtown plans

Plaza hold-up created unexpected difficulties

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall due to move to the re-opened portion of Main Street next month, the City Council reviewed the original Downtown revitalization master plan in a work session Monday, Aug. 10.

City officials assured councillors that providing adequate shade for the popular market was always part of the plan, though some unexpected issues have arose.

Though vendors looked at the future plaza as their home, the original master plan envision the outdoor market also spilling out from the future plaza and running up and down the re-opened Main Street.

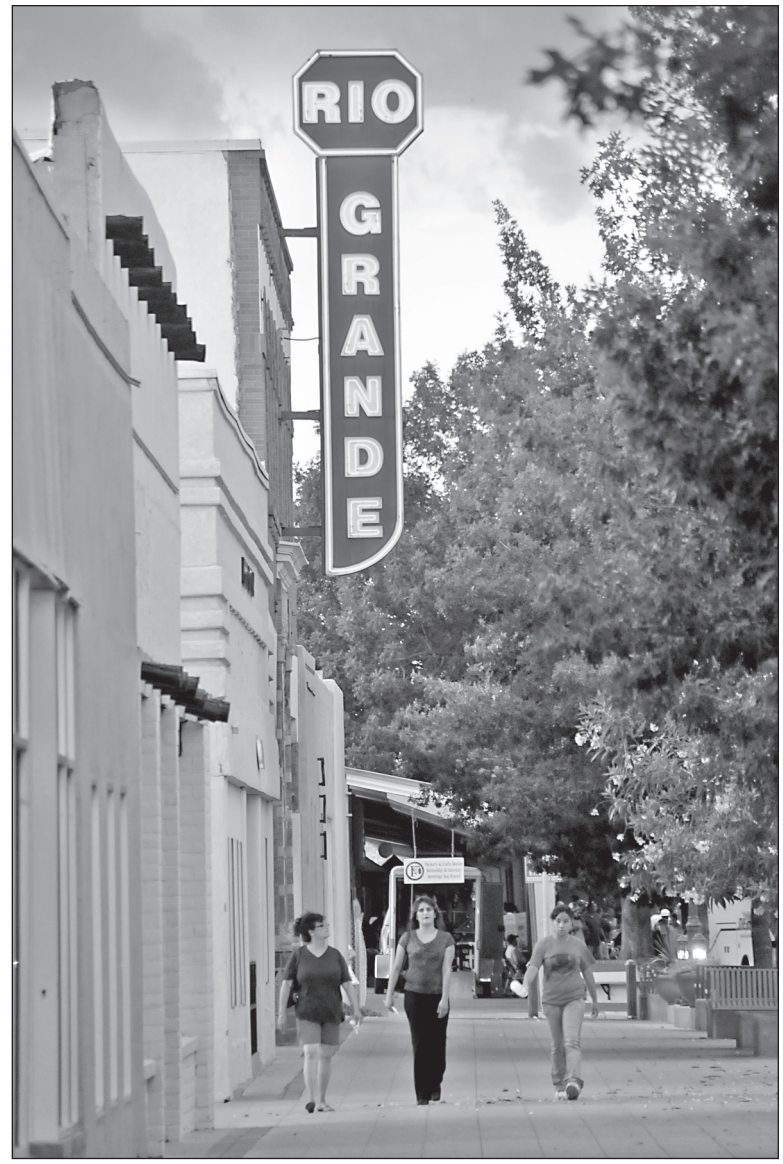
The envisioned re-opened Main Street, however, also imagined stores putting up awnings and overhangs like the original Main Street shops did. The problem is that many of the buildings – especially on the southern end of the Downtown Mall – are vacant with owners in no apparent hurry to re-open and put up storefront shade structures.

Negotiations with the Bank of West to acquire its drive-through section for the plaza broke down, leaving city officials to focus on finishing the re-opening of Main Street to take advantage of funding – especially state money that needed to be spent right away or be recalled.

Designs for re-opening the rest of Main Street will include basic shade structures such as those seen on the first section of re-opened Main Street. But vendors say that won't be enough shade.

Assistant City Manager Robert Garza said he'll look into what kind of other shade can be provided, such as erecting a tent during the morning market held twice weekly.

Instead of relocating the market to the far south end while the north end is worked on, the market will be moving to the re-opened section of Main Street by Las Cruces Avenue starting Sept. 5.



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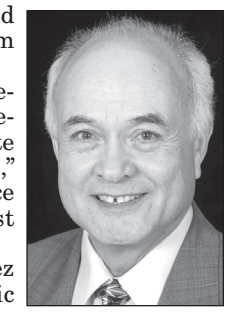
From left, Olga Valverde, Denise Valverde and Tonisha Valverde enjoy the early evening air as they take a stroll in the re-opened portion of Main Street along the Downtown Mall Tuesday, Aug. 4. The twice-weekly Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market will move to the street starting Saturday, Sept. 5, so work can begin on re-opening Main Street on the north end of the mall.

NMSU interim role accepted

Academics, colleges focus for position

Ricardo B. Jacquez, regents professor of civil engineering and interim department head for civil engineering at New Mexico State University, has accepted an appointment as interim associate provost.



JACQUEZ

"Dr. Jacquez brings a tremendous record of achievement at New Mexico State University to this position," said NMSU Executive Vice President and Provost Waded Cruzado.

In his new role, Jacquez will focus on academic affairs and NMSU's community colleges.

During his career, Jacquez has earned a reputation for broadening student opportunities, establishing important pathways to graduate studies, providing research and transfer assistance to community college students and providing underrepresented high school students reasons to aspire to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) post-secondary education.

He has served as a board member of the New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program, co-chair of the NMSU STEM Education Working Group, and faculty adviser to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. He is a 2006 recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

Jacquez has served as principal investigator for grants totaling more than $25 million, mostly focused on the mentoring and professional development of community college and university students.

Las Cruces Public Schools

Picacho Middle School sixth-grade teacher Rex Ramsey guides in-coming sixth-graders around the school Wednesday, Aug. 12, for Sixth Grade Early Start.

School starts early for some

LCPS give new students more attention

Las Cruces Public Schools

Las Cruces Public Schools Principal on Special Assignment for Community Relations Andrea Fletcher visits with a student.

About 2,000 incoming sixth-grade students got an early start on the new school year as they visited their middle schools and attended classes throughout Tuesday, Aug. 12.

"The Las Cruces Pubic Schools Sixth Grade Early Start program gives sixth-graders a chance to visit their new schools and get familiar with where their classes are, meet their teachers and principals and learn about life in a middle school environment without older students," said LCPS Director of Secondary Education Jennifer Amis. "The early start is a big help to students in one of the most difficult transition years they will face in public education."

Picacho Middle School Principal Michael Montoya said about 260 sixth-graders attended the early start at his school, along with many parents.

"We were very happy to see so many parents – the gym was full," Montoya said.

All LCPS students (except students in the school district's two balanced-calendar schools, Booker T. Washington and MacArthur elementaries) will begin classes on Monday, Aug. 17.

School board meets Tuesday

Superintendent to review AYP findings

Superintendent Stan Rounds is expected to review 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data with the school board when it meets next week.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, in the board room of the Las Cruces Public Schools Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249.

Recognitions of the following LCPS staff members will be made:

- Earl Phillips, director of the Educational Services Center, was recently given a lifetime membership in the New Mexico Library Association
- Marcy Oxford, technology integration specialist, the 2009 New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development administrator of the year
- Terri Justice and Jimmy Lou Group by NEA-Las Cruces
- Israel Hernandez-Carrera, the new principal of Mayfield High School

The agenda also includes:

- Fourth quarter financial reports from LCPS, Alma d'arte Charter High School, La Academia de Dolores Huerta Charter School and Las Montañas Charter High School.
- 2009 LCPS Quality of Education survey results, presented by Tracie O'Hara, LCPS director of the Assessment, Accountability and Research Department
- An update on the Safe Routes to Schools program by Andy Hume of the City of Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization
- An LCPS construction projects update by Construction Projects Director Gloria Martinez
- Ratification of LCPS salary schedules
- Approval of the 2009 Open Meetings Acts Resolution
- First reading of a number of new and revised LCPS policies: JHB: Compulsory School Attendance (formerly Truancy); ACE: Gender Equity; JKD: Suspension or Expulsion of Students; and EBBC: Reporting Acts of Violence, Vandalism.

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

Moore gets 'positive' eval

MOORE

The Las Cruces City Council recently gave City Manager Terrence Moore a positive performance evaluation.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima praised Moore's work since he was hired February 2005.

"The city council and I are proud of the work Terrence has accomplished and we're confident he will continue to do an exemplary job as city manager," Miyagishima said.

Consistent with other city employees, there will be no changes to Moore's employment agreement.

"I want to thank the mayor and city council for their continued support of me and my efforts as city manager," Moore said. "I look forward to continuing on as city manager, and working with the city council to complete many of the high-profile projects now under way."

Empty Bowls tickets on sale

Event supports El Caldito Soup Kitchen

Empty Bowls, the Las Cruces Potter's Guild annual fundraiser for El Caldito Soup Kitchen, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

Each ticket holder chooses a handmade pottery bowl and enjoys a soup lunch donated by local restaurants. Take-out orders are available. The pottery bowl is taken home as a reminder of hungry people in the community.

A silent auction will precede Empty Bowls and, this year, it will be part of the Arts Hop from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. Clay art objects by Potter's Guild members will be featured along with other art work. A handmade quilt will also be part of the silent auction.

Tickets are $15 when purchased at the door, but may be purchased in advance from local merchants for $13.

Tickets are for sale at: Glenn Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road; The Potteries, 2260 Calle de Santiago; Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road; Rising Sky Artworks, 415 E. Foster Road; Unravel Yarn Shop, 300 N. Downtown Mall; Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla; Spirit Winds, 2260 S. Locust St.; El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave.; The Hair & Body Shop, 2448 Calle de Guadalupe; and Boudreau Glenn Cutter Jewelry, 2001 E. Lohman Ave.

El Caldito Soup Kitchenis a volunteer organization that feeds more than 60,000 people each year at its location in the Mesilla Valley City of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave. Meals are prepared every weekday as well as a sack lunch on Saturday. El Caldito also provides an annual appreciation meal for local veterans as well as special holiday meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Some food is donated, but much of the food and other items must be purchased.

Potters' Guild members are making more than 1,000 bowls for the event. Local restaurants donate soup, which is collected by New Mexico State University students. Pepsi Bottling company donates drinks. St. Paul's Methodist Church offers facilities. El Caldito kitchen volunteers serve the public their "soup kitchen" lunch.

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In the News

Special session coming in October

Gov. Bill Richardson agreed to call a special session of the Legislature during a meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, with a bipartisan group of legislative leaders in the House and Senate.

RICHARDSON

The one-day special session, limited to only budget shortfalls, will probably be in October, according to a press release.

The governor and legislative leaders also agreed to form a legislative-executive working group to negotiate a bipartisan agreement on the budget before a special session is convened according to the release.

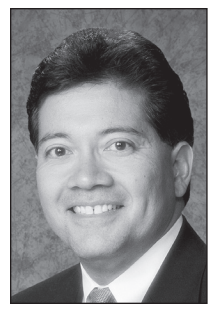
"We are fortunate that New Mexico – with healthy cash reserves – is in much better shape than most states, which have resorted to laying off state employees and drastically cutting services," Richardson said. "But we are definitely facing tough challenges, and we must continue to make sacrifices to balance the budget.

"Because our budget deficit is directly related to the national recession, I want to make sure that we don't take any action that might cost jobs or adversely affect the state economy."

Miyagishima mulls cell phone restrictions

In an email sent this week to constituents, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he supports passage of an ordinance to restrict cell phone use while driving.

Miyagishima said he wants issues surrounding cell phone use and texting while driving discussed during a City Council work session Monday, Sept. 14.



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"While I do not support a complete ban regarding cell phone usage while driving," Miyagishima wrote, "I do feel that we may need to restrict its usage to various 'hands-free' methods such as Bluetooth, earpiece, hands free caddy, Jupiter Jack and others."

Miyagishima acknowledges that hands-free phone use doesn't totally eliminate the distraction to driving, "but I believe it is a start in my opinion."

Miyagishima said he's looking at the issue in response to constituent concerns.

County hires two

Doña Ana County Manager Brian D. Haines this week announced the hiring of two high-level county employees. William E. Noland has been brought on board as the county's new director of finance and Bob L. Bartlesmeyer joins the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections as elections supervisor.

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. He has a total of 26 years of experience in governmental and private-sector financial management.

Noland holds a master's degree in international management and finance from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Ariz., and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Having Bill Noland on board is good news for all of us in Doña Ana County," Haines said. "He brings to the team a wealth of experience and knowledge, all of which enables him to lead the department during these uncertain economic times. Doña Ana County is financially stable, but there is always room for improvement in budgeting and managing assets."

Bartelsmeyer has more than 25 years experience with elections management, including 22 years as a county clerk, a position to which he was elected at age 21 and then served six consecutive terms. Most recently, he served as absentee ballot coordinator for Palm Beach County, Fla. He has attended both Oral Roberts University and Missouri State University.

Bartelsmeyer was introduced to the Doña Ana County Government Center Tuesday by Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins, who praised his newest employee as driven, motivated and highly qualified for the position vacated when Mario O. Jimenez was appointed chief deputy county clerk.

Park and Ride coming to El Paso commuters

Gov. Bill Richardson said Friday, Aug. 7, that a new Park and Ride route will be established between Las Cruces, and El Paso, Texas, starting Monday, Aug. 31.

Richardson said 30,000 commuters travel between the two cities each weekday.

The new route will reportedly cost about $900,000 annually.

The route will have 19 bus trips each weekday. Ten buses will travel from Las Cruces to El Paso in the morning and evening. Five buses will run from El Paso to Las Cruces in the morning and four in the evening.

The buses will operate between El Paso's Sun Metro terminal in Anthony, Texas, to Las Cruces' New Mexico State University and the Downtown terminals.

Two stops on the route will connect Las Cruces to White Sands Missile Range.

Fares are expected to cost $3 each way or $90 for a monthly pass.

Stonegarden gets more funding

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced an additional $30 million in Operation Stonegarden grants to states along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The funds – of which $2.5 million is earmarked for New Mexico – are intended to enhance the department's capabilities to coordinate with state, local and tribal law enforcement in order to effectively deter violence, enforce immigration laws and combat illegal trafficking.

"Operation Stonegarden grants direct critical funding to state, local and tribal law enforcement operations across the country," Napolitano said. "I am proud to announce an additional $30 million in funding specifically for the Southwestern states to ensure our first responders are equipped with the resources they need to confront the complex and dynamic challenges that exist along our southern border."

These grants, funded through the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009 passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama, will be directed to states along the U.S.-Mexico border, including Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

NOTICE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION

McAnally Enterprises - Moark, L.L.C. announces its intent to apply to the New Mexico Environment Department for an air quality permit for the operation of its feed milling facility. The expected date of application submittal to the Air Quality Bureau is August 26, 2009. This notice is a requirement according to New Mexico air quality regulations.

The exact location of the facility known as, McAnally Enterprises - Moark, L.C.C., is at 415 Benito Road, Berino, New Mexico. The facility is located to the north of the City of Berino in Don Ana County.

The facility proposes to continue normal operation under the air quality permit while maintaining environmental stewardship.

The estimated maximum quantities of any regulated air contaminants will be:

Pollutant:	Pounds per hour	Tons per year
Total Suspended Particulates (TSP)	<0.01	66
PM 10	<0.01	33
PM 2.5	<0.01	3

These emission estimates could change slightly during the course of the Department's review of the application.

The standard operating schedule of the plant will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 6 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. The maximum operating schedule will be 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year which is the basis for the emissions in the table above.

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New Source Review
New Mexico Environment Department
Air Quality Bureau
1301 Siler Road, Building B
Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Other comments and questions may be submitted verbally.

Please refer to the company name and site name, as used in this notice or send a copy of this notice along with your comments, since the Department may not have received the permit application at the time of this notice. Once the Department has performed a preliminary review of the application and its air quality impacts, the Departments notice will be published in the legal section of a newspaper circulated near the facility location.

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Banking on voters

TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Secretary of State Mary Herrera, right, announces her office's program for registering voters at credit unions, such as White Sands Federal Credit Union at 2755 N. Main St., where the announcement was held Thursday, Aug. 6. Herrera said the Credit Union Association of New Mexico approached her with the idea, which she agrees will help reduce the number of late voter registrations. With Herrera at the announcement were, from left, Gabe Escandon, WSFCU vice president; Juan Fernandez Ceballos, credit union association vice president of government affairs; William Jacobs, WSFCU president; and Sylvia Lyon, association president.

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demolished and building a new restroom facility east of the existing structure.

For Garcia, it is the culmination of a lifetime of work.

In 1977, the Catholic Church was contemplating tearing down the old church in Doña Ana, but Garcia was among those who objected to the demolition of the church, which dates to around 1850.

"I told them you can't just tear down an old church with 2-foot-thick adobe walls in New Mexico," Garcia said, "They said that if we could get it restored they would keep it."

For at-risk youth

A committee was soon formed to save the church, Garcia said, but it wasn't until 1990 that she was able to secure funding for an at-risk youth program to rebuild the church.

"The first year, Gov. Bruce King vetoed the program, because he thought it was for all of Doña Ana County," she said, "The next year, we made it clear it was for (the village of) Doña Ana.

"There were three components, the kids had to get a GED, a degree or learn a trade, they had to get out of gangs and they had to accept free counseling.

"I was highly criticized at the time," Garcia said. "'What are you doing with kids like that, are you crazy?'"

"The kids and other people saw me out there making adobes and they said 'What is this?' They started to learn that they are connected to the community, they are a part of it.

"Little by little the community realized that what we had done was good.

"When I did my oral history thesis, people learned about it and they would bring me stuff they had that they felt was historic. People brought old deeds and old civil papers, and I learned that I was a descendent of one of the original 14 colonists, of Jose Garcia and his wife Francisca Perea.

"In return I tried to give them a sense of cultural identity," Garcia said.

"I went to school with these kids' mothers and grandmothers, they didn't know that this community is diverse and made of different people," the senator continued. "Many didn't know their fathers or grandfathers because they were soldiers at Fort Selden and that they have diverse ethnic backgrounds."

Garcia said Anglo names were often "Hispanicized" over the years and their mixed heritage was forgotten.

Perserverance pays off

With private donations and a lot of perseverance, the church restoration was completed in 1998.

"Out of 40 kids we only lost two, one to a drive-by shooting and one was sent up to Santa Fe for a long time for another shooting," she said.

"When we had the dedication ceremonies, I saw one of the kids in the corner crying, a big kid, about six foot two, I asked him why he was crying, and he said he never thought he would be here to see it.

"Now many of those kids are the cornerstones of the community," Garcia said.

As Garcia toured the buildings on Cristo Rey Street with Kuziel, her pride in the history of Doña Ana was evident, and she spoke about the many buildings that have been already lost.

"There used to be a beautiful zaguan (a passageway into a central patio) right here," pointing out the remains of a foundation, "when they tore it down they sold it to a church in Las Cruces."

She pointed out a residence that once was a courthouse. "This is the oldest public building in southern New Mexico.

"On that side of the street they were all brothers, all dead now, you can only tell where one house ends by the color."

She shows an adobe that belongs to one of her relatives. During her most recent re-election campaign she was roundly criticized for attempting to get public money to stabilize it.

"Look, the wall is gone now, it is only covered by a tarp, we lost it." she said.

To the south of Doña Ana, Christo Rey Road ends in a sandy arroyo, which, according to Garcia, was scooped out by the federal Corps of Engineers as part of a flood control project many years ago. What remains of the old Camino Real to the immediate south was destroyed.

If one stands in the Cristo Rey Road looking to the south, the Franklin Mountains above El Paso loom in the distance.

One wonders how many Camino Real travelers took in that vista, either to remember a home left behind or to catch a glimpse of the road ahead. With the street still lined on either side by the remaining ancient adobes, a visitor can still sense that it is not just another street in a dusty New Mexico village.

A huge amount of New Mexico's cultural heritage rattled up that street and beyond to the Jornada del Muerto and distant Santa Fe. Before there was a Las Cruces or even a Mesilla, down that street came the Americanos and a new era of history.

Thanks to the work of people like Garcia, that history has a chance of being preserved, and the cultural heritage of a diverse little village of soldiers, farmers, traders and saloonkeepers will still be available to those that come behind us in the journey that is New Mexico.

JIM HILLEY The Las Cruces Bulletin

Martin Kuziel, and archictect for Conron and Woods Architects, listens to state Sen. Mary Garcia describe how she remembers the buildings set for preservation in the historic village of Doña Ana.

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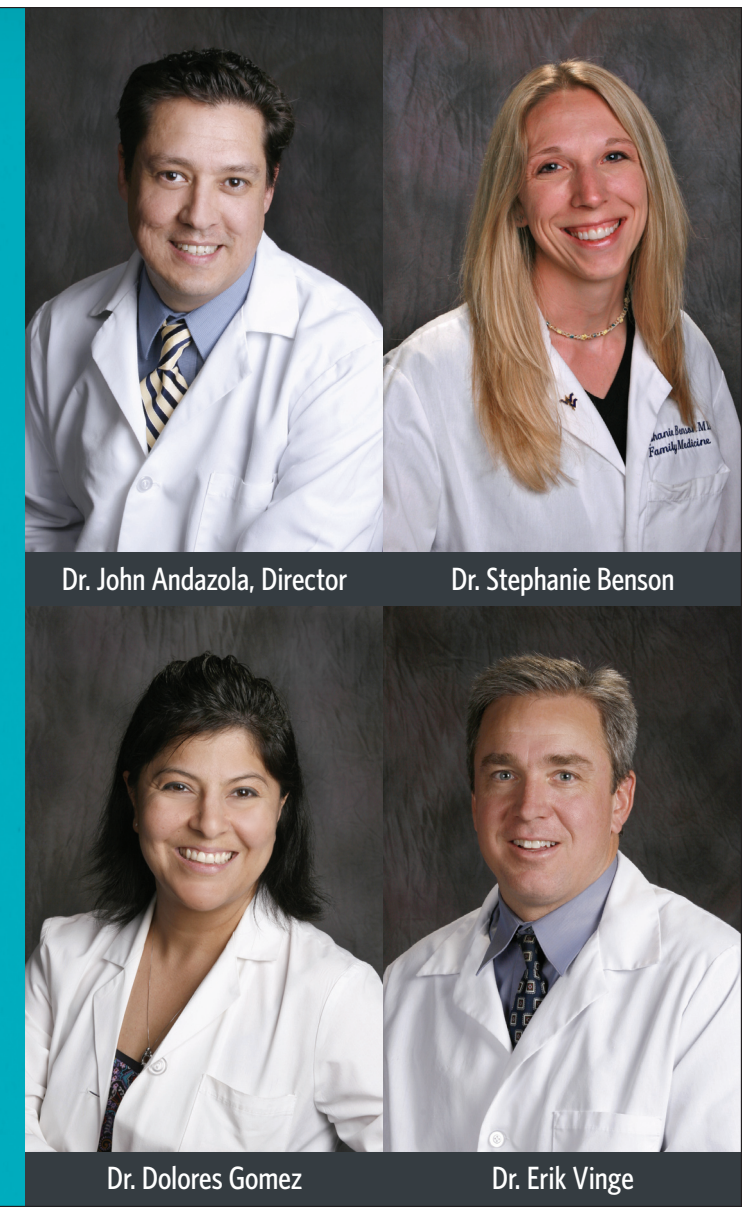

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Gutierrez leads San Miguel effort

Former school to become new village center

TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

State Rep. Joni Gutierrez visits with Carmen Olivas, one of the Tres Manos weavers at San Miguel's old parish hall.

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Carmen Olivas is one of a dozen women weavers at the Tres Manos program held in an old parish hall in San Miguel.

The quarters are cramped for the 12 weaving stations, she said, and it's not safe for grandchildren who are cared for by several of the women in the program.

That's why Olivas said she is grateful that state Rep. Joni Gutierrez has taken an interest in the community and wants to convert a unused school nearby into a community center, which would provide a new home to the program with safe, supervised activities for children.

Starting two years ago, Gutierrez has been working with San Miguel residents to covert the old school into a community center.

In the last Legislature, Gutierrez secured $930,000 in coordination with state Sen. Cynthia Nava – who is superintendent of Gadsden Independent School District, which owns the old school – to allow Doña Ana County to buy the unused elementary school and turn it into a new community center.

Gutierrez said she found the funding from monies used to improve colonias – unincorporated communities throughout the Mesilla Valley.

TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

State Rep. Joni Gutierrez talks to Socorro Tinajero, a Tres Manos weaver, Wednesday, Aug. 12, about moving the program out of San Miguel's old parish hall to the new community center she plans for an unused school.

"This is a dream come true for all of us," Gutierrez said. "The possibilities are endless.

To maximize what the center can do for San Miguel, Gutierrez has been holding town hall meetings to hear what people would like to see in the new community center.

"We set the creation of a community center as a primary goal that would include multiple indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities for the community of San Miguel," Gutierrez said. "Now, that is possible and we are anxiously waiting for Doña Ana County to conclude their negotiations with Gadsden."

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Barbara Simmons Rains – 1938-2009

Former dean of NMSU College of Education was mother, community supporter and world traveler

Barbara Simmons Rains (Dr. Barbara Simmons) was born Feb. 15, 1938, in Whitesboro, Texas, to Pauline (deceased) and William Arthur Mathews of Tyler, Texas and died Aug. 6, 2009 in Las Cruces.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Doug Rains of Las Cruces; son, Eric Hunter Simmons of Lubbock, Texas; Brian and Terry Rains of Houston; Mike and Janet Rains of Austin, Texas; sister Rose Anne George of Paris, Texas; brother William A. (Bill) Mathews of Carrollton, Texas; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild, four nieces and one nephew.

Barbara graduated from Paris High School, Paris Jr. College and the University of Texas before beginning her professional career. She taught elementary grades in the Lubbock Public Schools.

The tragic death of her 8-year-old daughter, Lisa, in 1963 created a large void in her life. She partially filled that void by completing her master's and doctoral degrees. She then became an adjunct assistant professor in the College of Education at Texas Tech University. Her career at Texas Tech included teaching graduate and undergraduate courses, serving as chair of the Early Childhood/Elementary Education Department, and as full professor and associate dean of the Graduate School. Barbara was named an "Outstanding Alumnus" of Texas Tech in 1993.

Barbara's academic accomplishments included publishing more than 100 articles in professional journals. She developed teaching kits for commercial sale including Talking Books for Texas Instruments and "First Encounters: Teaching Computer Literacy Skills to Young Children," for Apple Computer.

In addition to teaching, writing, conducting research and serving as a national and international consultant, Barbara provided leadership at the state, national and international levels. She loved to travel. She worked at sites such as Beirut, Costa Rica, Dominica, St. Lucia, Mexico, Cairo, Alexandria, Egypt, Rome and Barbados.

In 1985, Barbara became dean of the College of Education at New Mexico State University. In her 12 years of service she brought many changes to the college, continued to hire excellent faculty, increased external funding and promoted new resources.

Under her leadership, the "Children's Village" was created to provide child care for students and NMSU employees. In 1991 she was selected to receive the Governor's Award as an "Outstanding New Mexico Woman" for her efforts in ensuring that the college received positive recognition and the highest ranking by accreditation teams.

After retiring, she continued to support NMSU, KRWG-TV, the Community of Hope, Keep New Mexico Beautiful and the Board of Advocates for the College of Education.

A memorial service and celebration of Barbara's rich life was held Monday, Aug. 10, at Getz Funeral Home, officiated by her brother Bill.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to the Dr. Barbara Simmons Scholarship Fund at NMSU College of Education or to the Salvation Army Dress the Child Program, in care of Julie Koenig, senior vice president at First New Mexico Bank, P.O. Box 429, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Doug Rains and wife Dr. Barbara Simmons Rains

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Five-week program gives elementary students a jump start

Students entertain parents at Conlee to celebrate completion of K-3+ program

Third-grader Joaquin Mendoza performs at Conlee Elementary School on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Students completing the 5-week K-3+ program put on a show for parents, teachers and family at Conlee Elementary School.

More than 170 students in kindergarten, first, second and third grade completed Conlee Elementary School's third year in the Las Cruces Public Schools K-3+ program with a special evening of student performances at the school on Thursday, Aug. 6.

The program, funded by the New Mexico Legislature and administered by the New Mexico Public Education Department, focuses on literacy, numeracy and social development and is designed to give economically disadvantaged students a "jump start" on the new school year, said LCPS Director of Elementary Instruction Elizabeth J. Marrufo.

Participating schools, including Conlee and six other LCPS elementaries, were selected because at least 85 percent of their students are on the free and reduced lunch program.

The Conlee Elementary cafeteria was completely full as students in all four K-3+ program grades performed for their parents and other relatives. For the first time since the program began at Conlee Elementary, Principal Jennifer Terrazas said she had to limit the number of people attending the closing ceremony to avoid violating the fire code.

"Over the past three years, we have seen our K-3+ program grow from 35 students in 2007 to 90 students in 2008 to almost 200 students this year," she said. "The parents and staff are seeing the difference that five additional weeks of quality-focused instruction make to our students.

"Our staff is dedicated and chooses to give up five weeks of their precious summer to serve our students. That is dedication. Our scores are showing significant gains in many areas with growth shown in almost all areas of New Mexico Standards Based Assessment. Without dedicated teachers, educational assistants and custodians, as well as caring and supportive parents, this would not have been possible," she said.

Parents, educators and students enjoy an evening of student performances at Conlee Elementary School.

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Moonlighting on the course

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

I asked Scott Lieberwirth if he's officially the Aggie men's golf coach or if it's merely a cover.

He recently put his job on hold, grabbed his clubs and won the Sun Country PGA regional golf tournament for assistant professionals by 10 strokes. He shot 65-68-72 for a 54-hole total of 205, 11-under par.

Golf coach?

"Yeah, but I got to have a summer job, too," Lieberwirth laughed. "I think I won something like $2,000. I got to make a living somehow."

That, I can believe. Golf coaches do not work for six figure salaries.

Lieberwirth won this tournament on University Golf Course, where his team is headquartered and where he plays often. I call that home field advantage.

He says I'm wrong, that there is no such thing in golf, that every day the course plays differently.

Scott's victory qualified him for the Assistant Professional National Championship in Port St. Lucie, Fla., Oct. 1 to 4.

He does not, he said, need a caddy. I applied, but to no avail.

Lieberwirth said that he will play against approximately 41 PGA sectional champs in Florida.

Scott is a New Mexico State graduate. He played for the Aggies in 1996-2000, winning the Big West Conference championship his junior year and was voted the league's Most Valuable Player as a senior.

He said he is still good enough to hang with the players on his team. That says loads, considering that NMSU won the WAC championship last spring. "I can't hit it as far as they do," Lieberwrith said. "But I'm older and a lot more experienced than they are.

"My bad rounds aren't as bad as theirs are. I don't take the risks they do on the course. I don't make a whole lot of errors. Young guys often do."

Lieberwirth tries to play whenever possible. "I'm not going to let my

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He's in the mix

Walls battling for Ag's QB position

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The battle at quarterback for the Aggies right now is between Trevor Walls and Jeff Fleming.

Tanner Rust comes well advertised, but he's a freshman. Good athlete, though. Don't count him out.

Walls, a redshirt freshman and holdover from Hal Mumme's team last year, throws well, is accurate, and, like coach DeWayne Walker said "he's a bigger guy."

There's a problem, however.

"Our style of offense calls for a mobile quarterback," Walker said. "Trevor has a different style. When he's in there, we'll have to alter the offense a little to fit his style."

Walls, 6-foot-5, 221 pounds from Waverly, Ohio, was recruited to be a pocket passer. That was Mumme's priority.

But he's working hard to adjust to New Mexico State's new attack and he's very much in the mix.

"They say that Jeff runs to run and I run to throw," Walls said. "I guess that's pretty accurate."

Walker said the decision on which of the three candidates winds up No. 1 "might be ongoing, maybe until each one gets some game exposure."

Walls, a good looking, soft spoken electrical engineering major, likes NMSU's new offense. "It's more balanced," he said. Mumme's philosophy was pass on almost every down.

"We're running a pro style offense with more accent on the running game," Walls said.

Practice under Walker and his staff is a physical and mental challenge. It's a yelling, getting in your face technique. "I like it," Walls said. "It's intense. When you make a mistake they let you know about it. Gets you more focused."

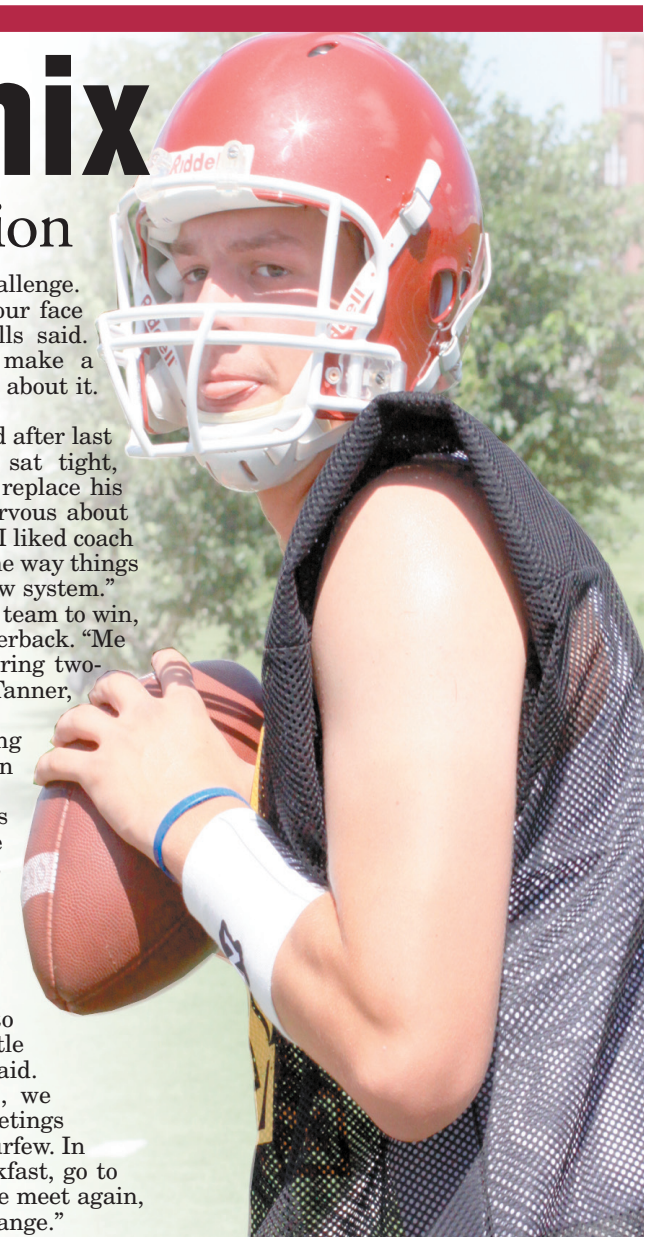
When Mumme was fired after last year's 3-9 season, Walls sat tight, waiting to see who would replace his ex coach. "No, I wasn't nervous about who it would be," he said. "I liked coach Mumme. But I'm excited the way things turned out. New coach. New system."

Walls said he wants the team to win, no matter who plays quarterback. "Me and Jeff room together during two-a-days," Walls said. "Me, Tanner, Jeff, we're all good friends.

It's competitive during practice but we leave it on the field."

The team, he said, is more focused under the new regime. "We're just ready to turn this thing around."

Until pre-season practices are over on Aug. 20, Walls and his teammates belong to Walker. "We have very little time of our own," he said. "After one-a-day practices, we eat dinner then hold meetings and hit the sack. There's curfew. In the mornings we eat breakfast, go to meetings and eat lunch. We meet again, then practice. It doesn't change."



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Trojans no surprise this season

Mayfield considered to be title contender

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mayfield High School volleyball team surprised a lot of other teams on its way to winning the state championship last year.

The Trojans won't be surprising anyone this year.

Mayfield, which was a low seed entering the tournament, got hot at just the right time and steamrolled its way to its second state title in the last five years. With all but one key player coming back, the Trojans are considered a title contender right out of the gate.

"Our expectations last year were to do what we did," said Mayfield coach Michael Sautter. "That's always our goal and it hasn't changed.

"A lot of people will be talking about what we should be doing, but we can't worry about that," added Sautter. "Hopefully, the kids won't listen to the preseason hype. We just need to train hard and prepare for everything. We have a lot of work to do before November."

Experience will be in abundance for the Trojans. Mayfield returns four-year starter Jessica Groen and three-year starters Katie Diaz and Kristen Romney. The 6-foot-2-inch Groen is the only

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CRAIG MASSEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Senior returnees for the Mayfield High School volleyball team include, from left, Amanda Medina, Kristen Romney, Jessica Groen, Katie Diaz and Bre Diaz.

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Ags announce swim schedule

Three home meets highlight promising season for NMSU

After the most successful season in school history, the New Mexico State swimming and diving team returns to the pool in 2009-10 with a very competitive schedule, featuring three home meets and three Pac-10 dual meets, head coach Rick Pratt announced.

The Aggies hope to build on the third-place finish at the WAC Championship a year ago as they begin the new season with the Crimson and White meet on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The Aggies travel to San Jose, Calif., for the WAC Shoot-Out (Oct. 9-10), which is the season opener for the second consecutive year after the inaugural meet was held in Las Cruces.

"This year's schedule is unique because we're swimming every school in our conference, including Hawai'i for the first time in a long time at the WAC Shoot-Out," Pratt said. "We also have three nationally ranked Pac-10 programs scheduled, and some great home meets. Dual meets are an exciting way to showcase swimming and perform under pressure, which will help us when we peak for the WAC Championship meet and NCAAs."

2009-10 Swimming and Diving Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 30	**Crimson & White**	**LAS CRUCES**	**4 p.m.**
Oct. 9-10	WAC Shoot-Out	San Jose, Calif.	5 p.m./11 a.m.
Oct. 30	**Northern Arizona/Northern Colorado^**	**LAS CRUCES**	**4:30 p.m.**
Oct. 31	**Northern Arizona/Northern Colorado**	**LAS CRUCES**	**11:30 a.m.**
Nov. 14	New Mexico/Wyoming	Albuquerque	12 p.m.
Nov. 20-22	Wildcat Diving Invit	Tucson, Ariz.	All Day
Dec. 19	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	12 p.m.
Jan. 2	**Idaho**	**LAS CRUCES**	**11:30 a.m.**
Jan. 8	Arizona/Oregon State	Tucson, Ariz.	2 p.m.
Jan. 30	Boise State	Boise, Idaho	11:30 a.m.
Feb. 24-27	WAC Championships	San Antonio	All Day
March 11-13	Zone Diving Championships	Austin, Texas	All Day
March 18-20	NCAA Championships	West Lafayette, Ind.	All day

Home meets are in bold ^ relay meet All times are Mountain

AggieVision announces 2009-10 schedule

Local TV network to air at least 40 events in fall season

AggieVision will telecast a minimum of 40 live events in the 2009-10 academic year, including seven volleyball games and sixfootball games this fall.

In addition to the fall events, AggieVision will also produce and distribute eight women's basketball games, 12 men's basketball games, four softball games and four baseball games, as well as 30 or more Aggie Sports Weekly shows.The games and coach's shows are widely distributed across the region and include Comcast-Las Cruces, Comcast-Albuquerque, Comcast-Gallup, Comcast-Santa Fe, Time Warner-El Paso, Altitude Sports and Entertainment, and FSN-Arizona. In addition, many of the football and men's basketball telecasts will be distributed by ESPN GamePlan and ESPN FullCourt.

AggieVision Football Telecasts

Date	Time	Game
Sept. 5	6 p.m.	Idaho at NMSU
Sept. 19	6 p.m.	UTEP at NMSU
Oct. 10	6 p.m.	Utah State at NMSU
Oct. 24	6 p.m.	Fresno State at NMSU
Nov. 21	6 p.m.	Nevada at NMSU
Nov. 28	6 p.m.	NMSU at San Jose State

AggieVision Volleyball Telecasts

Date	Time	Game
Sept. 8	7 p.m.	UTEP at NMSU
Sept. 24	7 p.m.	Utah State at NMSU
Oct. 3	7 p.m.	Hawaii at NMSU
Oct. 13	7 p.m.	New Mexico at NMSU
Oct. 22	7 p.m.	Fresno State at NMSU
Nov. 5	7 p.m.	Boise State at NMSU
Nov. 7	7 p.m.	Idaho at NMSU

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Golf tourney moved

Mesa, Ariz. to host WAC

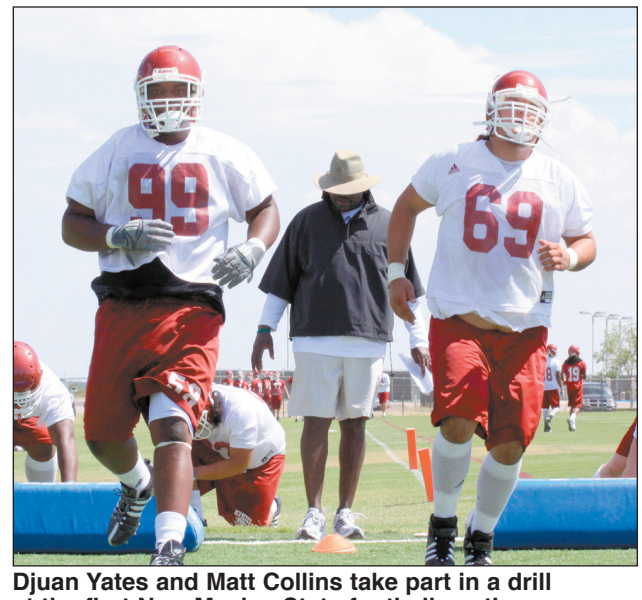
The Western Athletic Conference announced today that the 2010 WAC Women's Golf Tournament will be played at Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Ariz. The Mesa Convention & Visitors Bureau worked in tandem with the WAC to secure the neutral site for the event that will take place April 19-21, 2009, and will feature the teams from Boise State, Fresno State, Hawai'i, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico State and San Jose State.

"The WAC is extremely pleased to announce the move of our Women's Golf Tournament to Mesa, Arizona and the Longbow Golf Club," said WAC Commissioner Karl Benson. "Our coaches have stressed the importance of a neutral site in recent years and we believe Longbow and the surrounding community will provide a top-notch event for our teams."

The tournament is the first of two WAC championships that will be played in Mesa in 2010. It was announced this past May that the city would host the WAC's baseball tournament for the next three years.

Aggies open football practice

Matt Collins and Chris Romero



Djuan Yates and Matt Collins take part in a drill at the first New Mexico State football pactice on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Quarterbacks Rush Atkins, left, and Tanner Rust

Spencer Diaz and Brandon Perez

Offensive line coach Jason Lenzmeier gives instructions to players during the Aggies' first practice.

From left, offensive linemen Sioeli Fakalata and Mike Grady, quarterback Trevor Walls and offensive lineman Joe Palmer

Two players take part in a blocking drill.

Jeff Fleming practices at the quarterback position.

Offensive line coach Jason Lenzmeier gives some pointers to the players.

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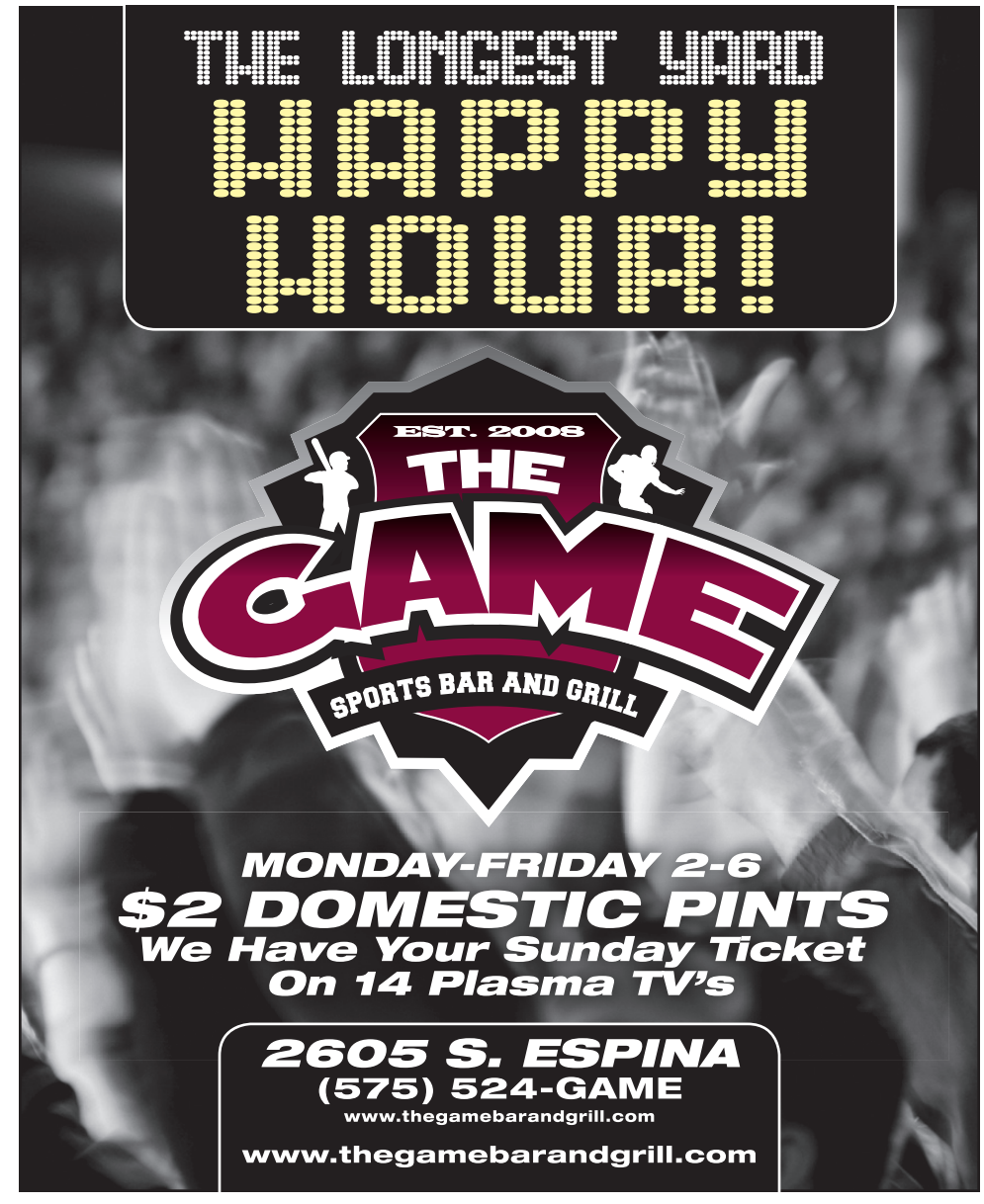


Football, volleyball banquet set

Walker, Jordan, players to meet with the public

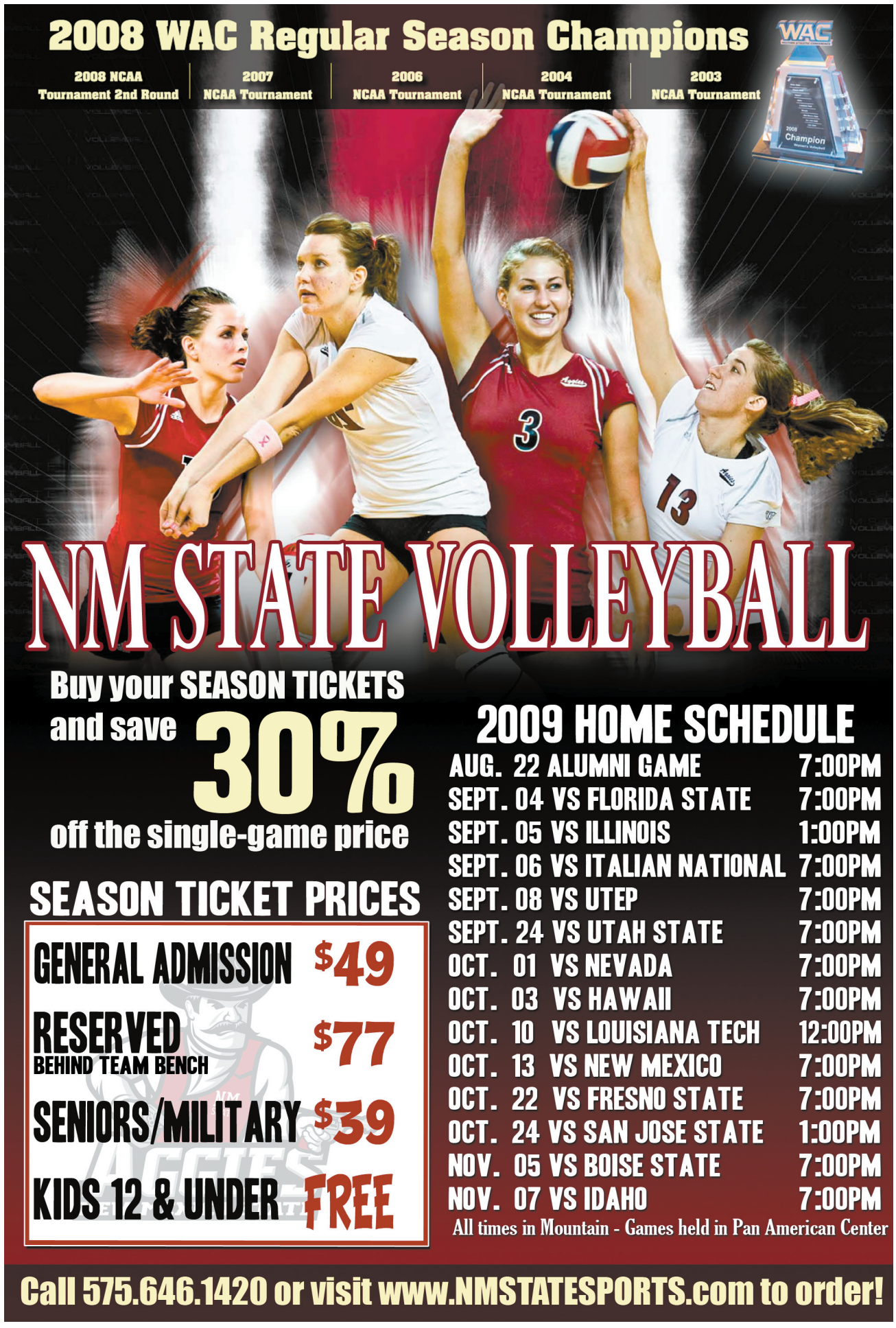
The New Mexico State football and volleyball teams, head coaches DeWayne Walker and Mike Jordan and the athletic department administration invite everyone to join them at the 2009 Football and Volleyball Preseason Banquet.

The banquet will take place at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Tuesday, Aug. 25, starting with social hour at 6:30 p.m. The dinner and program will begin at 7:30 p.m. with coaches and players saying a few words about their teams.

"This is a good way to connect with the community and show our appreciation for their support," Jordan said. "We thank all who support us and invite everyone to enjoy our successes with us."

The cost for the banquet is $50 per person, while there is also an option for Table Sponsorships, which costs $600 and includes seating for six with four athletes.

For more information or to RSVP contact Martha Valdez at martvald@nmsu.edu or Tricia Wright at twr1ght@nmsu.edu.



Moonlighting

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game go south," he said.

Dan Koesters, the superintendent at University Golf Course, is also an active player in the summer. He recently won the Players Championship at the Isleta Eagle Golf Club in Albuquerque. Koesters shot 68-70-138 and took home $1,700.

Lieberwirth tied for fourth place in the same tournament, earning $960.

The overall winner? Tim Madigan, one of Lieberwirth's top golfers at NMSU who fired a 67-70-137.

"That," said Scott, referring to Madigan's victory, "was the result of good coaching."

Volleyball

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four-year starter in Sautter's 12 years at the school.

Other key returnees include two more seniors in libero Bre Diaz and defensive specialist Amanda Medina, and juniors Mariah Lawson, Callie Chambers and Tiffany Diaz.

"Our strengths are experience and volleyball IQ," said Sautter. "And we're a good-sized team. We don't have near as many pieces of the puzzle to put together as we did last year."

Mayfield will play its home opener against Carlsbad on Aug. 21 at Picacho Middle School because work is continuing on Mayfield's gym floor.

Las Cruces High School

The Bulldawgs return all but three starters from last year's District Championship team, but those three players were All-Stars.

Coach Keith Leupold will count heavily on returning three-year starters Cori Perrault and Devon Mulheron, as well as Jessica Gobble, Brigitte Lucero and Sarah Fountain.

"This is a pretty good group overall," said Leupold. "We should be good defensive and good at serve receives and hopefully that will serve us well."

The Bulldawgs began the season at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 10. The players brought air mattresses and sleeping bags and slept on the gym floor.

"We did some team-building stuff and played some games," said Leupold. "We've done this before. I like to think we're the first volleyball team in the state to practice."

Oñate High School

Being in the same district – and city – as perennial powers Mayfield and Las Cruces High makes every season a challenge for the Oñate Knights.

"Our biggest obstacle is getting the kids to believe they can win," said Coach Jennifer Jordan. "Confidence is so important and it's always the hardest thing to get."

Jordan begins her second year in charge of the program and she has seen dramatic improvement in her players. Oñate returns six players who saw a lot of action last season. They include seniors Cindelle Rodriguez, Brieanna Lara, Biyisola Oroyinyin, Brianna Leyva and sophomores Ryanne Medore and Kayleigh Mitchell.

"Our seniors all give us good leadership," said Jordan. "And the chemistry is amazing. They do things together outside the gym, too.

"Strength, speed, fundamentals ... all of the kids have improved a lot," she said.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Misti Melendez, a Las Cruces native who has experience coaching volleyball in Kansas, is the new head coach at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools.

The SonBlazers are trying to replace several outstanding players from last year's district championship team.

"This is a rebuilding year," said Melendez. "We have a lot of girls who have never really played on the varsity level before. They'll learn what it is this year and they're going to have to step up."

Key returnees for Mesilla Valley include seniors Cassidy Peterson, Nora Hurad and Rebekah Pelzel and sophomores Merrily Gomez and Aspen Narvaez. Another key player will be Las Cruces High transfer Kristi Krohn, who will become eligible in October.

"This is a good group of girls and they're working hard," said Melendez.

Mesilla Valley, which competes in District 5 2-A, opens the season at home against Hot Springs on Sept. 2.

AGGIE INSIDER

Scouting Aggie football

Coming together in two-a-day practices

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

In less than a month, the Aggie football team will have played two games in the DeWayne Walker era. The workouts through the first week of two-a-day practices have seen the head man challenge his squad to impress him with their desire and with what they have learned.

Walker takes his time with various groups of players and then sits down with them over a film and review session. One drill is the "tough drill." The solid hitting is Walker's way of keeping his team from becoming complacent and lazy about their practice day. He calls it "jump-starting the practice" and has seen it lead to spirited work sessions.

Offensive coordinator Timm Rosenbach is also seeing progress with his side of the ball. Small steps equal progress early in August practice drills. Rosenbach has seen his quarterbacks learning how to control the offense and, thereby, the game. He has added another tight end to his arsenal and he has good size.

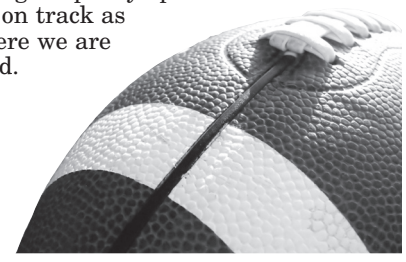
Kyle Hipp is in from San Diego at 6-5, carrying 250 pounds, he joins the race for blocking and receiving with Kyle Nelson and Ronny Torres. The quarterback battle has two candidates with experience and a freshman eager to learn. Jeff Fleming appears to be a rambling, scrambling man who has benefited from opportunities to run from the pocket if there is no one open in the patterns. Rosenbach has seen the learning curve increase but wants more consistency as game day approaches.

The defense got a boost with the addition of Branden Warner from Georgia, who attended Compton Junior College. Warner switched from his initial plan of attending UCLA but was happy to stick with Walker when a plan B was needed. If he lives up to his billing, he would be the first blue chip defender for New Mexico State University since Fredd Young. Stopping the opponents will be a new wrinkle in the Aggie attack.

New Mexico State has had some good defensive players of late but none that would put them in the forefront of the team's image.

The fan-friendly approach at practice isn't likely to change either. "If Pete Carroll can do it, we can do it," is Walker's philosophy in showing his fans what he is building. Although most of the named wide receivers have departed, Marcus Anderson will be flanked by the improving talents of Todd Lee and Julius Fleming as well as the arrival of Marcus Allen, the wide receiver.

I suppose hope springs eternal within my heart at this time of year. This staff with their experience and patience in teaching keeps my optimism on track as to where we are headed.



Why you should attend Aggies' soccer opener

NMSU plays host to NM Highlands

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Join me in making history, Saturday, Aug. 15, as New Mexico State University fields its first NCAA women's soccer team. Be there for its first exhibition match against New Mexico Highlands at 2 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

There are some reading along who were there with Pete for the first night baseball game at Presley Askew field in the 1990s, and more than a few who were on hand for the first football game in the present day Aggie Memorial Stadium. But this is different in so many ways.

No one reading this was there for the first football or basketball game played at NMSU but we can all be there for the inauguration of this new sport. This is gonna be a year of firsts at NMSU, ole Pete is certain. I've told you time and again about the work ethic that head coach Michael Needham has put into developing this team. Aggie fans have to take up the same amount of enthusiasm to help build this program to the competitive level of the WAC opponents the Aggies will be facing. It will be easy to be there when the door opens for the first time. It is something else to give the program love with your attendance over the course of this and coming years.

I see the good folks who have taken up the cause for Mike Jordan's volleyball team and rallying around the soccer program. That is a good start and the fact that more than 140 season tickets are in the hands of the fans is encouraging too. But again, you have to have it deep in your heart to take to a sport that is new to many potential fans. I won't try to tell you Pete is a learned soccer fan, but I am eager to learn. I have had some prep work from Needham but seeing the real thing is the best way to learn.

All of this goes back to something Pete has told you before. Being a fan at the start of a season is like waiting to go on the biggest, wildest roller coaster at the county fair. You finally get going, you yell, scream, holler and cry a little for the twists and turns the crazy thing takes you through. When your ride ends, you shake your head, take a deep breath and get right back in line to do it all again.

It's true, of course, for all the teams and their seasons, but for an historical event like the birth of a brand new sport, it's time to set down a good foundation. That's true, whether you are building a good house or a winning program.

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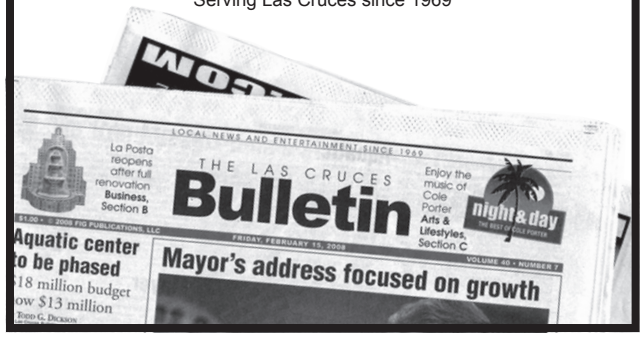

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On the green

The unwritten rules of golf

Golf manners are governed by consideration for others

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Golf has long been regarded as a genteel game played by polite folks who were not the sort to whack you in the back of the leg with a nine iron, much like a hokey player might do if the ref weren't looking.

No, there has always been a behavioral code – even a fairly common mindset – that separated golf from other competitive endeavors. At Augusta National, for example, where the Masters is perennially played, if you so much as issue a snide remark, such as "Nice yip, Sergio," you are liable to get thrown off the grounds with no questions asked. There is an etiquette to golf that includes everything from little gestures to simply sportsmanlike behavior. Regrettably a lot of golfers are not completely aware of the unwritten rules of the game.

For me there are thee levels or categories of etiquette, mostly based on how familiar you are with the game and how much you care about your fellow golfers.

My three species of golfers might be best exemplified by the fans at the Phoenix Open, that wonderful PGA tournament in the winter in Scottsdale on Super Bowl afternoon. The Sunday I was there, police had to disarm a fan because he had a gun in his backpack (level one), there were the over-served fans on the par three 16th hole who were louder than some Super Bowl crowds (level two) and then there were most normal golf fans who followed the players and didn't make a peep when they were swinging (level three).

Deaf ears

Let's start with our first level, the "don't do anything stupid" group, which includes driving motorized carts and making your way around a golf course without drawing attention to yourself.

If you are new to golf, go to the practice range and take some lessons before going out onto the actual golf course. Naturally, this plea is falling of deaf ears, since anyone who would need to know this most likely wouldn't be reading a golf column.

Don't wear gangbanger pants, wifebeater shirt and flipflops to play golf. Don't drive the golf cart into the desert over the protected areas that you really don't care about but others do. I find it really interesting that at New Mexico State University Golf Course they now have electric carts equipped with WiFi signals that shut off the cart motor when the cart is driven off of the defined boundary area. Some idiots try to drive carts into the darndest places.

> "There is an etiquette to golf that includes everything from little gestures to simply sportsmanlike behavior."

Also for this group of "golfers," don't bring your toddlers out onto the golf course to chop at the ground with little clubs and think they'll be the next Tiger Woods just because they're your offspring. Other people want to actually play. I know you paid your $40 but there are other people to think about. Again, these are the people who dump their old mattresses at the end of my street and aggressively cut me off in traffic. Level one.

Level two is the "normal behavior" classification, which includes not yacking in my backswing and not stepping in the line of anyone's putt. Most weekend golfers fall into this category and these are folks who play golf for enjoyment, mostly play by the rules (sans an occasional foot wedge or mulligan) and can manage a conversation about the game at the bar.

I have to admit that I was recently playing with a putter-challenged bloke who I thought was in this group, when as we're on the green, this fellow walks up to the cup, stamps down the turf around the hole so it would make a sort of funnel into the cup and then sank his putt. I was horrified. You never know.

It should be routine for normal, courteous golfers to repair their divots in the fairways, fix ball marks on the greens, rake the bunkers and stay quiet when other people are about to play. Seems simple, but it isn't.

Show respect

I play with plenty of "experienced" golfers who routinely play out of turn, don't know the rules, have no clue about the options after hitting their ball into a water hazard and have to ask about penalty drops.

Slow play is a penultimate etiquette issue and perhaps the utmost in inconsiderate behavior, since it suggests that not only are you not aware or not considerate of other golfers on the course, you just don't care. Watch others' shots so you can help look for a ball in hiding. Shake hands after the match. Pay all bets promptly. Ask yourself, "does my attire show my respect for the game?"

Every golfer should aspire to level three in golfing etiquette. Maybe the best practical guide to golf etiquette has been written by a gentleman by the name of Peter Post, the great-grandson of manners-maven Emily Post.

It's "Playing Through: A Guide to the Unwritten Rules of Golf."

As in everyday life, Post looks at golf manners like any manners in life, governed by a consideration for other people. I notice this seems to be less and less common on the golf course.

Believing that golf is "the measure of who you are," Post urges us to practice sportsmanship, courtesy and respect while enjoying the beauty of the natural surroundings along with the joy of camaraderie of our playing partners. This book would make a great gift for a golfer you know.

My favorite quote in "Playing Through" is:

"Unfortunately, when it comes to golf etiquette, some people are beyond help."

In the book, Post discusses "a time to talk and a time to keep quiet," an issue that piques my interest, along with pointers on cell phones. What permitted me to make peace with cell phones on the golf course was a call I got recently informing me that one of my geriatric patients had told the nurse she intended to kill herself. This was immediately after I wanted to slash my wrists after yipping a four-footer. We all have to remember that phones come with a "vibrate" feature and we need to use it.

Anger management

For our experienced players who should have graduated to the most sophisticated etiquette class, I'd like to remind you that temper tantrums are not permitted.

An occasional verbal outburst – OK. But regular club-throwing, swearing and emotional outbursts and flare-ups – not OK. I'll refer you to anger management therapy. You don't make friends and impress others by spinning out of control, and you'll create an image of "bad boy" golfer, especially if you're playing business golf.

Here are a few afterthoughts on behavior and etiquette. Play the tee markers the fit your game, ego aside. Tip adequately if not generously. Be nice to volunteers, golf course employees and your companions. Think twice before you actually lodge a formal complaint – you may be wrong. Play by the rules of golf, or some semblance thereof. Example: don't keep playing your ball when it has been hit out of bounds. Tend the flagstick when you are done putting; don't just throw a ball down to practice. Stand somewhere other than directly behind the golfer playing – keep out of his vision line. Avoid walking in the through-line of anyone's putt – that's the six feet past the hole where a ball might go. Try not to make any sudden moves while someone is hitting or preparing to hit their shot. In a word, just make like a traditional tour caddy, show up (on time); keep up and shut up. Or, as Post cautions, just saying "fore" doesn't excuse you from behaving properly.

Aggies host Highlands in soccer on Saturday

It'll be a first in school history

The New Mexico State soccer team takes the field for the first time in school history at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Aggie Memorial Stadium, when the club hosts New Mexico Highlands in an exhibition match.

"The group is really looking forward to playing some outside competition on Saturday," head coach Michael Needham said. "We have been competing every day and getting to know each other. The next challenge for us is to put it all together in a match."

The inaugural class consists of 29 players including 20 freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and two seniors. New Mexico natives lead the Aggie roster with eight athletes, including three local residents. New Mexico State has six Californians on the team and five Texans as well as three El Paso transplants.

The Aggies have the second and final home exhibition match of the season at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, against University of the Southwest. NMSU hosts seven home matches this year and opens the regular season at UTEP, Friday, Aug. 21.

"This is an exhibition game, so we will be trying a number of different things on both sides of the ball," Needham said. "I have been truly impressed with the level of support we have received to this point and have explained it to the players, but this is a great opportunity for the fans to show the players what Las Cruces and Aggie Fans are all about."

Fishing REPORT

This fishing report has been generated from the best information available from officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, however, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

Catches of the week

Heron Lake: On Aug. 6, David Ballard of Strawberry, Ariz., caught a 18.5-inch kokanee salmon. He was trolling a silver double whammy tipped with corn.

Quemado Lake: On Aug. 8, Nick Miera of Albuquerque caught and released a tiger musky estimated to be 43 inches. He was using a jerk bait. On Aug. 9, Jared Blaschke of Albuquerque caught and released a 38-inch tiger musky. He also was using a jerk bait.

Elephant Butte: On Aug. 8, Mark Gibertini of Albuquerque caught a 5-pound largemouth bass. He was fishing an ABA bass tournament. On Aug. 9, Steven Higley of Alamogordo, N.M., caught a 9.2-pound largemouth bass. He was using a soft plastic lure.

Northeast area

Charette Lakes: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, spinners, spoons, Pistol Petes and worms. Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms for perch.

Cimarron River: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 32cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using yellow stimulators, bead head hares ears, copper john barrs, elk hair caddis, spinners, worms and salmon eggs.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and power bait for trout. A few big bass were caught by anglers using jigs at the upper end of the lake. Fishing for catfish was slow with just a few taken on worms and liver.

Conchas Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow-to-fair using bottom bouncer/crawler rigs, crank baits, minnows and grubs. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair using tubes, senkos, creature baits and crank baits. A few bass were also taken on top water lures. Fishing at night was good using liver, cut bait and minnows for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms, grubs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for white bass was slow-to-fair using crank baits, grubs and spoons.

Coyote Creek: Trout fishing was slow.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for perch was fair-to-good using worms and salmon eggs. Fishing for kokanee and rainbow trout was a bit sporadic. A few were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using power bait. From boats, best baits were needlefish, Panther Martins and kokanee killers tipped with corn.

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using hoppers, Pistol Petes under a bubble and salmon eggs.

Lake Maloya/Lake Alice: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was slow-to-fair. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow.

Maxwell Lake 13: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait.

Monastery Lake: Trout fishing was fair-to-good.

Morphy Lake: Trout fishing was slow.

Pecos River: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 35 cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good.

Red River: Water flow below the hatchery was 60 cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was fair-to-good.

Rio Costilla: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 238 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using Chernobyl ants, night crawlers, wooly buggers, jerk baits and Kastmasters. A few northern pike were taken by anglers.

Shuree Ponds: Trout fishing was fair.

Springer Lake: Fishing was fair using cut bait and liver for catfish.

Storrie Lake: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair in the morning and evening hours using garlic cheese, salmon eggs and power bait. Fishing for catfish at night was slow.

Stubblefield Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures for bass.

Ute Lake: Fishing was good using spoons and jig and grub combinations for white bass. Fishing was fair using drop shot rigs crank baits, tubes and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using minnows and worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using cut bait, chicken liver and stink baits for catfish.

Northwest area

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair-to-good during the week, but slowed over the weekend. A few keeper-size walleye were caught by anglers using Lucky Craft bevy shad and bottom bouncers with Wally Pops and Gulp night crawlers.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow.

Brazos River: Trout fishing was fair using stimulators, parachute adams, copper john barrs and worms.

Canjilon Lakes: No reports.

Chama River: Trout fishing below El Vado was slow-to-fair using weighted wooly buggers and worms.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, senkos, tubes, grubs and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing for catfish was fair.

El Vado Lake: No reports.

Fenton Lake: Trout fishing was slow.

Heron Lake: Kokanee fishing was slow-to-fair. Fishing from the bank was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

Jemez Waters: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 9.4 cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe and lower Cebolla was good. Elk hair caddis and black ants worked best for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters.

Laguna Del Campo: Trout fishing was fair.

Manzano Lake: Trout fishing was fair.

McGaffey Lake: Fishing was slow.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair-to-good for northern pike. Fishing was slow-to-fair for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good trolling Arnies, needlefish, Panther Martins and kokanee killers tipped with corn at 40-to-45 feet.

Ramah Lake: Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Trout fishing was fair.

San Juan: Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good.

Santa Cruz Lake: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was slow-to-fair using shrimp, hotdogs and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was slow. Special note: The bag limit for trout on the Youth and Central Ponds has been changed from five per day to four per day and the possession limit has been changed from 10 trout to four trout.

Southwest area

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using poppers and worms for bluegill. There were no reports on other species.

Burn Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver, worms and stink bait for catfish. There were no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte: Fishing was fair using spoons, minnows, crank baits, top water lures, jigs and grubs for white bass. Fishing for striped bass was slow-to-fair using live bait and umbrella rigs. Fishing was good using top water lures, sweet beavers, senkos, tubes, worms, crank baits, creature baits and jigs for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was good using minnows, cut bait and liver at night. There were no reports on other species.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Gila River: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 19cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow.

Glenwood Pond: Trout fishing was fair using power bait.

Lake Roberts: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Percha Dam: Fishing was slow for all species.

Quemado Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits for tiger musky. A few trout were caught by anglers using salmon eggs.

Rio Grande: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,140 cfs. Fishing was slow. Below Caballo, fishing was slow-to-fair using grubs and minnows for walleye and white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows for catfish.

Snow Lake: Fishing was slow.

Southeast area

Bataan Lake: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Bonito Lake: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, spinners, spoons, salmon eggs and worms.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow for all species.

Brantley Lake: Anglers are to practice catch and release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish. There were no reports from anglers this week.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and worms.

Jal Lake: Fishing was slow.

Lake Van: Fishing was slow. A few catfish were caught by anglers using hot dogs and worms.

Oasis Park Pond: Fishing was slow.

Pecos River: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 115 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow.

Ruidoso River: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 2.9 cfs. There were no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits and bottom bouncer rigs in the main channel for walleye. A few bass were caught by anglers using jigs, top water lures and tubes. There were no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was generally slow but a few anglers had some success this past week. One caught a few channel catfish using worms. Another did well catching a mix of white bass and walleye using grubs and critter baits from the bank. There were no reports on other species.

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CHURCH NEWS

ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT OPEN HOUSE

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Area women are invited to attend the annual WomenSpirit retreat Friday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Sacramento Methodist Assembly in the Lincoln National Forest near Cloudcroft, N.M. Women will gather for a weekend of fun and fellowship and a chance to rest and renew without going too far from home. There will be opportunities to learn belly dancing, print making, Wild-Woman pin making, juggling, drumming, mask making and much more. Other entertainment will include talent/no-talent show, hikes and worship.

The full cost, which includes four meals, lodging and all workshops, is $135 with a $10 discount if paid in full by Saturday, Aug. 15. Partial scholarships are available. Registration forms and further details are available on the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces website http://uuchurchlc.org/m-members.htm or call 680-2680.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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Parents must guide stubborn children

Night terrors eased by gentle, assured comforting

DR. JAMES DOBSON
Focus on the Family

My son certainly fits your definition of the "strong-willed child." But tell me how to get him through these tough years. He is tough as nails. What specific suggestions do you have for us?

Here is a summary of some approaches or ideas that I think are important:

1. You should not blame yourself for the temperament with which your child was born. He (or she) is simply a tough kid to handle, and your task is to rise to the challenge.

2. He is in greater danger because of his inclination to test the limits and scale the walls. Your utmost diligence and wisdom will be required to deal with him.

3. If you fail to understand his lust for power and independence, you can exhaust your resources and bog down in guilt. It will benefit no one.

4. For parents who have just begun, take charge of your babies. Hold tightly to the reins of authority in the early days, and build an attitude of respect during your brief window of opportunity. You will need every ounce of "awe" you can get during the years to come. Once you have established your right to lead, begin to let go systematically, year by year.

5. Don't panic, even during the storms of adolescence. Better times are ahead.

6. Don't let your son get too far from you emotionally. Stay in touch. Don't write him off, even when every impulse is to do just that. He needs you now more than ever before.

7. Give him time to find himself, even if he appears not to be searching.

8. Most importantly, I urge you to hold your children before the Lord in fervent prayer throughout their years at home. I am convinced that there is no other source of confidence and wisdom in parenting. There is not enough knowledge in the books, mine or anyone else's, to counteract the evil that surrounds our kids today. Teenagers are confronted by drugs, alcohol, sex and foul language wherever they turn. And, of course, the peer pressure on them is enormous. We must bathe them in prayer every day of their lives. The God who made your children will hear your petitions. He has promised to do so. After all, He loves them more than you do.

And a concluding word: remember that anyone can raise the easy kid. Guiding a strong-willed child through the rebellious years takes a pro with a lot of love to give. I'll bet you're up to the task.

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Did either of your children experience night terrors?

No, but our daughter once had a very unusual nightmare. When she was 4 years old, she woke up screaming at about midnight. When I came to her bed, she told me excitedly that the wall was about to collapse on her.

"It's falling! It's falling, Daddy! The wall is falling!" she screamed.

She was obviously very frightened by the dream. I took her hand and said, "Danae, feel that wall. It has been there a long time. It isn't going to fall. You are OK. Now go back to sleep."

As she settled down in the covers, I went back to bed and was quickly asleep again. But six hours later, a powerful earthquake rattled the city of Los Angeles and shook my wife and me right out of bed. I rushed to Danae's room to bundle her up and get her out of the way of that wall, which was jumping and shaking like crazy.

Did our 4-year-old have some kind of forewarning of the earthquake in the midnight hours? I don't know, but I'll tell you this: I made up my mind that day to believe her the next time she told me the wall was going to fall.

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

At the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El tea party

Tea party hostesses Judy Hilbert and Susan Quinn pour some champagne for the 25 partygoers to toast the four matriarchs of the Jewish faith.

Rebecca Berkson chats with fellow hatmakers during a tea party held by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El Sunday, Aug. 9, to honor famous Jewish women.

PHOTOS BY BETH SITZLER

CHURCH NEWS

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ECKANKAR EVENT AT RAMADA PALMS HOTEL

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

CHRISTIAN CONCERT

Professional musician Tom Perry will hold a Christian concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the East Mesa Baptist Church, located on the corner of Highway 70 and Moongate Road. All are invited to attend. Call the church at 382-0386 for more information or directions.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

Temple Beth-El's Mensch Club educational programs in August will continue at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, with the public viewing of the film "Defiance" about White Russian Jewish Bielski brothers who saved hundreds of Jews by taking them out of ghettos and turning them into freedom fighters against the Nazi regime. The temple is located at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. For more information, contact Harvey Hilbert at 521-3711 or email harveyhilbert@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

Temple Beth-El membership committee is hosting a New Member Brunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. This event is geared toward Jewish residents of Las Cruces and the surrounding areas who are currently unaffiliated and might like information on membership at Temple Beth-El. For more information, contact Stefani Singer 524-3380, or email admin@tbelc.org.

ST. GENEVIEVE COOK OFF

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

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 dramatic oratorio in the Las Cruces area. For more information, contact Minister of Music Doug Weeks at 526-6689.

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1934

• Drought shut down many irrigation systems and slowed down the Elephant Butte Irrigation District deliveries. But Mesilla Valley farmers had adequate water for their alfalfa and other crops, Rio Grande Project Manager L.R. Fiock reported. Elephant Butte Reservoir held 628,000 acre-feet compared with 1.3 million acre-feet the previous year at the same time. The reservoir level had dropped 34 feet, seven feet during June and eight feet during July. The Rio Grande snow runoff had slowed down to 218 cubic-feet-per-second during May at San Marcial, and then the flow dried up.

• The Women's Improvement Society appointed a committee to discuss the possibility of building a local hospital. Its members Mrs. O.H. Brown, Mrs. Charles Happel and Mrs. Frank Islas.

• From April to July, the Doña Ana Welfare Office, 30 local stores and the federal government donated food to 2,514 families. The amounts listed were 13,300 pounds of pork, 5,198 pounds of beef, 890 pounds of beans, 48,000 pounds of flour, 1,758 pounds of lard and 2,820 pounds of cheese.

50 years ago 1959

• The County Health Department reported two cases of poliomyelitis, one boy and one male adult, bringing the year's total of confirmed or suspect cases to nine.

• El Paso Electric Company reported having 7,274 residential customers in Las Cruces, and, by using a multiple of 4.1, that brought the estimated city population up to about 29,800.

A photograph looking north on Main Street when automobiles were beginning to dominate the street, including closed sedans and open roadsters.

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• The federal government increased an initial grant of $166,209 to $315,678 to build a new junior high school on the east side and to enlarge the high school.

• The Las Cruces National Guard unit, which was attached to the 716th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, left for training on the Oro Grande Firing Range.

25 years ago 1984

• Heavy rains and flash floods from arroyos forced 12 Sunland Park families to leave their homes and find temporary shelter in a former school building that was provided by the county. Flooding also reached some homes in Chaparral and Anthony and closed state Highway 478.

• The Las Cruces Public Schools named three new principals: Martha Cole, Valley View Elementary; Mary Helen Garcia, East Picacho Elementary, and Cecilia Lujan Pincomb, Hillrise Elementary.

• More than 60 teams were competing in the Girls 12-and-Under Fast Pitch National Tournament at Maag Park.

10 years ago 1999

• Farmers were estimating a 50 percent chile crop loss as spotty rains, ranging from 5 to 13 inches, were leaving standing water in the furrows. The water was depriving plants of oxygen, causing root rot and emitting hot vapor under the plants, making them susceptible to mildew.

• The Mesilla Board of Trustees administered the oath of office to Nora Barraza, the newly appointed board member succeeding Jo Anna Maese who had resigned to fill the position of town clerk and treasurer.

• Desert Groves, an affiliate of Stahmann Farms, opened a gift shop in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Sources: NMSU Library's Branson Microform Area and Archives and Special Selections

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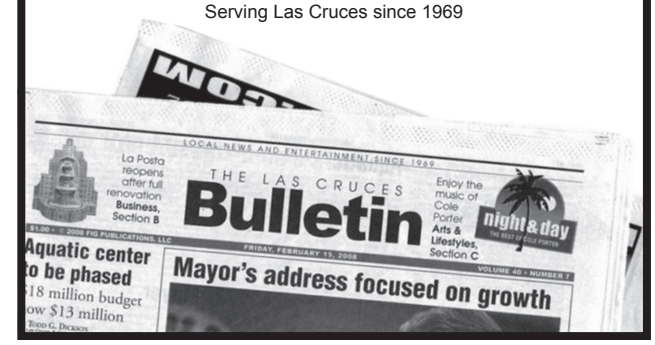

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs.

AEROBICS CLASS
Aerobics class with Jennifer Smith is at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

AQUATICS CLASS
Aquatics class (senior water exercise class) with Nora Bailey is held from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive, on a first-come, first-served basis. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

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

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

The schedule is:
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- 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 Center. The tournament starts around 8:30 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first- and second-place winners.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

The trip will depart from the Munson Senior Center at 8 a.m. and there is no guaranteed return time. The cost is $6.

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

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. Monday, Aug. 24, through Friday, Aug. 28, at the center

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 5:00 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP
Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will host Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings from 10 to 11:15 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road and from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24, at Doña Ana Community College, Room 104, 3400 S. Espina St.

Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide an open discussion, a short teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period.

The events are free and no pre-registration is required. Parking permits are not required at the time of the DACC meetings.

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

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

For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

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

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

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

T'AI CHI CHIH: JOY THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASSES
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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 Omar Montoya at 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.

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

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

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 night time meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, also at SWEC. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran. Contact Beltran at 635-6683 or reneebeltran1@comcast.net for more information, including directions.

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 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, to 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.

Send your health news
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Health care reform not popular at local forum

Local doctors express opposition

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As part of a community organized, nonpartisan forum on the proposed health care reform legislation, America's Affordable Healthcare Choices Act of 2009, Las Crucens gathered, along with a panel of local medical experts, at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave., Tuesday, Aug. 11, to discuss and clarify the possible outcomes of the proposed plan.

The forum was coordinated by private citizens and represented a broad perspective of the health care plan. The panel was comprised of Drs. Anthony Levatino, Denise Leonardi and Terry McMillan, as well as Angie Carver, a certified nurse practitioner. Although all viewpoints were open for discussion, the majority of those present were opposed to the proposed legislation. One aspect of the Affordable Healthcare Choices Act seeks to create affordable health care for the nation's 45 million uninsured by implementing a single, government-controlled health care system.

Those opposing the legislation, including all members of the panel, said they were against the plan because of its vague nature, in addition to its possible lean toward a single-payer system. Many present said they believed the legislation is being rushed at the risk of overlooking other options.

Las Cruces resident Darell Hall voices his concerns at an open public forum. Residents such as Hall packed the Court Youth Center Tuesday, Aug. 11, and discussed the issue for more than two hours.

How much is a trillion?

The Congressional Budget Office anticipates the plan to cost $1.04 trillion, much of which will come out of the pockets of all Americans, McMillan said.

Levatino said the proposed budget of more than $1 trillion dollars is an unfeasible amount of money that would have great impact on the nation. The proposal is so massive, he said it doesn't make any difference where the money would come from, it would still affect every American.

"From the original Christmas day, when Christ was born, if you spent $1 million every single day without fail until today, you would not have spent a trillion dollars," Levatino said.

Those present expressed concern that the legislation will affect the private insurance industry – as well as employers who do not provide health care – by creating a bureaucratic system.

Levatino said he was mainly concerned the legislation was intentionally vague, because it is the government's attempt to control America's health and well-being.

Not an easy read

"Reading through it is like stirring concrete with your eyelashes," Levatino said of the lengthy legislation. "My overall impression is that this is one gigantic piece of legislation enabling the administration to set up opportunities for controlling health care."

Leonardi said she didn't believe in the bill because of its potential negative impact on the overall quality of the health care system.

"When I look at it – the goal of covering 45 million of the uninsured – it means we're going to have to cut services and I think choice will be diminished," Leonardi said. "I understand the need for basic coverage for all citizens, but I'm concerned about the lack of choice that will affect us down the road."

Much of the opinions the panel expressed were reaffirmed with applause from the majority of those present, many of them elderly Las Crucens. The forum at times represented a church service as shouts of "Amen!" rang throughout the meeting room.

PHOTOS BY JONATHAN BUTZ

Dr. Anthony Levatino and nurse practitioner Angie Carver discuss the proposed health care forum at the Court Youth Center, Tuesday, Aug. 11. The forum was coordinated by private citizens and was intended to represent a broad base of opinions.

Very few residents had perspectives contrary to the opinions of the majority and the panel; however, those few opposing viewpoints were quickly silenced with shouts and jeers from the audience. One audience member also complained that the forum and panel was not evenly represented.

Take it slow

Las Cruces resident Darell Hall expressed concern about the hasty nature of the bill.

"I read the entire bill and I thought about the monumental problem that we are trying to race to some conclusion within a few months time, but we haven't had a chance to break it down. You could talk about each section for a year or two, but I see no input from insurance companies, doctors and other health care providers – I see only politicians who have an agenda," Hall said.

When asked about the uninsured and the underprivileged who currently cannot afford health insurance, Levatino argued that of the 45 million uninsured Americans, approximately 9 to 10 million people already qualify for medical insurance, Medicaid or other programs but are not applying.

He also mentioned the 9 to 10 million people who are transitioning between insurance programs and jobs. Additionally, he said about 10 to 15 million of the uninsured are illegal aliens.

The panel encouraged the community to contact members of congress and ask for bipartisan cooperation, less government control over health care and a discontinuation of health care provided for illegal residents.

Citizens interested in expressing concern may contact Congressman Harry Teague at 522-3908, Sen. Jeff Bingaman at 523-6561, or Sen. Tom Udall at 526-5474. A copy of the bill in its entirety is available at www.opencongress.com.

Members of the doctors panel, from left, Dr. Terry McMillan, Dr. Denise Leonardi and Dr. Anthony Levatino.

H1N1 death confirmed

State's first victim is high-risk woman

The New Mexico Department of Health announced Monday, Aug. 10, that it has confirmed the state's first death caused by H1N1 influenza.

The 45-year-old female from Sierra County had end-stage liver disease and had been hospitalized since July 25. She died over the weekend.

"Our condolences go out to her family and friends," said Health Secretary Dr. Alfredo Vigil. "She was in the high-risk category for developing complications from H1N1, and we are investigating how she may have contracted the virus."

The Department of Health is planning mass vaccination clinics for H1N1 influenza when vaccine becomes available. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention expects to begin shipping vaccine as early as mid-October. This year, people need to get vaccinated against H1N1 flu and seasonal flu.

"The best step you can take to protect yourself and your family from influenza is to get vaccinated. This is especially important if you are at high risk for developing complications," Vigil said. "We are carefully monitoring H1N1 disease in New Mexico and will keep (the public) informed of new developments with the spread of disease, availability of vaccine and health officials' recommendations."

Who's at risk

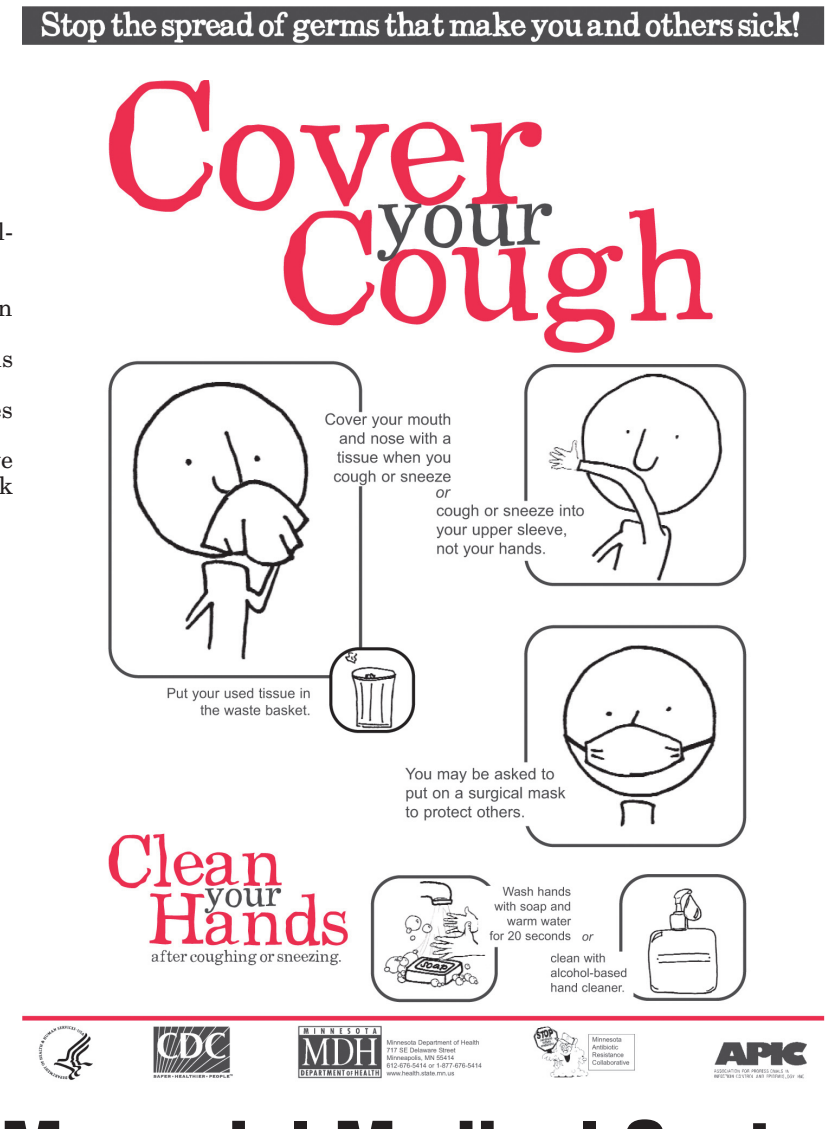
CDC's Advisory Committee recently issued recommendations about priority groups for H1N1 vaccination. The recommendations target people who are the most likely to develop complications from H1N1 flu and or spread the disease to vulnerable individuals. They are:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months old
- Children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years
- Health care workers and emergency services personnel
- People age 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

Avoiding the flu

Suggestions from the World Health Organization on how to prevent the spread of H1N1 include:

- Avoid touching your mouth and nose
- Clean hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub (especially if touching the mouth and nose, or surfaces that are potentially contaminated)
- Avoid close contact with people who might be ill
- Reduce the time spent in crowded settings if possible
- Improve airflow in your living space by opening windows
- Practice good health habits including adequate sleep, eating nutritious food and keeping physically active.



Top Volunteens are recognized at Memorial Medical Center

Angel Guerrero and William Hendricks were named Memorial Medical Center Junior Volunteens for the year at the summer-ending ice cream social on July 31.

There are two categories for Junior Volunteens of the Year: summer-only and year-round. Guerrero won the summer-only award for his work in the Imaging Services Department. Hendricks won the year-round award for his second year of service in the Emergency Department.

More than 60 teenagers ages 14 to 17, volunteered with the MMC Auxiliary Summer Volunteen program, which began June 1 and ran through the end of July.

This year's group of Volunteens worked more than 4,000 hours, the highest number of hours worked in a summer since the auxiliary has been keeping track. The Volunteens helped in multiple service areas of the hospital, including admissions, the gift shop and the information desk.

"A young person's life is like a piece of paper, and their service at Memorial Medical Center will leave a caring positive mark. The young people who choose to participate in the Junior Volunteen Program are appreciated for giving their time, talent and energy to make a difference," said Director of Auxiliary Services Lynda Taylor.

Both Guerrero and Hendricks will be submitted to the statewide competition. Last year, the MMC summer-only nominee won the New Mexico Hospitals and Health Systems Association's 2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year.

For volunteer opportunities or more information on the MMC Auxiliary, call Auxiliary Director Lynda Taylor at 521-5555.

Angel Guerrero, left, and William Hendricks were recognized for their efforts in the Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary Summer Volunteen Program. Guerrero was recognized for his work in the summer-only program in the MMC Imaging Services Department, while Hendricks won the year-round award for his work in the Emergency Department.

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‘Tías’ of Las Cruces unite to help children in need

Jardin de Los Niños volunteers seek to collect diapers and other supplies

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In its continuing efforts to help children of underprivileged families, Jardin de Los Niños is implementing the “Tía Project,” a donation drive that seeks to provide diapers for children in need.

Due to an increase in the number of homeless families, Jardin volunteer Carleene Wimberly said the project is greatly needed, as there has been an increased demand for help.

“We decided to start this project again because there is such a need,” Wimberly said. “Many clients of Jardin can’t afford such basic essentials, and we’re here to step in as Tías and Tíos.”

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>
> CARLEENE WIMBERLY, Jardin volunteer

Tía and Tío are Spanish for aunt and uncle, but in this case, refers to those who are willing to step up to serve as friends to these families in need.

Community members who are interested in becoming a Tía or Tío are asked to drop off packages of diapers and baby wipes at the Community of Hope or La Tienda de Jardin, the nonprofit’s thrift store. All sizes and styles of diapers are accepted and participants may bring as many or as little diapers as possible.

“We’re not making it difficult,” Wimberly said.

She said they wanted to make it easy for people to help with the diaper program, adding that people can simply pick up a pack of diapers or wipes at the grocery store, and stop by on the way home from work.

Jardin founder Sister Beth Dadio said the program will be a great asset to the community.

“Anytime we get involved in the community and give to children and families in need, it’s a wonderful thing,” Dadio said.

Sister Dadio began Jardin de los Niños – a nonprofit center for homeless and near-homeless children in the Mesilla Valley – along with the late Sister Anna Waldschmitt in 1995 at the Holy Cross Church. After expanding its services, the organization moved to its permanent home at the Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave.

From left: Bishop Bill Hutchinson, Carleene and Herb Wimberly of Jardin de Los Ninos hope to provide diapers and baby wipes for community children in need.

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Jardin is a full-service program not only for children, but also for parents. As a National Association of the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) accredited program, the childcare component of the nonprofit provides daily care for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. This includes developmental evaluations, play therapy, on-site health care and referrals.

The Family Program offers services such as case management, a family support team, parenting and health sessions and arts and crafts.

As a way to grow its connection to the community, Jardin opened La Tienda de Jardin in May 2009. Run solely by volunteers, the boutique-like thrift store offers a wide-selection of items, including toys, kitchen accessories, furniture and clothing. All proceeds go to support Jardin de los Niños.

La Tienda de Jardin is located at 335 La Colonia Ave., on the corner of Main Street and Alameda Boulevard. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Anyone interested in becoming a “Tío” or “Tía” may call 541-9746.

Walk for health

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 to wear comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing. All registration forms and waivers must be signed prior to the 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.

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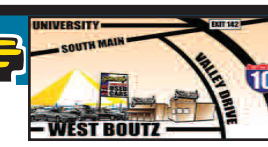

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City partially settles suit with Philippou

Public to benefit

The City of Las Cruces announced Monday, Aug. 10, a partial settlement stemming from lawsuits it filed against local developer Philip Philippou. The settlement resolves two of three lawsuits the city filed against Philippou seeking compliance with its subdivision requirements.

The initial settlement results in Philippou conveying to the city clear title to approximately $530,000 in Philippou-owned real estate.

In return, the city releases for development, 48 to 50 residential lots Philippou owns.

"The release of the lots is a direct benefit to the public, because those lots are ready for – or were already in the process of – being developed for first-time homeowners," said Mayor Ken Miyagishma. "While it's the City's desire to resolve outstanding issues with Mr. Philippou, it's also important that the families waiting to get into their new homes, many of whom stand to benefit from the first-time homebuyer incentive offered under the federal stimulus package, be allowed to proceed with their plans."

The city said by allowing construction to proceed on the lots, it is helping increase local economic activity.

In addition to releasing the lots, the city will permit previously terminated utility service to those lots; and will dismiss a judgment the city won against Philippou in Las Cruces Municipal Court stemming from a sewer line issue in the North Fork Arroyo.

"While the City has made significant progress in its legal dealings with Philippou, there is more to resolve," said Assistant City Manager Robert Garza. "Still outstanding are numerous Philippou-owned lots in eight subdivisions within the city," Garza said.

Garza said both parties continue to negotiate in good faith so that unresolved issues can be settled quickly.

Philippou is still involved in litigaton with Golf Works Inc., an Austin-based golf course development and construction company he allegedly hired to help build the Sierra Norte Golf Course on the East Mesa – a project that has been delayed.

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Biz owners talk health reform

Teague hosts town halls to spur more reform discussion

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On July 25, President Barack Obama said creating an insurance exchange program for small businesses along with tax credits – provisions included in the latest health care reform bill – would help cover the 13 million or so uninsured small-business employees.

On Monday, Aug. 10, speaking to a group of small business owners at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, U.S. Rep. Harry Teague said health care reform "can't be paid for on the backs of small businesses alone.

"I sure hope we are able to put in the right incentives, so people can feel comfortable starting a small business," he added.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers released a study July 25 that concluded many of the nation's small businesses lack the bargaining power to secure affordable health insurance rates, and as a result, pay as much as 18 percent more for employee plans, leaving millions uninsured.

As the health care debate rages in Washington, D.C., local small business owners are left wondering if a health insurance mandate is imminent and if they'll be able to bear the burden of the new taxes.

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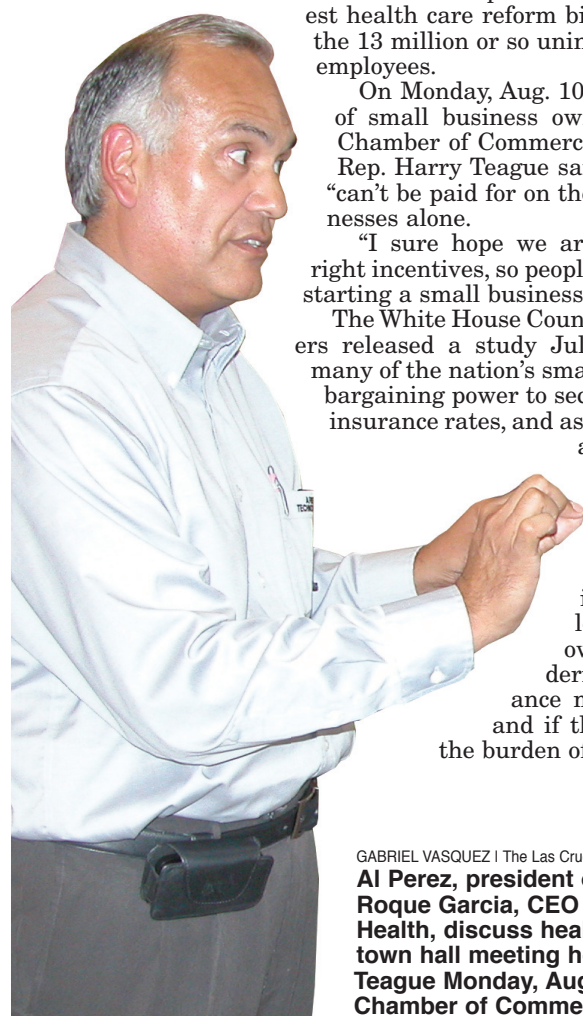

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Al Perez, president of Ariel Technologies, and Roque Garcia, CEO of Rio Grande Behavioral Health, discuss health care reform during a town hall meeting hosted by U.S. Rep. Harry Teague Monday, Aug. 10, at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

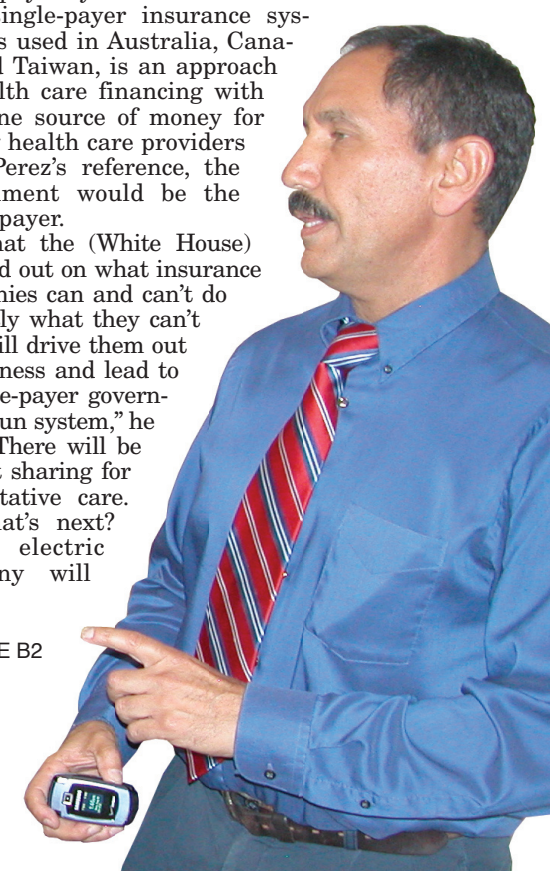
'Reality check'

Al Perez, President of Ariel Technologies, a local designer and manufacturer of fiber-laser applications, said health care reform is "absolutely needed," but thinks the White House's proposed plan will eliminate the private health insurance market.

"I printed off the entire (1,018 page) bill," Perez said. "While going through it, I found there is too much of a burden on small businesses. This plan will lead to a single-payer system."

A single-payer insurance system, as used in Australia, Canada and Taiwan, is an approach to health care financing with only one source of money for paying health care providers – in Perez's reference, the government would be the single payer.

"What the (White House) has laid out on what insurance companies can and can't do – mostly what they can't do – will drive them out of business and lead to a single-payer government-run system," he said. "There will be no cost sharing for preventative care. So what's next? The electric company will



Work to revamp Downtown continues

Regional TIDD not raising enough money

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Downtown Tax Increment Development District "isn't bringing in a whole lot of money right now."

That was the message delivered by Downtown Development Coordinator William Slettom to Downtown business owners and proprietors Thursday, Aug. 6, during the monthly Downtown Business Breakfast.

The Downtown TIDD, approved by the city and county in 2006, requires around 150 businesses in the Downtown district to report their gross receipt and property taxes to a specific Tax and Revenue account that directs 75 percent of GRT and property tax growth since 2006 to be used to help fund Downtown revitalization. The problem, Slettom said, is only about 39 Downtown businesses have contributed to the fund since its inception.

"This is not optional," Slettom said. "This money is used to build a fund, issue bonds and make infrastructure improvements."

The Downtown TIDD doesn't require business owners in the district to pay a higher tax rate, just to report their GRT and property taxes to a different tax and revenue code.

"This has no impact on you or your businesses," said

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Las Cruces Downtown Executive Director Cindi Fargo addresses Downtown business owners and proprietors during the Downtown Business Breakfast Thursday, Aug. 6.

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provide electricity without charge? And cell phones will be available for free? This is a recipe to wipe out the insurance industry."

According to the White House's website, under the "Consumer Protections" link at www.whitehouse.gov/realitycheck, insurance companies would have to abide by the following rules under the new bill:

- No discrimination for pre-existing conditions
- No exorbitant out-of-pocket expenses, deductibles or co-pays
- No cost sharing for preventative care
- No gender discrimination
- No annual or lifetime caps on coverage
- Guaranteed insurance renewal

"This is a reality check," Perez said. "It all leads to a single-payer system."

Talking taxes

Perez, who has 20 employees, said he has recently opted out of offering health benefit packages to his employees, but offers them instead "in-lieu" benefit packages based on his employees' tenure.

"The longer they've been with us, the more we pay them," he said. "We have some people, that because of their longevity, are making $1,500 a month in in-lieu benefits."

Perez said if government were to place a health insurance tax mandate on his business, which under the proposed bill would require businesses paying $500,000 to $750,000 per year or more in payroll to pay an 8 percent tax, he would be forced to cut his staff and reduce his workers' hours to make up for money lost.

"I'd have to possibly get rid of employees," he said.

Companies with total annual wages below $500,000 would pay no tax penalty under the proposed reform.

But is it enough to win over anxious small businesses? No, said Anna Emerick-Biad, sales and marketing director for Biad Chili Products, which employs about 80 workers during its peak season.

"I'm a very detail-oriented person, and I'd like to see more on how this would affect us before supporting a health care bill such as the one that's on the table," she said. "My biggest concern is how the bill would be paid for. In our current economy, we need to be careful how we spend our money, and I just don't see how the government is going to pay for this bill."

Biad added that she lacks confidence in the federal government's ability to run an efficient health care system, "as they have not efficiently run organizations such as MediCare and Social Security," she said.

"What makes the government feel they can now run health care when they can't keep up with what they already have on their plate?"

Biad, who also attended Teague's forum, said she was appreciative of the congressman's efforts to get feedback from his constituents but feels that "none of the questions were answered in detail," and there needs to be more dialogue in the community.

"I still think the general public has no clue as to how this bill would work," she said.

A doc's perspective

Dr. Anthony Levatino, a local physician who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, said he supports health care reform, but doesn't buy into the White House's current plan.

"They say that we can't afford to do nothing, so we need this bill right now," Levatino said. "But the president and the Democratic leadership are presenting us a false choice. We need reform, but not necessarily this reform."

Levatino said two critical components of true health care reform have yet to be addressed.

"No. 1, there needs to be reform of the medical liability system," he said. "One out of every four dollars is being spent defensively in medicine. It's eating us alive as practitioners in Las Cruces. We need to reform that system."

Second, Levatino said, is to change health insurance from being an employer-provided benefit.

"There's a lot of good things in the current bill, like the insurance exchange system and having companies compete against one another," he said, "but again, you could not possibly reform health care without addressing the liability system. The president isn't going to touch that."

Levatino, who also attended Teague's health care forum Monday, said he thought the dialogue between business owners and elected officials should be ongoing, but more direct.

"(Teague) consciously made an effort to do more listening than talking," Levatino said. "I asked him some very specific questions ... which he didn't answer. But the meeting was respectful and I thought it was very good of the congressman to be there. I look forward to talking with the congressman again."

What's next?

Obama, at a town hall meeting in New Hampshire on Tuesday, Aug. 11, said he "welcomes vigorous debate" on the issue. There's likely to be plenty more discussion, as Congress has missed the chance to pass health care reform before the summer recess. That means lawmakers in their home districts will have to listen to their constituents in various ways, whether it is civilized town hall meetings or angry protests.

"I think that each town hall meeting has to start off by dispelling some of the misinformation that people bring up that is very obvious," said Roque Garcia, CEO of Rio Grande Behavioral Health. "I'm very surprised that many times these people are told it's not true and they still choose to believe it."

Obama had urged for floor votes on the reform prior to the summer recess to keep the bills from being bogged down, but that did not happen.

"Something has to change, and I think the sooner the better," Garcia said. "The person that has to consider every possibility before taking a step spends their life on one foot. We need to take action. We can't get everything perfect on this. We need to do it now or else we'll never do anything."

Teague is expected to continue hosting town hall meetings across southern New Mexico in the coming weeks.

"There is a lot of misinformation, and people get scared – I don't blame them," he said. "But the credits and incentives in the health care bill are changing. We just have to wait."

To view a copy of the proposed health care reform, visit Teague's website, http://teague.house.gov.

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U.S. Rep. Harry Teague told a group of small business owners Monday, Aug. 10, that health care reform "can't be paid for on the backs of small businesses alone."

Rio Grande Historical Collections, New Mexico State University Library

The Amador Hotel in the 1930s

Downtown

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Cindi Fargo, executive director of Las Cruces Downtown. "It's just about changing the code you are reporting to. As you all know, this is a rare opportunity to have a direct impact on where your money goes and see it put to good use."

During the state legislative session earlier this year, the Downtown TIDD was not passed because House Speaker Ben Lujan failed to call it up for vote on the final day of the session.

The proposal, the highest priority legislation for Las Cruces, was sponsored by state Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces and cruised through Senate Committees unopposed.

Fargo said she was hopeful the proposal would be revived in an upcoming legislative special session, but City Councillor Dolores Connor said it "was not guaranteed" the Downtown TIDD would be voted on.

The state TIDD would have created somewhere around $7 million for revitalization, said Assistant City Manager Robert Garza.

Plans for the Amador Hotel

Also discussed at the breakfast were plans for the 143-year old Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave.

Jamie Fletcher, elected last month as president of the Amador Museum Foundation, said a study conducted by Cornerstones Community Partnership determined the historic gotel was structurally sound and fit for a variety of uses.

"They said it's a strong building – that it was going to last a long time," Fletcher said. "It needs some cosmetic attention but the structure is sound."

Additionally, an architectural assessment was conducted that confirmed the historic hotel's viability "for the next 20 to 30 years," Fletcher said.

The outcome of several town hall meetings and interviews with local dignitaries was that the hotel should be turned into an event center, with a restaurant and meeting space for local nonprofits, Fletcher added.

"That was the feedback we got from the citizenry of Las Cruces – they thought this would be the best use for the hotel," he said. "This is a good way to have a minimal impact on the historic property."

The Amador Hotel is a city landmark, and once served as a safe haven for teamsters and freight travelers going from Chihuahua to Santa Fe. Don Martin Amador built the property for his family in 1866.

Fletcher said the problem with restoring the hotel to its original purpose is that it would have to undergo significant remodeling to add modern-day amenities and features.

"We're trying to keep its historic integrity," he said.

Fletcher will present the recommendations of the Amador Hotel Foundation to the city at a future council meeting, at which time the best use of the historic property will be decided.

"We're hoping that in 2012, we can restore the Amador Hotel so that we can throw a big party to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the statehood of New Mexico," he said.

SalsaFest celebration coming

SalsaFest, a celebration of local salsa makers and restaurants, is coming to Downtown Las Cruces for the first time.

Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, SalsaFest promises event-goers an afternoon of "all things salsa," including salsa tasting, a salsa-making competition and salsa music and dancing.

"People will be coming out of their own kitchens, with their own ingredients and making salsa at the event," Fargo said. "Restaurants and vendors will also be participating."

So far, 30 local "salsa chefs" are scheduled to prepare their fiery concoctions for the event, but organizers are still looking for more, Fargo said. Participants may enter for free and $3 is required to vote for your favorite salsa.

"They say in Las Cruces we don't do things until things move closer to the deadline, so I'm holding my breath," Fargo said. "We're really excited about this event."

For more information on SalsaFest or to sign-up for the salsa-making competition, call Dave Edwards at 525-1955.

Spaceport America begins awarding contracts

Bids not being taken on spaceport electrical work

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Contracts for construction at Spaceport America are being issued and the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) is now soliciting contractor bids to provide the on-site electrical system for the facility.

The NMSA board last week picked contractors for three construction-oriented bid packages:

- $4.8 million to Smithco Construction of Las Cruces to build water utilities, a storage tank and a booster pump
- $2.3 million to AUI Inc. of Albuquerque to build wastewater utilities and a treatment plant
- $778,173 to FNF New Mexico LLC of Albuquerque to build a fuel storage facility

With Sierra Electric Co-op picked to provide electricity to the spaceport in the desert between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences, Spaceport America now needs a system to connect on-site infrastructure to the off-site 10-megawatt electrical substation and distribution from a 115 kilovolt transmission line. Interested contractors are encouraged to get details of the bid package and attend a pre-bid conference.

NMSA Executive Director Steve Landeene said the electrical system bid package is critical for the spaceport and its surroundings.

"These utilities will be underground to minimize view shed impacts from the El Camino Real as well as provide a more protected electrical system for Spaceport America operations," Landeene said.

Interested service providers need to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Ralph Edwards Civic Center in Truth or Consequences. A tour of the Spaceport America project site will take place immediately after the pre-bid meeting. Copies of the lump-sum bid package SP-005 can be viewed electronically online at the Albuquerque Reprographics PlanWell website, https://order.planwell.com/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=1090.

The latest Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Invitations to Bid (ITB) can be found online at www.spaceportamerica.com. Gerald Martin Construction of Albuquerque is the construction management firm in charge of coordinating contractors on the $198 million project, which is being divided into 13 bid packages.

The 10,000-foot runway at Spaceport America is under construction and scheduled for completion by late summer 2010 and the Terminal Hangar Facility projected to be complete by early 2011. Spaceport America customers include Lockheed Martin, UP Aerospace, Virgin Galactic, Microgravity Enterprises and Payload Specialties.

Previous contract awards include David Montoya Construction Inc. of Alameda, N.M., winning a $29.4-million contract to build the 10,000-foot runway and $2.7 million to FNF New Mexico LLC of Albuquerque for site preparation.

To learn more about the bid awards and requests for bids or proposals at Spaceport America, go to www.spaceportamerica.com/construction/rfps.html

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority maintains fiscal and management oversight of Spaceport America.

Community foundation welcomes diverse gifts

Charles Andrews donates more than 24 acres of East Mesa land

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Charles Andrews, director of the Helix Foundation, wanted to make a difference in the community. Through careful consideration, he is doing just that thanks to a land donation to the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

When Andrews met with CPA Don Beasley, the two invited CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn and Gift Planning Officer Patsy Duran to tell them more about the foundation and the impact they are making in the community. What Andrews heard prompted him to give 24 acres of land, showing that giving back to the community can be diverse and efficient.

"This gift of land illustrates the variety and diverse nature of gifts the Board of Directors may accept for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico," Burn said. "This is just one type of planned gift giving individuals may make that will positively impact our community."

The land is located on the East Mesa, adjacent to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land with a spectacular view of the Organ Mountains. The more than 24 acres of land will eventually be sold and the proceeds will be used for charitable purposes.

Because the gift is an unrestricted gift, the CFSNM Board of Directors will determine how best to use it.

Andrews and his family are no strangers to giving. Over the years, they have made substantial gifts to the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, with the intention to keep their gift giving local.

The CFSNM has launched a two-part $500,000 campaign to help 32 local nonprofits in southern New Mexico who need emergency funds in order to provide services in the hard economic times and build long-term sustainability. One part of the campaign will provide emergency funds for the 32 nonprofit that have endowments with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico while the other half is designated for a matching fund to build the endowments of the nonprofits, therefore building long-term sustainability.

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Andrews' land gift

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico will soon be selling a generous gift of land from Charles Andrews with the following features:

- 24-plus acres of land
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- Adjacent to BLM land
- Spectacular views of Organ Mountains

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Recession adversely affecting state revenues

No good alternatives present themselves

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State of the Economy

Last year, state lawmakers faced with falling revenues cut government services by 9 percent. Now, new forecasts are expected to indicate the need for another 5 to 6 percent in cuts. How to cover these new revenue shortfalls is not obvious.

Covering shortfalls by cutting additional government services is a painful prospect, considering the cuts made during New Mexico's last legislative session. While the national recession has affected state revenues, it has had the opposite effect on the demand for services. Food stamps, TANF, unemployment compensation, training and education are all government programs for which demand traditionally increases during recessions. This recession is no exception.

Increasing taxes is a possible solution. An obvious idea would be to reverse the income tax cuts enacted during Gov. Bill Richardson's first term. Increasing taxes on natural gas or oil production is also a suggested perennial. But raising taxes – never popular – is a particularly dubious proposition during a recession. Businesses and consumers are already facing tough times. Higher taxes could further depress spending.

A third idea is to draw down operating reserves. The feasibility of doing this critically depends on whether or not the economy recovers in the next 12 months.

The state constitution forbids the state from running a deficit. Operating reserves are meant to meet modest shortfalls that might arise over the course of the fiscal year. But once reserves are used up, the only alternative is to cut spending.

If the economy turns around, then drawing down reserves would allow state government to continue providing services without increasing taxes. But this option means paring reserves down to dangerously low levels, somewhere in the neighborhood of 5 percent. Should the recession turn for the worse, spending would have to be cut dramatically. After all, a 5 percent budget cut forced into six months is harder to pull off than a 5 percent cut spread over a year.

So it comes down to this. The choice between tax increases, spending cuts and using reserves depends critically on the outlook of the national economy. There is growing evidence that the national economy has turned the corner, moving from recession into recovery, but how strong the recovery will be is an open question. The consensus is for growth during the next 12 months of around 2.5 percent. Should the national economy recover and should this increase demand for oil and natural gas, the state budget shortfall could disappear quickly. But predicting such an outcome before it happens is problematic.

So what will the Legislature do? Chances are, they will cut programs and also use operational reserves to cover shortfalls. A tax increase seems less likely. Hopefully, the economic recovery evident in the national economy will have gained sufficient momentum by the time of the special session, and program cuts will be relatively modest.

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On the agenda

GLCCC to host Gov. Richardson

The third Quarterly Luncheon hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Days Inn & Suites Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Admission is $15 for Chamber members for those who RSVP, $17 without RSVP or $20 for non-members and is payable at the door. Check-in begins at 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker for the Quarterly Luncheon will be Gov. Bill Richardson, who will be giving the first "state update" for the chamber. Richardson will speak about stimulus monies that are coming into the state, the budget shortfalls, the special session and development opportunities that are growing throughout the state, including Spaceport America and the Rail Runner. RSVP by contacting the Chamber office at 524-1968.

Date: Thursday, Aug. 20
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Days Inn & Suites Columbus Conference Center 901 Avenida de Mesilla
Contact: 524-1968

Keeping Track of Things

SCORE and the Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center will present their next free business workshop "Keeping Track of Things" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at MountainView Regional Medical Center's Community Education Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Learn how to keep records effectively and efficiently to satisfy your partners in business such as the IRS, the state and your spouse. What do you do with the accumulation of records? How long do you need to keep them? Why do you need to keep them? We will help you answer thse questions. For more information, call 523-5627.

Date: Thursday, Aug. 20
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Center 4311 E. Lohman Ave.
Contact: 523-5627

Good Morning Las Cruces

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold its next networking extravaganza, Good Morning Las Cruces, from 7 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico office, 2825 N. Main St. (behind Citizens Bank). More than 80 local businesses are expected at the next Good Morning Las Cruces networking event. The morning will begin promptly at 7 a.m. The cost for the event is $14 for pre-paid members or $17 for members at the door ($20 for non-members) and includes a continental breakfast that will be served at the conclusion of the networking session. For more information, call 524-1968.

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 26
Time: 7 to 10 a.m.
Location: Building Industry Association of Southern NM 2825 N. Main St.
Contact: 524-1968

Advancing Safety in the Wild West

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Zia Section in Las Cruces will be hosting 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 will start off with an ice breaker event from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico's conference, followed by a golf tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course and the conference itself will start at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. For more information, visit www.asse-ziasection.org.

Date: Sept. 30 through Oct. 2
Time: Various times
Location: Various locations
Contact: 541-2150

USDA acts to help dairies survive

Dairy farmers win price support

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Following a meeting with U.S. Sen. Tom Udall and U.S. Rep. Harry Teague, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said the United States Department of Agriculture has agreed to extend Dairy Product Price Support Payments (DPPSP) to help New Mexico dairy farmers.

The DPPSP increases will extend through October and the USDA estimates they will increase dairy farmers' income by $243 million.

"I am pleased that the USDA will be doing more to help New Mexico dairy farmers weather today's incredibly tough conditions," Udall said. "I am also pleased that they chose to do this in the way that I requested, not by relying on programs that do not do enough to help New Mexico farmers.

I want to thank Secretary Vilsack for taking the time to meet with me and my colleagues and for agreeing to our request for additional assistance."

Udall's office estimates the extension will increase the price for nonfat dry milk from 92 cents per pound to .97 cents, from $1.31 to $1.40 for cheddar blocks and from $1.28 to $1.37 for cheddar barrels.

"Today's announcement is a critical step in addressing the needs of New Mexico's dairy farmers so they can continue to employ workers across the state, provide healthy and nutritious food for our families and contribute to the economic recovery of our nation," said Teague, the congressional Dairy Farmers Caucus vice chairman.

The USDA Agricultural Market Service reported:

"Dairy programs assist the dairy industry by producing stability and orderliness in the dairy market place, while at the same time assuring the availability of an adequate supply of high-quality milk and dairy products for United State consumption."

Sharon Lombardi, executive director for the Dairy Producers of New Mexico, explained the difficulty of setting the right prices.

"Dairy pricing is extremely complex, and the dairy industry has to look at all of the formulas that are used by the USDA because they will affect all dairy farmers, not just in New Mexico," she said. "Dairy products are the No. 1 agriculture commodity in New Mexico, and what happens to dairies will affect the entire state economy."

The average New Mexico dairy farm produces 44 million pounds of milk per year, which have an estimated value of $5.8 million dollars, according to the New Mexico State University Dairy Extension.

New Mexico has 166 dairy farms, down from 173 in 2008, which employ more than 4,200 people. New Mexico also has the largest average herd size – 2,000 cows – in the nation, and ranks seventh nationally in milk production, the Dairy Producers of New Mexico reported.

Doña Ana county has 20 dairy farms, according to the USDA Market Administrator's Report.

Dairy MAX, which represents about 1,250 dairy farmers in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, sees the extension as a critical development.

"This step by the USDA will raise farm level milk prices at a critical time and is another important effort that the USDA has made to help dairy farmers survive the worst recession in their lifetime," said Teresa Wagner, Dairy MAX media spokesperson. "We appreciate the attention that this issue has gotten in Washington, the USDA and in Congress."

Dairy farmers are watching the price support extension to see how it will actually benefit their programs.

"I'm losing $3.50 a day per cow, so what I get in price support money is gone in three days," Mesquite dairyman Joe Gonzalez said. "What kind of help is that?"

He said in an earlier dairy industry report that in 1986 dairymen had received an average of $12.81 hundred weight of milk, and this year the price has dropped to $12.12 per hundred weight.

Dairymen also are cutting back on their herds.

"You've got to sell cows to pay the payroll and bills because the money you were paid for milk isn't coming," Gonzalez said.

Questions for the mature woman

Women of modest incomes often outlive their savings

ALAN UMSTEAD
Senior Finance

It happens to many women trying to live with modest incomes, desperately trying to keep up with everyday expenses.

The cost of medical care, utilities and housing are rising and can be overwhelming. Many women do not expect to live through their retirement years in financial hardship, but it's a fact of life for a growing number of our mothers, sisters and friends.

Women's retirement incomes are generally lower than men's. Adding to the problem of reduced retirement dollars is a generally longer lifespan, creating a situation in which women are quickly outliving their savings.

Of all retirees, women should be the most diligent in terms of the safety and security of their money. There is less room for error and a greater need for competent financial advice. An effective retirement plan should be ongoing during the working years and into retirement.

If a woman in your life is retired or nearing retirement, or perhaps you are that woman, there are certain financial questions to answer. I have listed a few questions to start discussing and thinking about. In the No. 1 spot is the question that seems to be the most vital for all retirees.

1. Are you concerned about outliving your savings? Will you be able to pay your bills? While there is no right answer for every situation, exploring the purchase of an annuity might make sense. An annuity can guarantee a monthly income for the entire life of a loved one. There are many different types of annuities available. A reverse mortgage may also be worth considering if you are age 62 or older. An important note on a reverse mortgage is as long as the homeowner lives in the home, he or she does not have to repay the reverse mortgage. Consult with a financial planner or do some research on your own.

2. Do you have a financial advisor and a tax specialist? To help avoid financial mistakes that could hurt you, you should have a plan to make sure you avoid common pitfalls and misconceptions about money management.

3. How much do you spend each month on prescription drugs? Health care costs can be a major drain on your retirement dollars and savings. Sadly, health care costs can deplete your savings. Medicare Part D offers some relief, but out-of-pocket costs can still drain the bank account.

4. Are you getting the preventive medical care you need to stay as healthy as you can? Don't skip doctor's visits and other preventative measures if possible. Again, the out-of-pocket costs can be expensive, but this is one area where you should be getting all the care you need with regular health screenings.

5. Have you been asked to get involved in questionable financial dealings, loans, home improvement plans or other schemes? This is an area of great concern, because these cons seem to be ongoing. Financial abuse and fraud are too common among the elderly. Strangers are not the only perpetrators; family members could also be guilty. Talk to your financial advisor, attorney or accountant whenever a deal seems too good to be true. Never give out financial information, such as bank account or credit card numbers over the phone. Lastly, watch out for each and every one of your elderly neighbors. Often they can use our help, but seldom do they ask.

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20094639	JC Roofing Inc.	Patricia L. Stephenson	Reroof	1640 N. Willow St.	$5,261	$59
20094622	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ken Thurston Dev. Corp.	Res/New	5005 Kensignton Way	$130,052	$3,289
20094624	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	BCD LLC	Res/New	5803 Organ Peak Drive	$186,960	$3,137
20094568	Cambro Construction Inc.	Austy LLC	Comm/New	1609 El Paseo Road	$325,000	$1,098
20094670	Quiñones Design Build Inc.	Sunshine Building of Las Cruces LLC	Comm/Alt	200 W. Las Cruces Ave.	$40,000	$239
20094682	JDI Construction	Gloria Rollins	Res/Alt	1350 Branding Iron Circle	$5,000	$57
20094694	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Chisholm's - Commercial LLC	Reroof	530 N. Church St.	$41,189	$245
20094763	Lannick Construction	Shawn and Valerie Mckenzie	Reroof	3305 Majestic Ridge	$20,000	$146
20094778	Thurston Equity Corp.	Ornithes Inc.	Res/New	7556 Sierra de Oro Place	$185,566	$1,785
20094752	Robert Macias	Donna P. Thompson	Reroof	1200 Poplar Ave.	$1,700	$43
20094744	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	4077 Monte Sombra Ave.	$123,820	$1,679
20094765	Jordan Construction	Salvador and Josephine Robledo	Reroof	5154 Emerald St.	$6,000	$63
20094749	Tim Curry Construction LLC	Sahopopath LLC & Noblesse Oblige LLC	Comm/Alt	3961 E. Lohman Ave.	$30,000	$188
20094747	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ken Thurston Dev. Corp.	Res/New	5007 Kensington Way	$158,916	$3,338
20094746	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	Res/New	4764 Prentice Place	$158,260	$3,638
20094773	Charlos Homes	Charlos Homes	Res/New	5909 Leaping Lizard Loop	$158,014	$1,710
20094700	B and L Roofing Inc.	William H. and Lynn C. Wood	Reroof	2710 Fairway Drive	$10,000	$87
20094735	Virginia and Arnoldo Olivas	Virginia Olivas	Res/Add	2033 San Patricio Loop	$7,500	$72
20094745	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	Res/New	4770 Prentince Place	$158,260	$3,638
20094800	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	2141 Tor Lane	$73,226	$125
20094799	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	2143 Tor Lane	$77,736	$133
20094795	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5083 Kensington Way	$77,736	$3,200
20094798	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	2142 Tor Lane	$73,226	$125
20094797	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	2140 Tor Lane	$77,736	$133
20094801	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	2145 Tor Lane	$893	$125
20094784	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	2819 La Union Court	$168,346	$1,506
20094785	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ken Thurston Dev. Corp.	Res/New	5023 Kensington Way	$130,052	$3,289
20094810	Highland Enterprises	La Clinica de Familia	Comm/New	385 Calle de Alegra	$380,000	$1,255
20094822	Jurney Builders	Las Cruces Realty Associates Inc.	Comm/Add	805 S. Main St.	$23,500	$166
20094821	Jordan Construction	Joseph L. and Virginia I. Quelch	Reroof	3781 Agate St.	$5,800	$62

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Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34930	NA	Emilo Rigales	Reroof	4400 N. Valley Drive	NA	$120
34936	Self	Reyes and Maria Espinoza	Res/New	315 S Mountain Vista Road	NA	$360

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Briefs

Hatch schools receive donation from Helena

Hatch Valley Public Schools announced last week it has received a donation of $30,000 from Helena Chemical Co. to help complete the installation of a new air conditioning system at Garfield Elementary School. The donation was made after the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) rejected a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) by Helena, which would have provided $150,000 in funding for the project. The total cost of the project to upgrade the school's air conditioning is $650,000.

County hires finance director, elections supervisor

Doña Ana County Manager Brian Haines has announced the hiring of two high-level county employees. William E. Noland has been brought on board as the county's new director of finance, while Bob L. Bartlesmeyer joins the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections as the elections supervisor.

IMAX closes temporarily for maintenance

The Clyde W. Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater in Alamogordo, N.M., will be closed Aug. 19 through Aug. 21 for repairs and maintenance. "We're sorry for the inconvenience," said Museum Marketing Director Cathy Harper, "but this is necessary work for the continued enrichment and enjoyment of our audience." The theater will reopen Saturday, Aug. 22, and will feature "Sharks" and "Destiny in Space."

Tourism department piques visitor appetites

Riding the wave of national and international interest in New Mexico's unique culinary heritage, the New Mexico Tourism Department has announced new initiatives to promote one of the fastest growing segments of today's travel industry. The Culinary Trails will focus on traditional Hispanic and Native American cuisine as well as contemporary chefs and restaurants creating their own signature cooking styles, plus the world of global flavors available here too, from couscous to Korean barbecue.

Emily Coss plans for Downtown café

Emily Coss of Coss Real Estate plans to open a restaurant within the existing Coss Real Estate property at 212 W. Hadley Ave. She said pending city approval of a rezoning request and a parking variance, the "Water Street Café" could open for business sometime after October. She plans to offer soups, sandwiches, salads, pastries and coffee.

Convention center manager selected

Global Spectrum, operators of the soon-to-open Las Cruces Convention Center, last week named David Hicks as the first General Manager of the 55,000-square-foot convention center. Global Spectrum, which manages more than 80 public assembly facilities through North America, is a subsidiary of Comcast-Spectacor. Hicks, a veteran of the convention center sales and marketing industry, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the new center, including hiring and training of a full and part-time staff, all financial aspects of the facility, and scheduling, booking, and marketing of the events.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit opens

A new restaurant has opened at 1660 S. Valley Drive in front of Wal-Mart Supercenter, taking over the space previously occupied by the American BBQ Factory. The restaurant will offer take-out, delivery and catering services. It will serve traditional barbecue dishes such as pulled pork, brisket, ham and pork ribs. The local Dickey's Barbecue is a franchise of the Dallas-based company founded in 1941 with various locations around the country. For more information, call 525-2525.

Are you a landlord with a no pet policy?

Federal law says you may have to make an exception

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

According to our friends at the U.S. Census Bureau, a total of 76,805 individual housing units were providing shelter for homeowners and tenants in Doña Ana County at the close of 2007. Housing units include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes, apartments, a group of rooms or a single room that is used as separate living quarters.

More than 32.5 percent of those units, or 24,961 to be exact, were occupied by renters. Our friends at the Census Bureau also noted that at last count, 31,450 Doña Ana County residents were identified as being disabled in one way or another.

So what do those numbers have in common? If the 32.5 percent ratio of renters-to-owners also applies to our area's disabled population, the numbers indicate that around 10,221 of our area's disabled population are probably renting a home or apartment and are protected by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

What does that mean to landlords? A lot. The Fair Housing Amendment Act requires landlords, condominium associations and other housing providers to make reasonable accommodations for the disabled, including "reasonable accommodations for service animals."

What is a reasonable accommodation? According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), "A reasonable accommodation is a change, exception or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice or service that may be necessary for a person with a disability to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, including public and common use spaces."

OK, that's clear enough. The question now is what constitutes a service animal? The Fair Housing Amendment describes it as being "any animal that assists someone who is disabled." Can a horse be considered a service animal? Yes, according to law.

Service animals come in many shapes and sizes and provide numerous and diverse types of assistance for people with virtually any type of disability.

"Service animal" is actually the generic term for dogs and other animals that help physically or mentally disabled persons. The animals are trained to provide specific types of assistance and are categorized by the type of assistance they provide. Here are just a few of their categories and job descriptions:

Mobility Assist Dogs pull a person's wheelchair, carry items in a backpack, retrieve items people drop, open and close doors and help his or her handler dress and undress. Walker Dogs help by balancing or acting as a counter balance for the handler. Hearing Dogs are specially trained to assist deaf people, alerting their owners to such noises as doorbells, phones, crying babies and even teakettle whistles.

Seizure Alert/Response Dogs are trained to respond to a person's seizures and either stay with the person or call for help. Some are trained to push a button that dials 911, then bark when the operator answers.

A Psychiatric Service Dog helps people with mental disabilities such as agoraphobia (not being able to go outside alone). There are also dogs trained to assist people with autism. Some dogs are cross-trained to assist people with multiple disabilities, such as a guide dog that also assists with mobility.

Landlords are required by the ADA to make "reasonable accomodations" for service animals.

While landlords and housing providers are bound by law to make accommodations for service animals, they are strictly prohibited from inquiring into the nature of a person's disability. Landlords are allowed to ask for information or documentation to determine if an accommodation is actually required due to a disability, however

But what if the landlord already knows about the disability and the need is readily apparent or known? In that case, the landlord is prohibited from inquiring further regarding the nature of the disability. For example, if it's obvious that a person is blind and that person asks permission to keep a seeing-eye dog on the premises, the permission must be given without further inquiry.

Well, there you have it. If you're a landlord and one of your tenants or prospective tenants asks to bring a service animal onto your premises, think twice before you ask illegal questions or refuse to rent. The consequences for noncompliance are steep – up to five years in prison and/or a $50,000 fine.

See you at closing.

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At the Hispano Chamber Meet-n-Greet

Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces board and committee members pose with NMSU Interim President Manuel Pacheco, center, at The Game Bar and Grill Thursday, Aug. 6, during the chamber's "Meet-n-Greet" networking event.

Dozens gathered at The Game Bar and Grill to hear New Mexico State University Interim President Pacheco speak and to network with other business owners at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces Meet-n-Greet event.

Ken Tellez, Director of planning at Doña Ana Community College and Stacie Christiano, CEO of Big Brothers and Big Sisters share a laugh at Thursday's event.

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Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta also spoke at the Hispano Chamber's networking event Thursday.

Hispano Chamber secretary Rebecca Orum and Hispano Chamber member Steven Chavira enjoy the early evening before a speech by Manuel Pacheco.

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NMSU Interim President Manuel Pacheco speaks with Raul Amaya, general manager of Towne Suites by Marriott.

IN GOOD COMPANY: MY PLACE

Come to 'My Place' to shop, make friends

Duo combines passion for arts, crafts and healthy alternatives

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

My Place is a gathering spot for women. A place where you can find "this and that" for every occasion, gift-giving or not. Mostly, though, My Place is for casual conversation, forging new friendships and renewing old passions.

Susan Jewell's and Elizabeth Comparin's place, 140-A Wyatt Drive, offers plenty of vintage and hard-to-find clothing and accessories – some "very exotic," Jewell said – a full lineup of massage and spa services and drum, dance and art classes.

There's more.

Hot Rocks therapy, lymphatic drainage, Swedish massages, reflexology, pregnancy therapy, detoxifying herbal wraps and odorless acrylic manicures and pedicures are just some of the other services My Place offers.

"I wanted to go back to my first love, which was sewing and teaching dance and art," said Jewell, a retired schoolteacher, who, with husband Bruce started the business in February 2008. "An older lady described our store as a 'head shop' for women who were born in the '60s."

Just as Jewell re-discovered her early passions, her patrons are doing much of the same – re-discovering the benefits of good physical health through dance and therapy, all the while feeding their spirit with art and good friendship.

"We also just opened a studio next door for performing arts and dance," Jewell said. "We're helping other instructors that lack the facilities to teach their classes."

Comparin, raised in Las Cruces, is no stranger to hard work and entrepreneurship. Having been raised on a farm – she "rodeo'd" at 4-years-old – and as an independent contractor for most of her professional life, Comparin said she's glad to have finally found a place to call her own.

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Business partners Elizabeth Comparin and Susan Jewell have recently expanded My Place to include a 25-by-35 foot dance and performing arts studio at 140-A Wyatt Drive, next to Red Wing Shoes.

"I've ridden horses all my life," Comparin said. "But I started getting worn out to the point I couldn't sit in a chair and do secretarial work. My friend suggested I go to massage school, and I ended up loving it. It changed my life and I feel that now I can really help people."

The people that Comparin regularly serves soon become part "of the club," she said. Not an exclusive, constraining social group of "haves" and "socialites," but a club of warm, caring, baby boomers who often "don't have" the support they need to lead fulfilling and healthy lives, Comparin said.

"Our customers are our friends," Jewell said. "That's the difference between the chains and small businesses. The customers can come in and talk to us. They can shop, weave or dance and they're not going to rip a hole in their pocket doing it – they're not overwhelmed."

Q&A:

Talking business with owners Susan Jewell and Elizabeth Comparin

What is your business philosophy?
To be fair and help promote women and small business.

What is the most important thing about your business you wish people knew?
That we are promoting the well being of people.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
Knowing that there are ups and downs. You just have to prepare for it.

What business would you like to see in Las Cruces?
A therapeutic lap pool.

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PROFILE

Sid Graft:
Helping people build their nests since 1973

Industry specialist continues to build a solid reputation

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Two-time Citizen of the Year Sid Graft has seen Las Cruces grow from a dusty cow town into the thriving metropolitan center of business, education and health care it is today.

The native New Yorker – raised in Levittown, Long Island – has an accomplished and colorful past in Las Cruces. As a Realtor in the '70s, owner of Las Cruces' first real estate publication in the early '80s and as an outstanding citizen and advocate for the building industry throughout the years, Graft has been a staple in the real estate community for nearly four decades.

"When I started in real estate here, the high-end neighborhoods were on Telshor, the Las Cruces Country Club area and the Elks area," she said. "Back then, rectangular brick houses were very popular. Later, the pueblo- and adobe-style homes came. Now, Las Cruces is right along side with some of the trend-setting areas across the country."

As a youngster growing up in New York, Graft had a passion for physical education. She thought it would be her life's calling.

"It stayed with me all through college," she said.

In 1965, Graft made the move from the Big Apple to New Mexico, embarking on a journey that would end up with Graft becoming one of the most well known marketing experts in southern New Mexico.

Graft attended Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M., and earned a degree in physical education. Although she had been accepted to several colleges – some in upstate New York and others around the country – Graft chose New Mexico to help her high school Spanish teacher's daughter – who had a physical handicap – get through school in a small-town setting.

"I thought it was a good idea, so we came out here together," she said.

More than an idea, Graft's good nature and decision to help the less fortunate would spark a lifetime of community service.

With two children, Graft moved to Las Cruces in 1972, seeking a job in the public school system, but quickly shifted gears to pursue another passion.

"I really had interest in architecture, real estate and the housing industry," Graft said.

She became a licensed Realtor, taking her first job with Jim and Ethel Haslam of Gallery of Homes. From there, she took a position working with Warren Chilton at the first Century 21 office in Las Cruces.

In December of 1979, Graft – partnering with an Arizona company – published Las Cruces' first real estate magazine, Homes Illustrated.

"At that time, interest rates were around 17 percent, and it was hard to sell homes," Graft said. "I wanted to help the Realtors. I wanted to give them a different advertising option and they loved it."

In 1986, Graft decided to publish a product she could truly call her own. She started the Real Estate Press to better cater to her existing customer base.

"The company I was working for was making some changes that I didn't think was in the best interest of our advertisers," she said. "So I started on my own. It was very successful. The pages were constantly in the 90s, sometimes in the 100s."

Graft sold the publication in 1995 and took a break from the professional world to take care of her ailing mother.

From the '70s to the late '90s, Graft was heavily involved with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Association of Realtors and the Las Cruces Home Builders Association (now the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico) and also worked with Paul Curry Homes and Mountain Dreams Publishing.

In addition to helping thousands make their nest in Las Cruces, Graft was a goodwill advocate, a community champion and a so-called "transplant" who truly made New Mexico her home.

During that time, both the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Association of Realtors recognized Graft as Citizen of the Year.

"I'm very proud of those awards," Graft said, "and I'm really glad that my life took a different direction, because over the years, I have been blessed to wake up every morning and enjoy doing what I do – working with Realtors and the building industry."

Now, Graft manages another real estate publication – Las Cruces' newest – HouseHunt, published by the Las Cruces Bulletin.

"This publication is for anybody interested in real estate, buying, selling, looking to rent or hoping to make his or her first purchase in Las Cruces," she said. "It's a very good listing tool for agents and serves as a good promo piece for Las Cruces."

When asked what the future may hold for Las Cruces, Graft said simply, "People that come here will stay here."

Sid Graft

General Manager, HouseHunt

Family
- Husband Sam
- Daughters Denise Warner, Jeannette Frietze and Kathryn Woodward
- Grandchildren Shelby Lee, 17, Bailey Frietze, 12, Trevor Frietze, 9 and Brandon Woodward, 12

Education
- Bachelor's degree in physical education, Highlands University

Organizations
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico
- Las Cruces Association of Realtors
- Mesilla Valley Hospital
- March of Dimes
- Doña Ana County Campaign for Liberty
- Doña Ana County Senior Olympics
- Citizen's Committee on Domestic Violence
- Mesilla Valley Hospice
- ToyShare
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women

Awards
- Citizen of the Year, 1984, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Citizen of the Year, 1993, Las Cruces Association of Realtors
- Community Service Award, 1988, Mesilla Valley Hospital

Building Las Cruces
Copperstone Villas

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Workers were busy putting the finishing touches on the pool at Copperstone Villas, 2775 N. Roadrunner Parkway. The planned 410-unit apartment complex, developed by Crestline Building Corp., is being built in phases with some units already available.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF Doña Ana Third JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200801713

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Trust 2004-2, Plaintiff,

v.

LINDA D. JONES; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA D. JONES, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 2, 2009 at 10:00:00 AM, Outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 39 Replat of viewpoint subdivision, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 2, 1981, in book 13 page75 of plat records. Also known as: Lot 39, Viewpointe subdivision replat of, located in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on plat thereof recorded on March 2, 1981 in plat book 13, at page 75 as plat no. 1062, records of
The address of the real property is 205 Bay Club Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 7, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $102,395.49 plus interest from December 30, 2008 to the date of sale at the contract rate per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-808

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 19, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 11981 Robledo Vista Road, Radium Springs, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 22A, FORT SELDEN SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 4, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 19, 1996, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 44 OF PLAT RECORDS,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2002 Palm Harbor triple wide, VIN PH0227021A, 0 3 2 5 3 2 S 0 6 9 5 3 6 5 4 , 23087MHA.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on June 29, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $201,573.39 and the same bears interest at 7.0% per annum from May 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,711.16. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE OF STATE TRUST LAND

In Doña Ana County, New Mexico
LE-0907

At 11:00 a.m. on September 30, 2009, at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 West Picacho Ave., in Las Cruces, NM, the Commissioner of Public Lands will conduct an oral public auction pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), NMSA 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, and Rules 19.2.14 and 19.2.21 NMAC to receive bids offering a cash purchase, a land exchange or a combination thereof for the surface estate of the state trust lands described in paragraph A, below. The Commissioner may either select the highest and best qualified bidder who places at least the minimum bid or reject all bids. If a bidder is selected and a purchase or exchange agreement is then entered into, a patent for the state trust lands will be issued to the selected bidder.

A. Description of the Land to be Sold: Surface estate of the following state trust land (the "State Trust Land"):

A tract of land situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the following sections:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 27 S., R. 1E:
Sec. 13: W1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 , NE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4, W1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4; Sec. 14: W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4 , SE1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, W1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4; Sec. 2 4: W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4, W1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4, SE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4.

T. 27 S., R. 2E:
Sec. 19: Lots 3 and 4, SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4; Sec. 29: SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4;
Sec. 30: Lot 1, SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4, SW1/4 NE1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4; Sec. 32: NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4, E1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 , NE1/4 NW1/4, SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4, SW1/4 NE1/4, W1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4, E1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4, E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4; Sec. 33: SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4;

T. 2 8 S., R. 2 E:
Sec. 3: SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4, W1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4; Sec. 4: Lots 2, 3, and 4, SW1/4 NE1/4, SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, S1/2 NW1/4, N1/2 SW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 ; Sec. 5: Lots 1 and 2, N1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4; Sec. 9: N1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4; Sec. 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7;
Sec. 14 : Lots 3 and 4, NE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4; Sec. 15: NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4;
Comprising 2,2 19.78 acres, more or less.

The State Trust Land is located south of Las Cruces and west of Santa Teresa, straddling the Union Pacific railroad.

B. Summary of the Terms of the Sale: The State Trust Land is being offered AS IS with no warranties as to condition or usefulness. The State Trust Land is offered as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land. Prospective bidders are encouraged to inspect the records for the State Trust Land at the New Mexico State Land Office and the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office and to apply to the Commissioner for a permit to inspect the Land. Title will be conveyed by a State Patent (the "Patent"), which will reserve to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights located in, under, or upon the State Trust Land and will be subject to all existing rights-of-way, easements, leases, and other valid existing rights. Additional details regarding the reservations and encumbrances may be obtained upon request. The successful bidder, if any, shall pay the total costs of advertising, appraising, surveying and sale, and will be billed for any costs in excess of the amounts set out in Paragraph C.

C. To Qualify to Bid. Only bids from qualified bidders will be accepted. To qualify for the auction, you must tender to the Commissioner an application, and a cashier's check, money order or letter of credit in a form acceptable to the Commissioner for the total deposit:

Nonrefundable Application Fee $500.00

Publication Cost of Public Notice $6,109.50

Cost of Appraisal $25,310.00

Cost of Archeological Study Report and Mitigation $317,946.00

Cost of Environmental Study Report $38,616.00

10% of Minimum Bid $950,000.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT $1,338,481.50

If the bidder will be offering a cash purchase or a combination of land and cash, the bidder's application and deposit must be accompanied by evidence of the bidder's ability to pay at closing, which shall occur no later than 180 days following the selection of the winning bid.

If the bidder will be offering to exchange land or a combination of land and cash, the bidder's application and deposit must be accompanied by (a) a survey plat and legal description in aliquot parts of any non-trust land that may be offered in the exchange, prepared by a licensed New Mexico surveyor; (b) an appraisal of any non-trust land that may be offered in exchange, performed by a certified New Mexico appraiser selected and approved by the Commissioner and conforming to the applicable professional appraisal standards; (c) evidence of title acceptable to the Commissioner showing that the applicant has or has a guarantee of fee simple title to the land offered in exchange as well as a title insurance commitment acceptable to the Commissioner; and (d) such other information as the Commissioner may require. Additional information required in connection with an exchange proposal may include environmental and/or cultural properties studies of the non-trust land offered for exchange. The Commissioner, in his discretion, may waive or modify any of the foregoing requirements, if he determines that such waiver or modification is in the best interest of the State. A successful exchange bidder will be required to convey title to the lands offered in exchange to the State of New Mexico by general warranty deed.

To qualify to bid, applications, deposits and other required submissions must be received at the State Land Office, PO Box 1148, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 102, Santa Fe, NM, 87501, Attn: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner, no later than 4:00 pm on September 28, 2009. Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Matters which will result in disqualification of a deposit and the related bid(s) include without limitation: funds being drawn on banks or issuers located outside the United States, payment of deposits being subject to contingencies unrelated to the transaction, or deposit documents which are postdated. Deposits that do not conform to these requirements will result in disqualification of the associated bids.

D. Form of bids; minimum bid. Bids shall indicate the value of the bid, including the appraised value of any lands offered in exchange for the State Trust Land. The appraised value of any lands offered in exchange for the State Trust Land must be approved in advance by the Commissioner. Bidding will start at $ 9,500,000.00.

E. To obtain an application and other information please contact: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner at (505) 827-5760.

F. Disabled individuals who require aid to participate in the proposed sale may call (505) 827-5724; FAX, 827-4262 or TTY (800) 855-1155 (AT&T). Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved, and no sale shall be effective unless and until a purchase and sale agreement is entered between the bidder and the Commissioner.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 14th day of July, 2009.

/s/Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands
P.O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2323

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

LELAND C. NELSON; JENNIFER NELSON; MESA PUBLISHING CORPORATION; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 26, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4218 Wild Cat Canyon Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 29, IN BLOCK F OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 2 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 21, 2003 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 20 AT PAGES 476-478, PLAT RECORDS

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 16, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $226,093.61 and the same bears interest at 5.875% per annum from July 17, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,492.06. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200901552

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDON MARLOWE AKA BRANDON S. MARLOWE; APRYL MARLOWE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRANDON MARLOWE AKA BRANDON S. MARLOWE, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Apryl Marlowe. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 6505 Raseyn Court, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 17, RAASAF HILLS SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 19, 1975 in Book 12 Page(s) 30-31 of Plat Records Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before September 14, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
Date: 07/21/2009
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 9th day of July 2009.

Gregory F. Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Peggy R. Brock
Deputy

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel, CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA ENDORSED COPY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT Petitioner,

vs.

RICHARD CASSIDY, TYRONE GARDNER, AND 1987 CADILLAC 4DR, YELLOW; VIN: 1G6CB5183H4237081; Texas License Plate No. ANC-9, Respondents.

No. CV-2009-1218
Judge: Arrieta

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Richard Cassidy, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1987 Cadillac 4DR, Yellow; VIN: 1G6CB5183H4237081; Texas License Plate No. ANC-9.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Harry (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 24th day of July 2009.

GREG TOOMEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: Nancy A Heavner
DEPUTY

Pub #8887
Dates 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2009

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

NO. D0307CV200901612

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Betty Jo Getz, deceased, and The Unknown Surviving

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Spouse of Betty Jo Getz, deceased. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1230 Mormon Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 2, of Replat No. 1 of the Parapro Summary Subdivision, a Townhouse Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on July 31, 1986 and rerecorded in Book 14, at Page 236 of the Plat Records Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before September 21, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 20th day of July 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Nancy A. Heavner
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-244

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 2, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5547 Elbow Bend, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
A certain Parcel of Land being a portion of USRS Tract 32-15, situate within The Santa Teresa Grant, Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 3 East, (Projected) New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described by METES AND BOUNDS as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $271,406.93 and the same bears interest at 7.550% per annum from June 1, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $5,277.19. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination 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

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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 09-0083
Judge Alice M. Salcido

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated this 31st day of July, 2009.

s/ Celina A. Ramirez,
Personal Representative

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

s/ Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
255 W. Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132
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Pub #8893
Dates 8/7, 8/14, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-628

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Issuance of a Wholesaler's Liquor License to Premier Distributing Company Las Cruces, to be located at 380 Alliance Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 28th day of July 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

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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.

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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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-044

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS FOR DISTRICTS 3, 5, AND 6; AND MUNICIPAL JUDGE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 7.01(A) of the City of Las Cruces Charter, a regular City election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces is divided into six (6) Council Districts. Council District 3, 5, and 6 will elect Councillors at the next regular City election. Only residents who are qualified voters of a district may vote for a Councillor from that particular district. All candidates must be residents and qualified voters of the district in which they run. Councillors will be elected for a four (4) year term, and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Judge will be elected at the next regular City election. All candidates must be members of the New Mexico State Bar Association and residents and qualified voters of the City of Las Cruces. The Municipal Judge will be elected for a four (4) year term, and

WHEREAS, all residents and qualified voters of the City of Las Cruces are eligible to vote for the Municipal Judge candidates. Only those residents and qualified voters in District 3, 5, and 6 may vote for the candidates in their district, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 3-8-10, NMSA 1978, precincts may be consolidated for the regular municipal election in the interest of economy. Under the provisions of Section 3-8-11, NMSA 1978, the City Council shall designate the polling places for each consolidated precinct.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico resolves as follows:

(I) THAT a regular municipal election of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The following offices shall be elected:
One Councillor from District 3 for a four (4) year term;
One Councillor from District 5 for a four (4) year term;
One Councillor from District 6 for a four (4) year term;
One Municipal Judge for a four (4) year term.

(II) THAT candidates for election to Councillor shall be nominated by petition. A person may be nominated for election as Councillor by a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified voters residing within the district which the candidate seeks to represent.

(III) THAT Nominating Petition and Declaration of Candidacy forms shall be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk. Nominating petitions, a Declaration of Candidacy and a certified copy of Voter Registration shall be filed as one instrument by each candidate for Councillor on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only.

(IV) THAT candidates for election for Municipal Judge shall not be nominated by petition. A Declaration of Candidacy, evidence of membership in the New Mexico State Bar and a certified copy of Voter Registration shall be filed as one instrument by each candidate for Municipal Judge on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only.

(V) THAT the registration books for registering to vote at the regular municipal election shall be closed by the County Clerk at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

(VI) THAT the precincts within the six (6) districts shall be consolidated in the interest of economy as follows:

POLLING PLACES
DISTRICT NO. 1
1. 27, 28 Loma Heights Elementary 1600 E. Madrid Ave.
2. 29, 32, 35, 36, 92

LEGAL NOTICES

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Washington Elementary 755 E. Chestnut St.
3. 30, 31, 37 Holy Cross Catholic Church 1327 N. Miranda
4. 24, 25 Mayfield High School 1955 N. Valley Dr.

DISTRICT NO. 2
5. 72, 77, 104 Telshor/ Missouri Fire Station 2802 E. Missouri
6. 51, 52 University Hills Elementary 2005 S. Locust St.
7. 49, 55 Las Cruces High School 1755 El Paseo
8. 7, 56, 57, 78 Mesilla Park Recreation Center 304 W. Bell Ave.
9. 50, 53 Newman Center 2615 S. Solano

DISTRICT NO. 3
10. 34, 91 Sierra Middle School 1700 E. Spruce St.
11. 43, 44, 94 Lynn Middle School 950 Walnut St.
12. 45, 46, 47 Conlee Elementary 1701 Boston Dr.
13. 33, 42, 93 Hermosa Elementary 1655 E. Amador Ave.

DISTRICT NO. 4
14. 23, 90 Henry Benavidez Center 1045 McClure Rd.
15. 41, 48 Munson Senior Center 975 S. Mesquite
16. 39, 40 City Office Center 575 Alameda
17. 22, 38, 88 Picacho Middle School 2700 W. Picacho Ave

DISTRICT NO. 5
18. 89, 99 Trinity Lutheran Church 2900 Elks Drive
19. 20, 83, 85 Jornada Elementary 3400 Elks Drive
20. 59, 62 Highland Elementary 4201 Emerald St.
21. 65, 66, 105 Sunrise Elementary 5300 Holman Rd
22. 61 Latter-Day Saints Church 3210 Venus St.

DISTRICT NO. 6
23. 67, 102 Camino Real Middle School 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
24. 103, 106 Desert Hills Elementary 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
25. 68, 69, 70 Hillrise Elementary 1400 S. Curnutt St.
26. 71, 73 Good Samaritan 3011 Buena Vida Cir.
27. 26 American Legion #10 1185 E. Madrid Ave

28. ABSENTEE City Clerk's Office/City Hall 200 N. Church Street

(VII) THAT paper absentee ballots will be available for voting beginning on October 7, 2009, and Absentee voting in person begins October 14, 2009 and all absentee voting ends on October 31, 2009. Absentee voting Monday through Friday will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Saturday absentee voting will be October 17, October 24 and October 31, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the office of the City Clerk.

DONE AND APPROVED this 3rd day of August 2009.

APPROVED:
/s/Dolores Archuleta, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:
/s/Esther Martinez, CMC, City Clerk (SEAL)

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: Absent
Councillor Silva: Aye
Councillor Connor: Aye
Councillor Archuleta: Aye
Councillor Small: Aye
Councillor Jones: Aye
Councillor Thomas: Aye
Moved by: Connor
Seconded by: Jones

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Fermin A. Rubio, City Attorney
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 5th day of August 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

RESOLUCIÓN NÚMERO 10-044

UNA RESOLUCIÓN PARA INVITAR A LA ELECCIÓN DE CONCEJALES PARA LOS DISTRITOS 3, 5 Y 6;Y JUEZ MUNICIPAL EL MARTES 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2009.

El Concejo Municipal está informado que:

CONSIDERANDO QUE, de acuerdo con las provisiones del Artículo VII, Sección 7.01 (A) de los Estatutos Municipales de Las Cruces, una elección regular municipal se debe llevar a cabo el primer martes después del primer lunes del mes de noviembre de cada año terminando en número non, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Municipio de Las Cruces está dividido en seis (6) Distritos de Concejo, los Distritos de Concejo 3, 5 y 6 eligirán Concejales en nuestra próxima elección regular municipal. Sólo los residentes de un distrito que se encuentren empadronados tendrán derecho a votar por un Concejal de un distrito en particular. Todos los candidatos deberán ser residentes de y con derecho a votar dentro del distrito por el que están corriendo. Los Concejales serán elegidos por un término de cuatro (4) años, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, un Juez Municipal será elegido en la próxima elección regular municipal. Todos los candidatos deberán ser miembros de la Asociación de Tribunales del Estado de Nuevo México, ser residentes de y con derecho a votar en la Ciudad de Las Cruces. El Juez Municipal será elegido por un término de cuatro (4) años, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, todos los residentes de y con derecho a votar en la Ciudad de Las Cruces son elegibles para votar por un Juez Municipal. Solo aquellos residentes de y con derecho a votar en los Distritos 3, 5 y 6 podrán votar por los candidatos en su distrito; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, bajo las provisiones de la Sección 3-8-10, NMSA 1978, los recintos electorales pueden ser consolidados para elecciones municipales en interés de la economía. Bajo las provisiones de la Sección 3-8-11, NMSA 1978, el Concejo Municipal deberá designar los lugares para colocar las urnas para cada recinto consolidado.

AHORA Y POR LO TANTO, el Concejo del Municipio de Las Cruces, Nuevo México, resuelve lo siguente:

(I) QUE la elección regular del Municipio de Las Cruces, Nuevo México, se lleve a cabo el martes 3 de noviembre de 2009. El horario para votar será de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. Los siguentes puestos serán elegidos:
Un Concejal de Distrito 3 por un término de cuatro (4) años;
Un Concejal de Distrito 5 por un término de cuatro (4) años;
Un Concejal de Distrito 6 por un término de cuatro (4) años; y
Un Juez Municipal por un término de cuatro (4) años.

(II) QUE los candidatos para la elección de los Concejales deberán ser nominados para elección por medio de una petición. Una persona puede ser nominada para ser elegido como Concejal por petición firmada de por lo menos veinticinco (25) personas con derecho a votar y residiendo dentro del distrito que el candidato busca representar.

(III) QUE las formas de Petición y de Declaración de Candidatura deberán ser obtenidas en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal. Las peticiones nominativas, la Declaración de Candidatura y una copia certificada de la Boleta de Empadronamiento deberán ser asentadas como un sólo instrumento por cada candidato de Concejal el martes 22 de septiembre de 2009, de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. solamente.

(IV) QUE los candidatos para la elección de Juez Municipal no sean nominados por petición. Una Declaración de Candidatura, una copia de membresía de la Asociación de Tribunales del Estado de Nuevo México y una copia de la Boleta de Empadronamiento deberán ser asentadas como un instrumento por cada candidato de Juez Municipal el martes 22 de septiembre de 2009 de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. solamente.

(V) QUE los libros de registro de empadronamiento con el fin de votar en la elección regular municipal sean cerrados por el Escribano del Condado a las 5:00 p.m., el martes 6 de octubre de 2009.

(VI) QUE los recintos electorales dentro los seis (6) Distritos sean consolidados como sigue por el interés económico:

URNAS ELECTORALES DISTRITO NO. 1
1. 27, 28 Loma Heights Elementary 1600 E. Madrid Ave.
2. 29,32, 35, 36, 92 Washington Elementary 755 E. Chestnut St.
3. 30, 31, 37 Holy Cross Catholic Church 1327 N. Miranda
4. 24, 25 Mayfield High School 1955 N. Valley Dr.

DISTRICT NO. 2
5. 72, 77, 104 Telshor/ Missouri Fire Station 2802 E. Missouri
6. 51, 52 University Hills Elementary 2005 S. Locust St.
7. 49, 55 Las Cruces High School 1755 El Paseo
8. 7, 56, 57, 78 Mesilla Park Recreation Center 304 W. Bell Ave.
9. 50, 53 Newman Center 2615 S. Solano

DISTRICT NO. 3
10. 34, 91 Sierra Middle School 1700 E. Spruce St.
11. 43, 44, 94 Lynn Middle School 950 Walnut St.
12. 45, 46, 47 Conlee Elementary 1701 Boston Dr.
13. 33, 42,93 Hermosa Elementary 1655 E. Amador Ave.

DISTRICT NO. 4
14. 23, 90 Henry Benavidez Center 1045 McClure Rd.
15. 41, 48 Munson Senior Center 975 S. Mesquite
16. 39, 40 City Office Center 575 Alameda
17. 22, 38, 88 Picacho Middle School 2700 W. Picacho Ave

DISTRICT NO. 5
18. 89, 99 Trinity Lutheran Church 2900 Elks Drive
19. 20, 83, 85 Jornada Elementary 3400 Elks Drive
20. 59, 62 Highland Elementary 4201 Emerald St.
21. 65,66, 105 Sunrise Elementary 5300 Holman Rd
22. 61 Latter-Day Saints Church 3210 Venus St.

DISTRICT NO. 6
23. 67, 102 Camino Real Middle School 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
24. 103, 106 Desert Hills Elementary 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
25. 68, 69, 70 Hillrise Elementary 1400 S. Curnutt St.
26. 71, 73 Good Samaritan 3011 Buena Vida Cir.
27. 26 American Legion #10 1185 E. Madrid Ave

28. AUSENTE Oficina de Secretaria Municipal 200 N. Church Street

(VII) QUE boletas ausente de papel seran obtenible para votar comenzando el 7 de octubre 2009, y votar ausente en persona comenzando el 14 de octubre 2009 y votar ausente terminara el 31 de octubre 2009. Votar ausente de lunes a viernes entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m., Sabados votar ausente sera el 17 de octubre, 24 de octubre y el 31 de octubre entre las horas de las 10:00 a.m. a las 6:00 p.m., en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal.

HECHA Y APROBADA el día 3 de agosto de 2009.

APROVADO:
/s/Dolores Archuleta, Alcalde Pro Tem

DOY FE:
/s/Esther Martinez, CMC, Secretaria Municipal (SELLO)

VOTO:
Alcalde Miyagishima: Ausente
Concejal Silva: Si
Concejal Connor : Si
Concejal Archuleta: Si
Concejal Small: Si
Concejal Jones: Si
Concejal Thomas: Si
Proposición hecha por: Connor
Aproyada por: Jones
Forma Aprobada:
/s/Fermin Rubio, Abogado Municipal

Copias son disponibles para inspección durante horas de trabajo en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal. Testigo Mi Mano y Sello de la Ciudad de Las Cruces en este 5 de agosto 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC
Secretaria Municipal

Pub #8904
Dates 8/14, 8/28, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MARGARET IRVING

Cause No. 09-0072
Judge Alice Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2009.

/s/R. David Walker,
R. David Walker,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A. Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub #8905
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 2009

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

Bid Invitation:
I0076849-Q Digital Testing Equipment

Bid Opening Date:
8/25 /09

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

Pub #8906
Dates 8/14, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Issuance of a Wine Wholesale Liquor License (Wine Wholesaling of Winegrower's Product) to Amaro Winery, LLC d/b/a Amaro Winery, to be located at 601 West Amador, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division, may approve the issuance of the Restaurant Liquor License.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 3rd day of August 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #8907
Dates 8/14, 2009

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

Bid Invitation:
I0078237-Q Mazak Vertical Center

Bid Opening Date:
8/26 /09

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

Pub #8908
Dates 8/14, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD H. HARALSON, DECEASED.

Cause No. 09-0088
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2009.

/s/Joseph E. Haralson
Joseph E. Haralson
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub #8909
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE P. LEVINE, DECEASED.

No.
Judge Alice Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2009.

/s/Leigh Levine
Leigh Levine,
Co-Personal Representative

/s/Beth Ann Wagy
Beth Ann Wagy,
Co-Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub #8910
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENZIL C. BROWNING, DECEASED.

No. PB-08-124
Judge James T. Martin

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Personal Representative has filed herein a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative, a copy of which Petition is filed in this proceeding and incorporated herein by reference.

Hearing has been set to consider the Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative on the 15th day of September, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Court Judge, at the Third Judicial District Court, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

DATED: August 10, 2009

/s/John A. Darden,
John A. Darden
Personal Representative

/s/John A. Darden,
John A. Darden
THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.0. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
Telephone: (575) 541-6655

Pub #8911
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 09-0073
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE E. CASCIANI, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated this 9th day of July, 2009.

s/Frank S. Casciani,
Personal Representative

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

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

Pub #8912
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 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

FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

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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
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub #8913
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 31, 2009, Hacienda RV, LLC, 740 Stern Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1906 POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1906, located at X = 1,473,958 Y = 468,670 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by Everett Crawford, and drilling new well LRG-1906 POD4 to a depth of 300 feet with 6-inch casing; to be located at X= 1,474,450 Y = 467,814 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 9.73 acres, owned by the applicant, located in the SE1/4 of projected Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and in the NE1/4 of projected Section 25, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as, described in Subfile Order, No.: LRN-28-014-0052-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The replacement well site is located in Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 740 Stern Drive. Old well LRG-1906 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 #8914
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28

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 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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

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.

Pub #8916
Dates 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2009

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

Bid Invitation:
I0078865-A Operation and Management of a Food Service Location

Bid Opening Date:
9/10 /09

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

Pub #8917
Dates 8/14, 2009

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

Bid Invitation:
I0078487-A REF Southern New Mexico Advanced Business & Technology Education Center

Bid Opening Date:
9/10 /09

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

Pub #8918
Dates 8/14, 2009

NOTICE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION

McAnally Enterprises - Moark, L.L.C. announces its intent to apply to the New Mexico Environment Department for an air quality permit for the operation of its feed milling facility. The expected date of application submittal to the Air Quality Bureau is August 26, 2009. This notice is a requirement according to New Mexico air quality regulations.

The exact location of the facility known as, McAnally Enterprises - Moark, L.C.C., is at 415 Benito Road, Berino, New Mexico. The facility is located to the north of the City of Berino in Don Ana County.

The facility proposes to continue normal operation under the air quality permit while maintaining environmental stewardship.

The estimated maximum quantities of any regulated air contaminants will be:

Pollutant:	Pounds per hour	Tons per year
Total Suspended Particulates (TSP)	<0.01	66
PM 10	<0.01	33
PM 2.5	<0.01	3

These emission estimates could change slightly during the course of the Department's review of the application.

The standard operating schedule of the plant will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 6 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. The maximum operating schedule will be 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year which is the basis for the emissions in the table above.

The owner and/or operator of the Facility is:

McAnally Enterprises - Moark, L.L.C
Manuel Marquez, Manager
415 Benito Road
Berino, New Mexico
92860

If you have any questions or comments about construction or operation of above facility, and want your comments to be made part of the permit review process , you must submit your comments in writing to the:
Program Manager,
New Source Review
New Mexico Environment Department
Air Quality Bureau
1301 Siler Road, Building B
Santa Fe, New Mexico
87507-3113
(505) 476-4300

Other comments and questions may be submitted verbally.

Please refer to the company name and site name, as used in this notice or send a copy of this notice along with your comments, since the Department may not have received the permit application at the time of this notice. Once the Department has performed a preliminary review of the application and its air quality impacts, the Departments notice will be published in the legal section of a newspaper circulated near the facility location.

Pub #8920
Dates 8/14, 2009

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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Entrada del Sol Gateway www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/ downloads/ B09-10-330/	BID #09-10-330	August 25, 2009 11:00 a.m.	September 10, 2009 11:00 a.m.
Design/Build Project – Museum Renovation www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/ downloads/ P09-10-307/	RFP #09-10-307	August 26, 2009 9:00 a.m.	September 8, 2009 4:00 p.m.
Professional Legal Services Price Agreement www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/ downloads/P09-10-316/	RFP #09-10-316	None	August 28, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575) 541-2525; by fax at (575) 541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Pub #8919
Dates 8/14, 2009

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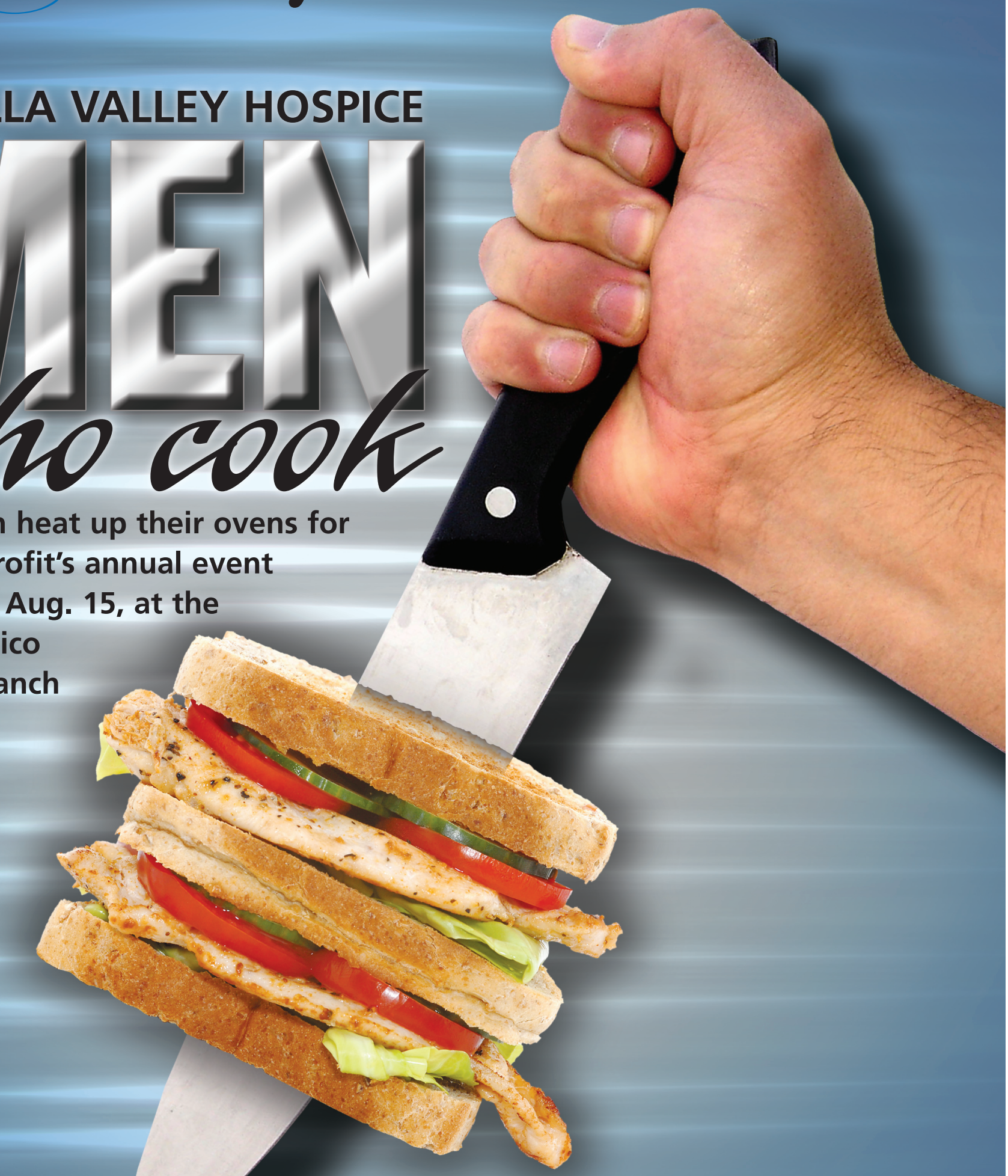
MEN who cook

Local men heat up their ovens for the nonprofit's annual event Saturday, Aug. 15, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum



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Mesilla Valley Hospice Men Who Cook are ready for another year of fun, food and fundraising

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After a successful first year, community members will once again gather for the annual Mesilla Valley Hospice Men Who Cook, from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The idea for last year's event, which was held to raise funds for the organization's capital campaign, came from local retirees from the Wisconsin area.

"Men Who Cook is originally from Oshkosh, Wis.," Mesilla Valley Hospice Development Director Terra Van Winter said about the nine-year-old event held to support a local domestic violence shelter. "Many of them attended it there and then brought it here."

During the event, Van Winter said, 60 to 70 men from the community, along with an assistant, volunteer their time and ingredients to prepare bite-sized samplings of appetizers, soups, entrées, side dishes or desserts for 100 people.

"Attendees purchase a ticket and eat until they're full," said April Anaya, marketing coordinator of the hospice. "They can have a three-course meal, several times over."

Last year, with 65 chefs and 500 tickets sold, Anaya said more than 700 people participated in the event, raising about $36,000.

Everyone from City Manager Terrence Moore and Mayor Ken Miyagishima to fire fighters and Van Winter's husband Eric participated in last year's event, she said.

Along with traditional recipes, such as pulled pork and posole, Van Winter said there were several other favorites.

"There were different things people wouldn't think of cooking," she said.

One such dish was First National Bank President Joe Bullock's Spam Surprise, which consisted of Spam, sweet onions, new potatoes, sweet corn and green chile.

"It was very good," Van Winter said.

Dessert also was a popular category with delectable items such as State Rep. Jeff Steinborn's Mesilla Valley Truffles made with finely chopped chile-dusted pecans, John Hummer's Kahlúa Mousse and Moore's Easy Bake Peach Cobbler, which quickly disappeared.

This year, Gerry Schurtz' Peanut Butter Firecrackers are already receiving attention, as is another Spam recipe from Bullock.

While there will be seven different grill related recipes, including hot wings, brisket and smoked salmon, Anaya and Van Winter said participants won't run into duplicated recipes.

Van Winter and Anaya said they have big plans for this year's event. With 69 chefs signed up and all 550 tickets already sold out, they said they hope to raise $65,000 to support the Charity Care Fund.

The Charity Care Fund helps those who can't afford hospice care. Van Winter said the Charity Care Fund is a great way to reach out to those in need.

Along with the cooking festivities, a raffle and silent auction also will be held. As a way for Las Crucens to take the event home with them, the Men Who Cook cookbook will be sold at $10 for the 2009 edition and $5 for the 2008 version.

"It's so neat to get to try these unique recipes at home," Van Winter said.

Anaya said participants should come out for the fun, social environment.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "Even working it, we had a really good time. I wish we could accommodate more people."

"It highlights how great our community is," Van Winter said, explaining that the annual event has given Las Crucens the opportunity to view Mesilla Valley Hospice in another light.

Event eaters aren't the only ones who find the event rewarding – the chefs do as well. Last year, Van Winter said Blaine Mynatt and Matt Holt of Holt Babington Mynatt, thanked her for giving them the opportunity to do more than write a check or buy a ticket.

"They said (putting the meals together) made them feel like they made an impact," she said.

Van Winter and Anaya said they hope all will be inspired to participate in future Men Who Cook events. They also said they would like to expand the event to include more participants and possibly even bring in a celebrity chef.

Those who would like to reserve tickets or be a chef for the 2010 Men Who Cook can do so by calling Mesilla Valley Hospice at 525-5709. Anyone interested in volunteering also is encouraged to call.

Firefighters Gordon Nelson and Ryan Busch of the Las Cruces Fire Department served up fiery dishes of Korean-style short ribs and saucy chicken kabobs. The two were a part of the inagural Mesilla Valley Hospice Men Who Cook event, which displayed the culinary talents of men from the Las Cruces community.

MESILLA VALLEY HOSPICE
Men Who Cook
6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15
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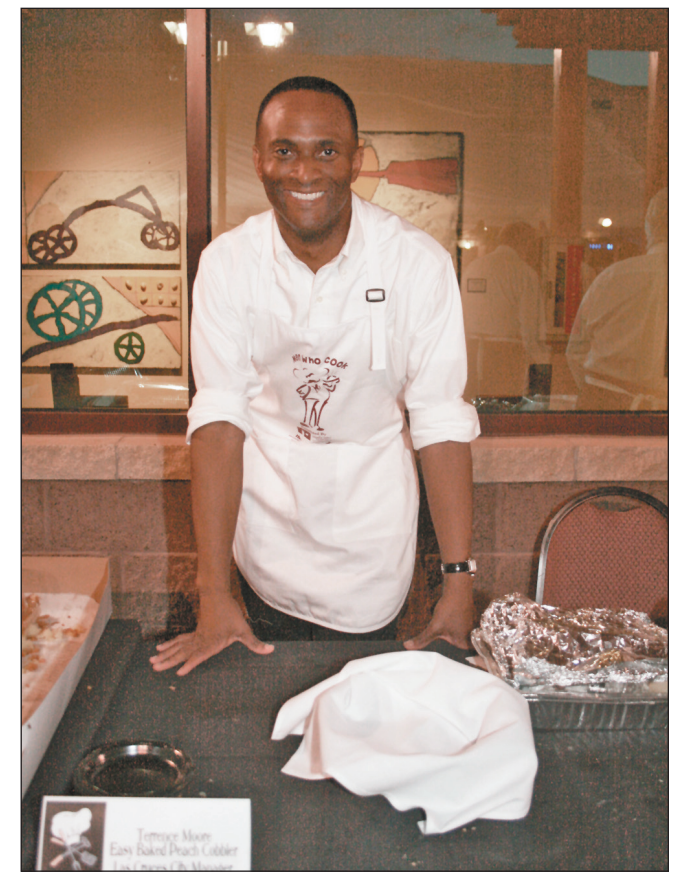
Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima serves California rolls and dumplings to Anne Woodling and Diana Hurd during last year's fundraising event held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



Last year, City Manager Terrence Moore's peach cobbler was sold out by 7:15 p.m.

At the Downtown Ramble

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John Lee looks at a painting by Rosario C. Jeremias titled "Baby's Baptism" at the Rio Grande Theatre art gallery during the Downtown Ramble Friday, Aug. 7.

Beverley Pirtle stands next to a painting titled "Plant in Pot" by Elizabeth Moore.

Beverly Hart and her teacher Wayne Huber stand in front of Hart's painting "Flag" at the Las Cruces Academy Art Gallery.

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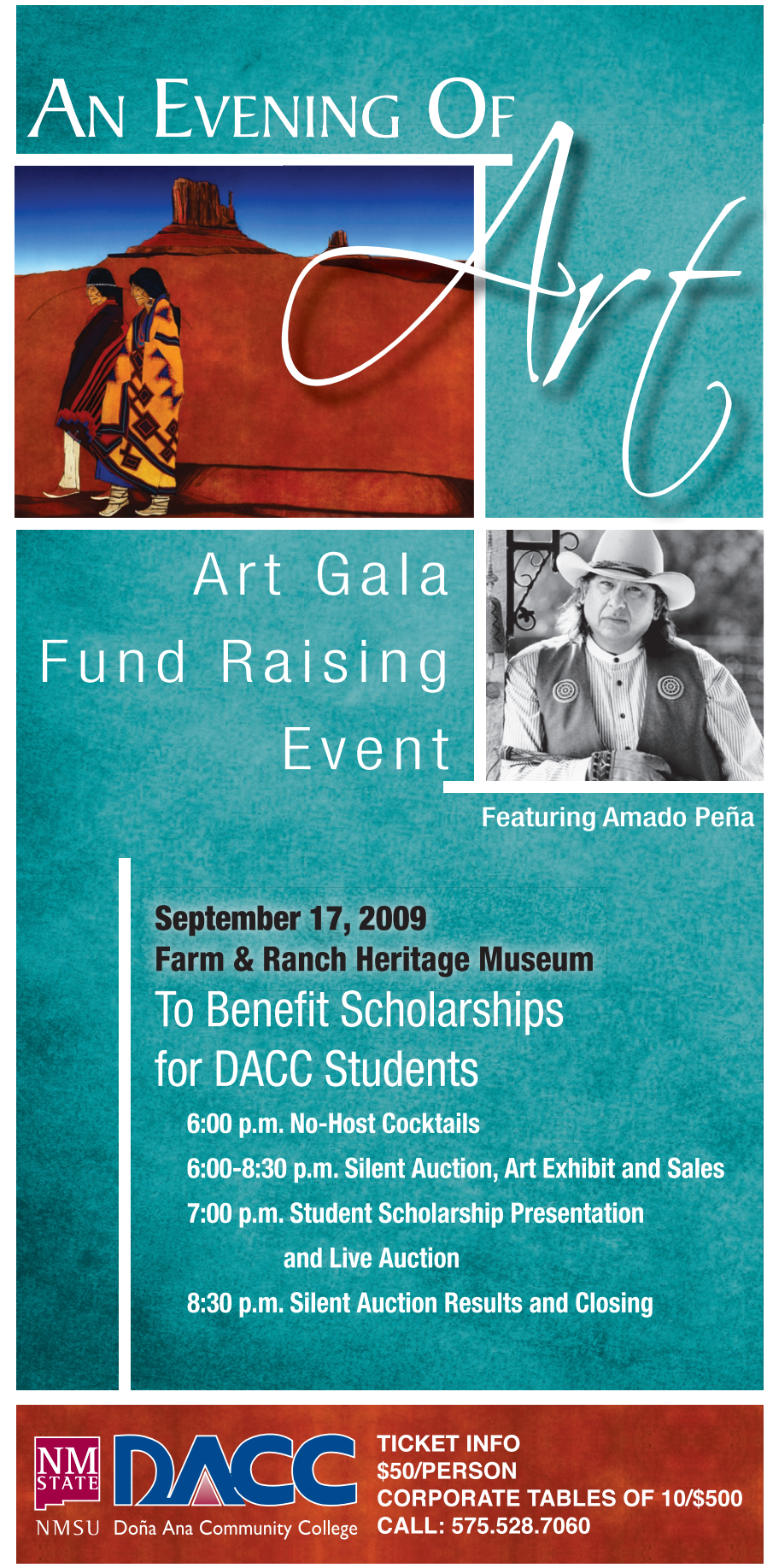


‘Life is a cabernet’

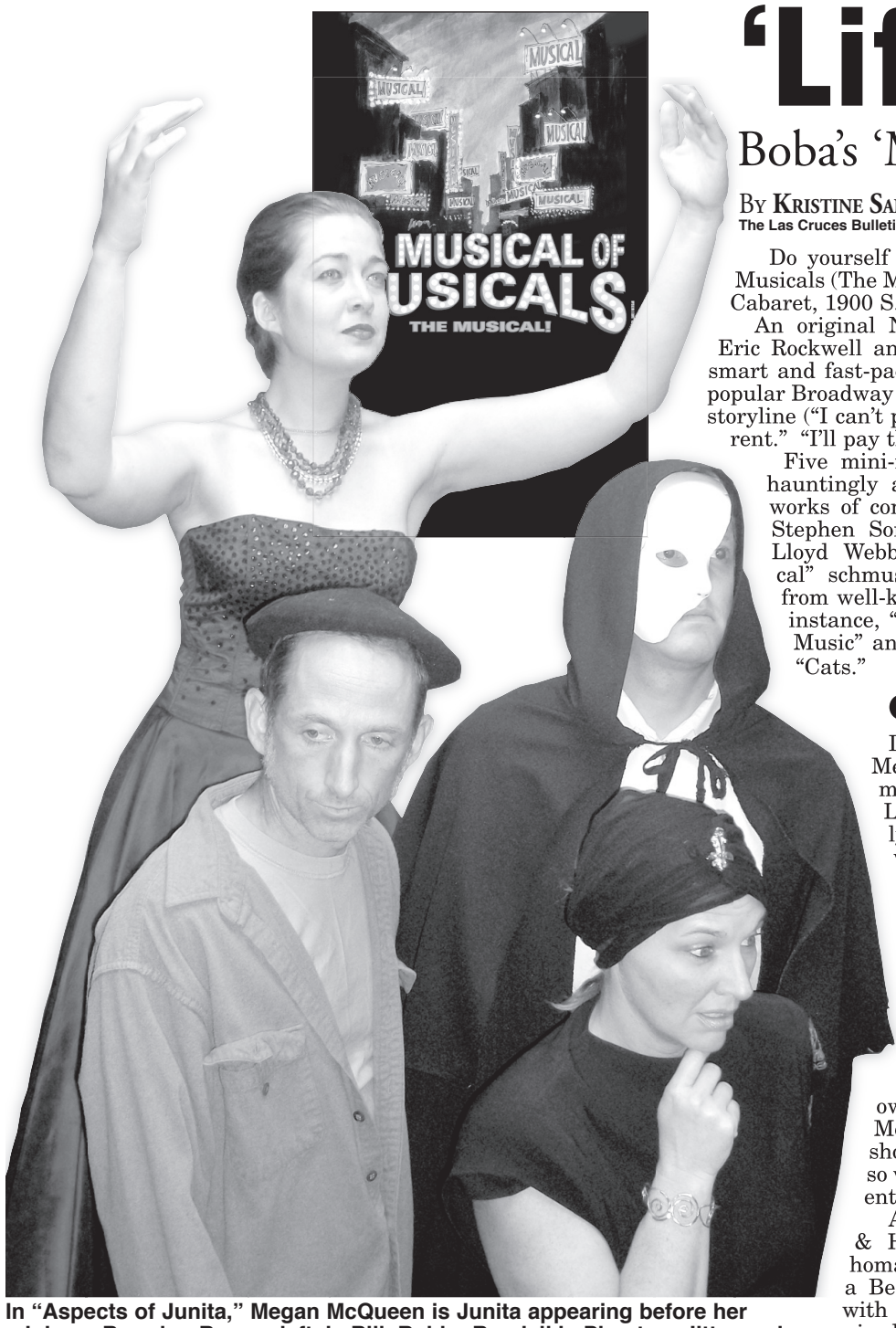
Boba’s ‘Musical’ is clever, captivating and a ‘must see’

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Do yourself a favor and see “The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)” playing at the Boba Café Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St., through Aug. 22.

An original New York production created by Eric Rockwell and Joanne Bogart, “Musical” is a smart and fast-paced parody of more than a dozen popular Broadway musicals that all follow a familiar storyline (“I can’t pay the rent.” “ You must pay the rent.” “I’ll pay the rent.” “My hero.”)

Five mini-musicals are based – somewhat hauntingly and definitely quirkily – on the works of composers Rogers & Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Jerry Herman, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Kander & Ebb. “Musical” schmushes together songs and scenes from well-known Broadway productions. For instance, “Oklahoma” meets “The Sound of Music” and “Phantom of the Opera” meets “Cats.”



In “Aspects of Junita,” Megan McQueen is Junita appearing before her minions, Brandon Brown, left, is Bill, Robby Randall is Phantom Jitter and Lennie Rainwater is Abigail Von Schtarr.

Queen McQueen

Directed and choreographed by Megan McQueen, who has staged more than 25 productions in the Las Cruces area, “Musical” is a lyrical and musical mind-bender with nearly familiar tunes and words. There’s no time for name that tune, as one must be alert to hear how cleverly “Musical” twists words, phrases and notes to play off the original show tunes.

Joining McQueen are Brandon Brown, Lennie Rainwater and Robby Randall. Each cast member showcases his and her own talents and strengths (that McQueen girl can really belt out a show tune), but the ensemble plays so well together that the show is pure entertainment.

Act I opens with “Corn!” ala Rogers & Hammerstein. Remember “Oklahoma,” with Curly singing, “Oh, What a Beautiful Morning” and “Carousel” with characters Billy and Julie? The mixed up “Musical” version features Big Willy and June, plus Mother Abby and Jidder.

The mini-musicals move quickly. Big Willy sings about the wonders of corn, then, rather than Julie and Billy singing “If I Loved You” ala “Carousel,” its June and Big Willy singing “I couldn’t keer less about you,” even though people would say they’re in love.

There’s a nod to the Reverend Mother from the “Sound of Music.” Even the King of Siam has a cameo.

If you love corn, you’ll love this production.

Multiple personalities

It gets more entertaining, twisted and a bit bawdy with each page of the musical score.

“A Little Complex,” is in the often-dissonant style of Stephen Sondheim who brought many musicals to the stage including “West Side Story,” “Sunday in the Park” and “Sweeney Todd.”

The little complex is an apartment building wherein resides Jeune, who won’t pay the rent, Billy her creative suitor, Abby the drinking, smoking realist of a friend and Jitter, the edgy landlord with more than an axe to grind. Jeune won’t pay the rent, but Jitter – thumbing a knife ala Sweeney Todd – plans to kill them all anyway.

Act I closes with “Dear Abby,” a nod to Jerry Herman’s big productions, “Hello, Dolly,” “Mame” and “La Cage aux Folles.” Rainwater as Auntie Abby, making her grand entrances from the top of a ladder, does a great job of belting out the tunes.

Plan to enjoy one of the last four shows to hear “Aspects of Junita” ala Andrew Lloyd Webber where Jitter sings to Junita/Evita, then turns into a character from “Cats.” “Speakeasy,” in the style of Kinder & Ebb who wrote “Chicago,” “Cabaret” and “Fosse”, among others, closes out Act II. But the show’s not over until the cast sings, “Done.”

Las Cruces is fortunate Boba Café owner Chris Waggoner supported McQueen who saw the original performance in New York City and wanted to bring it home.

This is a short-run production, with only two more weekends.

Dinner seats at 7 p.m. with show time at 8 p.m. The production itself is worth the $25 ticket, but Boba Café Cabaret includes an appetizer, entrée, beverage (beer and wine included) and gratuity. Make a reservation at 647-5900.

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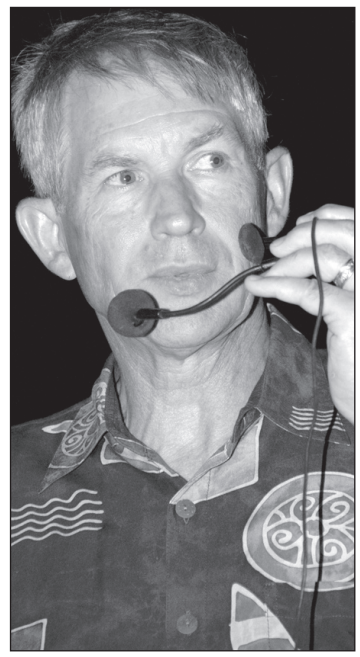
At the First Step auction

Bill Dethlefs and Candyce Berger socialize with friends before the start of the live auction.

Ray Johnson and Rico Smith from the band Soulshine played inside Brigid's Cross Irish Pub as part of the night's entertainment.



Jim Sorenson, board chairman of First Step Center, announces the start of the live auction.

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From left, Yvonne Lemons from Aprendamos, a program that focuses on early intervention of children at risk for developmental delay, and First Step volunteer Vangie Yanez host the First Step golf tournament table, Thursday, Aug. 6 at the Picacho Hills Country Club.

From left, Nicole Swindle, Kristy McDougal, Michelle Perez, Tara Achen and Emily Schuette enjoy the festivities before the beginning of the live auction.

First Step Vice Chairwoman Terriane Everhart and her husband Tatt browse items up for bid during the live auction.

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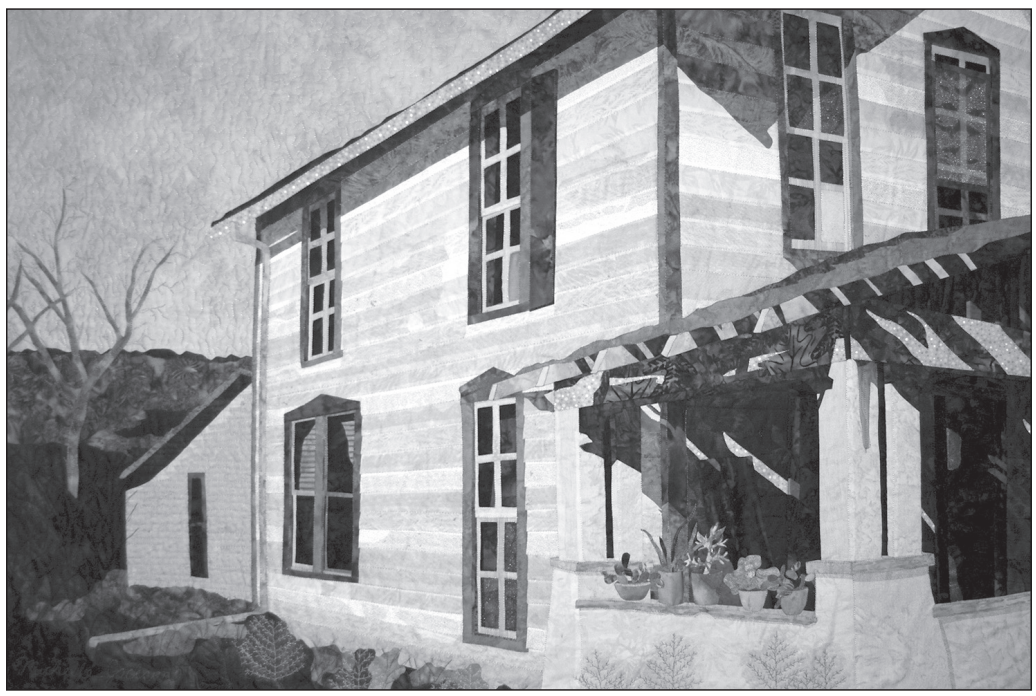

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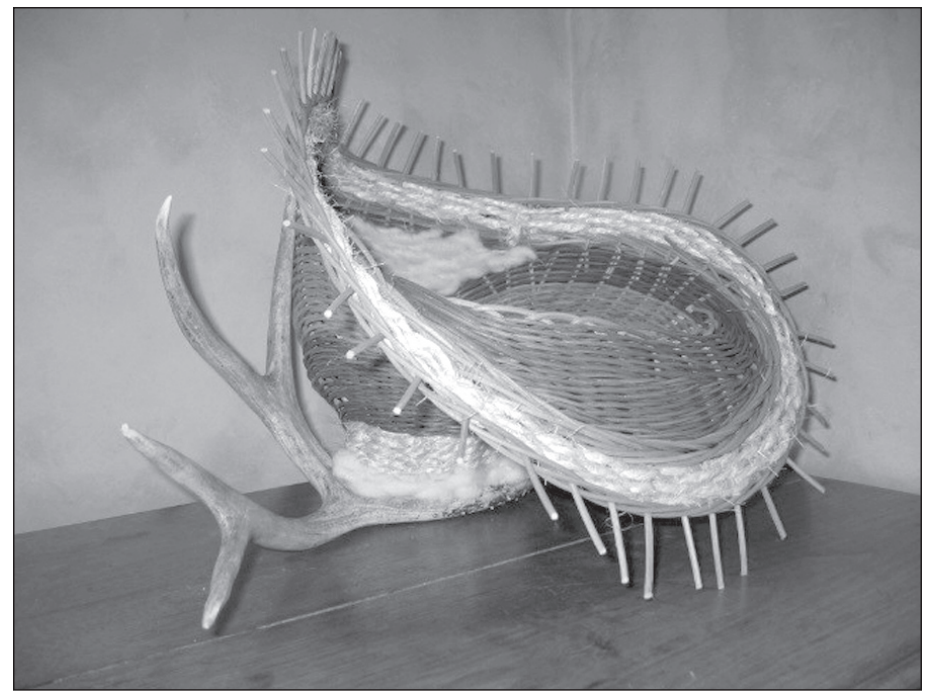

"Something Very Dear" by Jan Harrison at the Tombaugh Gallery

Continuing this Week

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LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART COLLECTION

"Las Cruces Collects" offers a rare look into the private art collections of area residents. Featured art works range from European Old Masters to American Contemporary, in a wide variety of media and artistic styles that shed light on the passions motivating collectors of fine art. Organized by the Las Cruces Museum of Art, "Las Cruces Collects" is on display through Saturday, Aug. 22.

In a community as dedicated to the arts as Las Cruces, it should come as no surprise that the area's art collections are as diverse as its residents. Made possible through the assistance of Sally and Glenn Cutter, works are on loan from the private collections of J. Paul Taylor, Kent F. Jacobs and Sallie Ritter, Gayle and Delano Lewis, Stephanie and Mark Medoff, Toby and Richard White, Mireille Dohmen and Mary Streett. The exhibition includes Civil War antiquities, Pueblo pottery, surrealist sculpture, African and Mexican folk art, religious iconography and many other surprises.

Exhibition hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. Funded by the City of Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St., at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Call 541-2137, or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org, for more information on museum exhibits and Studio Program art classes.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery will feature fiber art by Cyndi Clark and Jan Harrison in "Finding a Voice through Fiber." The exhibit continues through Friday, Aug. 28. An artists' reception will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive, with regular gallery hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Clark has worked in many media over the years. She focused on clay work for about 10 years before transitioning to fiber art. One of her featured pieces in the show is "Freedom's Price," an art quilt that has a piece of fabric representing every soldier who has died in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11.

Harrison has been involved in fiber arts as a knitter for more than 25 years and has gradually progressed to weaving on a floor loom and basketry. She has done extensive experimentation in achieving movement and using yarns of many sizes and textures. She also uses unexpected materials and colors. The same techniques go back and forth between her tapestries and basketry.

For information, call the church office at 522-7281.

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

If you are going to the Branigan Library, plan to visit the second floor Terrace Gallery for the Las Cruces Art Association art show, "Everything Goes." Artists include Carol Groves, Olivia Solomon, Mary Lacy, Kurt Van Wagner and Judy Licht. The show runs through Friday, Aug. 28. Paintings of all media as well as photographs and a stained glass mirror are featured. Most artwork is for sale and can be purchased for $200 or less.

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 through the month of August.

Hedrich 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, located at 514 W. Griggs Ave., 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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Two new exhibits are at Branigan Cultural Center. "Batteries Not Required" is a display of historic cameras, while "Light Fantastic" is a display of a historic craft of quilts in its newest form. The exhibits remain on display through Saturday, Aug. 29.

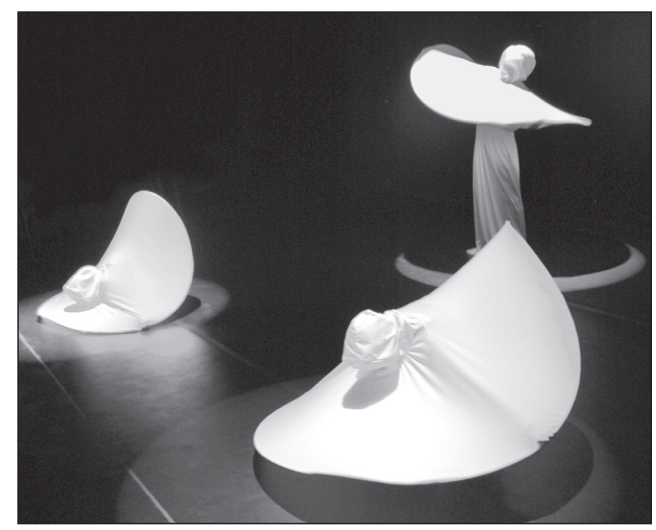
"Batteries Not Required" features more than 70 manual cameras from the collection of Don Brenner. Among the cameras to be displayed are an 1884 Blair with mahogany frame and cherry wood base, a 1909 Graflex with extensible front lens rack and a 1927 Ansco Memo featuring a vertical frame box body using 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 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information about exhibits, contact the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit the center's web site at las-cruces.org/museums.

BLACK BOX THEATRE

In August, thetheatregallery located in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre presents "Theatre Magic – The Designers' Art," a photographic exhibit featuring the work of Peter Herman. During his 10 years as set and light designer at the Black Box Theatre, Herman has taken numerous rehearsal photographs. The show highlights the contribution of design and technical theater to the total theater experience. thetheatregallery is open an hour before performance time and by appointment by calling 523-1223. A wine and cheese reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in conjunction with the September Downtown Ramble.



One of several images taken by Peter Herman that will be on display at thetheatregallery in August.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre, is hosting two local ambassadors to 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

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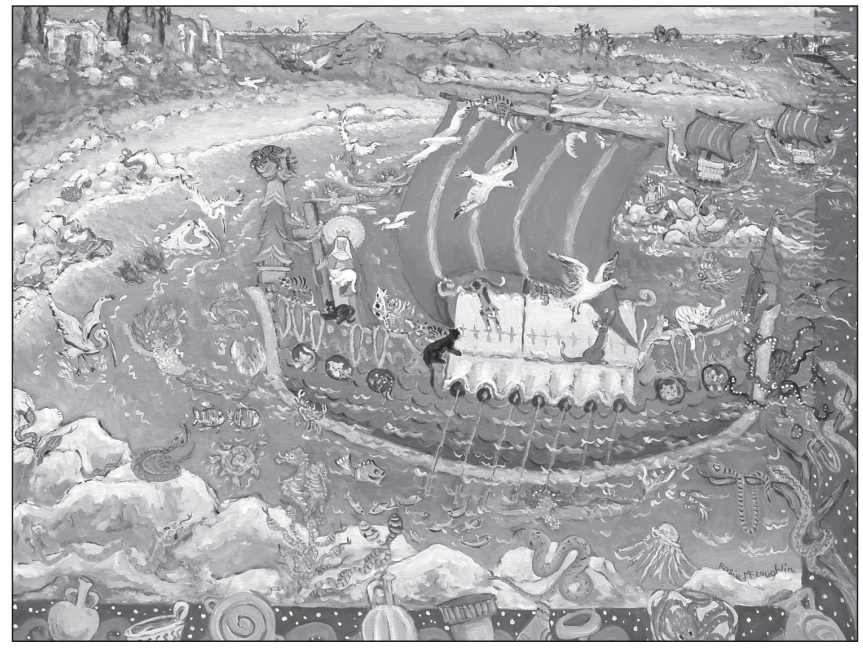
GALLERIES & OPENINGS

An untitled piece loaned by Gayle and Delano Lewis, showing at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.



"Saint Helena and the Cats" by Rosemary McLoughlin at the Cutter Gallery

"Himalayan Poppy" at the Branigan Cultural Center

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have endured over time.

Hal Fore is primarily an oil painter whose design strategy transforms his subject matter into realistic caricature subjects. His road to art began with cartoons. He has an extensive art background and was a special education teacher in Las Cruces.

In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in many media, which include original paintings, encaustics, infused glass art jewelry, handmade cards, stained glass, photography, affordable prints and miniature paintings.

The gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For details, call 522-2933 or visit http://ftp.zianet.com/mvartgallery/home.shtml.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery is hosting the work of Rosemary McLoughlin. McLoughlin's show is titled "Brooklyn Tropical Baroque," is an acknowledgement of her Brooklyn roots as well as of the people, places and experiences of her life.

She reveals herself to us through her unique artistic expression her life experiences. She tells us stories about her family, her Catholicism, her womanhood, her friends and her cats through her unique style of painting. Her style is exuberant, intense and full of bright color, laden with action, explosively expressive and often full of humor.

The show will run through Tuesday, Sept. 8. Cutter Gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 541-0658.

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.

The Border Artists present a group show at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum in August.

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 will include both contemporary and traditional work in a range of media, including painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, photography and ceramics, all centered on the engulfing theme of agriculture and its innate relationship with the Mesilla Valley.

Artists showing their work will include Carolyn Bunch, Tauna Cole, Janice Cook, Sherry Doil-Carter, Tom Gerend, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Cassandra Lockwood, Tony Lazorko, Joyce Macrorie, Rosemary McLoughlin, Diana Molina, Virginia Ness, Jeanne Rundell, Jo-an Smith, Dan Tapper, Scott Weaver and Bob Willis.

The show runs through Dec. 6. The $5 museum admission fee will be waived for those attending the opening reception.

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.

SUMART FEST 09
The Sum of All Arts
MUSIC, ART FOOD, & FUN AUGUST 21-23
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@Mikey's Place
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3100 Harrelson St. in Mesilla Park, Off of Main and Conway
ENTRY IS FREE!! (RAFFLE FOR DOOR PRIZES, DONATIONS ENCOURAGED)
FRIDAY 21 3pm - 7pm sponsored by the Shed Restaurant and Concilio CDS, Inc.
Open Mic for Spoken word & Musicians hosted by NMSU's SoulVerse
Muralists Working-in-Progress during the Fest
Plenty of Art on Display and for Sale
SATURDAY 22 10am - 11pm sponsored by the Preston Contemporary Art Center
Light breakfast and coffee, Art Presentations & Workshops on
Instrument Making, Pottery, more Open Mic and Muralists at work
Nuevo Sol Band, Alister M and Guests
starting at 7pm, All Ages, $5 at the door
SUNDAY 23 10am - 6pm sponsored by the NMSU Center for the Arts
10 - noon Free Massages by BodyCare School of the Healing Arts
11 - noon Brunch provided by Alma d'Arte Culinary Students
Continued Art Presentations & Workshops on Instrument Making,
Drumming, Dance, Print Making and more!
Sponsored by the NMSU Center for the Arts
The Preston Contemporary Art Center @ 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla
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the Shed Restaurant @ 810 S. Valley Dr
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EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

Friday, AUGUST 14

PLAZA CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL

The Plaza Classic Film Festival is again taking center stage at the Plaza Theatre in El Paso. The largest film festival of its kind will run through Sunday, Aug. 16. This year's event has 71 films lined up including "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Gone with the Wind" and the original "Star Wars." Tickets range from $2 to $8, with some films showing for free. For more information, visit www.plazaclassic.com.

Saturday, AUGUST 15

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. 15. 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.

FAMILY STORYTELLING

Storytellers of Las Cruces presents family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at COAS Bookstores. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Pat Gill and the storyteller for the Solano Drive location will be Dorothy Ormes. A free book will be provided to each child who attends.

EMBROIDERY TIPS-N-TECHNIQUES

Bernina Sewing & Design Center is sponsoring an Embroidery Tips-n-Techniques event in Las Cruces and El Paso. Whether you are experienced or new to machine embroidery, the Tips-n-Techniques featured during our embroidery extravaganza will blow you away. You'll take home a CD with the designs needed to create the featured projects, instructions for the projects and video clips of selected techniques. No matter what machine you own, you will love these Tips-n-Techniques.

This event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Wyndham Hotel in El Paso, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Ramada Palms Hotel in Las Cruces.

Cost of this event is $35 per person or $50 for two people. Registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 15. Call 523-2000 to register.

DRUM CLASS

Middle Eastern ethnic drumming classes take place from 5 to 6 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturdays and Mondays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. A $1 donation is required per class. Call 526-9505 for more information.

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Music in the Park	Sunday, Aug. 16	Apodaca Park
Plaza Classic Film Festival	Through Sunday, Aug. 16	Plaza Theatre, El Paso
SumArt Fest	Friday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 23	Mickey's Place

POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

A free Native American pottery-making demonstration by former Tigua Pueblo Governor Albert Alvidrez will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at El Paso Saddleblanket Co., 6926 Gateway East, across from the Cielo Vista Mall. Call 915-544-1000 for more information.

PANCAKE ALLEY

Pancake Alley family host fun karaoke from 1 to 5 p.m. every Saturday. Karaoke is free to the public and is open to all ages. Pancake Alley is located at 2146 W. Picacho Ave. Call 647-4836 for more information.

Sunday, AUGUST 16

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Music in the Park Series will host The Next Chapter and The Deming Fusiliers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

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.

'THE TEMPS' AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

Singers Lauren Fajardo, Carrie Oliver and Cindy Pits and No Strings Theatre Company present "The Temps," a musical potpourri featuring tunes from "Showboat," "Urban Cowboy," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Nine To Five." The two performances are at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N, Downtown Mall. Tickets are $10 regular admission and $9 students and seniors over 65. For reservations call 523-1223.

FREE CONCERT

The Candice Reyes Quintet & Southwest Divas will play for the El Paso Friends of Jazz Society on Sunday, Aug. 16, in the Sunset Room of Ardovino's Desert Crossing, on Ardovino Drive, in Sunland Park, N.M. This concert is free and open to the public. The music follows a few brief announcements, which begin at 4 p.m. Food and beverages may be ordered. For more information call 915-592-1357 or log on to www.elpasofriendsofjazz.org.

MISSION TRAIL ART MARKET

The El Paso Mission Trail Association presents the Mission Trail Art Market on Sunday, Aug. 16. More than 75 Artisans will participate in the monthly market, featuring fine art and handmade crafts. Live entertainment will be in the park gazebo, so bring your lawn chairs. San Elizario historian Ben Sanchez will lead guided tours of the historical district throughout the day. The Mission Trail Art Market season runs every third Sunday of the month through October. Admission is free. Event sponsors are El Paso Mission Trail Association, Portales Museum, Rulis' International Kitchen, Main Street Gallery and Golden Eagle Gallery.

MESILLA VALLEY JAZZ AND BLUES SOCIETY

Footprints, a Las Cruces based ensemble with a wide range of repertoire and experience, will be featured at the next meeting of the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society. The band consists of Pancho Romero, trumpet; Allen Kaplan, trombone; Bill Thompson, piano; Anthony Movsesian, bass; and Joe Seltzer, drums. Selections will range from slow ballads to bebop, from the high intensity of Clifford Brown's "Joy Spring" to Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Ipanema." The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. with Jazz at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Fees are $1 for students, $5 for members and $8 for non-members. For more information, call Bob Burns at 525-9333.

Tuesday, AUGUST 18

PEACHCAKE AND THE CRUSH

Two fun-loving bands for the price of one at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. From the cultural wasteland of Phoenix, Peachcake is Stefan Pruett and Johnny O'Keefe, a couple of pretty good-looking shape-shifting vigilantes who use their mutant-based powers to protect the World from audio-terrorism. The Crush is Eric Straub and Danny Love, an R&B/Indie/Pop act who create hot live shows with catchy hooks and intelligent melodies to strike a chord in all listeners. Tickets are $10. For more information or to reserve tickets, visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

DOÑA ANA CAMERA CLUB

The Doña Ana Camera Club will hold its August meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Doña Ana Community College, Room 275. Guests and visitors are always welcome. For information, call Ron Cooper at 642-8110, or visit our web site at www.DACameraClub.org

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART CLASSES

Registration will open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, for two fall sessions of art classes for children and adults at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Class schedules and registration forms are available at the museum and on the website http://museums.las-cruces.org. The first fall session of classes will begin the week of Sept, 8 and run through the week of Oct, 20. The second session will begin the week of Oct, 27 and end the week of Dec, 15. Tuition is due in full at the time of registration.

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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 takes 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.

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Wednesday, AUGUST 19

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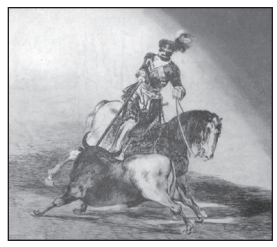

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is now hosting Quick Tours on Wednesdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. for the duration of the "Las Cruces Collects" exhibition, now on display through Saturday, Aug. 22. The collections offer a unique glimpse into the vibrant community of Las Cruces and the important figures who loaned their art to the exhibit possible. While the collections on display vary greatly, the people behind them have much in common. They share a love of the community; a passion for history and culture; and a willingness to share their experiences with others.

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BEGINNERS BELLY DANCING CLASS

Beginners Belly Dancing class with Susan Jewell and Jewells of the Desert will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and from 6 to 7 p.m. Fridays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. A $1 donation is required. Call 526-9509 or email www.jewellsofthedesertbellyclub.wetpaint.com for more information.

Friday, AUGUST 21

SNMMDS CONTRA DANCE

Join the Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society for a Contra Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. All dances are taught and called to live music. Newcomers welcome. Come at 7:30 p.m. to learn basic steps. Participants do not need a partner. The first few dances of the evening are easy for beginners. Admission is $5 and refreshments will be served. Call 522-1691 for more information.

NAMOLI BRENNET

Singer and songwriter Namoli Brennet, self-described as an over-achieving multi-instrumentalist with a composition degree, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Her technique draws on a wide range of influences, including Shawn Colvin, Jonathan Brooke, Patty Griffin and Joni Mitchell. She is equally at home on the guitar, the piano or the mandolin and even plays a mean harmonica. Brennet's innate understanding of the language of music allows for a skillful ability to communicate insights that are both poetic and powerful. Tickets are $10. For more information or to reserve tickets, visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

LAS ALTURAS CONCERT

Singer/songwriter Ana Egge will play during the Las Alturas House Concerts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. RSVP with Lee at 522-5197 or houseconcerts@comcast.net.

HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic, now at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, takes place on the first and third Fridays of the month.

The Howling Coyote is open to acoustic musicians, singers, songwriters, poets and storytellers with sign-up beginning at 6:30 p.m. and performances starting at 7 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

The next session will take place Aug. 21. Visit http://howling-coyote.net to see a list of the more than 200 artists who have performed at the Howling Coyote. For more information, call Bob Burns at 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

SUMART FEST

SumArt Fest, a presentation of a broad cross-section of art including visual art, music, spoken word and dance, will be held Friday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 23, at Mickey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St. The event is designed to put forth a conscientious art show and sale for the community; and especially for high school teachers, students and their parents. For more information, visit http://sites.google.com/site/sumartfest/ or email sumartfest@gmail.com.

Saturday, AUGUST 22

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DOÑA ANA MODULAR RAILROAD CLUB

The Doña Ana Modular Railroad Club will display model trail layouts at the Good Samaritan Society, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. The public is invited. Call 640-8741 or 525-1956 for more information.

FAMILY STORYTELLING

Storytellers of Las Cruces presents family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at COAS Bookstores. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Terry Alvarez and the storyteller for the Solano Drive location will be Jean Gilbert. A free book will be provided to each child who attends.

MAGIC AT THE RIO GRANDE

"Magic Impossible" comes to the Rio Grande Theatre at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. Magic Impossible, the creation of Las Cruces' own magician Chris Mitchell, takes the audience on a magical journey of controlled lunacy.

Mitchell will be performing an earlier, private show at 3 p.m. for a very special audience comprising the children involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Boys and Girls Club and Mesilla Valley CASA.

Tickets are $15, or $12 for students and seniors. The theater is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

Sunday, AUGUST 23

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Music in the Park Series will host The Limeliters and Sweet Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 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.

Looking Forward

AN EVENING OF ART

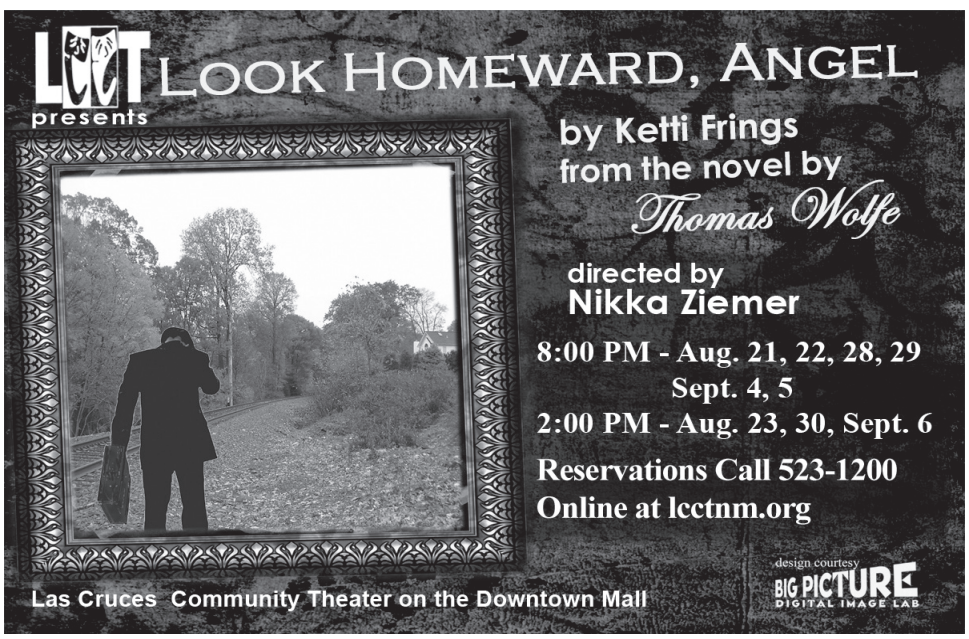
The Doña Ana Community College will host An Evening of Art Thursday, Sept. 17. The annual fundraising event and celebration of art will feature Santa Fe artist Amado Peña. For more information, call 528-7060.

ARTIST DIALOGUE

In conjunction with the 2009 Summer Exhibition at the Preston Contemporary Art Center, digital painter Myriam Lozada-Jarvis will be featured in the latest of a series of artist dialogues at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug 23, at the gallery. Lozada-Jarvis will discuss her digital paintings in the exhibition and enjoy conversation with the audience about the body of work. Admission is free.

Lozada-Jarvis' interest in all things new in art led her to adopt a computer to create energetic compositions to produce fine art prints on paper or canvas. Her approach to these new tools parallels her traditional use of paint and ink. She creates brush strokes that contain bits and pieces of other images that are either photographs or drawings she has made using traditional techniques.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado, at the end of Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. Regular gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.



FEATURED ARTIST

Larry Jenkins: It's all about the rock

Jeweler creates contemporary work from one-of-a-kind glass

By **Beth Sitzler**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but for one Las Cruces man, it's all about silverwork, dichroic glass and semiprecious stones.

Jeweler Larry Jenkins said he never considered himself to be artistic until he met his wife Bea, a crafts show veteran.

"In high school, my brother (and I) played a lot of golf," he said. "I had never done (crafts)."

After marrying his wife 20 years ago, the Utah native transferred from the Dugway Proving Grounds to White Sands Missile Range, where he now works as an electronic technician.

He attended the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market with his wife. As she sold her porcelain dolls, he sat back and watched, until he decided one day to get in on the action.

He began selling wood items he carved with a scroll saw. While he had success at first, he said his wooden art pieces stopped selling, so he decided to switch media.

"I took a look around at what was selling. Food, jewelry and clothing were selling," he said about his decision to enter the world of silver work.

After a friend taught him how to solder and he attended a class in Albuquerque on jewelry making, he began creating rings, earrings, brackets, pendants and bolo ties.

Go grab your soldering gun

Learning mostly through trial and error, Jenkins progressed from stringing beads to creating his own dichroic glass, which is an ionized metallic material that has been placed in a vacuum chamber with glass.

To create his pieces, Jenkins said he cuts his own designs from sheets of the glass, which have been coated with the ionized metallic material in the vacuum chamber. After the piece has been cut, he places a clear cap on top and fires it in a kiln. The two objects melt into one piece, a process known as glass fusion.

"Dichroic glass is kiln made," he said. "The kiln is a big expense, but since my wife does porcelain dolls, we already had one."

What makes the dichroic glass unique, Jenkins said, is that it has two color properties – a true color and a reflective color. Often, Jenkins combines various colors to create one-of-a-kind pieces.

"Sometimes, it doesn't cut right and I end up with weird shapes," he said. "They're like puzzle pieces that I have put together."

Along with dichroic glass, Jenkins said he also uses semi-precious stones in his jewelry. When choosing a stone, there are two things Jenkins said he looks for – color and shape.

"I go to gem shows and find stones that I think are pretty," he said. "I use a whole lot of different stones."

He said the most popular stones he uses are charoite, a purple stone from Siberia; larimar, a pale blue stone found only in the Caribbean and the Dominican Republic; and Apache dendrite rhyolite, a brown stone mined in the Deming, N.M., area.

To create his jewelry, Jenkins said he usually finds the stone first, then designs around it. Once he has determined what it will become, he creates the bezzle, which goes around the stone or piece of glass to hold it in place. From there, he adds the "accessories," which include feathers and filigree.

A countdown to January 2010

Inspiration for Jenkins' large inventory of contemporary creations comes from several places including his imagination and other jewelers' work.

"I want to try things I've seen before, but modify to fit my own ideas," he said.

Jenkins said he tries to stay away from the traditional Southwest style of jewelry because he wants his jewelry to catch a shopper's eye by being unique and different.

"Since so many (vendors at the farmers market) use turquoise, I try to do very little turquoise work," he said.

Through his work at the farmers market, Jenkins said he has been able to meet new people and make new friends.

"It's like a big family," he said.

Jenkins also sells his work at the Franciscan Festival of Arts, held at the Holy Cross Retreat Center during the Labor Day weekend.

With plans to retire on Jan. 2, 2010, Jenkins said he would like to continue to improve his jewelry by taking more advanced classes in Albuquerque and at New Mexico State University. He said he also would like to venture into lapidary work, which involves cutting his own stones.

"I have some ideas that require a certain shape stone, but I can't find a stone that shape," he said.

Along with selling his work at the farmers market and the art festival, Jenkins said he would one day like to sell his pieces in a local jewelry store.

Until his retirement comes, however, Jenkins said he will remain busy with favorite pastimes – jewelry making, caring for his 100 pecan trees and spending time with his family, which includes 12 grandchildren.

Larry Jenkins, a vendor at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, creates contemporary jewelry using silver, semiprecious stones and dichroic glass.

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Thai Delight is worth the drive

Be transported from Organ Mountains to Thailand

By Todd Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Located on the San Augustine Pass is Thai Delight, serving popular Thai cuisine along with a few German surprises.

On the take-out menu, Thai Delight Steaks & Thai Food states that the restaurant is "a little out of the way, but well worth it."

Owner Thomas Feldt opened the restaurant a little more than a year ago after retiring from a long career in the military. He immigrated to the United States when he was 16 and he learned many of the restaurant's dishes from his mother. Also, his brother Tony has his Thai Delight restaurant in Florida, where Feldt learned how to transfer those traditional Thai dishes into restaurant cooking.

Feldt said he designed the menu so Thai food aficionados will recognize some of the most popular dishes: Pad Thai, Thai fried rice, Lad Na, Panang and other curried dishes, Chicken Satay, Yum Woon Sen, traditional soups and Thai-style stir fry.

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Like any good Thai cook, Feldt starts with the freshest vegetables and herbs he can find. "I'm chopping away every day," he said.

To ensure freshness, Feldt said workers in local produce stores know him well as he is constantly checking with them to get the freshest produce.

"When you come here, it is as close as you can get in Thai food next to being in Thailand," he said. "My customers tell me there's nothing around here like my Thai food."

Feldt said he's been able to build an enthusiastic regular customer base with workers from NASA's White Sands Test Facility and White Sands Missile Range. Many of them are traveled enough to be familiar with Thai food – or adventurous enough to try it. And through their word-of-mouth recommendations, Feldt said he is seeing more people take the drive up the hill to try his restaurant.

When ordering Thai entrees, you'll be asked if you want it mild, medium, hot or Thai hot. If you like to break a sweat when you eat, go for the medium or hot. If you want your Thai food to be a physical experience, go ahead and order Thai hot and brace yourself.

"It's here for them if they want it," Feldt said of making Thai hot orders. How hot is Thai hot? "You will 'pop' your ears," he said with a laugh.

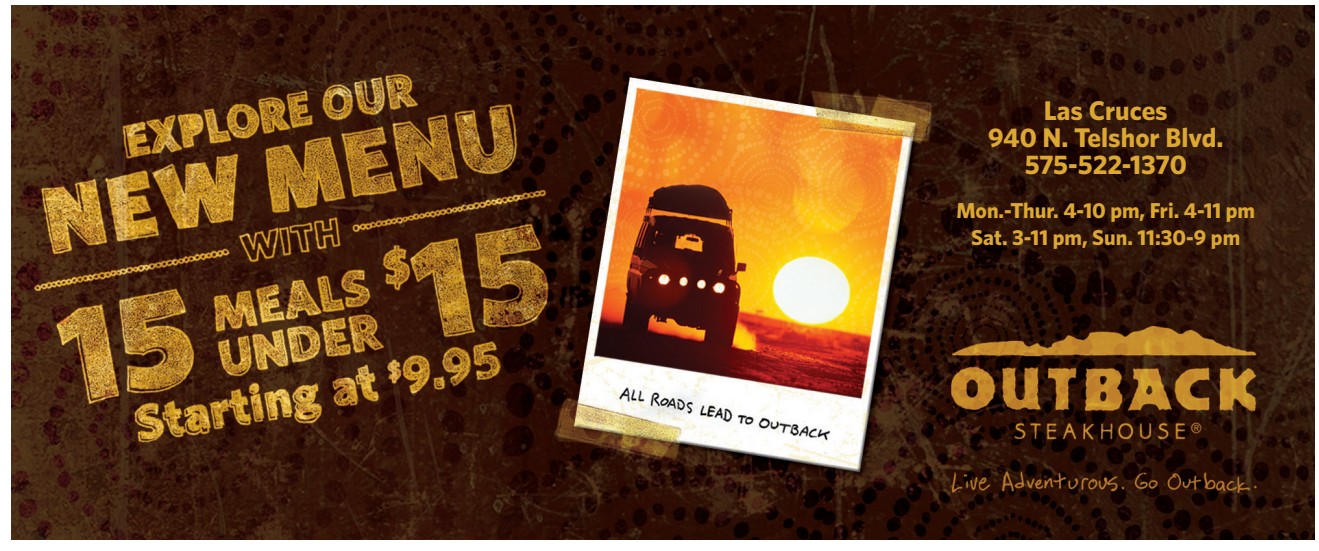
Feldt said his two most popular dishes are the Pad Thai, a stir fried dish of rice noodles, egg and scallions served with bean sprouts, crushed peanuts and lime, and Thai Fried Rice – a vegetable-filled fried rice with egg and that distinctive Thai seasoning.

Thai curry is different than Indian curries, but similarly awash in coconut milk. Think you know stir fry from Chinese cuisine? Thai stir fry takes it to a different level with its center-stage use of fresh herbs such as basil, garlic and ginger.

Feldt also has created two of his own dishes – Shrimp Thai Delight and Beef Thai Delight.

Thai Delight also serves a variety of other non-Thai dishes, including steaks, Shrimp Scampi, lobster, salmon, sandwiches and burgers, pork sirloin and Yeager Schnitzel – a dish Feldt brought back with him from the time he served in Germany.

So the next time you're heading up or down San Augustine Pass with an appetite, look for the Thai Delight sign in Organ, slow down and pull over. There's a whole other world in that little café.



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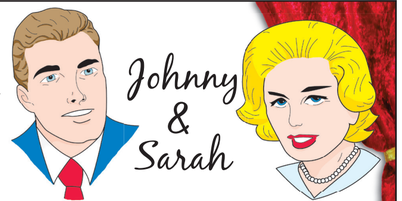

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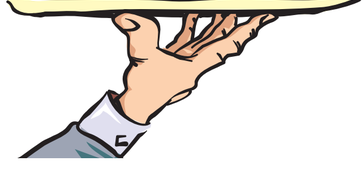

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New exhibits look at quilts and cameras

Branigan Cultural Center showcases two aspects of the art world during August

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Crucens are in for a treat this month with the showing of two exceptional exhibits at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

The opening receptions for "Batteries Not Required" and "Light Fantastic" were held Friday, Aug. 7, during the Downtown Art Ramble. While the exhibits covered two separate spectra of the art world, each were designed with the center's diverse audience in mind.

"We change monthly," said Garland Courts, director of the Branigan Cultural Center. "There's something for everyone."

"Light Fantastic," which features art quilts, and "Batteries Not Required," about the history of the camera, will be on display through Saturday, Aug. 29.

"Light Fantastic" showcases the work of the Studio Art Quilters Association, a worldwide organization with more than 2,500 members who add a new twist on the traditional craft of quilting.

"They're not utilitarian," said Patricia Gould, the association's regional representative, who lives in Albuquerque. "They're meant to be a work of fine art."

She explains that many of the quilts incorporate various layers of materials including fabric, stitching and paint. Her own piece "Door No. 1," just one of five pieces she is showing, uses all of these elements to recreate a photograph she took while in Hungary.

Of the 56 pieces submitted, Gould said the center will exhibit 31 works of art from 14 artists, including Las Cruces quilter Ann Angelo and Silver City, N.M., resident Jean Cowie.

While each piece has its own subject and style, Gould said they all are connected by a common theme – their unique use of light.

"We noticed that each had this great quality of light," she said about the inspiration behind the exhibit's name. "They all exhibit some quality of light."

Courts said he thinks "Light Fantastic" will be a hit with viewers.

"Quilting is very popular," he said. "People come out to see it because they're quilters themselves or they just appreciate the artwork."

This is the first show by the association at the cultural center, but they will return next year with another exhibit.

Donald Brenner stands next to some of his sheet film cameras that are part of his camera collection exhibition "Batteries Not Required" at the Branigan Cultural Center.

"Batteries Not Required" features the extensive camera collection of Don Brenner, a cabinet maker from Chicago who retired in Las Cruces.

Brenner's fascination with cameras and photography began in 1947 when his father gave him an old Argus C3 and he learned to develop film.

"I fell in love with the magic of the darkroom and pictures," he said.

He began collecting cameras for fun and not for use in the 1980s. Over the years, he has collected more than 100 cameras, 80 of which are on display at the center.

The cameras, which span three decades with the oldest being from 1884 and the newest from 2001, demonstrate the camera's transformation into an everyday device.

"It's amazing to see how the camera has evolved and to see the craftsmanship that went into the old cameras," Courts said.

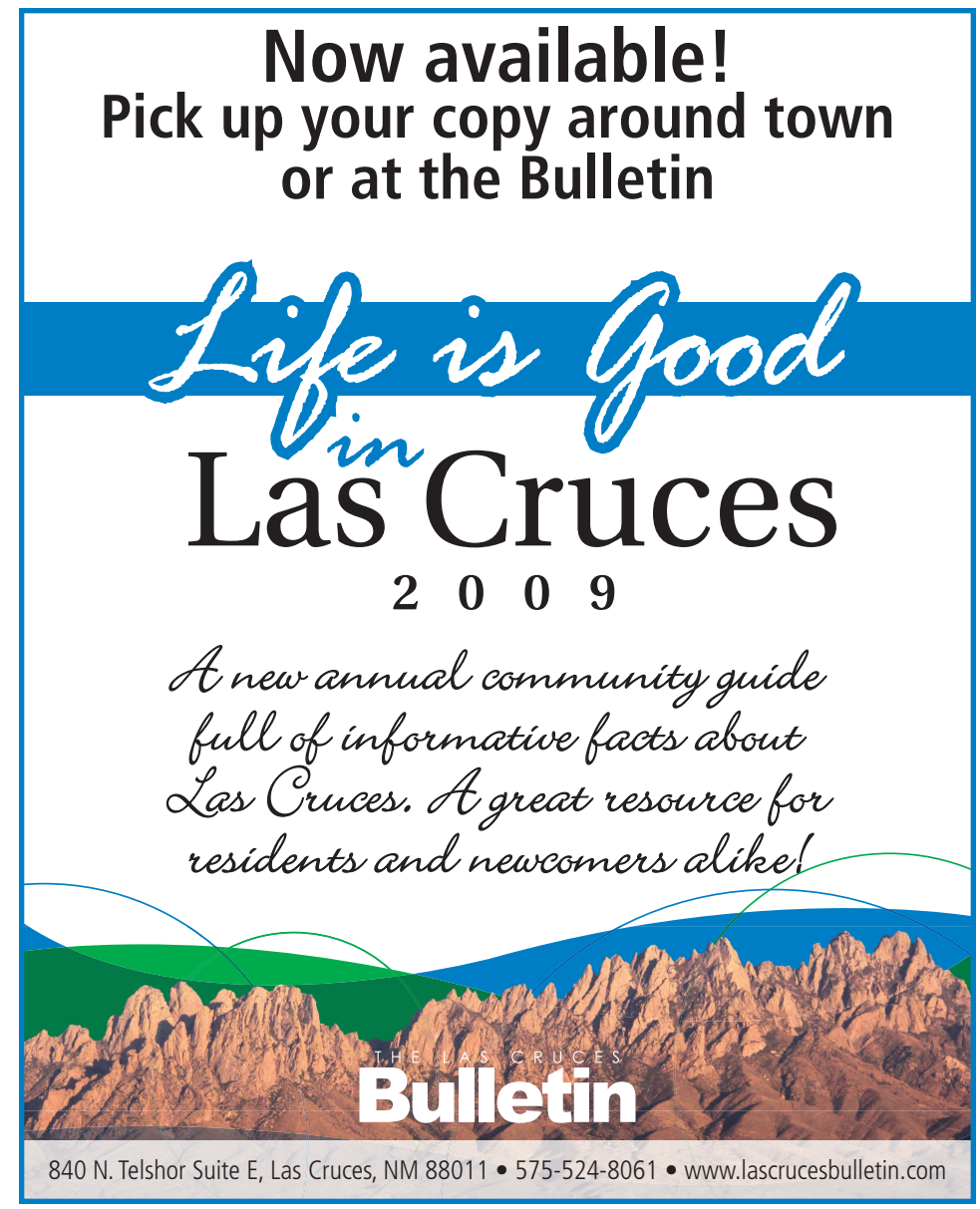
He said after World War II, cameras were made smaller, lighter and were easier to use. Companies such as Nikon began producing models with interchangeable lenses, making professional quality equipment accessible to all.

Along with his cameras are photographs taken by Brenner, an amateur photographer.

Courts said the show will present not only the history of the camera, but also will take people back to the age before digital devices and the need for batteries.

"There's something unique and endearing about film and the development process," he said. "I think (viewers) can get an appreciation for the art of photography and what it was."

Patricia Gould from Albuquerque stands in front of her quilts titled "Sentinel" and "Solitude," now showing in the Branigan Cultural Center.



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FRIDAY EVENING — AUGUST 14, 2009

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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	Jeopardy	Fortune	Neil Diamond		Ghost Whisperer		NUMB3RS cc		News	Late Show		Golf
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Supernanny cc		Ugly Betty cc		20/20 (N) cc		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil cc		News	Two Men	Mental "Life & Limb; Bad Moon Rising"				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 "Hex"		Chris	Game	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford. cc						MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Oakland Athletics. cc						News	Scrubs
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	NFL Live	Little League Baseball: World Series				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter cc		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup -- Quarterfinal.				NASCAR	Tyson	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) cc				NASCAR	World Series		Poker
USA	31	NCIS cc		NCIS cc		Monk (N) cc		Psych "He Dead"		House "Here Kitty"		Monk cc		Psych "He Dead"	
TNT	32	Golf		CSI: NY cc		★★ "We Are Marshall" (2006) Premiere. cc					★★ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. cc				
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.					Sex &	Sex &	(:40) ★★ "Eurotrip" (2004)		
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Titus: Love		The Comedy Central Roast			Just for Laughs		Presents	Lisa Lampanelli	
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap cc		Wife Swap cc		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Chefography		Chefography		Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City (N)		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Property	Property	House	Buck	House	Estate	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		Lock N' Load		Ancient Discoveries		Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Gown Crazy "Pilot"		What Not to Wear		Gown Crazy "Pilot"		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Giant Squid: Caught		Colossal Squid		Yellowstone: Battle For Life cc				Colossal Squid		Yellowstone: Battle For Life cc			
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FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Hannah Montana		Wizards-Place		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Major League"		★★ "For Love of the Game" (1999) Kevin Costner. cc						★★★ "Rudy" (1993) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. cc					The Fly
SCIFI	59	Star Trek: Ent.		Eureka cc		Eureka (N) cc		Warehouse 13		Eureka cc		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 cc				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		Reports	Options	Face the Ace cc		Ultimate Fight.		Mad Money		Fast Money		Face the Ace cc	
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SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 15, 2009

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PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime
CBS	3 3	Detox	Paid Prog.	The Early Show Julie Powell. (N) cc				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Strawberry	Care Bears
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	3rd Rock	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Homes	Today (N) (In Stereo) 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	ABS Circle	Paid Prog.	Rosetta	Total Gym	Paid Prog.	Slim in 6	Paid Prog.	Shipping	Hollywood	Cultivating
ESPN	26	SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter (Live) cc				Little League Baseball	
ESPN2	27	Driven	Expedition	Beat	Redfish	Bassmasters cc		Baseball	Baseball	Softball Senior League Final -- Teams TBA. (Live)			
USA	31	Money	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Royal Pains cc		Monk cc		Psych "He Dead"		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	Angel "Provider" cc		Angel (In Stereo) cc		Wedding Day (N) cc		The Closer cc		Golf PGA Championship -- Third Round. cc			
TBS	33	(:10) ★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase.				(:10) ★★ "Jungle 2 Jungle" (1997) Tim Allen.				(:15) ★★ "RV" (2006) Robin Williams. cc			
COM	35	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Just for Laughs		★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987) Eddie Murphy.				Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Steam Mop	Ab Circle	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Abducted: A Father's Love" (1996) Chris Noth.			
FOOD	40	Italian	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Ultimate	Viva Daisy!	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ingred. Fix
HGTV	41	Weekend	Sweat	Holmes on Homes		Amazing	Landscape	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Biography cc		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House cc		Flip This House (N)		Keyshawn	Keyshawn
HIST	44	Heavy Metal cc		UFO Files "Real UFO's"		Street Gangs: A Secret History cc				Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History cc			
TLC	45	Designing	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Verminators cc		Dirty Jobs cc		The Colony cc		Commandments, Mafia	
ANPL	50	Dog Show: Animal Planet Champ.				Bark Mad	Breed	Animals	Housecat	The Heart of a Lioness		Season of the Grizzly	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	"Willy Wonka & Chocolate"		
DISN	52	Scream	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy	Handy
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	Duel-Crk	★ "Blood on the Arrow" (1964) Dale Robertson.			★★ "Destry" (1955) Audie Murphy. cc					(:45) ★★★ "Broken Arrow" (1950)		
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Twilight Z.		★★★ "Fantastic Voyage" (1966) Stephen Boyd.			★★★ "Blade Runner" (1982)		
CNN	62	Saturday	House Call	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Slim in 6	Paid Prog.	Steam Mop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.	Profits
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		From Glory to Gone	

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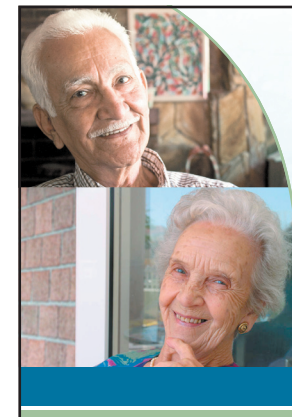
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Workshop	MotorWeek	Wdwright	Old House Hr.		Gourmet	Primal Grill	Taste This	Food	New York	Lawrence Welk Show	
CBS	3 3	NCAA Football		Golf PGA Championship -- Third Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. (Live) cc									
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" (2003) cc				Paid Prog.	Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Traveler	Paid Prog.	Baseball	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves. (In Stereo Live) cc					
NBC	9 9	Track and Field IAAF World Championships.				Gymnastics		Action Sports From Portland, Ore. cc				Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Kamen	Huntik	J Hanna	Wild Amer	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15	World Series of Golf		★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) cc						Legend of the Seeker		Singsation International	
ESPN	26	Little League Baseball		Little League Baseball: World Series				World Series		World Series		SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2	27	WTA Tennis: Western & Southern Financial Group				Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Carfax 250. (Live)					NHRA Drag Racing	
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	Golf		★★★ "Set It Off" (1996) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. cc					★★ "John Q" (2002) Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall. cc				
TBS	33	(9:15) RV	Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	King	King	★★ "Eurotrip" (2004) Scott Mechlowicz.				School
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) cc				★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987) Eddie Murphy.				★ "Let's Go to Prison"	
LIFE	39	★★★ "Losing Isaiah" (1995) Jessica Lange.				"Raising Waylon" (2004) Thomas Gibson. cc				"For the Love of a Child" (2006) Peri Gilpin. cc			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		Chopped		Chefs vs. City		Iron Chef America		Best Thing	Heavy
HGTV	41	Man Land	My Kitchen	Outside	Genevieve	Dime	Colour	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	To Sell
A&E	43	Hammer	Hammer	Hammer	Hammer	Hammer	Angel	Angel	Angel	Criss Angel Mindfreak		CSI: Miami "Rio" cc	
HIST	44	Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Ancient Ink cc			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Gown Crazy "Pilot"		My Shocking Story		Wld Child-Feral		Strongest Toddler	
DISC	47	Commandments, Mafia		Inside the FBI cc		Inside the FBI cc		Extreme Loggers cc		Extreme Loggers cc		Extreme Loggers cc	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Most Outrageous cc		Underdog	
FAM	51	"Willy Wonka"		★★ "The Haunted Mansion" (2003) cc				★★★ "Hercules" (1997) Premiere. cc				★★★ "Aladdin" cc	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★ "Double Teamed" (2002) cc			Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	SpongeBob	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(9:45) "Broken Arrow"		★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Martin. cc						★★ "For Love of the Game" (1999) cc			
SCIFI	59	(9:30) "Blade Runner"		★ "Ultraviolet" (2006) Milla Jovovich. cc				★ "Mission to Mars" (2000) Gary Sinise, Tim Robbins. cc					Total Recll
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Indoor Grill	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Justice 101		Face to Face		The Marrying Kind		Killing-Keithwood Court		Blood Secrets		Death-Hollywd	



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PBS	2 22	Aggie	America	Desert	World	Monarch of the Glen		Benny	Red	Time Team America		Ascent of Money		Austin City Limits	
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Flashpoint CC		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	★★ "Shark Tale" (2004) (In Stereo)				Castle CC		News (N)	(:35) Cheaters CC		Wired
FOX	8 14	Legend-Seeker		House CC		Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	MADtv CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Gymnastics 2009 Visa Championships.				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live CC		
CW	14	★★ "Force 10 From Navarone" (1978)				Bananas Sara Shea.		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		★★ "Quigley Down Under" (1990) CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bullwin	"Superman IV: Peace"		
ESPN	26	Little League Baseball: World Series				Little League Baseball: World Series				SportsCenter CC		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup -- Semifinal. (Live)				ATP Tennis Rogers Cup -- Semifinal.				NHRA Drag Racing		X Games CC		X Games CC	
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Action Sports (N)		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. CC							(:45) ★★ "Enough" (2002) CC				(:45) ★★★ "Set It Off" (1996)		
TBS	33	(4:30) ★★★ "The School of Rock" CC				Engvall	Engvall	★★ "RV" (2006) Robin Williams. CC				Engvall	Engvall	"Vegas Vacation"	
COM	35	"Let's Go to Prison"		★★ "RENO 911!: Miami" (2007) CC				The Comedy Central Roast		Dave Attell's Insomniac Tour (PA) CC				Ron	
LIFE	39	"Twelve Mile Road" (2003) Tom Selleck.				"Do You Know Me" (2009, Suspense) CC				Army Wives CC		Drop Dead Diva		Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Paula's Party		Chefography (N)		Chefography (N)		Diner, Drive-In		Iron Chef America		Chefography		Diner, Drive-In	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	Divine	Gene	Color	Color	House	House	Rate	Design	Divine	Gene	Color	Color
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		How the Earth Was Made CC				Underwater Universe CC				How the Earth Was Made CC			
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Moving Up (N)		Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Arctic Roughnecks		Ext. Loggers		Ext. Loggers		Ext. Loggers		Ext. Loggers		Ext. Loggers		Ext. Loggers	
ANPL	50	Real Beavers		House	House	It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		House	House	It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51	(4:00) "Aladdin"		★★★★ "Pinocchio" (1940) Premiere.				★★★ "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"					Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Jonas	Sonny	★★★ "Ratatouille" (2007) Ian Holm				Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly CC		True Jackson, VP		Malcolm	Malcolm	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	"For Love-Game"		★★ "The Bone Collector" (1999, Suspense) CC				★★ "Out for Justice" (1991, Action) CC					"Braddock: Missing in Action"		
SCIFI	59	(4:30) ★★★ "Total Recall" (1990)				"The Terminators" (2009) A Martinez.				"War of the Worlds 2: The Next Wave"				"Alien Agent" CC	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Generation Islam				Newsroom		Generation Islam				Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Marijuana Inc.		On the Money		Suze Orman		The Oprah Effect		American Greed		Suze Orman		Porn: Business	
MSNBC	64	A Shot in the Dark		Lockup: Raw		Lockup Special		Lockup: Raw		San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin	

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Raven Tls	Mr Rogers	Sid	Santa Fe	Wash Wk	Washngtn	Religion	Minding
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Autovision
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Jones	Paid Prog.	★★★ "True Crime"	
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) CC		Paid Prog.	Steam Mop	Paid Prog.	Cliffdwell	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					Baseball
ESPN2	27	Chronicles	Journal	Whitetail	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	NASCAR Now CC		NHRA	Auto Racing: Traxxas TORC		
USA	31	Prince	Creflo Doll	Ed Young	J. Osteen	In Plain Sight CC		★★ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) Jeff Goldblum. CC					
TNT	32	HawthoRNe "Trust Me"		HawthoRNe CC		HawthoRNe CC		HawthoRNe CC		Golf PGA Championship -- Final Round. CC			
TBS	33	Harvey	(:20) ★ "Hard Rain" (1998) Morgan Freeman.			(:20) ★★ "The Sixth Man" (1997, Comedy)					(:20) ★★★ "Air Force One" (1997)		
COM	35	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Presents	Black	Black	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Drop Dead Diva CC		★★ "Forever Love" (1998) Reba McEntire. CC			
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 CC		Biography CC		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST	44	Lost Treasures		The Universe The formation of galaxies. CC				The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Survivorman CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild CC	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Housecat	Animals	Bark Mad	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom CC		Wild Kingdom CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	★★★ "Hercules" (1997) CC		
DISN	52	Stepsister	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	(4:15) ★★★ "Lucas" (1986) CC		★★★ "Rookie of the Year" (1993) Thomas Ian Nicholas.						★★ "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams. CC			
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"The Insatiable" (2006) Sean Patrick Flanery.				★★ "Bram Stoker's Way of the Vampire" CC			
CNN	62	Newsroom	House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		King: Sources		State of the Union		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	P90X	KODAK	Slim in 6	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Millions	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		The Runaways	

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PBS	2 22	Aggie Alm	NOW	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Healthy	Animal	Uncorked	Europe	Burt Wolf	Yachting	Antiques Roadshow	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Golf PGA Championship -- Final Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. (Live) CC									
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Ab Circle	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	(10:00) "True Crime"		★★ "The Great Raid" (2005) Benjamin Bratt.				★★ "Alien Resurrection" (1997) Winona Ryder				Munsters	King
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Track and Field IAAF World Championships.				Action Sports From Portland, Ore. CC				Paid Prog.	Garry
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★★ "Godzilla: Final Wars" (2004) Masahiro Matsuoka.					Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	Sports	Sports	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs. (In Stereo Live) CC						Inning	Cosby	ALF CC	ALF CC
ESPN	26	NASCAR Countdown		NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Carfax 400. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live) CC		
ESPN2	27	Strongest	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup -- Final. From Montreal. (Live)					WTA Tennis: Western & Southern Financial Group				World Series	
USA	31	★★ "Smokin' Aces" (2007) Ben Affleck, Andy Garcia. CC					★★ "Bad Boys II" (2003) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. CC					"2 Fast 2 Furious" CC	
TNT	32	Golf		★★ "Suspect Zero" (2004) Aaron Eckhart. CC				★★ "Walking Tall" (2004) CC			★★ "Shooter" (2007) CC		
TBS	33	(9:20) "Air Force One"		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers. (Live) CC						Payne	Payne	"Madea's Family"	
COM	35	Scrubs	★ "Let's Go to Prison" (2006) Dax Shepard.					★★ "Life" (1999) Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence. CC				"RENO 911!: Miami"	
LIFE	39	"Blue Valley Songbird" (1999) Dolly Parton. CC				"Love Notes" (2007, Drama) Laura Leighton. CC				"Flying By" (2009, Drama) Billy Ray Cyrus. CC			
FOOD	40	Home	Big Daddy	Rachael	Road	Diners	Diners	Food	Food	Cakes	Cakes	Summertime	
HGTV	41	First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	Stagers	Bought	Buy Me	House	House	Design Star		Potential	To Sell
A&E	43	Obsessed CC		Obsessed "Richie"		Obsessed "Nidia; Rick"		Extreme Interventionist		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
HIST	44	The Universe CC		Underwater Universe CC				★★★★ "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman. CC					
TLC	45	Police Women		48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence	
DISC	47	Nature's Deadliest		When Animals Strike		When Animals Strike		Giant Squid: Caught		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	The Natural World		Yellowstone: Battle For Life (In Stereo) CC				Wild Russia Siberia.		Wild Russia "Arctic"		Wild Russia "Urals"	
FAM	51	Hercules	★★★★ "Pinocchio" (1940) Walter Catlett CC				★★★ "Aladdin" (1992) Voices of Scott Weinger.				★★★ "Matilda" (1996) CC		
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "Ratatouille" (2007, Comedy) Ian Holm				Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Barnyard	Zoey 101 CC		iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake
AMC	57	Jumanji	★★★ "The Rookie" (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths. CC						★★ "The Bone Collector" (1999) Denzel Washington. CC				
SCIFI	59	"Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000)				"Odysseus: Voyage to the Underworld" (2008)				"Bats: Human Harvest" (2007) David Chokachi.			
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Indoor Grill	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Hair Club	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meals	Paid Prog.	P90X
MSNBC	64	The Runaways		Meet the Press CC		Conviction: Murder		Crime and Punishment		Caught on Camera		Lockup Special	

SUNDAY EVENING — AUGUST 16, 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!			From	Documenting		Short List	(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes CC		Big Brother 11 (N)		Neighborhood		Cold Case CC		News	CSI: NY "Jamalot"		Paid
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (N)		Defying Gravity (N)		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	'Til Death	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC	9 9	NBC	News	Merlin (N) CC		Merlin (N) CC		SNL Presidential Bash				News (N)	Lopez	Paid	CSI Mi
CW	14	Drew	Drew	Easy Money (N)		★★ "Disturbing Behavior" (1998, Horror)				Housewives		Bananas CC		Star Trek CC	
WGN	15	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie
ESPN	26	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves. CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC		SportsCenter CC			
ESPN2	27	World Series		Little League Baseball: World Series				NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil Nationals -- Final Eliminations.						NASCAR Now (Live)	
USA	31	"2 Fast 2 Furious"		★★ "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. CC						★★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003) CC				"Pistol Whipped"	
TNT	32	(3:30) "Shooter"		★★ "We Are Marshall" (2006) Matthew Fox CC				★★ "We Are Marshall" (2006) Matthew Fox CC						"Passing Glory"	
TBS	33	"Madea's Family"		★★ "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007) CC				★★ "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007) CC				"Getting Played" (2005) CC			Under
COM	35	"RENO 911!: Miami"		Kevin James: Sweat		Ron White: Beh		Greg Giraldo		Michael	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Greg Giraldo	
LIFE	39	"Nora Roberts' Northern Lights" (2009)				Drop Dead Diva (N)		Army Wives (N)		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives CC		Drop Dead Diva	
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)		Estate	Renovatn	Income	Estate	House	House
A&E	43	Gene Simmons		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Gene Simmons		Criss Angel		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
HIST	44	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Pawn	Pawn	Clash of the Gods		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
TLC	45	De	De	High Seas Heroes		Hudson Plane Crash		Flight-Watched		High Seas Heroes		Hudson Plane Crash		Flight-Watched	
DISC	47	Raging Planet CC		Raging Planet CC		Raging Planet (N)		Raging Planet (N)		Raging Planet CC		Raging Planet CC		Raging Planet CC	
ANPL	50	Natural World CC		Night	Night	Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars CC		Night	Night	Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars CC	
FAM	51	Matilda		"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" (2005)						Home Videos		J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards-Place		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Sonny	Jonas (N)	★★★ "Happy Feet" (2006, Adventure)			
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Family	Family
AMC	57	★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. CC						Mad Men CC		Mad Men CC		(:02) Breaking Bad		Mad Men CC	
SCIFI	59	★★ "Rise: Blood Hunter" (2007) CC				"Perfect Creature" (2006) Dougray Scott.				★ "BloodRayne" (2005) Kristanna Loken.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN	62	Newsroom		Generation Islam				Newsroom		Generation Islam				State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St	House of Cards				Marijuana Inc.		American Greed		The eBay Effect		American Orig.	
MSNBC	64	Sex Bunker		Children for Sale		Longest Night		Vegas Undercover		Vegas Homicide		Vegas Homicide		Valentines Day	

MONDAY EVENING — AUGUST 17, 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		Objects-Mem		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. 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	Be a Millionaire		Dating in the Dark		(:01) Castle CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	House "Locked In"		Lie to Me CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Am. Road Trip		Law Order: CI		Dateline NBC CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	One Tree Hill CC		Gossip Girl CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	Countdown		NFL Preseason Football Carolina Panthers at New York Giants.						SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	World Series		Little League Baseball: World Series				MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC						SportsNation (Live)	
USA	31	NCIS "Heart Break"		NCIS CC		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				(:05) Royal Pains		Law Order: CI		(:05) Monk CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		The Closer CC		The Closer (N)		Raising the Bar (N)		CSI: NY CC		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY "Recycling"	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Earl	Name	Engvall	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Clueless
COM	35	Kevin James: Sweat		★★ "Scary Movie 3" (2003) Anna Faris.				Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Jim Breuer		Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Drop Dead Diva		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	Intervention "Brad"		Intervention CC		Intervention (N)		Hoarders CC		Para	Para	Intervention CC		Intervention CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Woodstock: Now & Then CC				Clash of the Gods		Ancient Discoveries		Woodstock: Now & Then CC			
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Cake	Cake
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		The Colony CC		The Colony CC		The Colony CC		The Colony CC		The Colony CC		The Colony CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Witness		Dogs 101 CC		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops		Dogs 101 CC		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club CC		Secret-Teen		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	★★ "Life-Size" (2000) CC			Phineas
NICK	54	Penguins	Penguins	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	"Mystic Pizza" CC		★★ "Sabrina" (1995) Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond. CC						Mad Men CC		(:02) ★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy"			
SCIFI	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Gundam	Gundam	Rave	Rave	Lost "The Moth"	
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		Marijuana Inc.		Inside American Airlines: A Week, Life				Mad Money		Fast Money		As Seen on TV	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — AUGUST 18, 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 "Toxic" CC		(:01) Big Brother 11		Medium CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Be a Millionaire		Shaq Vs. 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		★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) (In Stereo)				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at San Diego Padres. CC						News	Scrubs
ESPN	26	E:60 (N)		World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Little League Softball: World Series				NFL Live	Little League Softball: World Series				Yearbook	SportsNation (Live)		World Series	
USA	31	NCIS "Chained"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych "He Dead"	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		HawthoRNe (N)		Saving Grace (N)		HawthoRNe CC		Saving Grace CC		CSI: NY CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	"Forces of Nature"	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	"Lies He Told" (1997) Gary Cole. CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrap	Best	Chopped		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best	Chopped	
HGTV	41	House	House	First	First	House	Buck	House	House	Buy Me	First	First	First	House	Buck
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 (N)		The Cleaner (N)		The Cleaner CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		Mega Disasters		The Universe CC		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	18 Kids	18 Kids	Master-Receptn		18 Kids	18 Kids	Master-Receptn		Jon Kate	Jon Kate
DISC	47	Made	Made	Swords: Life		Swords: Life		The Colony (N)		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		The Colony CC	
ANPL	50	Close-Danger		Killing for a Living		Animals Strike		Shark Feeding		Killing for a Living		Animals Strike		Shark Feeding	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	10 Things	Ruby	"My Fake Fiancé" (2009) CC				The 700 Club CC		Make It or Break It		Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	★★ "Beethoven's 5th" (2003)			Phineas
NICK	54	Penguins	Penguins	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	(4:00) "Joe Kidd"		★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood. CC				★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959) John Wayne, Dean Martin. CC							Mad Men
SCIFI	59	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13 (N)		ECW (Live)		Warehouse 13		Stargate SG-1		Lost CC	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report		Cruise-Money		Big Brother, Big Business Surveillance.				Mad Money		Fast Money		Porn: Business	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — AUGUST 19, 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	Time Team Special Edition (N) CC				Wide Angle (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Be a Millionaire		Wipeout CC		Primetime: Crime		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Octomom: Unseen Footage				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 Teams TBA. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Little League Softball: World Series Final				MLS Soccer: Galaxy at Fire				Yearbook	Yearbook	SportsNation (Live)		Yearbook	Yearbook
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS "Witness"		NCIS "Faking It"		NCIS "Escaped"		NCIS "Missing"		★★★ "Thunderball" (1965, Action) CC			
TNT	32	"The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" CC				Leverage (N) CC		Dark Blue "Ice" (N)		Leverage CC		Dark Blue "Ice"		CSI: NY CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	★★ "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007) CC		Sex &		Sex &	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Michael	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Michael	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	★★ "Rumor Has It ..." (2005) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Will	Will
FOOD	40	Challenge		Chefography		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	CSI: Miami CC		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Criss Angel		Angel	Angel	Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest (N)		Ice Road Truckers		Tougher in Alaska		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC	45	Restorer	Estate	Police Women		Truth Be Told (N)		Toddlers & Tiaras		Police Women		Truth Be Told CC		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild (N)		Verminators (N)		MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Verminators CC	
ANPL	50	Mission Giant Otter		Untamed and Uncut		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		10 Things	Ruby	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) CC			
NICK	54	Penguins	Penguins	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	(3:30) "Pale Rider"		Lonesome Dove Two former Texas Rangers join a cattle drive to Montana Territory.								★★★ "Chisum" (1970) John Wayne.			
SCIFI	59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scariest Places		Lost "Solitary"	
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		Crime & Punishment		Fastest Grow.		American Greed		Mad Money		Fast Money		Fastest Grow.	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — AUGUST 20, 2009

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Aggie	South	Globe Trekker		Classical	Africa	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Big Brother 11		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) The Mentalist		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Be a Millionaire		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		NFL Preseason Football: Eagles at Colts						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		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers. CC						News	WWE
ESPN	26	Fantasy Draft		Boxing: Bowe vs. Holyfield II		Baseball Tonight (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis: W&S Financial Group Masters				World Series		MLS Soccer: Revolution at Sounders FC				SportsNation (Live)		NASCAR	Yearbook
USA	31	NCIS "Blackwater"		★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.				Royal Pains (N)		Monk CC		Law Order: CI		Royal Pains CC	
TNT	32	CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC		★★★ "Seabiscuit" (2003) Tobey Maguire. Premiere. CC						★★★ "Seabiscuit" (2003, Drama) CC			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "You, Me and Dupree" (2006) CC				Sex &	Sex &	"Hand-Rocks"	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Chris Rock: Never Scared			Daily	Colbert	Jim Gaffigan		Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Reba	Reba	Project Runway: All Star Challenge (N)				Project Runway		Models	Project Runway		Models	Will	Will
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	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 CC		Crime 360 "Hunted"		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Pawn	Pawn	Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC	45	LA Ink CC		Lottery Changed		Police Women		LA Ink (N) CC		Police Women		LA Ink CC		Lottery Changed	
DISC	47	Made	Made	American Loggers		American Loggers		Man vs. Wild CC		American Loggers		American Loggers		Man vs. Wild CC	
ANPL	50	Stealth Hunters		Into the Pride (N)		Stranger-Bears		Animal Cops		Into the Pride		Stranger-Bears		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	★★★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)					Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Sonny	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	★★ "Tinker Bell" (2008)			Wizards
NICK	54	Penguins	Penguins	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
AMC	57	Lonesome Dove		Lonesome Dove Jake's involvement with the Suggs gang reaches a tragic climax.								"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"			
SCIFI	59	★ "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2"				"Rise of the Gargoyles" (2009) CC				"Pterodactyl" (2005, Horror) Coolio.				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 (N)		The Oprah Effect		As Seen on TV		Mad Money		Fast Money		The Oprah Effect	
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

1	9	3			7			6
	4		3		9			
6	2			8			4	
	5	6	4			7		
8		4				5		1
		1			6	3	2	
	6			9			1	5
			5		3		8	
7			6			2	3	9

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

9			2		7	8		
3	1							
		7	8					6
	3	4		9				
1								2
				7		6	4	
6					5	2		
							6	5
		3	6		1			4

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

		7	2					
	9				8	7		
	6				5		1	
8				6				9
		9				8		
3				1				7
	4		5				7	
		3	9				5	
					7	6		

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

8	2	5	6	7	3	9	1	4
4	6	1	8	9	2	3	7	5
9	7	3	1	5	4	6	8	2
3	9	4	5	1	6	7	2	8
1	5	7	9	2	8	4	3	6
6	8	2	3	4	7	5	9	1
5	1	6	2	3	9	8	4	7
2	4	9	7	8	5	1	6	3
7	3	8	4	6	1	2	5	9

CHALLENGER

4	1	9	2	7	8	6	5	3
7	2	8	6	3	5	1	9	4
3	6	5	9	4	1	2	8	7
8	4	1	3	2	9	7	6	5
5	9	7	4	1	6	8	3	2
2	3	6	8	5	7	9	4	1
6	5	4	7	9	2	3	1	8
9	7	3	1	8	4	5	2	6
1	8	2	5	6	3	4	7	9

EXPERT

7	1	6	5	3	9	2	4	8
9	5	3	8	2	4	6	1	7
2	8	4	7	1	6	9	5	3
3	9	2	6	5	7	1	8	4
1	7	8	2	4	3	5	6	9
4	6	5	1	9	8	3	7	2
6	2	9	4	7	5	8	3	1
8	4	1	3	6	2	7	9	5
5	3	7	9	8	1	4	2	6

THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**

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.

COLUMBUS

ENGLISH	SPANISH
COURSE	RUMBO
EXPLORER	EXPLORADOR
ISLANDS	ISLAS
NAVIGATOR	NAVEGANTE
ROUTE	RUTA
SAILOR	MARINERO
SHIPS	BARCOS
TO DISCOVER	DESCUBRIR
TO SAIL	NAVEGAR
TO SEARCH FOR	BUSCAR
VOYAGE	VIAJE
WESTWARD	HACIA EL OESTE

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I	T	O	S	I	E	A	X	R	A	G	E	V	A	N					
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S	V	R	R	L	P	M	A	R	I	E	J	A	I	V					
O	R	U	O	A	L	W	E	S	T	W	A	R	N	E					
T	O	M	U	S	O	V	R	V	O	Y	A	G	E	X					
C	F	B	T	H	R	A	C	S	U	B	R	E	R	P					
S	H	O	E	B	E	X	P	L	O	R	A	D	O	R					
P	C	A	T	U	R	O	T	A	G	I	V	A	N	O					
I	R	I	R	B	U	C	S	E	D	I	C	A	H	L					
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S	E	T	N	A	G	E	V	A	N	R	O	F	H	A					
I	S	L	A	N	D	S	P	C	B	A	R	C	O	S					
T	O	D	I	S	C	O	V	E	R	M	E	G	Y	V					
E	T	W	E	S	T	B	U	S	N	A	V	G	A	R					

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

ACROSS

1 Printer input
6 Etcher's fluid
10 Actress Witherspoon
11 Hollow out
12 In high dudgeon
13 "Jaws" star Robert
14 Divided into sectors
15 2,000 pounds
16 Rascal
19 Flightless birds
20 Bladed pole
21 Green shade
22 NYC opera house
23 Annoying fit
24 Objects of devotion
26 Toddler
27 Musial and Mikita
28 __ on your life!
29 Nev. neighbor
32 Corn mix
33 Irish maid
34 Sunday seat
35 6/6/44
36 Downy duck
37 Expression of disgust
38 Relocate
39 M. Descartes
40 Checkup pic
41 Instrument measuring muscle work
43 U.N. host
44 Affectedly shy
45 Monazite metal
46 NBC classic
47 Tom Hanks movie
48 In a harmful way
49 Norse god of discord
50 "Swan Lake" garb
51 Begged
52 Tango number
53 Minty drink
54 New York canal
55 Ballet step
56 Tiny chirper
57 Harbinger
58 __ Arbor, MI
59 Circle of flowers
60 Houdini's last name
61 Make an offer
62 React to a bad pun
64 Tip
65 Adult male
66 Hamlet
67 Nest item
68 Come to grips with
69 "__ Not Unusual"
70 Scrooge word
71 Golfers' rides
72 Bigfoot's cousin
73 House penthouse
74 Winchester's rival
75 Sierra Nevada lake
76 Sharp spasm
77 Large antelope

DOWN

1 Winner's take
2 Gas-density instrument
3 Goober
4 Bob of the PGA
5 Critic Rex
6 Refrains
7 Chums
8 Teheran land
9 Lawn moisture
16 Grass __ (divorced man)
17 Thanks __!
18 Hairstyling product
20 Cheaply
21 Assyrian capital
23 Reel
25 One way to elude a tackle
26 The present time
27 Pronounced indistinctly
30 Ivey or Elcar
31 Sailor's assent
32 Tree-trunk canoe
34 Addlebrained
35 Frequently intoxicated
36 Hair-raising
38 Parts of crenellated walls
41 Roof overhang
42 Inflatable life jacket
45 Author of "Knots"
46 Did some cobbling
47 Scorch
48 Becomes visible
49 Glowed biochemically
50 Brewed drink
53 Type of worker protest
56 Using scales
59 Cad
60 College in Norton, MA
63 DH's stat
65 Stewart or Washington
68 Deadly
70 Second Greek letter
71 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"
72 Informal assent

IT'S FOR YOU!

ACROSS

1 Assails
7 Assailed
12 Children's card game
15 Artifice
19 Country on the Baltic
20 Nitrogen compound
21 Prospector's pay dirt
22 Madame Bovary
23 Take into custody
24 Ship's posts
25 Start of Fran Lebowitz quote
27 Ruckus
28 Nickleby of Dickens
30 Reef material
31 Part 2 of quote
36 DJ's stack, once
37 __ Lanka
38 Neil Finn album
39 Vegas lead-in
42 Seine feeder
44 In a short time
46 Perspired
50 Part 3 of quote
53 Harvest
55 Mrs. Copperfield
56 Wry face
57 Clearly
60 Mathematics course
63 Industrialist Carnegie
65 Arikara
66 Lawyer Melvin
67 Forerunner of the CIA
68 Part 4 of quote
73 Rower's requirement
76 John Mills film, "__ Daughter"
77 __ the cows come home
78 Rascal, of yesteryear
82 Enters the garage
84 George Moore novel, "__ and Abelard"
87 Nor'easter
88 "__ every life, a little rain must fall"
89 Son on "Six Feet Under"
91 Part 5 of quote
93 Fuel emission
96 "Lucky Jim" novelist Kingsley
99 Ballet bend
100 2nd-smallest state
101 Light carriage with a collapsible top
103 Whippoorwill's bill
105 City in GA
106 Part 6 of quote
115 Coeur d'__, ID
116 Debates once more
117 Oil cartel's letters
118 End of quote
121 Knocks for a loop
122 Day-Lewis and Webster
124 Sacred religious observance
125 Paul Simon's Garfunkel
126 Steer
127 Order of business
128 Scottish headland
129 "Sesame Street" network
130 Chip dip
131 Unassuming

DOWN

1 Trumpet sound
2 Dirt
3 Glacially produced grooves
4 Turn inside out
5 McCourt book
6 One before Sun.
7 Custom
8 Liturgical vestments
9 Bumstead's boss
10 Shylock's customer
11 Magnetic unit
12 Go downhill
13 Exist
14 Sleep letters
15 Mayonnaise sauce
16 Shaded area
17 Blotch
18 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
26 Eleve's place
28 Bahamas capital
29 Past, archaically
32 __ vera
33 Overflow channels
34 Try a new arrangement of letters
35 Nautical lurch
39 Kind of bean
40 Before long
41 Kind of poker
43 PC key
45 Kid of jazz
47 "Africa" group
48 Mistypes
49 Calendar units
51 Towel word
52 Weather satellite series
54 Maturing agent
58 3 on a phone
59 Philippines island
61 Mineral found in copper deposits
62 Re-sol separators
64 To be in Toulon
66 German pianist/conductor Hans von __
69 Declare false
70 Sicilian resort
71 Lubricate
72 Cogito __ sum
73 Of lyric poetry
74 Tuscany river
75 Actress Hayworth
79 Glorify
80 Cosmo rival
81 Kiss and __
83 Cotopaxi and Pinatubo
84 Fabric border
85 Power meas.
86 Psalms verse enders
90 Lake near Reno
92 Sharp bark
94 Rubbernecker
95 High peak
97 Torpor
98 Utah's state bird
102 Parades proudly
104 Kreisky and Kirby
106 Highland child
107 Borden's cow
108 Judges weight
109 Hinged fasteners
110 Seed covering
111 Gave an edge to
112 Voice a thought
113 Exigencies
114 Showy display
119 Jabber
120 Sphere
122 Beaver project
123 Back when

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

O	C	S	E	P	I	C	N	I	R	P	S	I	D	Y
E	K	I	M	A	D	O	R	E	O	I	G	E	R	L
D	I	G	N	I	F	I	E	D	N	O	B	L	E	E
E	N	E	M	D	O	N	G	I	D	T	R	G	F	C
H	G	R	A	N	D	I	O	S	O	S	U	A	I	N
S	L	E	J	A	C	U	L	T	O	U	L	Y	N	I
I	Y	F	E	R	T	M	A	I	J	G	U	C	E	R
U	L	I	S	G	T	C	I	N	E	U	R	E	D	P
G	E	N	T	I	M	Q	R	G	S	A	Q	O	C	S
N	T	A	U	T	P	N	E	U	W	Z	W	E	A	L
I	A	D	O	S	E	I	P	I	E	U	N	U	I	K
I	T	O	S	I	R	R	M	D	A	E	L	B	O	N
S	S	Q	O	D	I	P	I	O	L	Q	A	Z	U	Q
I	A	Z	U	M	A	J	E	S	T	I	C	L	E	I
D	E	R	U	T	L	U	C	A	H	R	G	Y	K	R

Diagramless

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E	R	A			J	E	S	S	I			O	A	K	S				
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Golfer's Vacation

R	E	M	A	P		C	E	D	A	R	S		U	P	O	N		S	D	S
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P	A	C	K	S	T	H	E	B	A	G	S		M	E	L	T	O	R	M	E
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CRYPTOGRAM

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"I put big lettuce into some of the investments recommended by my savvy gardener: seed money, hedge funds and high-yield plants."

Santa Fe Opera saves the best for last

'Alceste' and 'The Elixir of Love' close out 2009 season

By Gerald M. Kane
For The Las Cruces Bulletin

On the evening of our fifth and final opera of this year's season of the Santa Fe Opera, "The Elixir of Love" by Donizetti, a rainstorm blew in before the opera began. Tailgaters hustled to pack away their crystal, china and other finery while many others ran for cover. This is not an unusual occurrence in Santa Fe on a hot summer's eve.

What made this storm so unique is that after it passed over the opera grounds, a radiant, perfect double rainbow appeared in the sky and arched its way across the opera's lush grounds. It bathed the opera grounds with such intensely bright color that it literally took my breath away. It was a complete rainbow – a full arc, accompanied by a fainter one above it.

In many ways, this natural phenomenon symbolized the opera's 2009 season. There was the sunny brightness of "La Traviata" and "The Elixir of Love." There was passion and richness of "Don Giovanni," there were the darker tones of "The Letter" and "Alceste."

My first review which, appeared on page C20 of the Bulletin's July 31 issue, focused on "Don Giovanni," "La Traviata," and "The Letter." This week's reviews will discuss "Alceste" and "The Elixir of Love."

All about the voice

To be candid, we were not prepared to enjoy "Alceste," a rarely performed opera seria sung in French, with music by Cristoph Willibald Gluck and libretto by Ranieri Calzabigi in Vienna 1767.

In 1776 the libretto was translated into French, which is the version used to this day. The story is based on "Alcestis," the earliest surviving play by Euripides, replete with frequent interactions between the human world and the mystical world of the gods.

The score is demanding and the challenging title role brought fame and acclaim to many formidable sopranos such as Eileen Farrell, Maria Callas, Jessye Norman and Kirsten Flagstad.

We were privileged to hear American soprano Christine Brewer's voice fill the opera house. Brewer received notoriety several months ago while rehearsing the role of Brunhilde for the "Ring Cycle" at the Metropolitan Opera. She injured her knee and had to withdraw and recuperate in St. Louis, her current home.

The Santa Fe staging of "Alceste" by Francisco Negrin attempted to accommodate Brewer's physical challenges by having her move deliberately and slowly, and by having her seated for many sections of the opera. Only rarely could we sense the strain on her strong, rich voice.

The staging was "quirky" to say the least. The sets were odd, dominated by a structure which resembled a bloody cracked egg, and the costumes by Louis Desire were a hodgepodge of classic gowns and togas along with dark contemporary clothing for the "earthly" characters and chorus. As a counterpoint, there were Mexican death masks and extra-terrestrial, heavy metal KISS concoctions for the attire of the gods.

The choreography by Ana Yepes was, in a word, bizarre.

In all, it was the singing that kept us there – most especially the power of Brewer, matched mightily with the passion and strength of Lake Charles, La., tenor Paul Groves.

"Alceste" was clearly not everyone's shot of ouzo, but it provided many with an understanding of why this opera, although rarely staged, still merits our attention.

Take a trip to Italy

The "dessert" of our five-course opera banquet was truly worth the wait. It was a delightful staging of "The Elixir of Love," performed by a vibrant and talented young cast headed by Jennifer Black, Dimitri Pittas, Patrick Carfizzi and Thomas Hammons, that sent us out into the rain-cleansed air smiling and content.

It is the unique scenic and costume design by Ashley Martin-Davis and the direction of Stephen Lawless that makes this production so special.

Gone are the traditional touches of a Basque countryside and a "Doctor ex machina" who arrives in a hot air balloon to save the day. Rather we are transported to World War II Italy, in a town square with an olive oil factory to our left, an auto-repair shop to our right and a huge billboard that is utilized in so many clever ways throughout the performance.

Vintage cars and a scooter play key roles, along with over-the-top, tongue-in-cheek B movie overacting and, of course, a Hollywood ending.

Together with a toe-tapping score and opportunities for the principal singers to show off their fine vocal, comic and acting skills, this is an opera that merits your attention and will provide a rainbow of enjoyment for a hot summer evening.

There's still time

For the month of August, the Santa Fe Opera schedules Tuesday to Saturday performances of all five operas in the repertoire in sequence.

A tour of the large SFO parking lot boasts license plates from every state. Also there are numerous tour buses bringing folks to the opera's serene venue high in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, on the outskirts of Santa Fe. They make the pilgrimage annually to see innovative interpretations of classic operas, along with new and rarely performed works.

Reviewers round the globe from every major newspaper and magazine are assigned by their editors to make the trip, even in this time of economic anxiousness.

From reports and responses to my annual reviews for the Las Cruces Bulletin, it appears that more and more Las Cruces residents are making the 275 mile (approximately four hour) drive up I-25 to take in what is known as one of the most innovative and important summer opera seasons in the world.

Coupled with the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, the town becomes a music lover's paradise, and we are so fortunate to be so geographically close to this international venue.

The Santa Fe Opera season concludes Saturday, Aug. 29. The Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival concludes Friday, Aug. 24. There is still time, and there are still tickets for a quick trip north to get your cultural musical fix for this summer.

For more information and for ticket prices and reservations at the Santa Fe Opera, visit www.santafeopera.org. For information about the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, visit www.sfcmf.org.

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KEN HOWARD I Santa Fe Opera

Christine Brewer with Tom Corbeil, who plays the Infernal God, star in "Alceste." The Santa Fe Opera runs through Saturday, Aug. 29.

KEN HOWARD I Santa Fe Opera

Jennifer Black and Dimitri Pittas star in "The Elixir of Love," at the Santa Fe Opera.

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Tickets: $5 to $10
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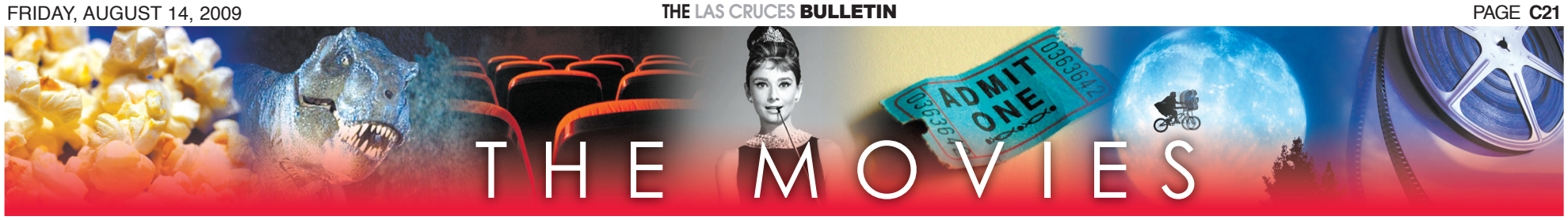

Even Colin Firth can't save 'Easy Virtue'

This Hitchcock remake leaves much to be desired

REVIEW BY **JEFF BERG**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Maybe it was because only a few hours prior I had seen one of the funniest movies I have seen in a long time (Woody Allen's "Whatever Works," coming to the Fountain in late September), or maybe it was because of Jessica Biel, a dull script and an abundance of clichés, but "Easy Virtue" wasn't easy to view.

On paper, this remake of the Hitchcock film based on a little known Noel Coward play, "Easy Virtue" might have looked good. But beyond the nice costuming, good cinematography and Colin Firth's performance, this picture is just not fun, although it is supposed to be.

We open with a cleverly rendered scene featuring Biel as Larita, winning a car race, an anomaly of the times – 1920s and 30s – and from afar, John, a somewhat younger man, has a bad case of love at first sight.

A whirlwind courtship leads to marriage, and then it is home to meet the family on their huge English countryside estate.

Snobs all, as expected, mama (pronounce that mahmah), played chillily by Kristen Scott Thomas, instantly dislikes this American commoner, as does the rest of the group that might remind one of Cinderella's extended family, even more so as Biel launches a semi-continuous barrage of dainty fake sneezes, thus creating appall for Veronica (mahmah), who relishes growing things that create and contain pollen.

Try as she might, Larita just cannot break the ice, although she does break the bones of a Chihuahua dog, which is a little funny the first time she accidentally parks her derriere on the unfortunate, but yappy and annoying hairless-rodent size dog – but it becomes forced when she has to keep doing it to hide the dog from meddling in-laws.

Other household scandals brew and stew, all involving the fact that Larita just doesn't fit in, nor does she want to. Yawning at the social culture of the English and their Victorian type tastes and values, Larita soon finds gentle solace in Veronica's husband, Jim (Firth), a shattered World War I veteran who keeps away from the family for the most part, only on occasion offering indignant swipes at Veronica and his own offspring, and their haughty boorish behavior.

During the day, he hides out in his garage, tinkering with a car and motorcycle, which becomes a co-star of sort throughout the movie.

Scenes that are supposed to be funny weren't – at least not to me. Larita's use of a motorcycle during a foxhunt and another derriere-induced scene are too choppily edited and just bland.

"Easy Virtue's" director, Stephen Elliott, has largely been absent from the film scene since his major hit from the 90s, the genuinely silly and funny, "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."

With this film, he takes a giant step backward. Again noting the good cinematography, costuming, some of the Cole Porter-ish soundtrack and a mostly believable turn by Firth, Elliott has created something slightly larger than a made for cable piece and by casting Biel, who really doesn't fit the part, he makes a pretty bad mistake. Biel's other works include turns with Adam Sandler in "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry," and the equally as stupid "Next," which haven't polished her up much for a role in a film based on the work of someone as legendary as Coward.

I fully except to be called on the carpet by three of the five readers of these reviews, since I'm sure many of you have tastes contrary to mine, and are willing to offer up 95 minutes of your life for this fluffy piece.

But please be kind, I could have been a lot more ornery than I was ...

Jeff Berg's virtue is at stake – find out why jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only - and not of anyone else connected with the film society.

FILM REVIEW

Easy Virtue screens nightly Saturday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. It is rated PG-13 for a bit of sensuality, a bared cheek or two, and a touch of sandy language. All in English, it is.

GRADE D+

Be inspired by 'Tender Mercies'

Singer's desire to change showcased at CineMatinee

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, Aug. 15, is "Tender Mercies" (1983, 96 minutes, rated PG).

"Tender Mercies" is a riveting, compassionate, touching and thoroughly remarkable film. The screenplay by Horton Foote (winner of the Academy Award for "To Kill A Mockingbird") and the cinematography by Russell Boyd ("Gallipoli") are exemplary models of taste and simple beauty.

Mac Sledge (Robert Duvall) is a burnt-out country-and-western singer/songwriter whose life has become a series of disappointments. He has lost track of the reasons to keep on going. One morning Mac awakes from a drunken stupor in a room at the Mariposa Motel in the middle of a dry Texas prairie. The run-down place is managed by Rosa Lee, a widow whose husband was killed in Vietnam. Mac volunteers to stay on as a handyman and work off his bill.

Sonny, Rosa Lee's 10-year-old boy, is curious about this wanderer with a guitar and a face that reveals he has seen much of what there is to see in the world. Although Sonny wants to accept Mac, the outsider, he first must deal with the father he never knew.

Mac stops drinking and finds satisfaction in the slow, isolated existence at the combination gas station and motel. Without much fanfare, Mac and Rosa Lee fall in love and marry.

Mac still writes songs, but, afraid that his career is over, he keeps them in a trunk. He is not sure that he can turn his life around and hesitates when a country rock band tries to pull him into the spotlight again.

Director Bruce Beresford has stated: "This film is about changing relationships. The man is finding a new life, the woman a new husband and the boy a new father. It is a story of growing together and of hope."

"Tender Mercies" is a very poignant movie about the healing powers of love. The country-and-western songs, delivered very nicely by Duvall, lend their own special light to the many themes of the drama.

Mac, Rosa Lee and Sonny drive away the shadows of the past in order to become strong in the broken places of their lives. In the tradition of all memorable storytelling, "Tender Mercies" entertains, illuminates and inspires.

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.

CALL TO ARTISTS

GFWC PROGRESS CLUB

The GFWC Progress Club invites all artists to once again commemorate Sept. 11, 2001, by participating in their annual "5,000 Flowers and More" art exhibition, which will be displayed at the Branigan Cultural Center, Shannon Room, Sept. 4 to 26.

The exhibit has been expanded to include subjects other than flowers. All media are welcome, but pieces to be hung on the wall may not exceed 30 inches wide. Entries should not make a political statement.

The Progress Club will host a reception for all participating artists from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Branigan Cultural Center. Entry forms will be available at local frame shops or the Branigan Cultural Center on the Downtown Mall.

The deadline for application is Saturday, Aug. 15. For more information, call 522-8243 or 526-9212, or email mlcourtney@comcast.net.

CELESTIAL SOUNDS

Like to sing? Want to have fun and be challenged? Join Celestial Sounds. Celestial Sounds, a community women's choir, is looking for women who enjoy singing. Take this opportunity to become a part of this small, diverse group. Rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at the Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. The group meets weekly on Mondays leading up to its performances in December. The music ranges from the classical to contemporary and popular selections. For more information, call director Jeannine Vigerust at 524-0930.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

New Desert Harmony Singers are looking for a few good male singers to join them in singing some great swing, barbershop and gospel music. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. For more information, call Dave at 650-4417 or Fran Boldt at 373-1703.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested fine art artists. Call 522-2933 for more information or stop by the gallery to pick up an application.

13TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIRE EXTRAORDINAIRE

Vendors are needed for the 13th annual Craft Faire Extraordinaire, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Good Samaritan Society, 3025 Terrace Drive. For $10, vendors will receive a 10-foot wide space under a covered walkway or on the grass. Vendors keep all of their profit. Performers to entertain the crowd are also needed. For more information, contact Cherry Jamison at 556-2119 or email cjamison@good-sam.com.

Here's to you Mrs. Child and the art of French cooking

'Julie & Julia' follows two women and a lot of butter

Review by **Beth Sitzler**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

I may not have known much about the women before hand, but after watching "Julie & Julia" I can proudly declare that I love Julia Child, especially when she is played by Meryl Streep.

"Julie & Julia" follows the lives of two seemingly different women as they navigate through the trials and tribulations of pursuing their passion of food.

The movie opens in Paris, it's 1949 and Julia and her husband Paul Child (played by Stanley Tucci) are moving into a palatial French apartment. The views are beautiful and the furniture is exquisite – except for the tiny bed, on which the 6-feet tall Julia doesn't quite fit.

The movie flashes forward to 2002. Julie and Eric Powell (played by Amy Adams and Chris Messing) are moving from Brooklyn to Queens, where the views are less beautiful and the apartment fixtures are crumbling.

As the two stories progress, we learn that both women are searching for something meaningful, something to give them purpose.

Julia, no longer working for the government, has to find something to fill her day. She takes a hat making class and learns to play bridge, but while these activities fill the time, they don't fill the void.

After a lovely day of eating French food and some encouragement from her husband, Julia decides to take cooking lessons from the famous Le Cordon Bleu cooking school for master chefs.

The audience sees Julia transform from someone who struggles with cutting onions into an egg whipping, lobster killing, fearless master chef. Her achievements are remarkable as she works to make French faire accessible to "servantless" Americans by writing a cookbook with her French friend.

Julie, we learn, was a writer who gave up on her novel, and now works for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, which handles everything post-9/11 related. The work should be rewarding, but the constant barrage of complaints, insults and heart wrenching stories takes it's toll.

Inspired to do something different, Julie decides to start a blog in which she conquers "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" by Julia in a year. That's right – 365 days, 524 recipes all in one tiny Queens kitchen.

It's a joy to watch these women work toward a goal and overcome any road blocks that come their way, including a few meltdowns and several naysayers.

Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci play husband and wife, Julia and Paul Child, in "Julie & Julia."

It couldn't have been easy for writer/director Nora Ephron to jump between the two stories, but he does a wonderful job of adapting Julia's autobiography "My Life in France," and Julie's memoir "Julie & Julia."

Adams was endearing as the women on the verge of collapse who is saved by a passion and admiration for a legend. She was a little whiny at times, but it was still fun to learn along with Julie. For example, did you know that if you crowd mushrooms they won't brown properly?

Tucci and Messing are wonderful as the loving, caring, supportive husbands. Tucci was especially great. He often plays the jerk, so it was a nice change of pace to see him play a man who is so obviously in love with his wife.

The biggest delight and the show stopper of "Julie & Julia" was Streep. It comes as no surprise, but the woman is a genius. I was worried that the iconic actress wouldn't be able to capture the famous TV chef, but she did. From her one-of-a-kind voice to her laid back mannerisms, Streep was Julia through and through.

"Julie & Julia" is a celebration of two women and their passions, but ultimately it's a love story about the love of food, the love of a spouse and especially the love for a mentor.

JULIE & JULIA

Rating: PG-13

Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Distributed by: Sony Pictures

Directed by: Nora Ephron

Starring: Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, Amy Adams and Chris Messing

Film Review

A touching story about two women, their husbands and their love of food.

Grade A

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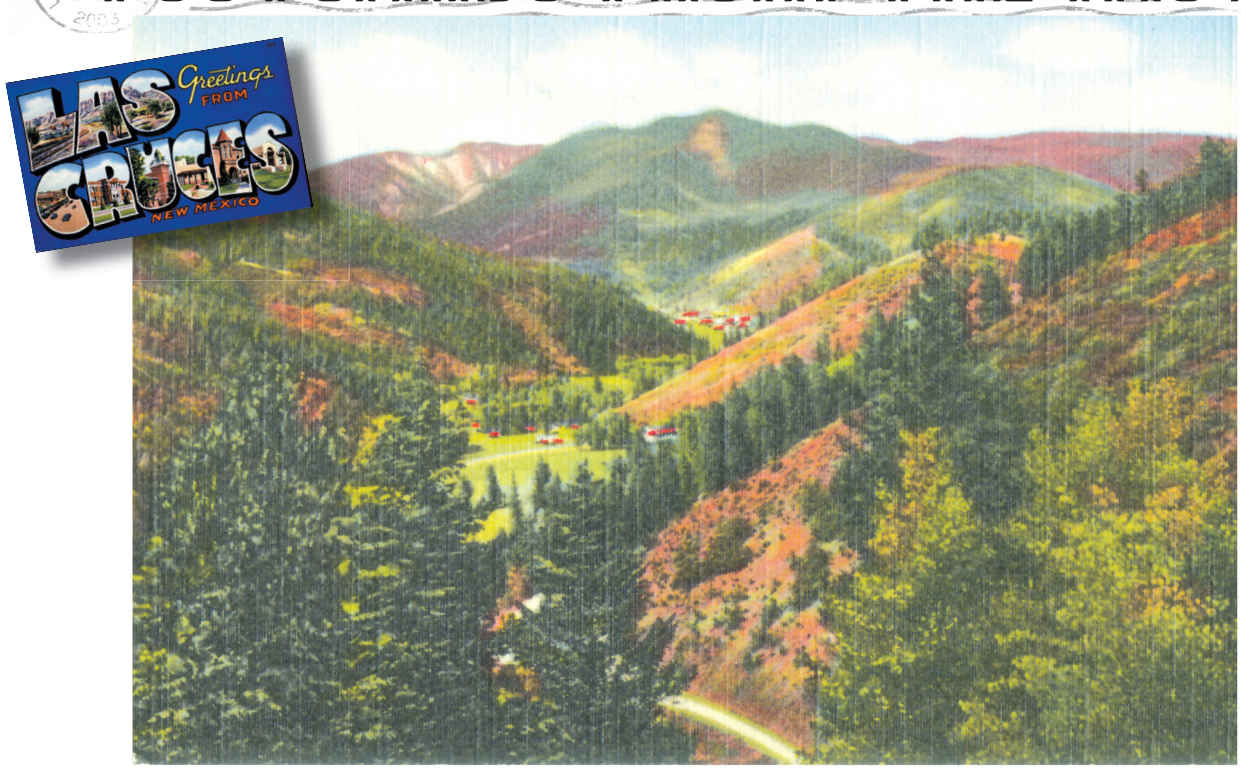


The back of this postcard reads, *"First view of Red River City from Red River Pass, New Mexico. Red River City - altitude 8,900 feet - nestling amongst majestic mountains which tower over 1,000 feet above, is like a scene from a fairy tale, not soon forgotten. While mining is still the chief industry as in the old days, hundreds of visitors come in summer to enjoy the cool mountain air and sports."*

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Collector
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Desperate to repay his debt to his ex-wife, an ex-con plots a heist at his new employer's country home, unaware that a second criminal has also targeted the property.
Starring: Madeline Zima, Josh Stewart
Director: Marcus Dunstan

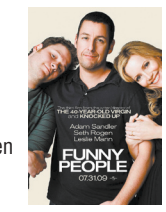
G-Force
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A specially trained squad of guinea pigs is dispatched to stop a diabolical billionaire from taking over the world.
Starring: Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis
Director: Hoyt Yeatman

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: As Harry Potter begins his sixth year at Hogwarts, he discovers an old book and begins to learn more about Voldemort's past.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Michael Gambon
Director: David Yates

Perfect Getaway
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two pairs of lovers on a Hawaiian vacation discover that psychopaths are stalking and murdering tourists on the islands.
Starring: Zahn, Milla Jovovich
Director: David Twohy

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



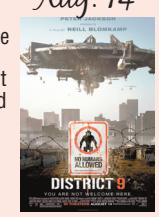
Julie & Julia
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The movie follows Julia and Paul Child through Julia Child's memoir, "My Life in France."
Starring: Meryl Streep, Amy Adams
Director: Nora Ephron

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

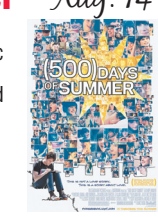
Aliens in the Attic
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A group of kids must protect their vacation home from invading aliens.
Starring: Ashley Tisdale, Carter Jenkins
Director: John Schultz

Bandslam
Opening Aug. 14
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A new kid in town assembles a fledgling rock band to compete in the biggest event of the year, a battle of the bands.
Starring: Vanessa Hudgens, Scott Porter
Director: Todd Graff

District 9
Opening Aug. 14
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
Opening Aug. 14
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



The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard
Opening Aug. 14
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
Opening Aug. 14
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

The Time Traveler's Wife
Opening Aug. 14
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

New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Aug. 18 •

Last House on the Left
Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Monica Potter, Tony Goldwyn
Director: Dennis Iliadis

Hannah Montana: The Movie
Rated: G
Genre: Family, Comedy
Starring: Miley Cyrus, Billy Ray Cyrus
Director: Peter Chelsom

Tyson
Rated: R
Genre: Documentary, Sports
Starring: Mike Tyson
Director: James Toback

TOP GROSSING

• Aug. 7-9 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (1) $54,713,000
2	Julie & Julia (1) $20,030,400
3	G-Force (3) $8,870,000
4	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (4) $8,928,300
5	Funny People (2) $7,986,400
6	The Ugly Truth (3) $6,750,100
7	A Perfect Getaway (1) $5,948,400
8	The Hangover (9) $5,194,600
9	(500) Days of Summer (4) $3,739,700
10	Orphan (3) $3,674,300

Upcoming Films at the Fountain Theatre
Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30
Aug. 14 – Aug. 20 Easy Virtue
(2008, 93 minutes, directed by Stephan Elliot, starring Kristin Scott Thomas and Jessica Biel)
Aug. 21 – Aug. 27 Seraphine
(2008, 125 minutes, directed by Martin Provost, French & German with English subtitles)
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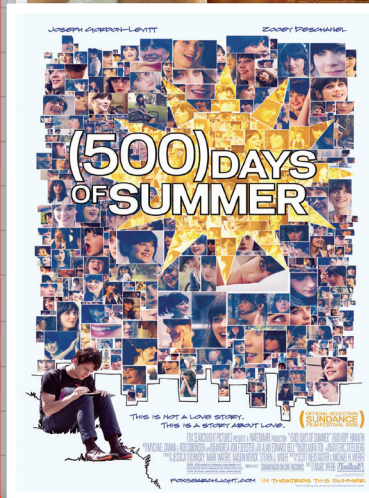

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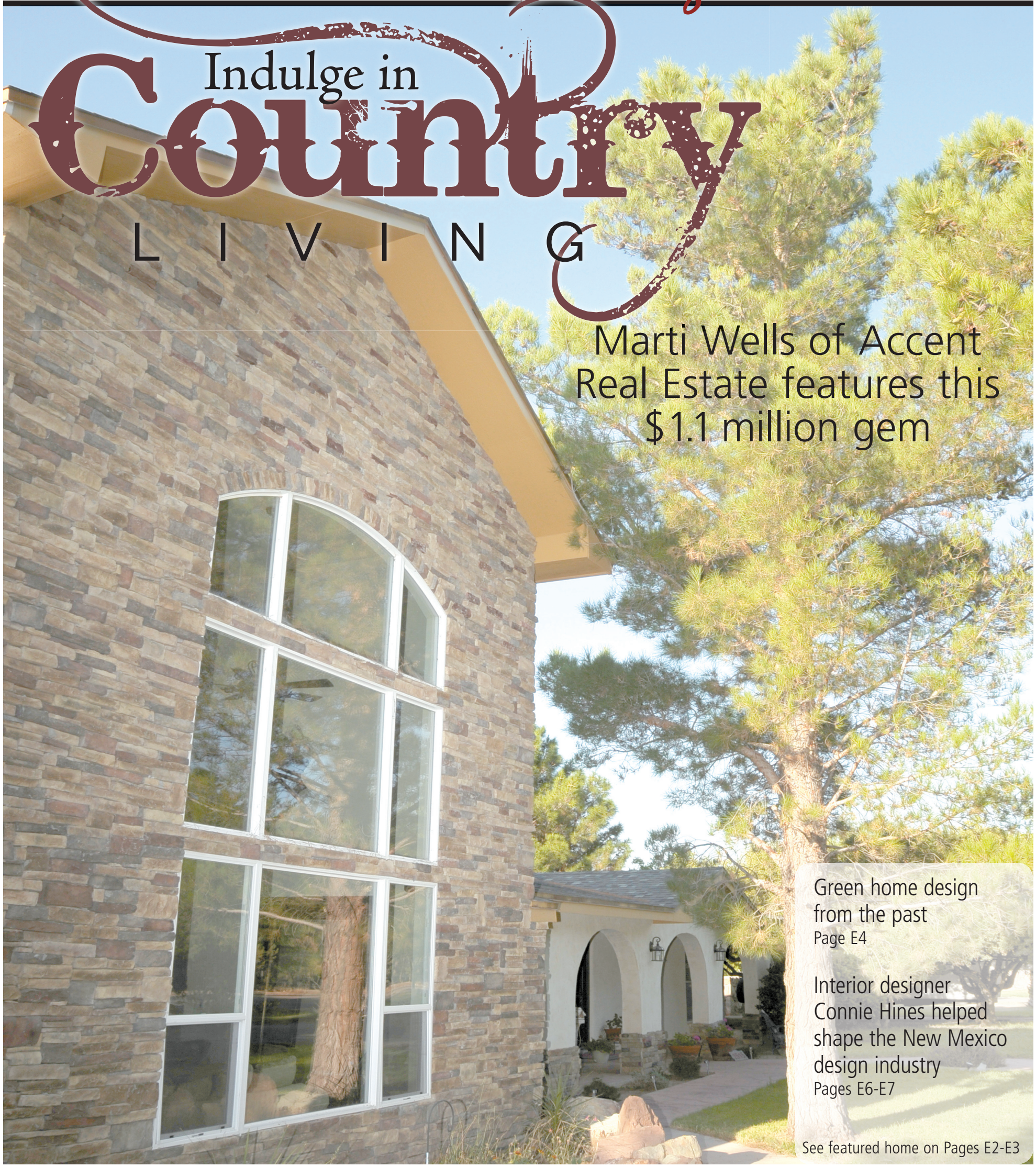

Marti Wells of Accent Real Estate features this $1.1 million gem

Green home design from the past
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Interior designer Connie Hines helped shape the New Mexico design industry
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See featured home on Pages E2-E3

A forest retreat in the Las Cruces desert

A large home fitting any living arrangement or lifestyle

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

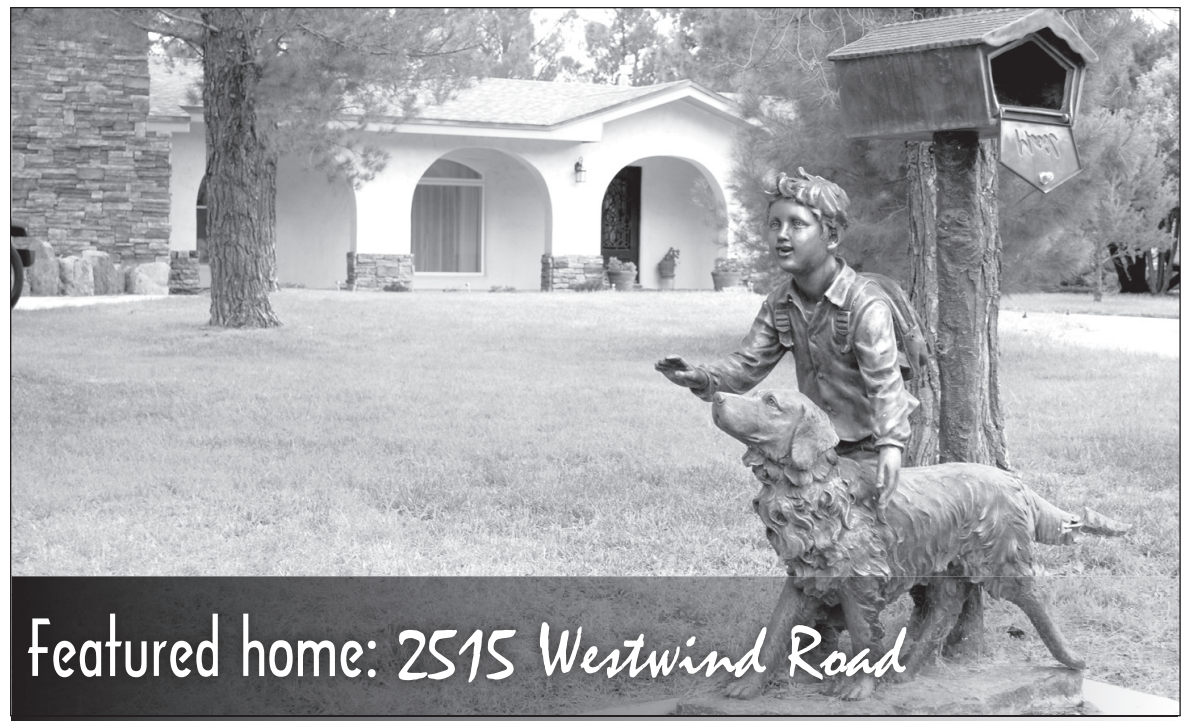
Traveling far north on Valley Drive at dusk, it's easy to get lost in the scenic views and setting sun, but it comes as a great surprise when one finds themselves in the midst of a pine tree forest, which isn't common in the Las Cruces area.

Drive into the unexpected forest a little farther and the home on 2515 Westwind Road seems to jump right out onto the road.

At first glance, the brain has a hard time processing its surroundings – is the house located somewhere in the Gila National Forest or is it really in the middle of the Las Cruces desert?

The 4,980 square-foot home is not just a house, but rather a country living experience. With its contemporary design and a massive rock wall as the facade's main focal point, the house is easily recognizable from the road.

Sitting on a total of 5 acres of land, which includes 4 acres of pecan orchards, the area is a great retreat from busy city life. The home rests quietly in a safe and scenic area, nestled in a patch of tall pines, giving the home and the entire surrounding neighborhood constant shade cover and a natural pine fragrance. Thriving with a front yard of foliage and trees, the home's appeal is evident before one even has the opportunity to step inside.



Although privately tucked away in a nook of trees, the house on 2515 Westwind Road and its distinct features are hard to miss.

Around the back of the house is an in-ground swimming pool surrounded by the shade and privacy of pines, in addition to the view and comfort of the vast pecan orchard. The large blue barn in the back is a necessary amenity for storing maintenance equipment for the pecan orchards.

Accent Real Estate owner Marti Wells said the home is a viable living option for anyone. The home is spacious with a split-level design, divided into two bedrooms, two master bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms, making it perfect for large families. Accent Real Estate lists the home for $1.1 million, which includes the 5 acres of land, the pecan orchard and the barn.

The home was originally built in 1975 but was recently remodeled and expanded in the early 2000s.

"Changes to the home were the large open den where the garage area had been, the master suite and bath, a large three-car garage, an exercise room, in addition to opening up and enlarging the kitchen to the living areas," Wells said.

At the front entrance

Visitors are immediately greeted with the opulence and style of fully tiled floors, wrought-iron fixtures and lofty ceilings. The entry room features a sunk-in, carpeted living area and rough-cut beams on the ceiling, giving a rustic feel to the home without sacrificing its luxury. With an open design, the entry room flows naturally into the dining area and kitchen.

The high ceilings throughout the house give an air of space, while the impossibly large window in the main living area allow the outside pine forest to spill into the living space, creating a relaxing and soothing environment.

In the kitchen

The kitchen maintains a strong connection to the rest of the house because of its open design and wide, adobe arches. With granite counter tops and a versatile cooking island, the kitchen is nothing short of luxury and convenience. The stainless steel fridge also adds a nice contemporary touch to the overall design, while maintaining a classic southwestern feel. The kitchen is great for entertaining guests because its open design allows for conversation between the dining area, the kitchen and the other two living areas.

In the master suite

On a split level above the main living area sits the master suite. Walk up the stairs, which feature intricate wrought-iron hand rail

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Details

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The large dining area is open and incorporated into the rest of the house, providing great hosting opportunities.

From the entrance to the master suite, one can view the living area below, while light from the large window creates a bright atmosphere.

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designs, to the master suite's entrance, which overlooks the main living area below, making use of the living room window's overflow of light.

What catches the eye upon first entering to the suite is the double-tray ceiling, which affords an artistic touch. A vast amount of space highlights the area, allowing for plenty of shelves and storage, in addition to a reading nook. With an entrance to the back balcony overlooking the pool and pecan orchard, the room offers everything that comes along with a high-scale living experience

In the master bath

Travel farther back and the suite leads to the master bathroom. Featuring granite counter tops and basin style sinks, the bathroom also has a sauna shower and a jet tub, solidifying its luxurious feel.

Wells said the house's design works well because it allows for privacy among the individual rooms, while maintaining an open feel to the rest of the house. She said the master suite is one of her favorite rooms in the house.

"It's a really special house with beautiful views from the master suite and all the space," Wells said. "You really won't want to leave the master suite."

Additional rooms

In addition to the main master suite, the home features a second master bedroom on the opposite side of the house, complete with its own bathroom as well. In addition to two other bedrooms, Wells said the house is ideal for any type of living situation.

> "It's a really special house with beautiful views from the master suite."
>
> MARTI WELLS, Accent Real Estate

"I think it will appeal to all kinds of people. If you have a large family or even if you're single you can live on one end of the house and have total privacy from whomever may occupy the other end," Wells said.

Wells mentioned previous occupants lived as a family on one end, while the other end allowed for the family's mother-in-law to live in privacy from the rest of the house.

Aside from maintaining the vast pecan orchard and the open front-yard, prospective owners will also have an exercise room to keep busy and in shape. The room sits at the rear of the house, near the back patio and pool. With possibilities as a game room or home theater, Wells said the room can serve any purpose.

With so many great features, the home at 2515 Westwind Road seems like a dream; however, it's one dream you won't have to fall asleep to enjoy. Wells said she is eager to show the house and hopes it will bring new occupants years of happiness.

"I think it will appeal to all kinds of people, but definitely people who are willing to grow and maintain the pecan orchard," Wells said. "But it's really conducive for family activities and a great place for children to roam and play."

For more information on the house at 2515 Westwind, contact wells at 644-7070 or at www.martiwells.com.

The high ceilings in the main living area convey extra space and light.

The stairway to the master suite showcases intricate wrought-iron hand railings.

The pecan orchard spans 4 acres.

An old wagon frame marks the entrance to the backyard and pool area.

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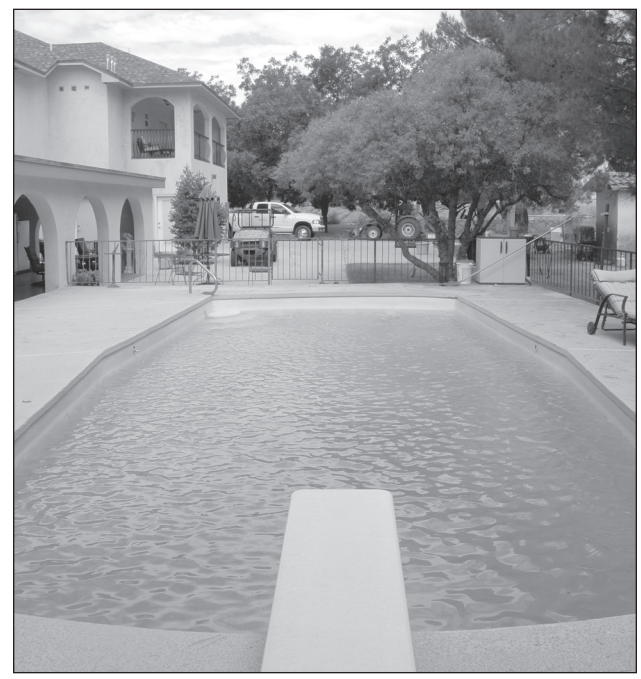

The backyard pool goes as deep as 10 feet.

Wide archways accentuate the home's front entrance.

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Old is new again in green home design

Was early 20th century builder a green guru?

MILES DYSON
Living Green

Last month, on a hot July day, I started a home inspection on a beautiful old centennial home in the Alameda area. I happened to notice how the shade from the roof eaves covered the windows on the south side of the wall to roughly 2 inches below the bottom of the window frames. My first thought was "that's pretty lucky!' After a more thorough look at the design of the home, I realized it was not "luck" that provided the relief from the blazing summer sun, but very careful planning by a turn-of-the-century builder.

This home had been carefully laid out with the longest walls and most of the window glass facing directly north or south, as well as a strategically calculated roof eave width-to-window height ratio. This orientation and window placement obviously does a great job of keeping the heat out of the house during the hottest days of summer. But as fall approaches and the sun's angle drops toward the winter solstice position, the cozy homeowners enjoy welcome rays of warmth penetrating the windows far into the rooms of the home.

So was this early 20th century builder some kind of early green building and energy efficiency guru? More likely he was following very well known and established practice for the time – before we knew the convenience of relatively inexpensive power to heat and cool the home.

The surge of post WWII residential construction brought an end to many of the passive heating and cooling design considerations seen in earlier homes. Subdivision lots were laid out for ease of access. Homes could be heated or cooled with new technologies that used cheap power, which helped to make up for less efficient design.

I think current and anticipated energy challenges make it worthwhile to take a look back at proven technologies of the past .

This Alameda home had other seemingly modern green and efficient features incorporated in the design. Deep, screened porches original to the front and back of the home provided important UV protection for west and east facing walls and windows – heat energy that never enters a home does not have to be removed. These porch areas served as outdoor living, dining and sleeping spaces in the summer months and took advantage of our high desert's cooler evening temperatures and summer's lingering daylight to complete household tasks and entertainments (no gas lamps or electricity needed).

Transom windows were originally installed high on the walls over each of the exterior doors in the Alameda home. Important then, as now, properly designed fresh air ventilation is key to energy efficient home design and comfort. These windows and their placement allow warm air rising to the ceiling to be moved from the home by natural convective air movement with no energy cost incurred.

All of the home's exterior doors were set well under porches or overhangs. This feature contributes to the durability of any home, limiting moisture entry and sun damage to wood doors and trim (how does the trim look on the side door at your house?).

Indoor air quality is not a new problem. The dust issues being hashed out in town today could hardly compare to those seen when the dry (or periodically flooded) caliche dirt streets of early Las Cruces where trod by mules pulling heavy loads and model A's dripping grease and belching blue smoke.

They knew then what we are learning again now – that most household contaminants are brought into the home on our feet. Dedicated areas on the porches gave a place to trade soiled work or traveling boots for cleaner "house shoes".

Out back of the Alameda house there stands a mighty oak. This thing is big, and I am not a tree expert, but it looks like the type of oak that loses its leaves in the winter. The tree's location was my main interest. It was located west and just a little north of the back of the home. As I was finishing my work on the property later in the afternoon, more than half of the roof and walls of the home were basking in the shade of the big tree (I noted stumps of trees in a row at the back of the property that had been less fortunate than the standing specimen). The early "green" builder had implemented another "modern" efficiency technique using deciduous trees to shade of the home's west walls. Of course as fall arrives, the leaves fall away and allow the warming sun to heat the walls on chilly afternoons.

Don't get me wrong, I love comfort and I don't want to trade the conveniences and efficiency of my 1990s home for the under insulated, un-air-conditioned, coal-fired home of 1908. I am a proponent of doing more with less and I think my Alameda house example gives some great insight on what can be done in your home to blend proven comfort, health, durability and efficiency strategies of the past with today's green building science breakthroughs.

Miles Dyson, Owner – Inspection Connection LC, Home Energy Rating, Residential Green Build Consulting and Professional Home Inspection Services

Useful resources

For more information on green and efficient homes, contact Miles at amdyson@msn.com or visit these websites:

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Simple secrets to spice up your shower

Spice up a drab shower with modern touches

Showering is about so much more than just getting clean. Especially in stressful economic times, the bathroom can be a sanctuary – the private spot in the house where we are free to be totally ourselves, singing loudly and off-key in the shower and indulging ourselves with lather, rinse and repeat.

The average American adult spends eight to 10 minutes in the shower every day, according to several surveys on the topic. Upgrading your shower can help elevate those minutes from soothing to sensational. Plus, bathroom improvements are a proven way to increase your home's value.

So what are some hot trends and easy ways to make the most of your shower time? Here are a few ideas:

Showerhead secrets

If you're still showering under the same old showerhead that provides only a mediocre spray and coverage, it's time to try something new. From single- and multi-setting massaging showerheads to rainfall options and bodysprays that pour a soothing sprinkle overhead, today's showerheads create a wide variety of experiences. Check out your local home improvement store or kitchen and bath showroom to get an idea of the options available.

Adding a handshower – either to replace an old one or to enhance an existing shower – is another easy, cost-effective option for punching up your shower experience. Long valued for their flexibility – handshowers are a great way to keep kids, pets and the shower itself clean. The handshower is also getting a smart upgrade with products such as Kohler's new, affordable Flipside handshower.

While traditional handshowers have featured just one sprayface, the Flipside offers four sprayfaces that rotate. Each sprayface provides a different experience in an easy-to-hold and use handshower, including a traditional spray for maximum water coverage, a denser and enveloping downpour, a drenching spray and an invigorating massage spray. Visit www.kohler.com to learn more.

Dress up doors

Most of us probably don't think about our shower doors until it's time to clean them. If your shower door sports scratched acrylic, lime build up and dirty, corroded door tracks, you can boost the look of your shower – not to mention your mood – by installing a new door.

Beauty and practicality are the watchwords of modern shower doors. Manufacturers such as Sterling have given these necessary items a touch of class and elegance, blended with a healthy dose of functionality. The manufacturer offers 17 different decorative shower doors, from frosted with a viewing portal to a style that evokes the designs of Frank Lloyd Wright.

A quick way to add a finishing touch to your shower area, the doors include easy-to-clean features such as CleanCoat, which helps the door shed dirt and soap buildup, and a unique bottom track system that features smooth tracks that lack the crevices where grime builds up in traditional shower door tracks. What's more, some models, like Sterling's Finesse line, install in as little as 15 minutes with just an Allen wrench. To learn more, visit www.SterlingPlumbing.com.

You're surrounded

Finally, if you just can't bear the chipped pink ceramic tile straight out of the 1950s, or the rust-stained porcelain tub that was old when your grandparents were young, a bath/shower surround can be a quick, easy way to put a fresh, modern face on your shower.

A bath/shower surround incorporates three walls, the bathtub and shower doors into a single, seamless unit that is easy to install and maintain. Installing a surround is frequently less costly and quicker than creating one piecemeal with separate tub, shower walls and doors.

For those really looking for ease of installation, consider the Sterling Accord bath/shower. It's affordable and fast to install with an innovative click-together, caulkless wall system that saves time and money.

Spend money to save money

New appliances can trim bloated utility bills

Sometimes you have to spend money to save money. The average household spends about $2,000 on energy bills every year. If you switched to appliances and lighting products that are Energy Star rated, you could save $75 a year in energy costs.

According to the Energy Star website, the money you save on your utility bills can more than make up for the cost of a more expensive – but more efficient – Energy Star model. General Electric offers a wide range of Energy Star appliances that can save consumers money.

If your refrigerator was manufactured before 1993, it may be time to say goodbye. In fact, if you want to see just how much your old refrigerator is costing you compared to one that meets new Energy Star guidelines, there's a calculator on the Energy Star website.

GE Energy Star-qualified refrigerators are at least 15 percent more efficient to operate than other refrigerators for sale and at least 50 percent more energy efficient than refrigerators manufactured 10 years ago.

Newer model washing machines also offer energy, water and money saving opportunities. An Energy Star-qualified clothes washer can save you $550 in operating costs over its lifetime compared to a regular clothes washer. A new GE frontload washer uses as little as 10 gallons of water for a small load and can save more than 5,800 gallons of water each year. In fact, its total energy and water savings can pay for the initial cost of the washer, based on average use over an estimated 12 years.

If you still wash your dishes by hand, you're probably wasting more than just your valuable time. Over an average 11-year lifespan, Energy Star-qualified dishwashers can save $465 in energy and water bills and 55,000 gallons of water – that's a lifetime supply of drinking water for more than four people. Choosing an Energy Star dishwasher instead of a regular dishwasher saves an average of $120 over the life of the product.

A new tankless gas water heater uses less energy than a standard tank gas water heater because it only activates when you need hot water, and it immediately deactivates when you turn off the faucet. A GE tankless gas water heater could help homeowners save up to 25 percent annually on water heating costs compared to the operating costs of a standard 40-gallon gas tank water heater.

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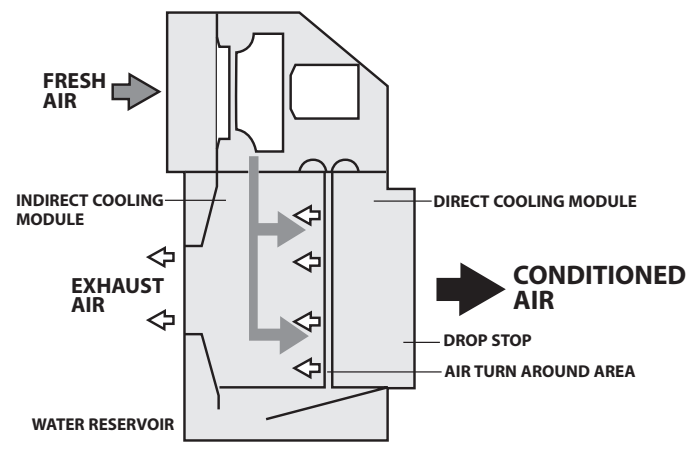

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Setting the standard in interior design

With 30 years of experience, Hines is a leader in the local industry

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Interior designer Connie Hines sees the world differently than most people.

She has a natural eye for balancing shape, form and harmony, but what really sets her apart from the rest of the design world is a strong work ethic and a broad scope of experience.

The Studio, Connie Hines Interior Design, located at 665 E. University Ave., Suite C, is a culmination of Hines' artistic analysis of the world around her.

"I have always been interested in mentally dissecting things and seeing how all the different parts come together to make a whole," Hines said.

As a consultant, Hines makes it a priority to remain flexible when working with clients, while striving to create something that is not only aesthetically pleasing, but functional as well.

Her showroom and studio focus on custom furnishings, accessories, art and one-of-a-kind accent pieces, in addition to complete design services for residential and commercial clients.

"It's an important part of interior design to put together a pretty or desirable presentation, but it's also the interior designer's job to look for the comfort, health and well-being of the client," said Hines, describing her philosophy of interior design.

Hines has been in Las Cruces since 1969, earning a Bachelor's degree of fine art in painting from New Mexico State University. She said she started mainly as a painter, but has always had an eye for design, shapes, colors and spatial relations.

> "Most people think of interior design as glamorous and fun, but one thing they never understand is the other side of it."
>
> CONNE HINES, Interior Designer

"From early on I was extremely observant. As a child, I was always trying to see what made things look the way they did," Hines said.

She got her start as a residential painter, creating murals for a number of organizations, including universities, hospitals and large-scale facilities. Soon after her painting career, Hines got involved in 2-D and 3-D design, which she said was a major contributor to her repertoire and skill set.

"Most people look at things on one plane, but when you're working with two and three dimensions it allows you to view the whole picture," Hines said.

Now, after almost 30 years working with interior design, Hines is a major leader in the local industry as a state-licensed professional interior designer. Hines is consistently active in the community, as her resume seems to stretch for miles. She serves on the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico, the Doña Ana Arts Council and the Downtown Design Committee, among others.

She has also served a number of committees and organizations that have helped shape the design industry throughout New Mexico and the world, including the International Society of Interior Designers, the New Mexico State University Art Gallery Board of Trustees and the International Interior Design Association.

Hines also helped set the standard for New Mexico interior design when she served on the Standards Committee of the New Mexico Board of Interior Design, in which she helped develop the Code of Standards and Ethics of Professional Conduct for Licensed Interior Designers in New Mexico. She was also recently appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson to the New Mexico Interior Design Board.

Hines said she has always believed in being active in the community, and emphasized the work that goes into keeping abreast with the ever-changing design industry. In order for designers to maintain their status as state licensed professionals, Hines said there are countless classes and design courses required.

Although she said she loves the excitement and artistic nature of her job, she thinks people often mistake a career in interior design for an easy, stress-free job.

"Most people think of interior design as glamorous and fun, but one thing they never understand is the other side of it," Hines said.

Most area residents have probably seen her work without even realizing it. Anyone who has been to the new Allen Theatre Cineport 10 in the Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., may notice the modern design and bright color scheme, but they may not realize the work and involvement it entailed from Hines and her associates. Her signature style marks six different theaters throughout New Mexico, as she has been a long time designer for Allen Theatres.

Hines said she and her team worked on the project for a year and a half. Everything you see in the Cineport first began as a simple design scheme on top of the original building plans. By working in a series of layers from the initial building plans, Hines applies this method in a similar fashion while designing for other clients.

"Everything you see in there, from the walls, the lights, the color scheme, it all came out of this office," Hines said of the Cineport 10.

Hines' talent also spills over into other realms of the community as well. Aside from her busy life at The Studio, Hines is also the co-owner of Hines and Hines Custom Homes, and maintains her status as a state-licensed contractor and custom

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Featured Designer: Connie Hines

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- Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico
- Doña Ana Arts Council

Family
- Husband Jerry
- Daughters Maria and Camille
- Sons Cameron, Robert and Devin

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homebuilder. She has contributed to a number of high-profile homes in the community.

However, Hines is not limited to high-profile projects. She said she is open to helping all demographics of people interested in her services. She said she has worked on projects ranging from $500 to $50,000, including dorm rooms.

"I think the community looks at interior design as a service that is affordable only to people of a higher economic base – that's a big misnomer. My services are affordable for all ranges of clients," Hines said.

Anyone interested in Hine's design ideas may reach her at 523-1809.

Hines contributed to designing the interior for one of the first houses built on the Sonoma Ranch Estates.

BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

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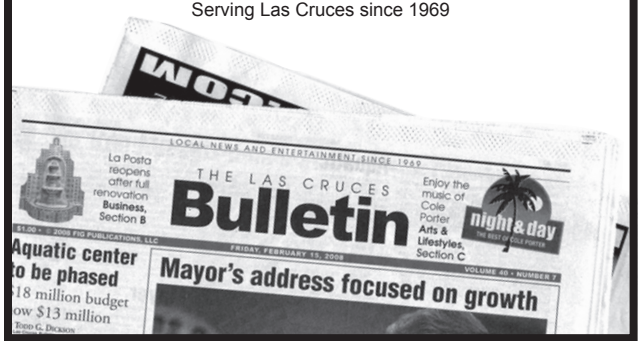

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The great pumpkin comes to Las Cruces

Local gardener breaks state record for growing the largest pumpkin

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Halloween is still more than two months away, but there seems to be a little early Hallow's Eve magic at work in the back yard of local gardener Danny Oxford, owner of Haydens Hardware.

As of now, Oxford has a giant pumpkin weighing more than 400 pounds thriving in his garden, which has already broken the record for the largest pumpkin grown in the state of New Mexico. The previous record-setting pumpkin weighed in at about 300 pounds, a weight that shrivels in comparison to records set throughout the country.

Oxford said New Mexico does not provide an ideal climate for growing giant pumpkins, which is why his 400-pound, orange mass of seeds and pulp seems to be so special.

"I originally decided to grow the pumpkin because someone told me I would never be able to do it," Oxford said.

He said in other states where giant pumpkin-growing is more popular, it is not uncommon to find 20 to 30 pumpkins weighing more than 1,000 pounds.

The local business owner said he has been gardening since he was a child. Coming from a family of eight children, he said gardening was an integral part of his early life, serving as sustenance for himself and his siblings.

Growing a total of four giant pumpkins, Oxford plans to have his largest pumpkin officially weighed and documented Thursday, Aug. 18. He also intends to continue growing his other pumpkins and have them weighed in on subsequent dates, with hopes of breaking his own record. One of the pumpkins, however, has already split, due to its rapid growth, disqualifying it as a record-setting pumpkin.

Virginia and Danny Oxford pose behind their 400-pound pumpkin named "Jimbo."

Danny Oxford hauls out his smallest pumpkin, which he named the "runt." The pumpkin no longer qualifies to break the state record because its rapid growth caused it to split down the middle.

Although Oxford said he has enjoyed growing his pumpkins, he said they require a large amount of maintenance, along with the care and attention of a devoted parent. He has even gone so far as naming his pumpkins, the largest being "Jimbo," followed by the "Old Lady," the "Old Man" and the "Runt."

"It's a lot of maintenance, a lot of pruning, covering the vines and assuring the new vines start," Oxford said. "I was constantly coming out here and checking on the pumpkins."

"I want to assure myself of beating the record with Jimbo, but I want to let the others keep going so I can try and break my own record."

The pumpkins grow at a rate of about 15 to 20 pounds per day and Danny said the process is very long and tedious, requiring constant attention, especially due to the warm New Mexico weather. Unlike other giant pumpkin growers on the east coast, Oxford said he keeps his pumpkin patch surrounded in grass to keep everything cool, while he also has fixed each pumpkin with its own shade tarp. From incubation to the full-grown specimen, Oxford has been along side his pumpkins through the whole process, protecting them from hot weather, curious cats that like to scratch the pumpkins' surface and fungus.

"I use cayenne pepper to keep the cats away, because they like to come and sharpen their claws on the pumpkin's surface, causing it to eventually break and split apart. For some reason the pepper keeps the cats away," Oxford said.

Additionally, Oxford had to use mill's paper, a smooth, porous material, which he placed beneath each pumpkin. He said without the paper, the pumpkins grow so fast that they cause the surrounding soil to build up along the base, retaining moisture and making the pumpkins more susceptible to fungus and mold.

"The mill's paper is nice and slick, so it allows the pumpkin to grow and spread out smoothly without any friction," Oxford said.

Oxford said he has been extremely grateful for the help he received from the Master Gardeners of New Mexico State Uni-

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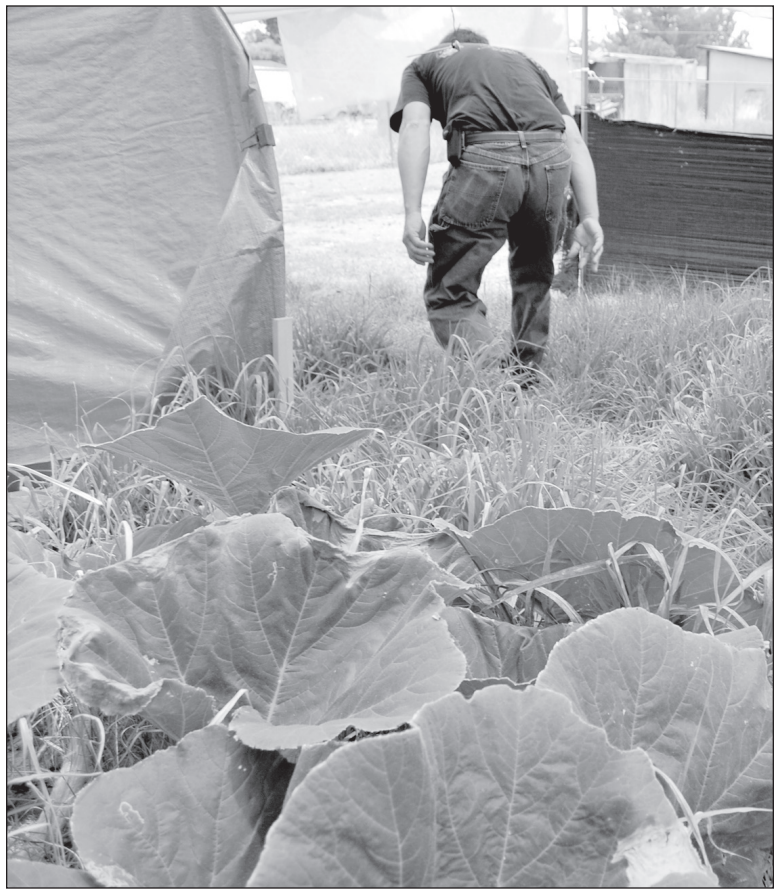

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Danny Oxford keeps his pumpkin patch shaded and surrounded with grass to fight off the hot New Mexico weather.

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versity, in cooperation with the New Mexico Extension Office. He has received a wealth of information regarding growing pumpkins and said he couldn't have accomplished such a feat without the help of the extension office and the master gardeners.

He also received great amounts of support from online pumpkin-growing communities, as pumpkin growing has developed into a very popular subculture throughout the nation.

The local community has also showed a response, especially local children who constantly come to Oxford's backyard to see the great pumpkin.

"All the neigborhood kids love to come by and see the pumpkin and how much it has grown. It gives them the opportunity to see how growing works," Oxford said.

To have the pumpkin verified, an agent from the extension office must be present to document the official weighing with a certified scale at Saba San Pecans, one of the few facilities in the area that actually has scales certified to weigh the record-setting pumpkin.

Oxford also kept a diary of his growing process to verify and legitimize his efforts.

> "It's not just about the pumpkin, but about the growing process and watching it develop."
>
> DENNY OXFORD

Though he is excited about setting a new record for the state of New Mexico, Oxford said he has mostly enjoyed the actual growing of the pumpkin.

"It's not just about the pumpkin, but about the growing process and watching it develop," Oxford said.

There is no doubt of Oxford's success, as he has technically already broken the state record; however, he said he doesn't plan on growing giant pumpkins again. Though the process takes devotion, he said just about anyone can grow their own giant pumpkins with the right amount of caution and attention to detail. As of next year, it will be up to someone else to carry Oxford's pumpkin legacy.

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Flatten your colanders and measuring cups to save space

Students trying to cook may find collapsible items invaluable

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Some people starting college may avoid cooking altogether because it can be not only time consuming, but space consuming.

Simple items used in cooking can pose some storage problems, as they are often large, bulky and awkward – especially when space is limited in a new dorm or apartment.

Although it may be convenient to reach from your futon to your microwave without getting up, some students may find cooking a feasible option with the help of some space-saving collapsible kitchen items.

Many local vendors feature a variety of kitchen items that fold up and collapse into more manageable shapes, making for easier storage.

Featured gadget: Collapsible kitchen items

What is it?

Collapsible items range from colanders and measuring cups to over-the-kitchen sink strainers and flat-storing bowls.

Colanders especially take up a significant amount of space, but there are other, more economic colanders such as the OXO Good Grips Silicone Collapsible Colander, which features non-slip handles and can withstand up to 600 degrees of heat.

Other collapsible items include the Chef'n SleekStor Collapsible Measuring Cup Set, which features different size cups for precise measuring. When you're done, the cups can be flattened and stored away.

How does it work?

Most collapsible kitchen items have components made of pliable silicone material, which can be compressed and expanded without losing the item's original shape. Other items use a terrace design, allowing for flat storing. All collapsible items are easy to fit into a dishwasher and clean up relatively easily.

How much does it cost?

Depending on the type of item and the brand, most collapsible kitchen gadgets range from $15 to $30. Most collapsible colanders cost about $29, while a set of collapsible measuring cups or bowls may run about $20.

Where can it be found?

Many local vendors, such as Bed, Bath & Beyond and Las Cosas Kitchen Shoppe & Cooking School, feature collapsible kitchen items. Bed Bath & Beyond sells a large variety of colanders, while Las Cosas has a variety of measuring cups, funnels and bowls.

Helpful hints:

Despite their flimsy, plastic appearance, most collapsible kitchen items are actually incredibly durable. If you take care of your items, they will prove an invaluable part of your cooking repertoire. Lastly, be sure to use caution while in the kitchen, no matter how small it may be.

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A collapsible colander available at Bed, Bath & Beyond may prove useful in crowded kitchens.

Keep your lips smooth plus everything else

Use lip balm to stop bleeding, groom a mustache and make a stuck zipper zip

Around-the-house item: Lip balm

By Jonathan Butz
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Lip balms are often lifesavers, especially while traveling under the hot New Mexican sun.

Excessive heat or cold can easily split one's lips in no time, which is why lip balm is often No. 1 on the hiker's or backpacker's list of required items.

Lip balms come in a variety of colors, shapes and flavors and most are made of beeswax, petroleum jelly, menthol or camphor, while others add vitamins, alum or salicylic acid to the mix.

Lip balm first made an appearance in 1880 when Dr. C. D. Fleet invented Chap Stick, which was made by melting wax and pouring it into a brass tube for easy access and storage. Other brands of lip balm, such as Carmex and Blistex, made their first appearance in the early 1930s and '40s.

Although lip balm is commonly used on the kisser, very few people know of the many uses for lips balm around the house.

1) Prevent car battery corrosion: If crusty battery terminals are a constant problem, rub some lip balm around the terminals to protect and preserve them from corrosion.

2) Stop bleeding while shaving: For most men, shaving can be a dreadful and even dangerous experience. Blood can be spilled if a big enough knick is made on the right part of the neck. In case of one of those nasty cuts, grab some lip balm and apply to the wound. The balm will help to stop bleeding and seal up the cut opening.

3) Groom a mustache or eyebrows: Wild mustaches and eyebrows are not only unattractive, but itchy as well. Keep facial hair in line by applying a small amount of lip balm to hold and smoothen. Lip balm works especially great with certain complex mustache styles.

4) Prevent hair coloring from dying your skin: Some people change their hair color more often than their clothes. If you constantly struggle with different dyes and coloring products, you can apply some lip balm along the edge of your forehead to prevent the dye from staining. Now everyone will think that pink mohawk is all natural.

5) Lubricate a zipper: There's nothing more frustrating than a tricky zipper that's always getting stuck. A stuck zipper is especially irksome on a hot day, making it impossible to get out of one's clothes. For future reference, don't become a prisoner locked inside your jeans. Keep your zippers lubricated with lip balm. The balm will reduce friction and allow your zipper to function properly.

6) Lubricate nails and screws: For construction projects, lip balm can be just as important as a screwdriver and hammer. If there is a particularly tight spot on your next project, just bathe your screws and nails in lip balm for easier and smoother driving.

7) Remove a ring stuck on a finger: Sometimes pesky jewelry won't budge without the proper lubrication. If you can't get a ring off your finger, try using some lip balm to slick up your finger and the ring will slide right off.

8) Lubricate furniture drawers and windows: If drawers or windows in your house keep getting stuck, dab some lip balm on the casters for lubrication. Your drawers will be able to open smoothly without the harsh smell of WD-40.

Be creative when using your lip balm, just be sure to keep it clean. It's also probably a good idea to keep a lip balm specifically for your lips, while a second balm can be used around the house. Balms away!

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	4	5	4
Homes Sold Existing	21	26	10
Pending Home Sales (All)	241	222	191

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$163,995	$155,500	$232,035
Median Price Existing	$160,000	$189,000	$137,500

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	169	164	134

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,354	1,345	1,581
Real Estate Agents	538	538	615

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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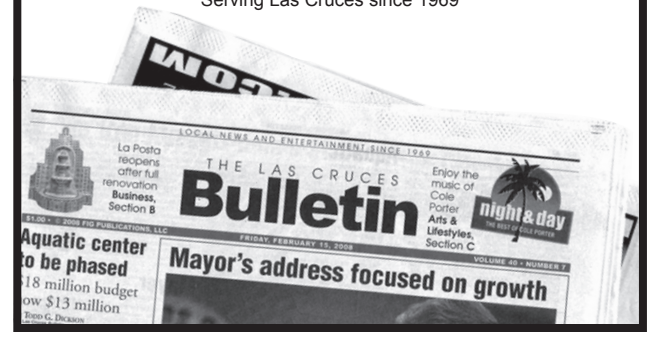

SUNNY CONLEY
Chile Knights

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Chile Lore, Tales & Tidbits.....

Chile pepper harvest comes to our lush-green valley

A New Mexican staple, here to stay

The sweet and delicious aroma of roasting chile is officially sweeping the valley and the world famous Hatch Chile Festival is only weeks away. In celebration of this year's harvest, I share several recipes – recipes that are sassy and sizzling and simply savory!

The following old-fashioned hometown recipes appear (as is, a little tweaking) in the cookbook, "Recipes from Hatch N.M., Award Winning Recipes," published by the Hatch Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America, date unknown.

Meat Burritos

(June Rutherford, owner Hatch Chile Express store, Hatch, N.M.)

1 pound ground beef
1/2 pound ground pork
1 small onion
4 medium size potatoes
2 cups roasted green chile, chopped
1 tablespoon dry chicken bouillon
1 pound grated asadero cheese
1 dozen flour tortillas
Garlic
Salt

Dice potatoes and boil with a little salt until tender. Drain and set aside. Fry ground meat with chopped onions and add seasoning to taste. When done, add diced potatoes and green chile. Mix in chicken bouillon. Warm up flour tortillas. Spoon meat mixture across the tortilla. Add grated cheese. Roll up separately. Wrap in wax paper until ready to eat.

Green Chile Rellenos Sandia

(Toni Berry)

6 Sandia chiles, peeled
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 pound longhorn cheese, cut into 1/4 to 1/2 inch pieces
1 cup flour
Oil

Beat 2 egg whites until thick and foamy. Beat in yokes, if desired. Split chile lengthwise. Stuff cheese into split chile. Roll and mix with salt and flour on a paper towel. Let rest. While oil heats to medium hot, dip chile in egg. Then brown on both sides. Drain and blot on paper towels. Serve immediately.

Salsa Fresca

(Helen Trujillo)

1 1/4 pound red ripe tomatoes chopped
1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon hot red or green chiles, chopped
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic, finely minced
1 teaspoon crumbled dried oregano
Salt to taste
1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice

Put all ingredients in a bowl. Stir and serve at room temperature or cold.

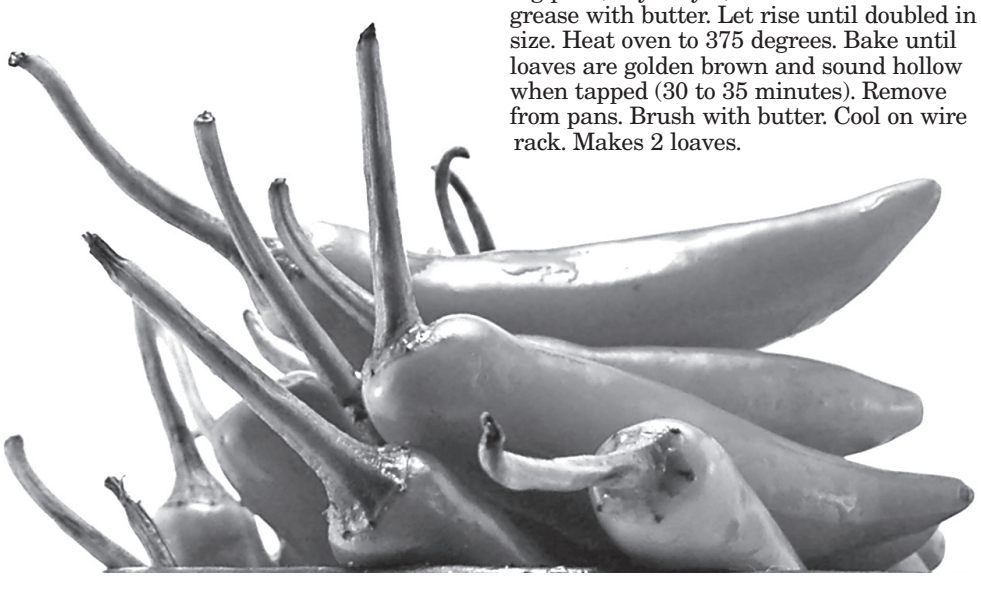
Chile Crust Bread

(Shaina Franzoy)

2 packages yeast
2 cups warm water
1 tablespoon New Mexico Red Chile Powder
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
2 eggs
1/4 cup oil
6 to 6 1/2 cups flour

Dissolve yeast in warm water in a large mixing bowl. Stir in sugar, chile, salt, eggs, 1/4 cup oil and 3 cups of the flour. Beat until smooth. Mix in the remaining flour to make dough easy to handle. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead dough until smooth and elastic (about 8 to 10 minutes). Place in lightly greased bowl, and then turn greased side up. Cover. Let rise in warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Punch down dough. Divide into halves. Roll each half into a rectangular shape. Place loaf, seam side down in greased baking pan (9-by-5-by-3). Brush with oil or grease with butter. Let rise until doubled in size. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake until loaves are golden brown and sound hollow when tapped (30 to 35 minutes). Remove from pans. Brush with butter. Cool on wire rack. Makes 2 loaves.



A sea of chile peppers are ready to be harvested, prepped and stored for later use.

Green Chile Enchiladas

(Mrs. Gene Parker)

3/4 pounds of hamburger
7 Chiles, roasted, peeled an chopped
1/2 clove of garlic, minced
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom
1 can of water
Tortillas
Grated cheese

Mix and cook ingredients together. Let simmer 20 minutes. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Put some of the soup mixture in the bottom of pan. Then add generous layer of tortillas (have tortillas overlap). Put soup mixture on top. Then add a generous amount of grated cheese. Then add another layer of tortillas, soup mixture and cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Then sprinkle cheese on top when you take it out of the oven.

Maggie Gamboa's Chile Sauce Recipes

(from Maggie's cookbook "Recetas del Valley, Mesilla Valley Recipes," 1988 Saint Albert the Great Parish and Newman Center, Las Cruces, N.M.)

Red Chile Sauce

This is your basic red chile sauce for enchiladas or red chile con carne.

While dry pods or chile powder may be used in making red chile sauce, fresh red chile can also be used. Pungency is largely in the veins of the chile. For a milder sauce, remove veins.

Remove stems, seed and veins from 12 to 24 red chile pods. Wash pods in warm water. Place in a pan and cover with boiling water. Let the pods stand in the water until the pulp separates easily from the tough outer skin. Place eight chiles and 1 cup of water in blender. Process until chiles are broken in medium size pieces. Do not puree. Put through a colander, adding enough water to remove the pulp.

If sauce is very thick, thin with water to desired consistency. Continue process until all red pods are processed.

Enchilada Sauce

For enchilada sauce, heat 1 1/2 tablespoon lard or oil in a medium saucepan. Stir in 1 1/2 tablespoons flour until mixture is smooth. Cook about 1 minute. Add pureed chile, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin and salt to taste. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cook and stir until slightly thickened. Taste and add ore salt if needed.

Red Sauce Made with Ground or Powdered Chile

Most people agree that sauce prepared from chile pods is the most desirable, but if pods are not available, the following sauce is quite good. Ground or powdered chile can be found in most supermarkets but for the best results, make sure to get only pure ground or powdered chile rather than a blended chile powder.

1 quart boiling water
2 tablespoons fat or lard
1 teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons ground or powdered red chile
2 tablespoons flour

Add fat and salt to the boiling water in a large sauce pan. Mix the powdered chile and flour together, then add enough cold water to make a paste. Stir in the paste into the boiling water slowly, stirring constantly until the sauce thickens. If the sauce is not desired consistency, add more powder. If it is too hot, add more flour.

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.

Grasshoppers have been portrayed in all different lights.

Grasshoppers Inspire Goodwill

Small creatures are a normal part of our culture

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

Grasshoppers are among the lithe jumpers of the insect world, sporting large hind legs and short thick antennae.

They're often seen hopping around in the grass throughout the world – but like many insects, they also are permanent inhabitants of our culture, taking a place in literature, movies and history, and in recent films including "A Bug's Life." Sometimes the characterization's are kindly, and others are fearsome – an emotion based both on fiction and reality in the case of this bug.

Locusts are in the fear-inspiring category, historically swarming to ravage crops and ruin food supplies in locales around the world. Locusts are short-horned grasshoppers that change in color and behavior when the population becomes dense.

Names like the katydid form softer thoughts of quiet summer nights. Plenty will also think in terms of the cicada that spends most of its life quietly underground and emerges briefly to create an almost electric buzz. In reality, however, neither katydids nor cicada are grasshoppers, according to New Mexico State University's website.

> "Sometimes the characterizations are kindly, and others are fearsome ..."

Grasshoppers, migrating insects, are often noisemakers, chirping by either rubbing a rear leg with wing or abdomen, or make sound from wing-to-wing contact. The chirping – as well as display flights – are functions of mating and territoriality, according to NMSU.

They primarily eat vegetation, but will eat other damaged insects – including other grasshoppers – to supplement their protein. Birds, robber flies and hunting wasps are among the grasshopper's prime predators in New Mexico.

This is an insect that's also a foodstuff, providing a source of protein. They are eaten by cultures around the world, including in Africa, China and Mexico.

In addition to the introduction of natural predators, grasshopper populations are controlled in part by tilling the soil – where grasshoppers lay eggs and nymphs live – in addition to using insecticides.

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