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City seeks solar energy efficiencies

Work session on energy is start of sustainability focus in city policies

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

Frequent sunny weather in southern New Mexico is often cited in promotions for people to move to Las Cruces.

But its relentless heat also results in significant use of electricity for home cooling and is a drain to the city's water resources as people turn up the sprinklers to keep lawns green.

The sun also is a largely wasted resource to offset some of that electrical usage, and strategic landscaping with trees and shrubs can greatly reduce the need for watering lawns.

Those are some of the lessons that emerged from an afternoon workshop on energy efficiencies held Monday, May 12, at city council.

Councillor Nathan Small, who organized the presentations, said the topic was not only timely as people struggle with high gas prices, "we also live in an area that has great potential in sustainability."

Frank Burcham, who has been involved with Albuquerque's increased efforts on sustainability concerns, told the council that it will find switching to more energy-efficient systems costly in the initial purchases, but those expenditures pay for themselves when balanced against savings from traditional energy use.

> "We live in an area that has great potential in sustainability."
>
> NATHAN SMALL, city councillor

"You need to look at the life-cycle cost instead of simple payback," he said.

City officials told the council they already are taking steps to keep those energy expenditures down, such as switching to LED lighting for street signs and traffic signals. Though much more expensive to buy, these LED systems require little to no maintenance, and they cut the energy usage by half or more, according to Dan Soriano, city traffic engineer. The department is considering going to LED street lights, he said.

The city also has begun using solar-powered flashing warning lights at school crossings. Also, the Las Cruces airport has been working on using solar energy to power runway lights and hangar lighting. As well, the city has been working on "economizer systems" that, for example, let in cooler outside air in the morning to help cool off buildings, said Brian Denmark, facilities director.

As for bringing solar power to the new city hall under construction, it's too late in the design of the three-story building to add roof support, but city officials will soon be presenting a plan to put solar panels on top of parking shade structures for the same purpose.

"We have a huge area for parking," Denmark said. "Using the parking decks may be better than putting a solar system on the roof."

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Kevin Bixby, director of the Southwest Environmental Center, kneels on the center's roof by its cover of 33 solar voltaic panels that were installed in March. The system that generates six kilowatts of electricity – about a quarter of the center's annual need for electricity – was made possible by a $100,000 appropriation to New Mexico State University to install such as system.

Other sustainability suspects are often misguided.

Joshua Rosenblatt, city water conservationist coordinator, said it's not the golf courses and swimming pools that are big water users. It's more often large, residential yards without shade that he has discovered are some of the city's largest water consumers in the city. That's why Rosenblatt has been holding "Lush and Lean" workshops to teach people how proper selection and placement of trees and shrubs can better contribute to

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Mountain lion kills poodle in city

Game officials set traps behind Lowe's

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

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 14, a small mountain lion jumped the wall of a backyard in the neighborhood behind Lowe's Home Improvement store on North Main Street and killed a poodle.

LuAnn Tafoya, spokeswoman for the state Game and Fish Department, said it's most likely a young cat who has been unable to establish it territory against older, larger cats. That's probably why the mountain cat attack came so deep inside the city, she said.

Most of the mountain lion sightings by residents come from the Tortugas Mountain area, Tafoya said. While it is likely the cat came from the Organ Mountains, they can be found in all the mountain areas in Doña Ana County, she said.

The department isn't releasing the exact address of the attack to keep people from going to the area, she said.

"We've set a trap there," she said on Thursday, May 15. "As of this morning, we haven't caught him."

Residents in the area are being advised

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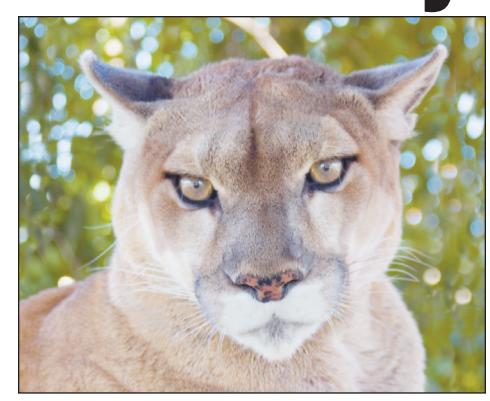

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Home-schoolers hold graduation

The Mesilla Valley Christian Home Educators held a commencement ceremony to honor eight home-schooled graduating seniors on Saturday, May 3, at First Evangelical Free Church in Las Cruces. Speaking before a full house of parents, students and friends, state Sen. Lee Rawson delivered the keynote address. Several of the students have earned scholarships and will be attending college in the fall. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Tessa Verburg, Michelle Lopez, Sen. Lee Rawson, Nicole Ray and Lauren Bernstein; (front row, left to right) Kyle O'Connell, Samuel Wong, Julian Torres and Austin Ray.

Graduations wrap up this weekend for LCPS

Class of 2008 to get diplomas

The 2008 Las Cruces public high school graduation ceremonies are continuing this weekend at Pan American Center on the main campus of New Mexico State University at the following times:

- Las Cruces High School: Friday, May 16, 7 p.m.
- Mayfield High School: Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.
- Oñate High School: Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m.

Also, Alma d'arte Charter High School will hold its grauation at 7 p.m. Friday, May at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave.

Graduation for San Andres Learning Center was held Thursday, May 15.

Nature camp offered for kids this summer

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History will host a summer nature camp for kids in first through eighth grades. Registration is ongoing for three camp sessions, which begin June 2 and end June 27.

The purpose of the camp is to provide young campers with an opportunity to experience nature first-hand through supervised hikes, nature games and crafts; to generate curiosity and interest in our desert environment; and to provide a safe, fun and informal learning environment.

Kids will be separated into age groups. The camp for kids in sixth through eighth grades will be June 2-6. Kids in third through fifth grades can participate June 9-13 or June 23-27. First- through second-graders can participate June 16-20.

The schedule for Nature Camp 2008 is as follows:

Grades 6-8 (Week I)		Leave/Return
June 3	Anthony Gap Cave Franklin Mountains State Park	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
June 4	Rio Bonito, New Mexico	Noon/overnight
June 5	Rio Bonito, New Mexico	All day
June 6	Three Rivers, New Mexico	overnight/4 p.m.
Grades 3-5 (Week II)		
June 9	Soledad Canyon	8 a.m./4 p.m.
June 10	Mesilla Valley Bosque SP	8 a.m./4 p.m.
June 11	City of Rocks State Park	4 p.m./overnight
June 12	City of Rocks State Park	overnight/4 p.m.
Grades 1-2 (Week III)		
June 16	Dripping Springs	8 a.m./1 p.m.
June 17	La Llorona Park	8 a.m./1 p.m.
June 18	Leasburg State Park	8 a.m./1 p.m.
June 19	Young Park	8 a.m./1 p.m.
Grades 3-5 (Week IV)		
June 24	Soledad Canyon	8 a.m./4 p.m.
June 25	Mesilla Valley Bosque SP	8 a.m./4 p.m.
June 26	City of Rocks State Park	4 p.m./overnight
June 27	City of Rocks State Park	overnight/4 p.m.

Registration closes one week prior to camp date or when the session is full. Enrollment is limited to 13 kids and payment is due at time of registration. The cost for the camp ranges from $100 to $150 depending on the child's grade. Cancellations up to Monday, May 19, will receive a 25-percent refund. Cancellations after that time will not be refunded.

For more information, contact the Museum of Natural History at 522-3120. The TTY number is 541-2161.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

A publisher's day

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

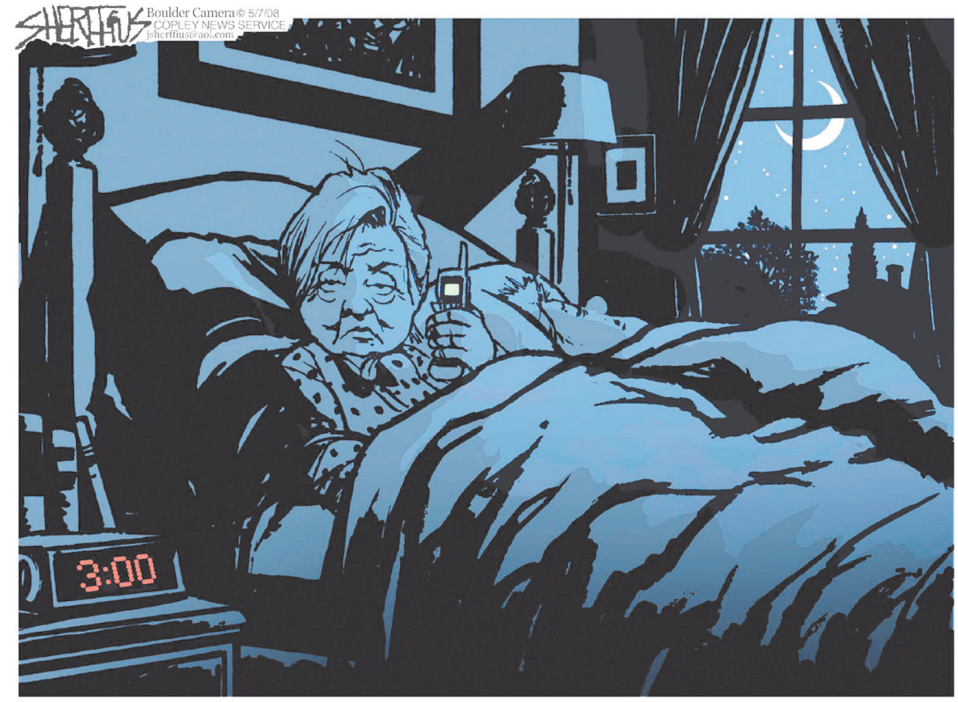
McCOLLUM

Earlier this week, a young middle school student, an aspiring journalist, asked me to explain what a "publisher" does. My top-of-mind response was that I am responsible for overseeing the production of a weekly newspaper for and about the people of the Las Cruces area. The student then asked me to explain exactly what I do in a typical day. I rattled off a few predictable duties of a newspaper publisher, such as participating in meetings, visiting with people, planning, writing and editing. Time did not permit me to go into much more detail. However, I decided to write down my day's activities that I would share with the student and I thought some readers might be interested in a "day in the life of a publisher."

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

3:15 a.m. Jaki wakes me. She is flying to Oklahoma and we need to leave for the El Paso airport.
4:20 a.m. Drive Jaki to El Paso and rush to Las Cruces for an early meeting.
6:35 a.m. Meet with a local civic club, as guest speaker.
7:50 a.m. Review the 300 or so new emails, respond to a few, file the important ones and trash the rest. Answer half a dozen incoming phone calls before receptionist arrives.
8:20 a.m. Meet with advertising sales team and approve final layout for high school graduation section.
8:35 a.m. Briefly check proofs of pages for Arts and Business sections.
8:45 a.m. Review daily assignments for reporters and photographers.
8:55 a.m. Review advertising account assignments with senior sales team; set up interviews for potential new advertising sales staff.
9:15 a.m. Attend Citizens Bank event with Picacho Middle School.
9:55 a.m. Meet our printer, Signature Offset, to discuss the printing schedule.
10:15 a.m. Meet with major advertising client to discuss new contract.
10:40 a.m. Deliver advertising presentation to Wilson-Binkley agency.
11:15 a.m. Return to office and check on status of remodeling project, contact various contractors to verify schedules. Sign contract for new exterior signage.
11:45 a.m. Attend luncheon meeting at Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.
1:00 p.m. Drop in on Convention and Visitors Bureau open house.
1:25 p.m. Meet with City Manager Terrence Moore and briefly discuss Vision 2040 project.
2:00 p.m. Back at office, review plan for Bulletin's page one layout.
2:15 p.m. Follow up with pending ads for this week's Bulletin.
2:45 p.m. Track down new phones that were supposed to have been delivered on previous day. Negotiate with seller to send phones by FedEx.
3:00 p.m. Meet with IT specialists from Ariel to review our plan to relocate our computer network.
4:00 p.m. Make telephone contacts for background and quotes regarding major page-one story; proof and edit pages for Homes and Sports sections; review United Way luncheon highlights with Joel Courtney.
4:45 p.m. Contact person who was not happy with a news feature. Had to explain we use standard Associated Press style.
5:15 p.m. Set up interviews for next day; remind staff about general lunch meeting on Thursday.
5:30 p.m. Return about a dozen phone calls; sign some Chamber of Commerce letters.
6:00 p.m. Learn that a page one story has fallen through and will be delayed.
6:15 p.m. Meet with advertising sales staff to review new assignments.
7:15 p.m. Review and clean up about 500 new emails that had arrived.
8:30 p.m. Review plans to move phones, desks and computers to our new office space on Thursday.
9:40 p.m. Pick up mail from post office box; have a light, late dinner.
11:10 p.m. Quietly pray for Jaki's safe travels and for wisdom and inner calmness during the potentially chaotic next day.
11:20 p.m. Sleep soundly until about 4:30 a.m. when the next day begins.

After reviewing the day's summary, it's clear that a publisher's job at an independent newspaper can be quite demanding. However, when you love what you do, in a community you enjoy and work with a bunch of terrific people, it's a job I would not trade for any other.



"Drop out, Hillary..."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Show deserves second opinion

This letter is in response to the paragraph that was written about the art exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center by Ouida Touchon in her Art Talk column dated May 9. The art show that Ouida is referring to is the Las Cruces Arts Association membership show held once a year. Basically, Ouida's opinion of the show was that most of it was amateur and that most of the awards were not merited, including the first prize, which she states "somehow a digitally manipulated image was elevated" as the top award.

I first of all would like to bring out another opinion about the show, from the person who judged the show, Jacklyn St. Aubyn. Jacklyn is an associate professor of art at New Mexico State University. Jacklyn wrote this about the show: "All of the work are very well crafted. I am impressed with the quality of work. It was a difficult decision-making process. I chose those works that have particularly skillful handling of media as a sense of poetry or magic to me." Sounds like Jacklyn and Ouida differ on the quality of the show. I just felt it should be known, art appreciation is in the eye of the beholder, and you, the public, can be the ones to judge and hear another opinion of the show.

I happen to be that winner of the top award. I think that Ouida's opinion was downgrading the medium of art that I work in. I never call my medium a manipulated image, it makes the process sound too simple, and I just do not press buttons to create my work. In this particular award-winning work, I photographed the original landscape scene, and then I spent hours digitally hand painting over the image. It's a magical setting in the countryside outside of my wife's birthplace in London, England.

This is not the first top award I have received. I moved from California a year ago to Las Cruces. In California, I belonged to three art associations and one that the artist had to be juried into (Santa Barbara Art Association). I won numerous awards including the top award. I have entered the last three Las Cruces Arts Association shows and have won an award at each. At the Southern New Mexico State Fair 2007 I not only won first-, second- and sixth-place awards in photography special effects, I also won Best of Show in Photography.

So please Ouida, before you downgrade a show and an artist's medium, do your homework. The Las Cruces Arts Association has great quality work, and digital art is a much warranted medium in the art world. Look what's in the latest show next door at The Las Cruces Museum of Art. The 2008 NMSU Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibit features three digital artists.

KURT VAN WAGNER

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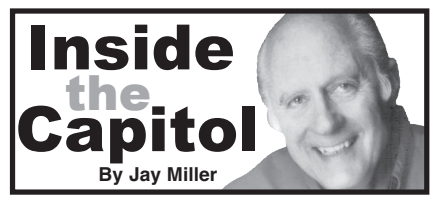
Sierra County vote puts spaceport back on track

Wide margin in favor of tax shows residents confident Spaceport America will be a success

Sierra County's overwhelming approval of a spaceport tax is a huge step toward putting Spaceport America back on track.

Although the advocates implied that the gross receipts tax approval was necessary for the spaceport effort to continue, there was enough artful wording to make one suspect that a fallback position was hiding somewhere.



This column suggested that likelihood a month or so ago. It was denied, but a week before the election Lt. Gov. Diane Denish admitted that although there was no backup in case the vote failed, a Plan B would be developed quickly.

After all, why bet a $225 million state project on the vote of 3,000 people in one small county? That would be more politically irresponsible than even New Mexicans could imagine.

Although the Sierra County vote would not have been a deal breaker had it failed, it was extremely important. The spaceport creation had been predicated on the creation of a regional taxing district.

Voters in Doña Ana County had narrowly approved joining that district over a year ago. A second political subdivision was needed to create a regional entity. As it turned out, it didn't have to be a county. Had the vote failed in Sierra County, a positive vote in one of its towns, such as Truth or Consequences, would have been sufficient.

But the 2-1 approval in Sierra County, with a 42-percent turnout at the polls, was such a pleasant surprise that the stalled spaceport creation should get back on track. Basically nothing happened after the narrow Doña Ana County victory.

Once again, I'm guessing, but it's backed up by 50 years of involvement with New Mexico politics. I think the closeness of the Doña Ana victory put a damper on spaceport enthusiasm. Las Cruces was the cradle of spaceport mania. Leaders in that community had been working on the idea for over 15 years.

The opposition came primarily from the Mesilla Valley south of Las Cruces. Activists in the area said the spaceport was OK, but they didn't want to pay anything, and besides, the money really should go to helping people in the poverty-stricken area.

When the Sierra County vote neared, those activists then moved up the Rio Grande to make the same argument. Many political observers predicted that the more conservative voters in the T or C area would be likely to reject the spaceport.

Virgin Galactic had signed a memorandum of understanding to be the anchor tenant at the spaceport and promised that if the Doña Ana vote passed, it would sign a lease. But nothing happened.

Rick Homans then resigned as executive director of the Spaceport Authority to go into private business. A permanent replacement finally was named this past December. But still no lease and no announced progress on obtaining a federal license for the proposed spaceport.

Other disappointments included the departure of Starchaser Industries, which had made big promises in Las Cruces and problems of the Rocket Racing League, with headquarters in Las Cruces, to find enough competitors for events it intended to begin two years ago.

Then there was the disaster at the Mojave Spaceport in California that killed three people working on development of the spaceplane to be used by Virgin Galactic at New Mexico's spaceport. Will that slow the move to Spaceport America? Since Mojave was already licensed as a spaceport, will that slow federal licensing of other spaceports?

All this bad news was not lost on the New Mexico Legislature, which still hasn't come up with all the $225 million cost originally forecast for the project. Lawmakers seem to have lost interest.

Virgin Galactic, meanwhile, is being romanced by emerging spaceports in America and around the world. Dubai is one of those suitors. It doesn't have to worry about money, licensing or environmental impact studies.

But Sierra County's strong statement of confidence in Spaceport America should be just what is needed for everyone to get back on board.

Letters to the Editor

Regents ignore public input

NMSU's official Policy Manual is the peg on which Bob Gallagher, chair of the NMSU Board of Regents, hangs his extended argument (in the recent guest column you published) that things are being handled excellently by NMSU officials, despite media reports.

Further, in the Las Cruces Sun-News story on April 25, it is stated that two Common Cause leaders believe that NMSU has made "great strides" in opening regents meetings to public comment. This is at best a half truth – local chair Steve Carter has not replied to my request for verification of this. Steve Allen, New Mexico executive director for Common Cause, states that he said no such thing.

The point is that Policy Manual updating of last October (the most recent updating) left in place the extremely restrictive, detailed and burdensome requirements laid upon anyone with something to say to the regents. The objectionable paragraph was called to their attention in July 2007 (see verbatim minutes). They have done, essentially, nothing.

Their recent agendas include, near the end, an entry "comment." Thus, perhaps, if their desired two-hour limit for meetings is not threatened or exceeded and if Bob Gallagher is so inclined, a citizen may be recognized to speak. I am not going to hold my breath for this to happen, fearing the sky might fall upon us all.

The evidence is clear: NMSU regents really do not care what the public thinks.

JOHN PORTER BLOOM

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'Pure' breeds come with liabilities

BY MICHAEL SWICKARD
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Recently there has been a move to change the municipal animal shelter from having to destroy most animals to a no-kill facility, which instead places these pets in homes. Success is tied to changing the behavior of people. Let us talk about dogs.

Paris Hilton fueled the boutique-dog craze where women want a cute fashion-accessory dog peeking out of their purse. This dog has to be a purebred hoity-toity dog. It cannot be some mutt of unknown origins. Then, when having that fashion dog goes out of style, or when their cavalier attitude toward the dog makes a monster out of it, to the shelter it goes.

> "Each rescued-pet owner should get lots of recognition ..."

Likewise when a Dalmatian was featured in a movie, many people rushed to have a Dalmatian. About a year later, the shelters were full of unwanted Dalmatians.

Also filling up the animal shelter are people who have dogs casually much like they have children from casual relationships, with no forethought or obligation. When they become problematic, they are left at the side of the road – the dogs, not the children – those are just left. Their dogs breed and fill animal shelters with unwanted dogs.

A word about mutts: They are a deal for people wanting love and companionships. But the big dog shows market "pure" breeds. These "pure" breeds can be fine pets, but often come with real liabilities, not the least is if the dog costs lots of money, people will steal it.

Puppy mills market cute puppies born in waves just for the purpose of making money and if not sold, abandoned. These are advertised as "pure" breeds without papers. The concept of "pure breed" is as much the cause of our overabundance of dogs in the shelter as anything else.

At the animal shelter, pets are "what you see is what you get." Many dogs are mature with a face only a lovely person can love. Those wanting to copy the Hollywood pinheads who have "strut pets" will not find status animals. They can find great pets.

Three things the local government and the animal shelter must do: first, they must make ownership of a rescued pet a badge of honor. Next, they must make the transition to having a pet as easy as possible. Finally, the city and county governments must ban the puppy mills and really work to spay and neuter all pets so those populations do not increase.

Pouring thousands of puppies into our area, animals who end up at the shelter, is wrong. There could be a provision for show animals that are to be show animals. And, while this would push the activities underground, it would limit them considerably.

One of my rescued animals, Shovel, had a bad habit, which I suspect landed her in the pound. Luckily I had the insight and patience to change Shovel's name to Shadow when she decided that digging was not cool and what Michael wanted was a companion like his shadow.

To make the no-kill center work, experts must be available to train new dog owners on how to extinguish undesirable behaviors and how to work with the dog. Likewise, adopted pets, not just dogs, should have a place where the vet fees for the rest of their lives are inexpensive. Each rescued-pet owner should get lots of recognition, and every effort must be made to market these pets to potential owners.

A no-kill tradition will be hard to achieve, but it is possible if we all work toward it. The first step is to talk to your neighbors who have not neutered their animals and to continuously talk about the value of mutts over the snooty dogs.

Michael Swickard and Conrad

My current dog, Conrad, who is known informally as the Doggie Lama because he brings friendship and love to all who see him, wishes you well and asks that you help make this a no-kill animal shelter city.

Michael Swickard's email is michael@swickard.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No-kill confusion

I applaud the hiring of Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock as the new director of our animal shelter. She has vowed to work toward "no-kill" in the next five to seven years. The term "no-kill" floors people because most misunderstand what it means. We are all so brainwashed into thinking that euthanasia is the only solution to pet overpopulation that we miss the logic behind this wonderful hyphenate.

No-kill simply means that we stop the systematic killing of most animals that enter our shelters by implementing comprehensive, simultaneous lifesaving programs. No-kill returns the term euthanasia to its dictionary definition, which is to give a humane death to hopeless, ill, injured and irremediably suffering animals and the few dogs that are truly vicious and pose a public threat. The vast majority of animals that enter our shelter and shelters across the country do not fall into these categories.

Another great myth is the one that says there are not enough homes for them all, but in the United States, every year, twice as many people are looking for a new dog than enter our shelters, and more are also wanting to adopt a cat than there are cats in shelters. This nation could save 4.5 million of the 5 million it will kill this year by implementing the following programs: feral cat efforts; high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter; rescue groups; foster care; adoption programs; pet retention; medial/behavior rehabilitation; PR/community relations; volunteers; and, last but not least, a compassionate director.

Our city and county hired a great, compassionate director in Dr. Vesco-Mock, so all we need to do is help her reach these attainable no-kill goals. Other communities across the United States, both urban and rural, have done it. So can we!

For more information about no-kill, visit www.nokilladvocacycenter.org.

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Beginning Guitar (Grades 5 and Up)
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Chess (Grades 2 and Up)

1:00–4:00 pm
Mad Scientists
Viva el Español
Cheer & Pom Dance (Grades 4 and Up)
Dance Explosion
Scrapbooking (Grades 2 and Up)
Fun with Food

Week 2 (June 9–13)

8:30–11:30 am
Football Fundamentals (Grades 4 and Up)
Beginning French
Viva el Español
Cheer & Pom Dance (Grades 4 and Up)
Passports to America
Dance Explosion 2
Beginning Violin
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1:00–4:00 pm
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Outdoor Fun & Games
Fun with Food

If you are interested in attending the June Jamboree, please select the classes you want and send in or drop off your registration as soon as possible. Cost is $50 per class. Children taking 4 classes receive a $20 discount. Registration deadline is May 28th. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Torres at 524-0458 or leave a message in the school office, 526-2517. We hope to see you there!

EBID manager calls for storm water capture and use

The Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization seeks support for projects

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When the rain comes in the desert, it can come in monsoonal downpours only to have much of the water drain uncaptured.

At a recent Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization workshop, Gary Esslinger, the Elephant Butte Irrigation District manager, proposed changing that.

Esslinger said the organization's entities need to work together to capture storm water for aquifer storage and recovery, improve dam safety and establish an early warning system, develop systems for municipal and industrial surface water treatment and wastewater reclamation and reuse.

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The Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization includes Doña Ana County, EBID, Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, Town of Mesilla, Village of Hatch, Anthony Water and Sanitation District, City of Las Cruces and New Mexico State University.

The organization needs to be innovative in storm water capture and use, Esslinger said. He showed examples of controlled release from dams to the rivers, canals and drains for municipal and industrial treatment, filtration for aquifer recharge, sediment management and redesigning of flood control structures.

"We want to develop a conjunctive management of our water, to coordinate the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization," Esslinger said. "We're not interested in putting money in litigation. We need to put money in state legislation for these projects."

The organization has requested a little more than $41 million from the state for flood planning, aquifer storage and recovery projects, municipal and industrial surface water treatment and wastewater reclamation and reuse.

State Rep Joni Marie Gutierrez, D-Mesilla, said she was impressed that everyone at the workshop was working cooperatively on water projects.

"I'm going to work hard in the Legislature to get some of these projects funded," Gutierrez said. "I'm very interested in collection and treatment of surface water for treatment so we'll have more water."

State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, also liked the message of community solutions, but added that he was disappointed to not hear more emphasis on water conservation.

"I think it's important that we do this before taking such radical steps to start building dams in every significant arroyo in Doña Ana County in attempts to capture storm water," Steinborn said. "Drip irrigation offers opportunities for farmers to get the same production while using as little water as possible. This is the direction that we need to be headed for more water conservation."

State Rep. Andy Nuñez, D-Hatch, is on the Water and Natural Resources Committee and said the adjudication is dragging out too long. "I'm going to bring up the State Engineer adjudication process during the interim session," he said.

The Office of the State Engineer is conducting the adjudication to establish water rights in the Lower Rio Grande Basin.

The workshop noted how working cooperatively can prevent costly and protracted litigation. Last February, the EBID and the El Paso County Water Conservation District No. 1 announced an agreement worked out by nine farmers on the EBID board of directors and the five farmers on the EPCWCD board.

"They got together and made an agreement that saved the state millions of dollars in litigation," Gutierrez said.

In 1979, EBID and El Paso took over the delivery system from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. They were required to make an operation agreement about the allocation and delivery of water to meet the requirements of compacts. But during the next 29 years they were distracted by lawsuits.

One river compact mandate is that upstream irrigation district operations should not harm others. An example was the Texas lawsuit charging that the New Mexico Pecos River district had been diverting water from the river by excessive well pumping and was not delivering the amount of water to Texas as mandated in the compact. Texas won, and the litigation cost New Mexico about $1 million.

One early El Paso complaint was that EBID was diverting too much water from the river by excessive well pumping from the aquifer, which was depleting delivery downstream.

In the new operations agreement, EBID forged a compromise and is permitted a well pumping level based on its 1951-1978 volume.

"These things are seldom settled out of court, but we did it," EBID consultant Phil King said in an earlier interview. "The farmers are really the ones who made the settlement."

City of Las Cruces

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (JUNE 2 – JULY 25)
ALL SITES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
June 2 – July 25, 2008: LUNCH
****No Meals will be served on Friday, July 4, 2008****

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

César Chávez Elementary School	5250 Holman Road
Columbia Elementary School	4555 Elks Road
Conlee Elementary School	1701 Boston Drive
Doña Ana Elementary	5551 Camino de Flores
Highland Elementary	4201 Emerald Street
Lynn Middle School	950 Walnut
Mesilla Elementary	2363 Calle Del Sur
Mesilla Park Elementary	955 West Union Avenue
Picacho Middle School	2700 West Picacho Avenue
San Andres Learning Center	Highway 28, Mesilla
Sierra Middle School	1700 East Spruce
Sunrise Elementary School	5300 Holman Road
University Hills Elementary School	2005 S Locust
Valley View Elementary	915 California Avenue
Vista Middle School	4465 Elks Drive

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Apodaca Swimming Pool	801 East Madrid Avenue
Frenger Swimming Pool	800 Parkview Drive
Lions Tennis Courts	750 West Picacho Avenue

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Branigan Library	200 East Picacho Avenue
Camunez Park	935 North Valley
College Manor Park	Yale & Stern
East Mesa Recreation Center	Hwy 70 & Porter Avenue
Holy Cross Elementary	1327 North Miranda Avenue
La Fonda Mini Park	1500 South La Fonda
Meerscheidt Recreation Center	1600 East Hadley Avenue
Mesilla Park Recreation Center	304 West Bell
Pioneer Women's Park	500 West Las Cruces
The Arc Life Center	2225 East Griggs Avenue
Valley View Park	750 South Espina

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Benavidez Community Center	1045 McClure Road
Club Fusion Teen Center	101 East Union Ave.

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REGISTRATION DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008 FROM 8AM-12PM
FEE: $30.00 PER CHILD / PER SESSION

SESSION II: JUNE 30, 2008 - JULY 25, 2008
REGISTRATION DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008 FROM 8AM-12PM
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ALL SCHOOL SITE LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Benavidez Community Center
1045 McClure Road
Saturday, May 17, 2008
8am-12pm

For Summer Recreation Program at the following Sites:

Benavidez Community Center	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 12:30pm-6pm
Doña Ana Elementary School	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm
Picacho Middle School	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm

East Mesa Recreation Center
5589 Porter Road
Saturday, May 17, 2008
8am-12pm

For Summer Recreation Program at the following Sites:

César Chávez Elementary School	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm
East Mesa Recreation Center	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 8am-5pm
Highland Elementary	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm

Meerscheidt Recreation Center
1600 E Hadley Street
Saturday, May 17, 2008
8am-12pm

For Summer Recreation Program at the following Sites:

Columbia Elementary School	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm
Meerscheidt Recreation Center	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 8am-5pm
The Arc Life Center	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 8am-5pm
University Hills Elementary	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm

Mesilla Park Recreation Center
304 Bell Street
Saturday, May 17, 2008
8am-12pm

For Summer Recreation Program at the following Sites:

Club Fusion Teen Center	Ages 13-17	Program Time: 12:30pm-6pm
Conlee Elementary School	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm
Mesilla Park Elementary	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 9am-4pm
Mesilla Park Recreation Center	Ages 6-12	Program Time: 8am-5pm

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Horse slaughter ban a year later

BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

"You can die of good intentions."

That is the best summary I can give of an editorial I read recently about the bill to ban horse slaughter that was passed last year.

The editor and I had discussed the issue when it was a hot topic. At the time she could not imagine "a horse being dragged across a kill floor with chains around its legs." A gruesome description that elicits a sickening feeling in the heart of any sensitive being. But a few short months later, some of the bill's supporters are taking a new look.

One of the factors that hastened the disintegration of the bill's good intentions has been America's economic pinch. Most horses in civilized countries today are luxury hobbies. Backyard horses are an expensive pet, easily thousands of dollars a year for most owners. Today, gas is more than $3 a gallon. Food is up. Essentials like cell phones, iPods, computers, big screen televisions, video games, golf course fees and movies are up. A triple-shot large latté five times a week now costs more than $20! And you have a real estate license and have been trying to sell your house for a year!

The kids have gone or outgrown the horse in your backyard. The hay, fly control, regular vaccinations and worming continues and the vet says your 18-year-old equine has ring bone (diagnosis including radiographs, nerve blocks and advice was $325). You'd love to sell the horse, but people aren't stupid. You make a call or two to the horse rescue and retirement pasture. They're either full or they want money from you to feed it. The thought of a professional euthanasia, then a winch truck or front end loader to haul it to the dump ... "a chain around the horse's legs being dragged across the field."

The editor said all the reader response to her editorial was negative. On her follow up she found the majority of callers she talked to didn't own a horse! Couldn't afford it! But they thought slaughtering horses was cruel and you shouldn't eat them.

Good intentions, no responsibility. We see it a lot. Critics, columnists, movie stars, reporters, politicians. We've now gotten into the mess the good-intentioned created and it's getting worse. And where are they now? Offering to pay your euthanasia and burial fee? Offering to take your horse and care for it? Not a peep.

It's no secret whose going to be cleaning up after them. The same people who always clean up after the well-intentioned. In this case, the real animal lovers; the humane, the sympathetic and the practical ... and they'll do it with no thanks or recognition. That's not why they do it. They do it for the horses.

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Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
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The event is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 1-866-389-5636, ext. 3603, or visit DividedWeFail.org.

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Lion

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to not leave pet food and pets in their yards overnight. The cat mostly likely was hungry, Tafoya said, after being chased out.

Other wild animals in the area include foxes, raccoons and javelinas, Tafoya said. Although cat attacks on people are very rare, Tafoya said people should not run away if they come across a mountain lion and back away slowly. If the cat makes aggressive advances, then the person should try to "make themselves larger than the animal" through stance and shouting, she said.

More detailed advice on what to do when coming across wild animals can be found on the Game and Fish website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Community Foundation offers grants to women entrepreneurs

SpringBoard! grant given to local woman to cover travel to state cosmetology exam

SpringBoard!, a program of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico that works to provide young women with opportunities for a lifetime, is proud to announce its award of a $500 grant to Norberta Silva.

Silva is attending BSI Cosmetology and Barber School in Las Cruces, seeking her cosmetology license.

This grant is funded by the Domanica Foundation to provide start-up funds for women establishing their own small businesses. It will help Silva with travel expenses to Albuquerque, state board exam expenses, purchasing necessary tools and equipment and/or pay her start-up booth rental fees.

SpringBoard! makes grants to women who need help launching their careers. Grants range from $200 to $500.

Application deadlines are March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 30. Grant applications are available from the Community Foundation Office at 301 S. Church St, Suite H, or online at www.cfsnm.org.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. Founded in 2000, CFSNM helps facilitate individual, family and organizational philanthropy through targeted grant making, educational scholarships, advocacy and unique program expertise.

Interested donors are encouraged to call CFSNM at 521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org.

Detention center graduates cadets

The Doña Ana County Detention Center will graduate 12 detention officer cadets on Friday, May 16.

The graduating cadets have satisfactorily completed the six-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy, which consists of physical training, classroom instruction and field experience. All training is done in-house at the county's detention center.

The graduating cadets are Nicole Barraza, Rolando Castro, Paul Dolezal, Eric Garza, Javier Gonzalez, Jay Hughes, Belinda Presentado, Ramon Rodriguez, Emmanuel Sianez, Jason Sierras, Grace Tellez and Lorenzo Tovar.

District 1 Commissioner Oscar Vásquez-Butler will deliver the commencement address and Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido will administer the oaths of service.

The commencement ceremony will be held in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

This one of a fleet of cars owned by the city that runs on compressed natural gas, which is cheaper than gasoline. It does have limits to how far it can travel because there are few places to get refueled, and replacement parts can be hard to find.

Energy

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water and energy savings than the stereotypical xeriscaping.

Noting that how Rosenblatt's work is yielding important water savings to the city, Steve Fischmann of the Southwest Energy Alliance recommended that the city hire someone to work on sustainability issues so these concerns become part of the process in the city's decision making.

Making a sustainability guide policy for growth and management will be the real leadership test for the city, Small said. Besides resources like energy and water, the city needs to look at other issues, such as transportation and recycling.

"This is not just about energy," he said. "It's about putting all our puzzle pieces together until we have a total sustainability focus."

Based on his experiences in Albuquerque, Burcham said city leaders will need to bring everyone to the table – including developers and builders – to forge compromises on behalf of improving sustainability without hindering economic development.

"This is truly a partnership," he said. "It's going to require give and take on both sides."

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Coming Up

CASA seeks volunteers

Mesilla Valley CASA is seeking volunteers to help plan and implement a Children Helping Children carnival event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, on the south side of the Downtown Mall. The event will help raise money and awareness for CASA programs.

For more information, call 312-8760.

TSA summer camp

Registration is now open for all Las Cruces Public Schools kindergarten through eighth-grade students for the Lynn Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) summer camp, which will be from 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, May 27, through Monday, June 2, at the school, 950 Walnut St. The cost of the camp is $50 per student.

Camp activities will include bridges, towers, Lego cars, rockets, airplanes, T-shirt logo, catapult and other problem-solving challenges.

For more information or to register, contact Lynn technology teacher and TSA sponsor Veronica Rivera or Soraya Smith of Lynn Middle School at 527-9445, verrivera@lcps.k12.nm.us or smitty2220@yahoo.com.

Water vessel check

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a free vessel safety check from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Caballo Lake State Park. An examiner will inform owners if their boat, kayak, jet ski or row boat meets state and federal requirements and will provide safety tips that could prevent an accident on the water.

For information on safe boating, contact U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25 at flotilla25@gmail.com or (928) 339-1967.

Lynn TSA car wash

Lynn Middle School's Technology Student Association (TSA) will hold a fundraising car wash and rummage sale from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, next to the school cafeteria at 950 Walnut St.

A $5 donation is requested for the car wash. Prices of rummage-sale items will vary. Money raised from the carwash will help pay for Lynn TSA students to travel to the national TSA conference, which will be held June 28-July 2 in Orlando, Fla. The students won the right to make the trip because they placed in 22 of the 23 events at New Mexico's TSA State Conference in April and will represent the state at the national conference. Airline tickets to Orlando alone will cost $5,400.

For more information or to make a monetary donation, contact Veronica Rivera or Soraya Smith of Lynn Middle School at 527-9445, verrivera@lcps.k12.nm.us or smitty2220@yahoo.com.

Spay/neuter vouchers

Vouchers for a free spay/neuter procedure will be distributed on from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, or while the supply of 30 vouchers lasts, at the Anthony Water & Sewer Sanitation Office, 1155 Fourth St., Anthony, N.M.

Vouchers will be given one per household, on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring proof of Doña Ana County residency (utility bill or similar) to secure a voucher good for 90 days from date of issue, at any participating veterinarian.

This program is funded in large part by Doña Ana County, and administered on a volunteer basis by Free Spay & Neuter Program Inc.

All county funds are used to reimburse the veterinarians, and a regular accounting is given to the county. Supplemental funding comes from donations and other monies FSNP is able to raise.

For more information, visit FSNP Inc. at 1300-G El Paseo Road, Suite 183.

SAR meets May 17

The Las Cruces chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will host the quarterly meeting of the State Society with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Best Western Mission Inn, 1765 S. Main St.

The Las Cruces chapter will present a Good Citizenship Medal to former Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace in recognition of his service to the community.

The guest speaker will be Mark Santiago, director of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male-lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for Independence. As a historical, educational and patriotic nonprofit corporation. For more information, contact George Biles at 521-3143 or Perkins Patton at 373-1963.

Full moon at monument

White Sands National Monument begins its 2008 Full Moon Program series on Monday, May 19, with a program titled "The Yellowstone Legacy: Discovering America's National Parks." This virtual tour of the National Park System is presented by John Mangimeli, chief of interpretation, at the monument. The program begins at 8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater at the end of the Dunes Drive. Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs to sit on the sand.

The evening's activities begin with a ranger-guided Sunset Stroll Nature Walk at 6:45 p.m. The Sunset Stroll will focus on the geology, plants, and animals of the dune field and will provide an opportunity for photographing the dunes at sunset.

Visitors may enter the Dunes Drive until 10 p.m. on this night only and must exit the park by 11 p.m. The park entrance fee is $3 per person (17 and over). Children and holders of Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access or National Park passports are admitted free. For more information, call 479-6124 or 679-2599.

Senior Olympics

The annual meeting and registration for the Senior Olympics State Games will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. There will be an ice cream social, awards and election of officers.

For more information, call 541-5171.

Picnic vendors sought

The Southern New Mexico Pride Board is currently seeking vendors, donors and sponsors to support this year's parade and picnic scheduled for Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pioneer Women's Park in Las Cruces. The festival will include a walking parade around the Downtown Mall leading to a picnic celebration that includes food, entertainment, speakers, craft vendors, games, a DJ and a special Kids' Court.

Artisans, craftspeople and licensed food vendors who would like participate should sign up at the Southern New Mexico Pride website, www.southernnmpride.org. All donations and sponsorships are tax-deductible. To donate funds or become a sponsor, please contact Tom Smith at 521-4389 or tomsmith@nmsu.edu.

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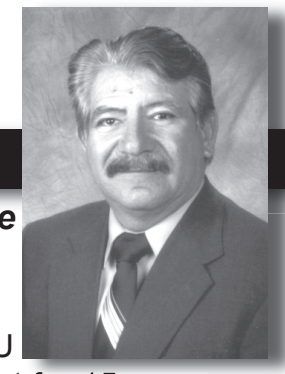

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ALR lecture

The final lecture series of the Academy for Learning in Retirement's spring season centers on William Shakespeare's contributions to four genres of Renaissance plays. Tracey Miller-Tomlinson, assistant professor of English at New Mexico State University, will concentrate on Shakespeare's contributions to the comedy, history, tragedy, and romance genres of Renaissance theater. The lectures will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Mondays, May 19 and 26, and Wednesdays, May 21 and 28, in the Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The sessions are open to the public and presented by the Academy for Learning in Retirement, a service of Doña Ana Community College. There is a $5 fee for each lecture. No advance registration is required.

Refreshments are available prior to each presentation. Miller-Tomlinson's four lectures will conclude the ALR schedule until next September.

Volunteer at La Piñon

La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico, 525 S. Melendres St., is currently taking applications for its next Advocate Training, May 31 through June 7. This training is open to individuals interested in doing volunteer work in the community as a sexual assault victim advocate. No prior experience is needed.

La Piñon is a nonprofit organization that works with victims of sexual assault and abuse and their families in collaboration with local law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office and other local community agencies.

The advocate's role includes responding to crisis calls through phone contact, providing community information, referrals and service linkage, emotional support to the victim alongside law enforcement and the medical community at the SANE Unit. Shifts are flexible. Opportunities for advanced training are offered throughout the year, as well as opportunities to assist the prevention team in their community outreach events.

Training is also available for those interested in working with Kid Talk, our warm line for children 17 years old and younger.

For more information, contact 526-3437 or cmlapinon@gmail.com.

DAC blood drive

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County will have a blood drive on Tuesday, May 20, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The blood drive will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with appointment slots available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at 525-6130. Each donor will receive a snack and some juice, along with promotional materials.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant and then allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where the donations are processed.

Wilderness Wednesdays

Join the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance for a wilderness social hour at 6 p.m. on every third Wednesday of the month.

This first Wilderness Wednesday, May 21, will feature food from Marc's European Grill, art from the David Rothermel Gallery and a slideshow of the natural public lands included in the Citizen's Wilderness Proposal in Doña Ana County.

The Wilderness Alliance office is at 275 North Downtown Mall.

For more information, call 527-9962 or visit www.DonaAnaWild.org.

June Jamboree classes

June Jamboree 2008 Summer Enrichment Classes will be at the Las Cruces Catholic School campus on June 2-6 with a second session to be held on June 9-13.

Classes will be Monday through Friday, with morning classes from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon classes from 1 to 4 p.m. The program is open to all youth in the Las Cruces area in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Classes being offered are beginning piano, computer fun, slam poetry/creative writing, cheer/pom, ballet folklórico, scrap booking, Passports to America, children's theater and acting, football camp, Dance Explosion, Mad Scientists, Fun with Food, beginning French, Fun and Games, beginning violin, ¡Viva Español!, children's art and beginning guitar.

The registration fee is $50 per three-hour class. There is a $20 discount for all four sessions. Register through Wednesday, May 28, at the Las Cruces Catholic School office at 1331 N. Miranda St.

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Learning the real work of the real world

EXCEL program brings students to actual work sites

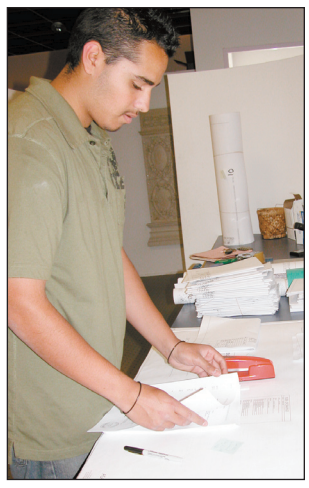
By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On any given work day all over Las Cruces during the school year, there are high school students out of school and in the workplace, learning about what it takes to succeed in the work world and if a career they're interested in is right for them.

For Oñate High School senior Laura Beeson, that has meant donning medical scrubs in the morning when she provides assistance to nursing staff at Memorial Medical Center's Family Practice Center.

Although she still might look into studying chemical engineering when she goes to college, this experience has the 17-year-old mulling over the possibility of going into a medical profession. While the nurses she assists by taking weight and blood pressure measurements would love to see her go into nursing, Beeson admitted she's more interested in being a doctor or a pharmacist.

Despite the active portrayal of the medical professions on television and in the movies, Beeson said she has discovered that the work is more routine than she imagined. She had no idea that nurses handled so much of the paperwork and filing.



Diego Carreon, 17, a senior at Mayfield High School, collates documents Monday, May 5, at ASA Architects.

TODD DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Katey Wahlen, 18, a Mayfield High School senior, checks on the IV monitoring machine for dogs in kennels at the Calista Animal Hospital on Monday, May 5.

Beeson has been going to the medical center this school year through her participation in a Las Cruces Public Schools program called EXCEL, which stands for Experience-based Career Education and Learning. EXCEL has more than 500 work sites for district high-schoolers to choose from and explore different career interests.

"They're all so young," said Brenda Figueroa, an EXCEL job site facilitator. "At that age, who has any idea about what they're going to do?"

Working out of one of the medical offices is one of the more popular EXCEL classes. Also as popular is a different kind of medical care – veterinary services. Calista Animal Hospital takes full advantage of all that interest, where one morning recently they had three students helping them catch up with a backlog of sick animals.

At the animal hospital, the students get a little more hands-on with the patients, and the students had the bite and scratch marks to prove it.

Jeff Williams, a Mayfield High School senior, said he's done so well at the animal hospital that he is now leaning more to entering this kind of work than culinary arts, which he had previously considered.

Fatima Guaderrama, a Las Cruces High School senior, also says the experience has helped her find a profession she'll continue pursuing.

Katey Wahlen, a Mayfield High School senior, noted that she had a taste of the work before at Better Life Pet Foods, but she is now more certain about her plans to study animal science at New Mexico State University.

Whereas there's plenty of hustle and bustle at Calista, EXCEL's Diego Carreon was dealing with the shuffle and rustle of paperwork that same morning as he collated a proposal for ASA Architects. Still, Carreon said he has greatly enjoyed the experience at ASA in which he has helped design certain elements of projects at the firm. He is planning on taking drafting classes in college.

Jeff Williams, 18, a Mayfield High School senior, right, holds down a cat Monday, May 5, as Calista Animal Hospital veterinarian Amanda Stout draws blood from an anemic cat. Williams spends his mornings at the animal hospital through the Las Cruces Public Schools EXCEL career and technical education program.

EXCEL is available to the district's juniors and seniors as an elective course in which they spend half their school day at a work site.

Brenda Figueroa, job site facilitator for the Las Cruces Public Schools EXCEL program, left, checks in with Oñate High School senior Laura Beeson, 17, at Memorial Medical Center's Family Practice Center.

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County Commission District 4

At the Doña Ana Community College Spring Commencement

PHOTOS BY PHILIP VANVEEN

Doña Ana Community College held its graduation ceremony on Friday, May 9, at the Pan American Center. About 750 students were eligible to walk at the ceremony to obtain their degrees and certificates.

John Pulsipher planned on spending last Friday evening with family and friends after receiving his associate's degree from Doña Ana Community College. He is pictured here with his mom Alberta Daniels, who flew in from Marina, Calif., for the graduation.

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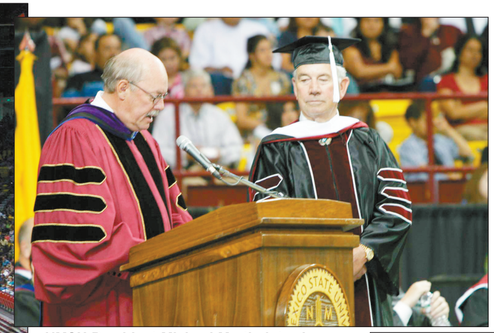
At NMSU Spring Commencement

Christina Ivey, Sara Jameson and Erin Kartchner give thumbs up.

Jamie Gonzales and Denise Kohler receive their master's degrees in social work.



NMSU President Michael Martin introduces Harold Foreman, recipient of an honorary degree.

Debra Knapp honors her family with a standing ovation before receiving her doctorate of education degree.

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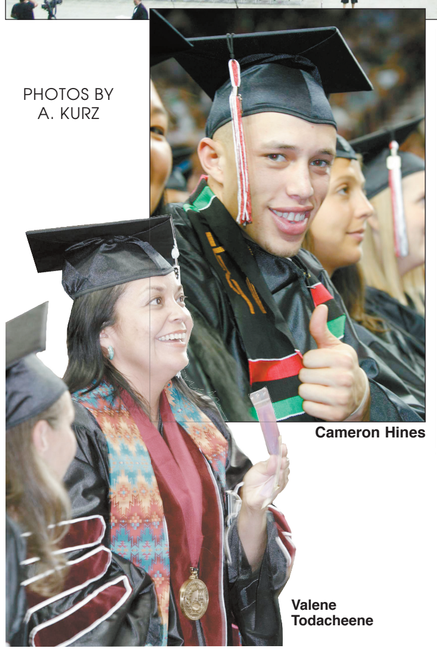

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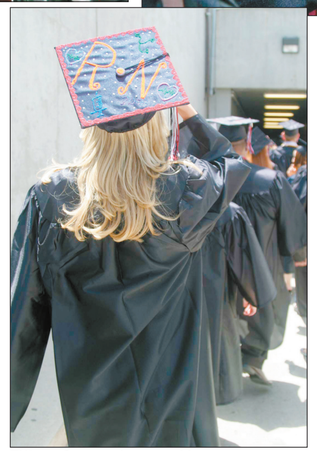
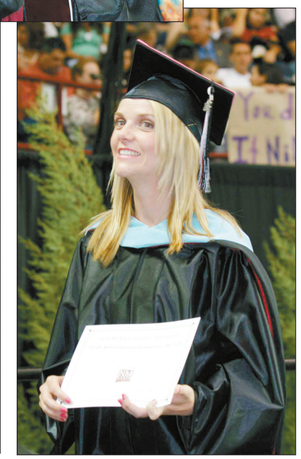


Tiffany Greene decorated her mortar board to announce that she will soon be a registered nurse.



Tiffany Turner shows off her master's degree certificate to her parents.

Cheryl Lombardi waves to find her son.

Student Elsie Stott directs the entrance music.

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In the News

County firework law left unchanged

A proposal to allow limited year-round sales of some restricted fireworks fizzled at the Doña Ana County Commission meeting Tuesday, May 13.

Commissioner Bill McCamley, who offered the proposed change as a way to help vendors along major highways attract tourist customers, tried to postpone debate on the change until later this month, but he couldn't gain a majority of the commission to approve the rescheduling.

McCamley's proposal would have essentially allowed two vendors along interstate highways to sell aerial fireworks and some ground fireworks that make noise as long as the customers were not from Doña Ana County. McCamley said he wanted to make the change to buffer the loss of jobs and revenue to the county from firework sales.

The county's new "safe and sane" ordinance bans aerial and exploding ground fireworks. It was the fact that the new ordinance hadn't even gone through its first Fourth of July that swayed commissioners Oscar Vasquez Butler, Karen Perez and Dolores Saldaña-Caviness to vote against publicizing the proposed revised ordinance. Without notice, there couldn't be a public hearing, which killed the change. Besides McCamley, Chairman Kent Evans voted to publicize the revision.

Spaceport tax district meetings slated

The Doña Ana County Legal Department has announced a series of three public meetings to solicit input about whether the county should enter into a contract with Sierra County to form a regional spaceport district, now that voters in both counties have approved a new gross-receipts tax to support infrastructure development at Spaceport America.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m. at the Hatch Valley Community Center, 835 Highway 187, in Hatch.
- Friday, May 23, 8 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center Commission Chambers, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.
- Friday, May 23, 6 p.m. in the City of Sunland Park Council Chambers, 1000 McNutt Road, in Sunland Park.

Simultaneous translation services will be provided upon advanced request. To request translation or other accommodations, call Mary Amos Pierce at 525-5884 or 1 (877) 827-7200 (toll-free).

KRWG-FM win awards

The New Mexico State University-operated radio station KRWG-FM took home several New Mexico Associated Press Broadcasters Awards.

KRWG-FM competes with stations across the state including stations in Albuquerque and Santa Fe for the awards, which were presented Saturday, April 26, at the annual Associated Press Broadcasters Awards Banquet in Albuquerque.

KRWG-FM won in a variety of categories. In general news, KRWG placed first for Jodi Breisler's "Cockfighting Ban"; second for Marco Grajeda's "Bridge Wait Times"; and third for Evan Woodward's "Operation Stonegarden."

KRWG-FM also placed first in sports program for Jessica Borchert's "Tough Enough to Wear Pink," and second place in both documentary for Evan Woodward's "Operation Stonegarden" and continuing coverage for Marco Grajeda's and Evan Woodward's "Juarez Femicides."

Fallen officers remembered

JIM HILLEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

A horse-drawn wagon carrying a flag-draped casket was part of a procession of law enforcement vehicles honoring peace officers who have died in the line of duty. Following the procession, held Tuesday, May 13, was the New Mexico Fallen Peace Officer's Memorial Service held at Oñate High School. The flag-draped casket symbolizes all officers from area federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies who have died in the line of duty.

Crime Stoppers: Golf cart thefts

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in taking five golf carts from the Las Cruces Country Club.

Las Cruces police were called to the Country Club at 2700 N. Main St. on the morning of Sunday, April 27, to investigate the disappearance of the golf carts and damage done to fences and property at the golf course. Employees of the country club reported that five golf carts were discovered missing and were believed to have been taken sometime during the evening of Saturday, April 26, or early in the morning on Sunday, April 27.

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The golf carts are described as white E-Z-Go carts, and each displays a Las Cruces Country Club sticker on the front panel.

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Election 2008

Evans vows to be an independent voice

Roads, growth and flooding top issues for chairman's wife

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Although she is the wife of County Commission Chairman Kent Evans, Anna Mae Evans is telling voters she won't be his "surrogate" if she gets elected to replace him to represent District 4.

Yes, the two have been married for 45 years, but Evans said she doesn't always agree with her husband. "We do advise each other," she said. "But there are times where I tell him, 'Kent, I don't think I would have done that.'"

Evans describes her marriage as an equal partnership, which included joining her husband on the campaign trail eight years ago when he ran for commissioner.

So, when she's knocking on the doors of the district's mostly East Mesa residents, Evans is a familiar face, but they are sometimes surprised to learn she is the candidate, not her husband.

"It's been great," Evans said. "I love knocking on doors and talking to people."

Listening is a skill Evans said she'll bring to the commission if she is elected. First, the Republican must win out over opponent Doyle Pruitt. If she wins the primary, she'll face Democrat Scott Krahling in November.

Another quality Evans said she'll bring is an open truthfulness. "I believe in always being honest, then you don't get into trouble," she said.

Evans said she is well versed on the issues of her district and the county as whole.

"I have been a constant presence at nearly every County Commission meeting, ETA, MPO, plus many city, state and national meetings, too," she said. "If you want to know what is going on, then you have to get involved and understand how these organizations work."

Evans emphasized she takes a cooperative approach with these organizations and county staff. She promised to not break the chain of command as some commissioners have done in the past, but take her concerns to the county manager as is proper protocol.

Evans said she has seen great improvement in the professionalism of county staff and gave her approval to current County Manager Brian Haines, whom she described as "very capable."

"That's the way it should be," she said. "When you see it working, it works right."

Also, when she makes a decision, Evans said she will always explain why she voted one way or another.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ana Mae Evans is depending on her many years of community involvement to carry her through the primary election in her bid to replace her husband, Kent Evans, on the Doña Ana County Commission.

Evans said she agrees with residents that growth must be well planned, with roads and drainage planned out ahead of time. While she will work to secure funding to improve roads and drainage in her district, Evans said she will be a commissioner who makes decisions on what is best for the entire county.

But she said her district is an area that will most likely feel the strain of keeping up with growth, especially from the troop build-up at White Sands Missile Range.

"Where else do you think they're going to live?" she asked. "We must concentrate on planned progress in our growing community and Doña Ana County Commission District 4 is in the heart of all the growth."

Besides learning about government at her husband's side, Evans said she also has been active in a number of community groups and has sat on their boards, such as serving on the board for the American Association of University Women and The Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

When her children were in school, Evans was active in parent and school organizations, as well as local chapters of the Boys and Girls Scouts.

Evans has bachelor's degrees in psychology and social work from the University of Miami and has lived in the Elks Drive area for 33 years. Evans said she has seen first-hand how one day you can be living at desert's edge, only to have the view blocked by new housing a year later. "That's just the way it goes," she said.

Early primary voting expands countywide

Six sites taking ballots besides county center

The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections is open for early voting through May 31, in advance of the June 3 primary elections. The Bureau of Elections is located in the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26. In accordance with state law, the Bureau of Elections will offer additional early voting from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 31.

Additional early voting sites will open Saturday, May 17, with voting allowed from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at the following locations:

- Anthony Community Center at 675 N. Main St., Anthony, N.M.
- Hatch Community Center at 837 Highway 137, Hatch, N.M.
- Chaparral Wright Park, 150 W. Lisa Drive, Chaparral, N.M.
- Sunland Park Library at 984 McNutt Road, Sunland Park, N.M.
- Sonoma Elementary School at 4201 Northrise Drive., Las Cruces
- Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces

The Branigan Library and Chaparral Wright Park early voting locations are new in 2008, according to Bureau of Elections Technician Mario O. Jimenez.

"We added the Branigan Library site to make it easier for people to vote in Las Cruces who rely on the city's bus system," Jimenez said. "The Chaparral site was added so that residents of that community didn't have to drive all the way to Anthony."

For more information on early voting in advance of the June 3 primary election, call the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections at 647-7428 or 647-7505.

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Election 2008

Teague tries to change image

Candidate disputes 'oil man' description

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At a rally held in Young Park last week, Lea County Commissioner Harry Teague began by attacking how he has been described as "rich oil man."

Teague, who is running to be the Democratic candidate in the Second Congressional District race against Doña Ana County Commissioner Bill McCamley, said his story is more symbolic of the "American Dream" than anything his party's voters shouldn't support.

Teague said he started out working in the oil fields as a "rough neck" when he was 17 for a mere $1.50 an hour.

He eventually started up his own oil business servicing the oil industry that he has grown to around 250 employees. Teague's supporters are quick to point out that he has provided health insurance for all his employees and has put their children through college.

It's this kind of commitment to providing access to health care and increasing educational opportunities that he'll bring to the job of Congressman, if elected, he said.

"Let me be that person to defeat the Republicans and be your representative in Congress," he said to more than 200 people gathered at the park.

Teague added that he is for ending the war in Iraq soon and "bringing our troops back as safely as possible."

Using his business experience, Teague said he will work to provide more economic opportunities in southern New Mexico, which he said could become a leader in renewable energy development.

Edgar Lopez of Las Cruces, who introduced Teague, described the candidate as "a self-made man" whose business success shouldn't be used against him.

McCamley has criticized Teague's ties to the oil industry and his ability to loan large amounts of money to his campaign.

Lopez said the majority of Teague's employees are Hispanic, which makes the benefits he provides even more significant.

"Actions speak louder than words," Lopez said. "Harry Teague will bring about results instead of dreams. And let me tell you, we have a lot of dreamers in this race."

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Harry Teague, Democratic candidate for Congressional District 2, answers questions at a gathering in Young Park held last Thursday, May 8.

Greer gets Hispanic GOP endorsement

The Republican National Hispanic Assembly's New Mexico Chapter this week endorsed C. Earl Greer as their choice for Congress in New Mexico's Second Congressional District.

"We wholeheartedly endorse Earl Greer for Congress," said Dan Garza, state chairman. "He is a man of great integrity, uncompromising morals and solid character. He reflects our proud Hispanic values, and we would be very honored to have him represent the Hispanic community and the second district in Congress. In our opinion, he is the best candidate for New Mexico's Second Congressional District."

"I am truly honored that my fellow Hispanic Republicans have chosen me as their candidate for Congress," Greer said. "The RNHA strives to encourage Americans of Hispanic heritage to be full participants.'"

The mission of the RNHA is to build a membership organization to foster the principles of the Republican Party in the Hispanic community; to provide Americans of Hispanic heritage with a forum to play an influential role in local, state and national Party activities; to increase the number of Hispanic Republican elected officials; and to create and maintain a network of Hispanic Republican leaders.

Greer is a fifth-generation New Mexican with a background in ranching and real estate.

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★ *Served as County Commission Chair & Vice Chair*

★ *Resident of Las Cruces - same address for 33 years*

★ *Married 45 years: wife Anna Mae, 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.*

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STANDING UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

Government directory available

League puts out booklet

The League of Women Voters' updated version of their governmental directory, the 2008 Who's Who, is now available.

The league publishes the booklet every year as a resource for contacting public officials, both elected and appointed, with information about each office and office holder.

It is available for free at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., the County Clerk's office in the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., and at many community and senior centers in Las Cruces.

For more information or to receive a copy by mail, call the league office at 524-8683.

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1933

• The Farmers Holiday Association lined up 21 captains from throughout Doña Ana County to collect signatures for a petition to defeat Senate Bill 144 that would put tax delinquent property up for public sale, a big Depression concern. During a meeting at the courthouse, speakers said the association wanted to put government back into the hands of the people and let people pay taxes according to ability. The speakers included W.T. Scoggin, H.I. McKamey, C.S. Pedregon and Cruz Alvarez as interpreter.

• Sister Mary Ann, who came to Las Cruces in 1870 as one of the first teachers at the old Loretto Hall, died.

• Las Cruces beat Hillsboro 11-8 to build a 3-0 record in the Southern New Mexico Baseball League.

50 years ago 1958

• The combined storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs was 1.014 million acre-feet compared with 75,000 acre-feet the previous year.

• Dr. P.J. Leyendecker was appointed assistant dean of the New Mexico A&M College of Agriculture and Home Economics to succeed P.W. Cockerill who had retired.

• Las Cruces High, defending Class A baseball champion, was knocked out of the semi-finals by Carlsbad, which won 7-1 in the first game.

• The Jaycees elected Melvin Klein president, Clarence Fielder first vice president, Robert Beasley second vice president, Ramon Rede secretary-treasurer and Dave Lucero state director.

• Jerry Apodaca was appointed head track coach and assistant football coach at Valley High School in Albuquerque.

25 years ago 1983

• Gov. Toney Anaya ordered the closing of the Female Correctional Facility at Radium Springs, although a grand jury had labeled earlier criticism as "ludicrous and unfounded." U.S. Disrict Judge Juan G. Buriaga had ruled that the facility was unsafe, unsanitary and destructive to rehabilitation purposes. Inmates wanted the facility to remain open, contending that it had beneficial work and education release programs.

• The Mayfield High School Marching Band won the Overall Sweepstakes at the Six Flags over Magic Mountain contests in California by winning bests in Class, Drum Majors, Percussion and Flags. The Las Cruces Showcase Marching Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble also won gold medals in another California contest.

• Leon Skaggs was named principal at Zia Middle School to succeed Rudy Camuñez who had retired.

• The Hatch Valley Market Association was selling its first cut of alfalfa for $95 a ton. The association had 25 members who produced alfalfa on 1,325 acres.

10 years ago 1998

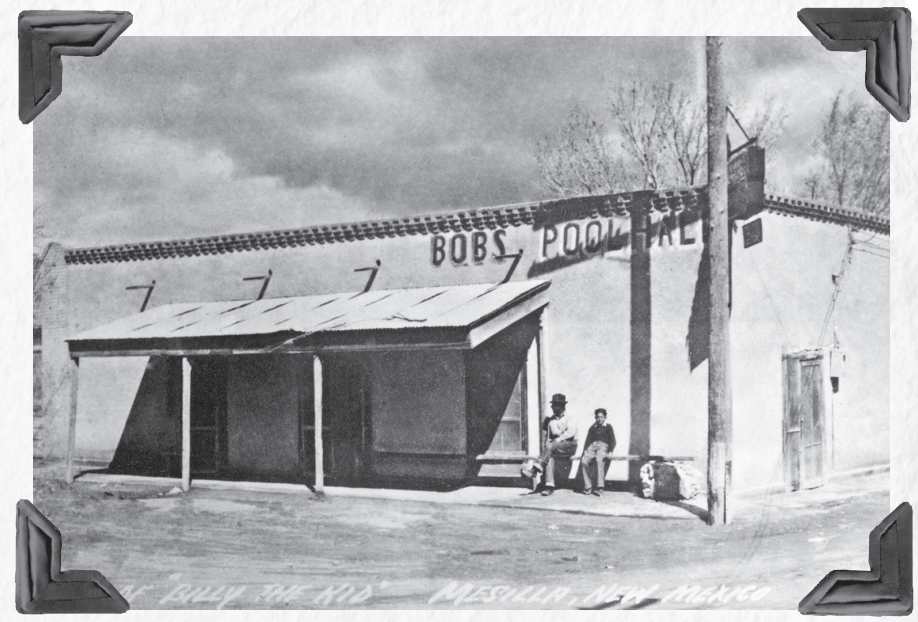
• Booker T. Washington marked its 60th anniversary with a four-day celebration honoring grandparents and parents of alumni and students.

• Fire at Lynn Middle School left $250,000 in damages in the teachers' lounge and smoke damage to 10 classrooms.

• Sheriff James Robles named Kathy Fuller undersheriff, the first female to hold the position.

• Jo Paulson, San Andres High School language arts and communication skills teacher, was named Las Cruces Public Schools Teacher-of-the-Year.

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



An undated photo of Bob's Pool Hall, which was the former jail that held Billy the Kid when he was on trial in Mesilla.

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for the week of May 18, 2008

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7975 Doña Ana Rd.
523-6596/405-2112

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

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

Baptist

East Mesa Baptist Church
Sunday bible study 9 a.m.
Sunday worship
10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Children's Church
Sun 10:30 a.m.
Wed Prayer & Bible
Study 7 p.m.
Pastor Linvell Tisdale
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First Baptist Church
Las Cruces, NM
106 South Miranda
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Sunday:	
Early Worship	**8 a.m.**
Bible Study	**9:30 & 11 a.m.**
9•3•0 Worship	**9:30 am**
Morning Worship	**11 a.m.**
University of Life	**6 p.m.**
Tuesday:	
Intercessory Prayer	**5:45 p.m.**
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting and Bible
Study 6 p.m.
405 E. Hadley Ave.
523-7850

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Study of Holy Writings:11 to 12 p.m.
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Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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525 E. Lohman
647-5754

Bible

Grace Bible Church
Pastor Tom Morrison 532-1234
Sunday Worship
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening
Fellowship
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting
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of local church
events and
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En Español - 2 p.m.
Wednesday/**180 Youth**: 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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For An Ever Changing World
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La escuela dominical 10:30 a.m.
La misa en español 11:30 a.m.
2752 Roadrunner Pkwy.
522-0465

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Sunday School and Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service 10:30 a.m.
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Eph. 2:8
Presently worshipping Sundays at:
240 Three Crosses Avenue
522-0465 for more information
Pastor Joe Ed Pederson

Methodist

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
225 W. Griggs Ave., Downtown on the corner of Alameda and Griggs, 526-6689 for information

Gospel Worship Service	8:15
Sunday school & Fellowship	9:30
New Day Worship Service	9:30
Oasis Service of Praise	10:45
Traditional UMC Worship	10:45
SHOUT! Youth Choir	4:30
UM Youth	5:30

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10:45 am Worship service
6:00 pm Bible Study/Prayer
Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Bible Study/Prayer

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Sunday Evening ....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
United Pentecostal Church Intl

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Youth Education	10:30 a.m.
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CHURCH NEWS

■ PEACE VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

For anyone who is interested in learning more about Peace Village, a non-denominational summer camp for students entering first through 10th grades, there will be a Peace Village Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, on the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. This event will include displays of many of last year's Peace Village activities, information from some of the more than 30 sponsors that work together on the camp, an opportunity to register for the 2008 Peace Village, a silent auction, music, finger food and door prizes. This event is free to the public. For more information, contact Sandra BarMcQ at 382-9526 or email peacevillage.lcnm@yahoo.com.

■ SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Come experience Christian friendship, the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, and the meaning of being his disciple. SEARCH is a three-day retreat program for youth in grades 10-12 that provides young people with the tools, support, fellowship, prayer and love that they need to make their relationship with Jesus personal, meaningful and alive. Taking a youth-talking-with-youth approach, SEARCH creates and atmosphere of openness and caring so young people can take an honest look at themselves and their relationship with Jesus. The SEARCH retreat is being sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral the weekend of Friday, May 30, through Sunday, June 1, at their parish center located at 1240 S. Espina St. A registration form can be picked up at the parish center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 27. For more information, contact the parish office at 524-8563.

Send

Send your vacation Bible school schedules to the Bulletin. The Las Cruces Bulletin is asking all area churches to send in their vacation Bible school notices for publication free of charge. Notices should include: dates and times of school, applicable fees, a brief summary of topics and a phone number for more information. Send notices to joel@lascrucesbulletin.com or mail to 840 N. Telshor Blvd, Suite E, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

Interested in being on our religious services page? Call Stephanie at 524-8061 for details

Lions hold annual reading program

Dream Center will host computer summer camp

New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Foundation is putting on a Computer Reading Camp this summer at the Dream Center, 1400 Sixth St.

The camp will run one- and two-hour sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Morning camp will be held from May 27 to June 26. Afternoon camp will run from June 2 to July 3.

New Mexico Lions are looking for students who wish to learn to read efficiently using the latest technology.

The Lions Foundation is just completing its sixth session at the Dream Center since it opened its computer reading lab 15 months ago. Most students gain one to three years in reading in five weeks.

Dyslexic, learning disabled and gifted students are welcome. The center can challenge any person. The camp is open to students 6 years old or older. College bound students and students who are no longer in school are welcome.

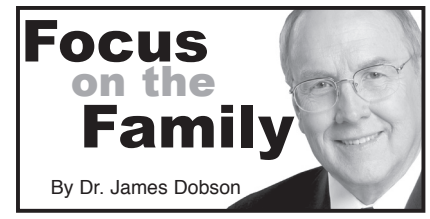
Depending on their level, students will learn basic reading skills and/or increase their reading efficiency, speed and comprehension. For students with allergies, Lions use body movement programs getting their brains organized and ready to learn. The Lions Reading Lab can challenge and help anyone read better, making their future education easy and fun.

Pre-testing for the Lions Computer Reading Camp will start immediately. Testing includes the Visagraph visual efficiency test and a reading skills placement test. The Visagraph has four infrared sensors in a pair of goggles that record eye movement as a student reads silently. Applicants should call 373-0561 to set up an appointment and enroll. Students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. Missed sessions can be made up on the home computer.

Cost for the program, if paid in advance, is only $100 for 20 hours ($200 for 40 hours.) If paid weekly, the cost will be $30 a week for a total of $150. New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Foundation is a 501(c)3, therefore, donations are tax deductible. Family rates are available and need-based scholarships will be offered. In 20 hours on computers, students will be well on the way to reading proficiently. In 40 hours, most students will be reading proficiently and for pleasure.

Moving to a new city can be a positive experience for a family

Delinquent behavior is motivated by power



We're going to move to another state in a few months. I know it's going to be tough for Chuck and Marcie, who have so many little friends at school. How can I get them ready for life in a new city?

Moving to a new school or a new town can be an unpleasant experience for children, but there are some ways to make it easier for them.

Preparation and forethought are the keys. Educator Cheri Fuller recommends those who are about to relocate to call a family meeting to talk about what's going to happen. Begin to lay plans together. It's sad to say goodbye to good friends and it's hard to make new ones. Try establishing pen pals for your children in the new school long before the move is to occur. Relationships can blossom through the mail so that the kids are not entirely unknown in the new location.

It's also helpful to create curiosity about the new city or neighborhood you're moving to. I'd encourage you to take full advantage of the Internet since every Chamber of Commerce has a website. Representatives of these organizations will welcome your request for additional information. When your children begin to understand the adventure of moving, they may develop a more positive attitude toward leaving. A bit of preparation and a healthy dose of communication can help clear the way for a smoother journey to a new home.

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Why can't parents get children to obey just by explaining what they want them to do? Why is it so often necessary to punish or raise our voices to get them to cooperate? Why can't they just accept a few reasonable rules and avoid all that conflict? It just doesn't add up to me.

After working with children for years, I'm convinced that their challenging behavior is motivated in part by the desire for power that lies deep within the human spirit. From a very early age, they just don't want anyone telling them what to do. They are also great admirers of strength and courage. Maybe this is why mythical characters like Superman, Robin Hood and Wonder Woman have been so prominent in the folklore of children. Perhaps it is also why kids brag that "My dad can beat up your dad!" (One child said in reply, "That's nothing, my mom can beat up my dad, too!")

It is a fact that most boys, and some girls, care about the issue of "who's toughest." Whenever a youngster moves into a new neighborhood or a new school district, he often has to fight, either verbally or physically, to establish himself on the hierarchy of strength. There is usually a "top dog" in a group of children who bosses everyone else around. There is also a little defeated pup at the bottom of the heap who takes the brunt of everyone's abuse. And each child between those extremes usually knows where he or she ranks in relation to the others.

I believe this admiration for power also makes children want to know how tough their leaders are. They will occasionally disobey adults for the precise purpose of testing their determination and courage. Thus, whether you are a parent or grandparent or Boy Scout leader or bus driver or Brownie leader or a school teacher, I can guarantee that sooner or later, one of the children under your authority will clench his little fist and challenge your leadership. He will convey this message by his disobedient manner: "I don't think you are tough enough to make me do what you say." The way you handle that confrontation is being watched closely by every child in the group. Your reaction will determine how soon another occurs and with what intensity it is driven.

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

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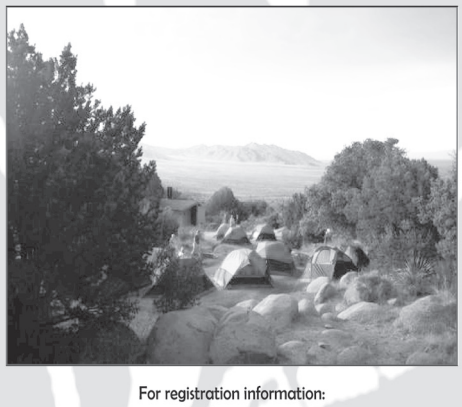

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Last weekend I attended several graduation celebrations for students from NMSU; this weekend, I'll be attending my own son's graduation. These are exciting moments for the graduates and joyous times of celebration for the families. They are also critical junctures where each individual will be facing the challenge of defining for themselves who they will be vocationally and who they will be spiritually.

In the passage above, nearing the end of his era of leadership, Joshua called the nation together to reflect over who they would be, both individually and corporately. He recalled for them all the times in ancient and recent history when God had taken the initiative on their behalf. However, Joshua knew that every generation and ultimately every individual must make a conscious choice either to follow God or bounce among the vacillating, politically correct worldviews. In a day when morality grows ever more subjective and the standards of God are marginalized, we need standard-bearers to issue forth the same sense of spiritual challenge. With intentionality, Joshua exhorted them to "put away the foreign gods ... and incline their hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." By the force of his personal fidelity, Joshua made a lasting impression on the spiritual psyche of his generation. As we face our own junctures in life, we too must decide with respect to this timeless question. Joshua's generation made the right choice. I pray that ours will as well.

R. Maurice Hollingsworth, Ph.D.
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Guidelines set for future NMSU tuition increases

Regents approve limit of 6 percent a year

New Mexico State University's Board of Regents approved an agreement with student leadership to limit tuition and fee increases to 6 percent per year or less from 2009-2014.

A similar agreement between the board and students expires at the end of fiscal year 2008-2009.

"It is important for the budgetary planning of both our students and the university to have a multi-year plan for tuition rates," said Jennifer Taylor, senior vice president for Business and Finance. "We are committed to keeping NMSU accessible through our pricing policy. This agreement was a cooperative effort between the students and the university, led by Associated Students of New Mexico State University President Marisa Ortega."

A statement from ASNMSU outlined the partnership between students and the university.

"The five-year tuition plan established by past ASNMSU leadership and renewed continually by the Board of Regents from 1989 through 2009 has substantially benefited the students of New Mexico State University by giving them a voice in tuition decisions," said the statement, submitted by Ortega. "This plan has provided predictability and consistency with respect to tuition, allowed for more prudent financial planning and helped ensure that tuition/fee decisions are consistent with the goals and objectives of the university and the New Mexico State Legislature."

The agreement covers tuition and fees for full-time students. If a tuition credit is imposed by the Legislature in any given year, the increase shall not exceed 6 percent in addition to the percent obligated by the tuition credit. The agreement also calls for the university to aggressively seek grant and loan funds to assist students and parents in meeting increasing educational costs.

"The objective of this five-year tuition and fee guideline is to provide a balanced check on budget growth and student educational costs," said the statement. "ASNMSU recognizes that neither the university's nor the students' growth and quality of education can improve without the other, and each depends on the other. … With continued stable and predictable tuition rates and fees, current and future students, as well as their parents, will be more capable of developing dependable financial planning."

Double checks donated

DAVID MCCOLLUM I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Burger Time and the Sisbarro Dealerships recently presented checks to Cowboys for Cancer Research/Aggies ARE Tough Enough to Wear Pink and La Casa Inc. The checks were the result of the Burger Time/Sisbarro sponsorship of the free-throw shooting contest during halftime of the NMSU Aggie men's basketball games. From left, are Burger Time owner Kevin McGrath, Geraldine and Denny Calhoun of Cowboys for Cancer Research, Karen Hancock of La Casa and Lou Sisbarro.

Francisco Mario Ortiz

Francisco Mario Ortiz, a local attorney, is asking for your vote for the State Magistrate Court Judge position. There is only one position open in this election. He is the only candidate with a law degree and the only candidate who is a practicing attorney.

Experience:

I have 57 years of life experience. I have been a trial attorney since 1986. I have practiced in the Federal, State, County and City Courts in Albuquerque and Las Cruces; also in the Federal Courts in Santa Fe and Roswell; in the State Courts in Silver City, Deming, Alamogordo, Roswell, and Hobbs; in the City Courts in Socorro and Mesilla; and the State Magistrate Courts in Anthony and of course Las Cruces. I have seen and experienced the best-run Courts and the worst. I have seen what works and what does not work.

Public Service:

I served on the Southern NM Legal Aid Board of Directors for over six years, and the UNM Alumni Board of Directors for four years. I have been a volunteer at the Pro Se Clinic at the District Court for over six years. I have been a strong supporter of NMSU's KRWG National Public Radio, especially during their drives. I am a member of AARP. I was the president of the Doña Ana County Bar Association for two years.

Thank you for your consideration.

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New driver's licenses coming to Las Cruces

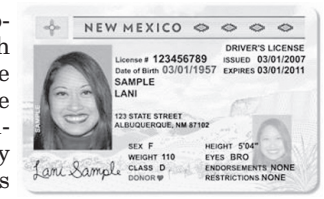
Hi-tech license to debut here May 19

The state's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) unveiled a new hi-tech driver's license to better protect the public from identity theft, with bio-metric facial recognition technology at work, that will start May 19 at the MVD office in Las Cruces.

The new license has several new security features on it, to make it even harder to forge. The new license program compares a current photo with former photos on file in the MVD database.

The new licenses will be issued at the MVD office in Las Cruces

The new license procedure now starts with a temporary license extension first. Because the process of confirming the photo identity takes time, applicants for licenses will now leave the MVD office with a temporary license extension, which they will use with their hole-punched license until their regular license arrives in the mail within seven to 10 days.



The temporary license extension is only valid when presented with the individual's hole-punched license.

The state launched a new public affairs campaign to alert the public that the temporary license extension exists and to alert businesses that the temporary license extension should be accepted as valid identification when presented with the hole-punched license. The campaign, called "Take the Temp!" will seek to alert law enforcement, airports, hospitals, schools, retail outlets and anywhere else an ID is required.

Bank donates to neighboring school

TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Picacho Middle School's student council accepts a check for $25,000 from Citizens Bank at its new Picacho Avenue branch on Wednesday, May 14. The council asked the bank to help upgrade its marquee sign. Posing with the students are advisers, Principal Michael Montoya, second from the left, and Citizens Bank President/CEO Justin Harper, far right.

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs such as walking groups, chess, canasta, pinochle, bridge, beginning line dancing, beginning crochet, zipper art, sand painting, the crafters and the Munson quilters.

CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

There are four core floor exercise classes at the Munson Senior Center. Participants will learn to strengthen their abdominals and back – the core of the body. All exercises are done on a provided mat. There is a 50-cent suggested donation. The class schedule is:

- Mondays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Mondays, 2:30 p.m., with Janelle
- Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m., with Janelle

AQUATICS, SENIOR WATER EXERCISE

Nora Bailey will host an aquatics class (senior water exercise) at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon. Class size is limited. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are held at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, certified instructor, will lead Hatha yoga classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 8 a.m. This class is funded in part under an agreement with the NCNMEDD, the area agency on aging. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS

Mesilla Park exercise classes are held at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

TAI CHI WITH CHER

Tai Chi with Cher is held on Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Class will be held at the Munson Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and at the East Mesa/Sage Café, 5589 Porter Drive, on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Defensive Driving class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday, June 12 and 13, at the Village at Northrise Hallmark Building, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Attendees must attend both days to receive their certificate. Class size is limited and payment of $10 is due at the door. No pre-registration is required.

CANASTA

Canasta is played every Wednesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Munson Senior Center. All skill levels are welcome.

SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Watercolor Painting Class with Pat Lawrence meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the art/quilting room at Munson Senior Center. There is no charge, but bring your own supplies.

LINE DANCING

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

PINOCHLE

Pinochle players will meet on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. at Munson Senior Center.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is held at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No money involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prize collection are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe Pitching Practice is held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Matt Youngblood Courts on Hadley Avenue, across from Meerscheidt Recreation Center. For more information, call Art Cuaron at 524-0166.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language (ESL) class with Mary Lou Darby is held on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Munson Senior Center in the TV Lounge room.

MAH JONGG

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

CHINA PAINTERS

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

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is taught at the Munson Senior Center, in the Doña Ana Room on Wednesdays, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with instructor Mac McIlvoy.

BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a continental breakfast in the Cantina at Munson Senior Center, from 8 to 9 a.m. The menu includes fruit juice, cereal, milk, bread or muffin and peanut butter or jelly. Each Wednesday, hard-boiled eggs will also be served. A 50-cent donation is suggested for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday breakfast, while 75 cents is suggested on Wednesday.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club meets at the Munson Senior Center the third Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. Join the Library Book Club to read great book selections and meet new people.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information or assistance on benefits for seniors is available at the Munson Senior Center as well as the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Primary benefits covered are: Medicare A, B, C and D; Medicaid; low-cost housing; low-income assistance; Social Security; transportation; Meals on Wheels; assistance to disabled on Medicare/Medicaid; etc. Counseling, information and assistance are available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 528-3301 or 528-3307
- Representatives of the State Aging Dept. Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, 541-2451

The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services where assistance is available on Medicare, Medicaid and other questions. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling (800) 432-2080.

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Las Crucens are cruisin' for St. Jude's Hospital

Five stops and free entertainment featured on rally run

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether it's by motorcycle, hot rod or the family car, everyone is invited to participate Saturday, June 7, as Las Cruces cruises for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In its first year, the St. Jude's Rally Run, a "cruisin' event" to raise funds for the well-known children's hospital, will feature five stops, each offering live music from local bands.

Sponsored by several local businesses and coordinated by Tudy Guadian, local motorcycle enthusiast, the event was organized to raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and Sickle Cell Anemia.

The third largest health care charity in the country, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital normally takes on patients with the toughest cases, and no patients pay for treatment beyond what is covered by their insurance.

Justin Estes of Primetime Fitness, one of the event's major sponsors, said that all vehicles are welcome to cruise the city and raise money for the cause.

"This is our first one and it is going to be a blowout," Estes said. "Everyone's participation is needed. It's not all about bikes."

Beginning at Primetime Fitness, 900 N. Telshor Blvd., registration will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with door prizes, a jumping balloon, face painting, music provided by Hot 103 and a special auction.

"We are going to have a ton of door prizes. We are even going to auction off one of my ellipticals for $2 a ticket," Estes said.

> "Everyone is playing for free and throwing in something to contribute."
>
> TUDY GAUDIAN
> Event coordinator

Attendees can purchase a ticket at Primetime – $10 for single and $15 for couple – and receive an armband to gain entrance to every location on the run, a meal provided by Santa Fe Grill and a ticket for one of the numerous door prizes.

"That band will get you anywhere you want to be," Estes said.

From Primetime Fitness the cruise will move to the La Mesa Ball Field, at the corner of Josephine Street and San Jose Road in La Mesa, from 1 to 3 p.m. where the band 28 Chiefs will provide the entertainment.

From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. TBA will perform at Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla, and Zia Soul will play at El Patio Bar, 2171 Calle de Parian, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We will wrap up at Elks lodge with food from 5 to 6:30 p.m. provided by Santa Fe Grill," said Guadian.

The event will end with a special performance at the Elk's Lodge, 3000 Elks Drive, featuring Algo Nuevo from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and The Liars will finish the night with a show from 9 p.m. to midnight.

"Everyone is playing for free and throwing in something to contribute," Estes said. "Every dollar we earn goes straight to St. Jude."

Those who do not purchase a full-day ticket can still enjoy the show at the Elk's Lodge.

"Everyone is welcome to show up at the final run (at Elk's Lodge) and it is $5 at the door," Guadian said.

Inspired by friends who have relied on the services of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Guadian spent the last three months promoting the event and gaining interest from local organizations and individuals.

"There are a lot of people who have had family members in St. Jude's, and they know how important it is," Guadian said

"We are going to do this every year. We want to put Las Cruces on the map and let people see that we contribute to nationwide causes," Estes said.

All stops on the cruise will accept extra donations for St. Jude's. For more information, call Primetime Fitness at 532-9093.

Domenici works to improve brain and neurological illness research

Sen. Pete Domenici today joined Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) to introduce bipartisan legislation to increase federal investment and coordination for research on neurological illnesses, including mental illnesses and other diseases of the brain.

The National Neutrotechnology Initiative Act was written to better coordinate and accelerate federal brain and nervous system research with the intent to accelerate that research to discover more effective treatments for patients who suffer from neurological illnesses, disorders or injuries.

"With so many more Americans suffering from some kind of neurological illness, disorder or injury, I believe it is time we take a serious look at how we approach and fund research into neuroscience and neurotechnology," Domenici said. "Neuroscience dovetails nicely with the work I've long advocated for greater research on the brain and nervous system diseases and disorders, particularly in relation to mental health."

Both Domenici and Murray said their legislation has broad implications for an aging Baby Boom generation, as well as a growing number of military servicemen and women whose lives have been affected by combat-related brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

"While our ability to understand how the brain works grows each day, our ability to understand and repair brain illnesses remains limited," said Murray. "For the millions of Americans that suffer from a brain related illness, and the thousands of Americans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injury and PTSD, a new federal commitment to research and treatment can't wait. This bill will place a premium on sharing the information researchers gain every day and will support ongoing, but underfunded, programs at NIH."

The Murray-Domenici legislation is designed to address key issues currently slowing the development of neurological treatments, such as: a lack of coordination between agencies that conduct brain and neurological research – including the National Institutes of Health; delays in translating basic research into treatments; and time-consuming and costly approval of new neurotechnology drugs, diagnostics and devices.

Domenici said the bill, which outlines $200 million annually for neuroscience research, could have a positive impact on such New Mexico institutions as the Albuquerque-based MIND Research Network that will have a stronger chance of applying for research funding.

"The MIND Research Network does amazing work on these issues," Domenici said.

MMC establishes endowment fund

Memorial Medical Center and the LifePoint Foundation donated $50,000 on May 1 to establish the Memorial Medical Center Endowed Professorship in the School of Nursing at NMSU.

Over the next five years, Memorial Medical Center and the LifePoint Foundation will donate $50,000 each year, until the endowment fund totals $250,000. The fund will be used to augment the salary of an outstanding faculty member in the School of Nursing or to recruit a faculty member with an excellent performance history.

"Memorial Medical Center and LifePoint recognize the need for first-rate nurses to provide the best possible care to our community. High-quality nurse educators are needed to shape their students into high-quality nurses. We are proud to partner with NMSU in recruiting and retaining exceptional nurse educators. Both Memorial Medical Center and Las Cruces as a whole continue to benefit from the remarkable graduate nurses coming out of NMSU," said Paul Herzog, CEO of Memorial Medical Center.

The candidate to receive the Memorial Medical Center Endowed Professorship will be chosen by the Dean of the College of Health and Social Services and the Director of the School of Nursing in consultation with the Provost of NMSU.

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Prom project supports underage drinking prevention

'Promfits' provides affordable prom dresses and tuxedos

What started out to be a project to help a friend go to prom on a limited budget, has turned out to be a successful entrepreneurial adventure for a Mayfield High School student and her Mom, Beth Davis, a teacher at MHS. After helping her friend, Natalie Davis wanted all teens in Las Cruces to be able to attend prom no matter what their financial status was. She took dress donations from the Rio Grande Theatre and Renee's Bridal, purchased dresses from thrift shops and received tuxes from Judy Lozano's warehouse buys. She even advertised on the radio to get the word out and held special fitting times for students to make their prom purchases at only $10 each.

Now Natalie Davis and a few supportive friends are turning their efforts and fun into another good cause by donating their profits to Doña Ana Action for Youth for next year's Prom Promise and underage drinking prevention projects. This is the first time recycling dresses for Prom will also produce recycled funds to help prevent the tragedies of underage drinking that are sometimes associated with prom.

Junior Grace Sarabia said, "This was my first prom and an experience I'll always remember." Mayra Vallez added, "It was fun to help with a program and play dress up too!" Junior Wendy Sanchez went to the ROTC Military Ball and appreciated getting a beautiful dress to wear.

Natalie Davis is graduating this month and will be attending NMSU in the fall to study clothing design as a career. She plans to continue the program next year and work further with Action for Youth for the goal of preventing underage drinking. She can be reached by emailing natty@nmsu.edu.

Natalie Davis gives the profits from her project "Promfits" to Jeri Lyn Renley, executive director for Doña Ana Action for Youth.

AROUND TOWN

health events and support groups

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces offers breast-feeding support to expectant and nursing mothers. The group has meetings twice each month. Daytime meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Art of Birth and Wellness, 1210 N. Main St. Evening meetings are offered on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call 635-6683 for location. For more information, visit the website at www.llusa.org/web/LasCrucesNM.html.

DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR GROUP

The Depression, Bipolar Support Group meets twice weekly, on Mondays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The meetings are open to the public and are for anyone wanting to know more about depression or bipolar disorder. For more information, call 680-6169 or 522-0517.

YOGA CLASSES

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

ATTACHMENT PARENTING

Attachment Parenting International of Las Cruces offers education and support for parents interested in attachment parenting. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at Art of Birth and Wellness, 1210 N. Main St. Children are welcome. For more information, call 635-6683.

WELLNESS CLASSES

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

N.M. FATHERHOOD PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Father's Fatherhood project meets each Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 556-1559.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

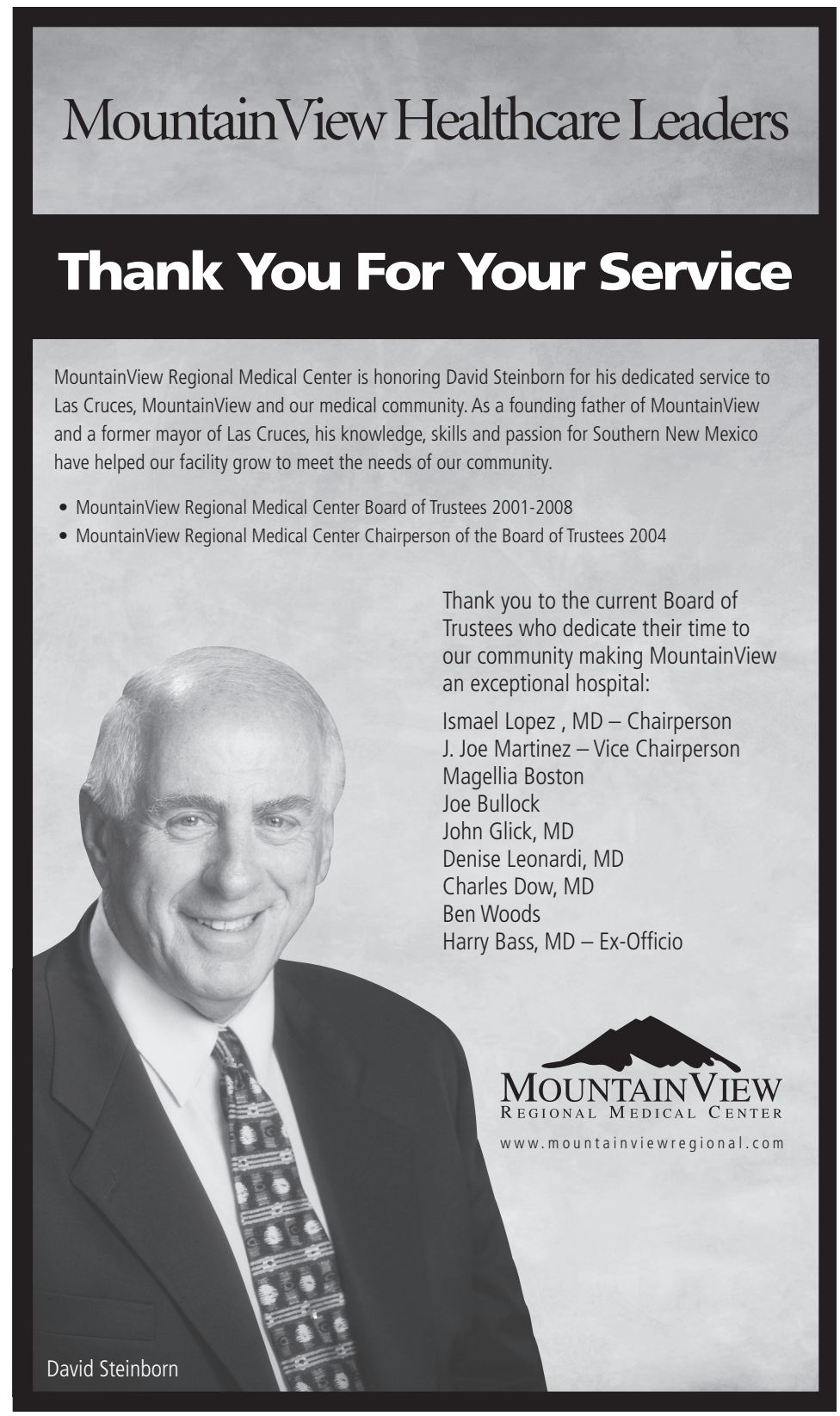
Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held in Las Cruces on a weekly basis. The clinic is held on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road; on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; on Wednesdays from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

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS GROUP

The local Multiple Sclerosis support group has changed their meeting time and place from Tuesday and Thursday mornings to the fourth Saturday of each month at the Las Cruces Good Samaritan Society Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Creative Arts Room. For more information, contact Darla at 523-9177 or Lynn at 521-9284.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Independent Living Group meeting for people with all kinds of disabilities meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ability Center for Independent Living, 715 E. Idaho Ave., Suite 3E. Admission is free and refreshments



Sunrise Elementary staff sheds 66 pounds

Sunrise Elementary School third-grade teacher Guillermo Carmona lost the most weight (13 pounds) in the Sunrise Waist Watchers competition among school staff, which began Feb. 25, and ended in early May, said school secretary Kay Shelton. In second place, with a total of 11 pounds lost, was school nurse Jasmine Kidd. In third place is Sunrise Elementary educational assistant Ema Segovia, who lost eight pounds. Collectively, the 29 Sunrise Elementary staff in the competition lost 66 pounds. Each participant paid $10 to participate. Carmona will receive 50 percent of the money collected, while Kidd will get 30 percent, and Segovia will get 20 percent, said Shelton.

Mental illness symposium, luncheon held

The "Our Search for Excellence" annual benefit luncheon and symposium will be given by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Doña Ana County (NAMI-DAC) from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 23, at the Ramada Inn, 201 E. University Ave.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Danny Wedding, Ph.D., director and professor of psychiatry at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health.

The topic will be "Portrayal of Mental Illness in the Movies: The Perpetuation of Stigma" and "Mental Health Policy and Practice: You Make the Difference." Wedding's research interests include international health, mental health policy, the portrayal of mental illness and addictions in films, and large-scale community education projects designed to alter attitudes about mental illness and substance abuse.

The cost is $40 each or $400 for a table of 10. Certified documentation of contact hours will be offered for Continuing Education Credit.

For reservations, leave a message on NAMI-DAC's voicemail at 373-0199. Reservations should be made immediately. For more information, call Shawna Erickson at 373-0199.

Legislator works with nursing leaders on regional shortage

State Sen. Rawson honored for his efforts

An international nursing society has presented New Mexico State Senate Minority Whip Leonard Lee Rawson with its "Friend of Nursing Award" for 2008.

Sen. Rawson was honored for championing the needs of nursing and nursing education at the annual induction ceremony of the Pi Omega Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in Las Cruces last week.

> "... Rawson has consistently sought to understand the reasons for the nursing shortage ..."
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> MARY M. HOKE
> Professor of nursing

Mary M. Hoke, a professor of nursing at New Mexico State University and member of Sigma Theta Tau, nominated Rawson for the award because she said Rawson has actively sought to improve the health care of the residents of the state throughout his 20 years serving in the New Mexico State Legislature.

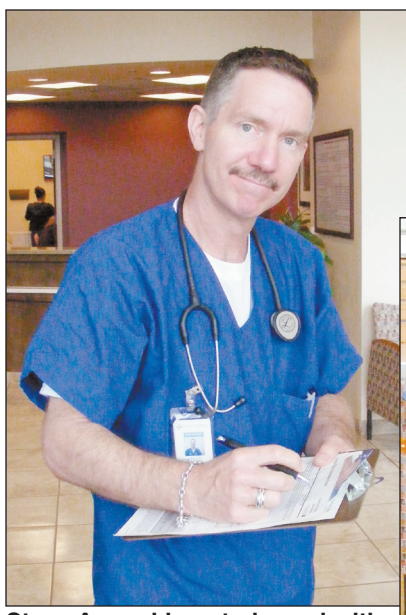
"Senator Rawson has consistently sought to understand the reasons for the nursing shortage and worked with nursing education leaders to positively impact the situation," Hoke said. "Senator Rawson has worked to improve nursing education and nursing services throughout the southern area of New Mexico through sponsorship of nursing education legislation and championing the needs of nursing and nursing education.

Rawson also serves on the New Mexico State University School of Nursing Advisory Committee.

During Thursday evening's ceremony, 60 undergraduate and graduate students at NMSU and members of the community were inducted into the Pi Omega Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

At the Stroke Information Fair

Brandi Covery, left, checks the blood oxygen level of Lisa Schaefer, as Felicia Kirkpatrick looks on at the second Annual Stroke Information Fair held at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico on Wednesday, May 14.



Steve Amaral is not pleased with blood pressure numbers of the test he just performed.

Lesa Royce and Robbie Ross are ready to assess the stroke risk of visitors to the fair. Among the risk factors for stroke are smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity.

Megan Brown greeted visitors to the Stroke Information Fair.

Patient Care Technician Cori Johnson talks with housekeeping supervisor Dixie Buyer during the Stroke Information Fair.

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Bill Midgett, left, a stroke survivor, and his caregiver Lenawee Midgett were on hand at the fair along with Larry Edgecombe, right, a stroke survivor and president ot the local Stroke Support Group, were on hand at the fair.

Garry Burton checks the blood sugar levels of Felicia Kirkpatrick as Lisa Schaefer and Jody Burnett look on.

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SLO taking bids for Sierra Norte

Housing, commercial uses blended in new East Mesa development

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

State Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons is going ahead on taking bids to develop 270 acres of 323 acres of state land called La Cienega de la Sierra Norte.

Located in a tract of land called Section 16, it is in the heart of the Sierra Norte development and will make up the majority of the development's housing leading to the The Fountains at Sierra Norte where the new tournament-class Las Cruces Country Club golf course is being built.

Originally, the State Land Office was to begin taking bids on the land last month, but that was delayed after state Attorney General Gary King questioned a similar development lease with the same developer, Philip Philippou. The AG's office questions if state law allows the State Land Office to reward the developer with a portion of the land-sale proceeds in return for putting in infrastructure and master planning. Lyons contends that his state constitutionally mandated role of earning money from state trust lands gives him the authority to enter such leases in order to get a greater return than from raw land sales.

Although the two state offices haven't come to an agreement in the dispute, Lyons has decided to go ahead with the Section 16 releases. The Sierra Norte business lease was negotiated in 2005, according to a State Land Office release.

La Cienega will be a mixed-use community, offering residential and commercial properties, along with reserved open space. It is designed to "sustain itself and rely less on other areas of the city for residential, recreational, retail, service and industry needs," the release stated.

The master plan calls for 217 residential acres, of which 196 acres is zoned for single-family homes. That will translate into between four and 12 homes per acre.

The other 21 acres will be for multi-family residences, which will be neighborhoods feeding into 53.5 acres zoned for shops, restaurants, offices and open space.

Individual parcels for sale range from 55 acres for single-family homes to eight acres for commercial businesses and open space.

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La Cienega de la Sierra Norte, a portion of the Sierra Norte development project north of U.S. Highway 70 off Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, is being released for bid by the State Land Office. La Cienega includes 270 acres of land to be developed for residential and commercial use.

Building Las Cruces City Hall

NATISHA HALES I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jaynes Construction has begun work on the new Las Cruces City Hall on Main Street next to the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The $26 million construction project will combine offices of the current City Hall and the city office center on Alameda Boulevard.

The 117,000-square-foot, three-story building is expected to be complete by the early part of 2010.

City getting more attractive

High-tech facilities are community assets

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces continues to be a desirable place for businesses, especially those that are centered on high technology. However, challenges still arise in the growing city, according to executives of local companies.

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, at its regional economic development forum May 9, reported that while the unemployment rate in Las Cruces is hovering just below 4 percent and is below the state and national rates, the average annual wage per job is just $29,244, which is 70 percent of the national average of $41,991.

There are several advantages to having a business in Las Cruces, however.

High-tech facilities such as New Mexico State University, NASA and White Sands Missile Range are assets to the community, according to Wendell Hull of Wendell Hull & Associates, a global leader in oxygen safety and equipment testing.

"There is a real benefit from (the university's) co-op programs," Hull said. "We don't have great difficulty hiring from NMSU. Some of the pioneers of the area are full-time employees or consultants of my company."

James Stalker, chief technology officer of Precision Wind, also considers NMSU a great asset. Precision Wind is located on the main NMSU campus, providing an opportunity for partnership on research and development projects, Stalker said.

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>
> WENDELL HULL, Wendell Hull & Associates

Despite the partnership opportunities, Stalker said it would be great to have a transition period at NMSU several months before students graduate to provide training in the specialized field of atmospheric science, which is not offered as a major at the university.

While NMSU students also are valuable to the Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico, CEO Suzanne Quillen said the nationwide nursing shortage is a challenge.

"We're getting health care workers, but we're taking them from somewhere else," she said. "Five hundred nurses graduate each year in New Mexico, but less than half stay in the state."

Even with the challenges, Las Cruces is still an attractive place to start a business, Hull said.

"Las Cruces has everything people need or want with the exception of too much traffic and skyscrapers," he said. "The weather is positive, it's an adequately sized town and the crime rate is reasonable."

MVEDA completed eight projects as of September 2007, bringing 636 new jobs to the area with an average salary of $12.77 per hour, an annual payroll of $16.9 million and $15.2 million in capital investment.

PROFILE

Gary Sandler: Putting all his irons in the fire

Long-time Realtor is also an author, publisher and talk-show host

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Being a real estate agent is definitely a full-time job, and while many find they have little time for anything else, Gary Sandler devotes well more than the traditional 40 hours a week to his job and the community.

While his full-time job is president of Gary Sandler Inc. Realtors, he also is publisher of the monthly Real Estate Connections newsletter, author of the Real Estate Connections weekly newspaper column and host of the weekly Real Estate Connections radio show.

But he doesn't stop there. He has recently stepped out of his boundaries as Realtor and has given more of his already-limited time to the Board of Directors of Las Cruces Downtown.

"I really enjoy doing this. I suppose a juggler enjoys what he or she does," Sandler joked. "I really enjoy the fast pace, the deadlines and making it all work."

With as many irons as Sandler has in the fire, it would be difficult to excel at just one task, but Sandler has the plaques on his wall to prove he can do all he has undertaken extremely well.

While a Realtor in Carlsbad, Calif., Sandler was the No. 1 Coldwell Banker agent. When he moved to Las Cruces in 1993, he continued as a top-selling agent while working for RE/MAX and was named the No. 1 agent in New Mexico and West Texas by the Electronic Realty Association.

He also was named the 2007 Talk Show Host of the Year by the New Mexico Broadcasters Association for his radio show that airs from 4 to 6 p.m. every Monday on KSNM-AM 570. He beat out other hosts in Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Roswell and Farmington.

Local listeners enjoy the 2007 Talk Show Host of the Year, according to an Arbitron survey conducted last fall that revealed Sandler's radio show has the most loyal listeners during his time block. He beat out 25 other radio stations in Las Cruces and El Paso, as listeners reported keeping their tuners locked on Sandler's show for six of eight quarter-hours.

His first love, however, is real estate, and Sandler has been a Realtor for 33 years, the last 15 of which have been spent in Las Cruces.

After high school, Sandler joined the U.S. Air Force. After four years, he entered law enforcement, but soon followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps.

"They were retailers before malls became big, and then they switched over to real estate," Sandler said. "They've been doing it for over 50 years."

Since Sandler became an agent, he's seen many changes.

"It's just amazing," he said. "In California, I started selling entry-level houses for $39,000, which are now $300,000."

He moved to Las Cruces in 1993 for a change of pace, and he found the market was similar, just moving at a slower rate.

"I moved looking for higher quality of life and a slower pace," he said. "In 1993, homes were selling at $39,000 and now are $150,000. And it's just going to continue on."

Sandler started his own company – Gary Sandler Inc. Realtors – in 2004.

"I wanted more say in how customer service was provided," he said.

Shortly after he started his own business, Sandler started the newsletter, column and radio show. Each medium of communication provides people in the area with information on what's going on in the local real estate market, including interest rate and credit information. In his newsletter, readers also may find a recipe or two.

"There's no single source in the area for that type of information," Sandler said. "I found myself filling a need. People want to know."

Despite recent reports of a national slowdown in homebuilding and the real estate market, Sandler said his business is still succeeding in selling commercial, residential and investment properties as well as land.

"Businesses have to adapt to whatever the market conditions require," he said. "After this long (in the real estate business), I should have figured out how to adapt."

> "This is my absolute home."

After making Las Cruces his home, Sandler started to get involved in the community. He began by serving on the Board of Directors for The Whole Enchilada Fiesta and has also volunteered to be one of the 10 Most Wanted, a fundraiser for the March of Dimes. He served on the board for the local chapter of the American Red Cross before joining Las Cruces Downtown as a board member.

"I wanted to be part of the revitalization and to be able to help build something for the community," Sandler said.

While his office is located on South Telshor Boulevard, moving his home and his business Downtown is something Sandler said he would love to do.

"I would love to be able to wake up, walk downstairs, get a cup of coffee and a croissant and go to the office, all the while with my car kept in the garage," he said.

He owns the building where his office is located, so that makes it difficult to move his business to the "heart of the city," but living Downtown is "high on my priority list," Sandler said.

Though his career and civic duties take up a lot of time, Sandler still is able to pursue other hobbies.

He plays the piano and has had gigs around time, including the Azul lounge at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces and the re-opened Meson de Mesilla. On the weekends, Sandler said he likes to travel as much as he can.

After his position as B-52 crew chief in the Air Force, aircraft remains on Sandler's list of hobbies. While he has five skydiving jumps under his belt, presidential aircraft especially interests Sandler, and he recently returned from a trip to Seattle's air museum, which showcases the plane Vice President Lyndon Johnson took to Dallas after President Kennedy was assassinated.

No matter how far his travels may take him, Sandler will return to his home of Las Cruces.

"This is my absolute home," he said. "The real estate market is as bright and sunny as the area. It's very positive based on job growth, migration and the military presence. As soon as the lull is over, we're going to pick up where we left off and regain our momentum."

Gary Sandler

President
Gary Sandler Inc. Realtors

Family
- Daughters, Julie Lambert and Laurie Sapp
- Granddaughters, Ashley Nelson and Aubrey Sapp

Organizations
- Board member, Las Cruces Downtown
- Member, Las Cruces Association of Realtors
- Member, National Association of Realtors
- Member, Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Awards
- 2007 Talk Show Host of the Year, New Mexico Broadcasters Association

Interest in wind energy increasing

NMSU hosting workshop

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Carlos Rosencrans, who will conduct the annual windmill workshop next week at New Mexico State University, said that he is seeing more interest in the natural energy source with the current green movement.

He has received more than 30 applications for the windmill workshop that will be conducted Thursday, May 22, through Saturday, May 24.

About 10 applicants are from the Navajo Nation, but there also are a few from northern California, Texas and Missouri.

NMSU is the only university in the United States that offers a windmill workshop.

The windmill helped the United States to settle and hold the West as the nation expanded across the continent. It supplied water for farmers and ranchers and for railroad watering stations when steam locomotives were powered by wood and coal.

Ranchers place windmills so that their cattle spread out over the ranges to prevent over-grazing.

"A lot of the range land would not have been used for pasture if water hadn't been available from the windmills," Rosencrans said. "The cows go just so far to graze, and then they come back for water."

Windmills, which have wheels made of "sails" to catch the wind, vary in size.

The gearboxes, or "motors," also have different sizes, corresponding to the wheel sizes. The motors drive rods – with valves on each end – up and down to lift water up through the drop pipe.

The valves are enclosed tightly in a cylinder. When the motor drives the rods down, the pressure closes the bottom valve. During upward movement, the bottom valve opens to allow water into the system. And when the rod pushes down again, the top valve is opened and the water is lifted to the surface in the drop pipe.

The wind velocity also affects the windmill rotations and how fast the rods pump.

"It's a slow process," Rosencrans said. "The water volume is measured in gallons per hour."

The check valves are sealed with "leathers," a term used for former leather seals. Now, manufacturers use a rubber compound for seals.

But the friction against the cylinders wear out the seals.

"That's the part that wears," Rosencrans said. "Cowboys have to pull the sucker rods to replace the seals."

But this natural energy resource also can be erratic. The winds diminish during the hot, dry months of July and August.

"The windmills have a hard time keeping up with the cattle water demands," Rosencrans said.

The windmill motors have not changed much through the years. Previously, bearings had to be rebuilt, but they can be replaced with a hardened plastic compound. Windmill motors require little maintenance other than lubricating the gearbox once a year, Rosencrans said.

During the regular school semester, Rosenscrans teaches agricultural mechanics.

"For students preparing to be high school vocational agriculture teachers or extension agents," he said.

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Carlos Rosencrans explains how windmill motors and lifting rods supply water for ranchers at his workshop at New Mexico State University.

Mesilla Valley drought hard on local ranchers

Last rainfall recorded in February

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Cattle ranchers are going through a critical period. May and June are the hottest and driest months of the year, New Mexico State University range specialist John Fowler said.

The last rainfall recorded by the Department of Plant and Environmental Science at NMSU was in February – .17 inches. The area did not receive any winter moisture, and there is a lack of cool-season grass or weeds.

But in this part of the Chihuahuan Desert, the time to prepare for droughts is 10 to 20 years before they occur, Fowler advised.

"At this time of year, calves are growing fast, and they draw down their mother cows by nursing," he said. "So what happens when it's dry and hot and the mother cows have big calves that are demanding a lot of nutrition? She needs green feed so that she can recycle and be bred again."

Ranchers should prepare for droughts by maintaining multiple water sources for their cattle, including redistribution of pipelines from windmill tanks and earthen tanks that catch rain runoff, lining earthen tanks with plastic or clay to retain water longer or covering large steel-rim tanks to reduce evaporation.

"You have to save your forage resources to survive in the Chihuahuan Desert," Fowler said.

The Chihuahuan Desert has a fragile ecological system. Range specialists use the Palmer Drought Severity System, which shows drought cycles from 1895 to 2008.

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Range specialist John Fowler refers to the Palmer Drought Severity Index, which outlines drought cycles from 1895 to 2008.

"Bank your forage so that you can produce high-value calves that you can sell at the peak of the cycle," Fowler said. "Rest your range when the prices are low. You can take advantage when other ranchers are selling off for liquidation or high culling rates. You can buy heifers real cheap then or maintain your own numbers."

Tom Mobley said the range is as dry as he has ever seen it, and he is supplementally feeding his stock north of Las Cruces.

"We haven't had any rain on my place since August," he reported. "I've got a lot of old grass that has gone dormant, but most of my cattle are holding up pretty well."

Leedrue Hyatt also said that his range in Luna County did not receive any winter moisture or cool-weather forage, and his herd number is down to 60 percent of allotment.

"We haven't had any rain since November, and we're just trying to hold on to what we have," Hyatt said.

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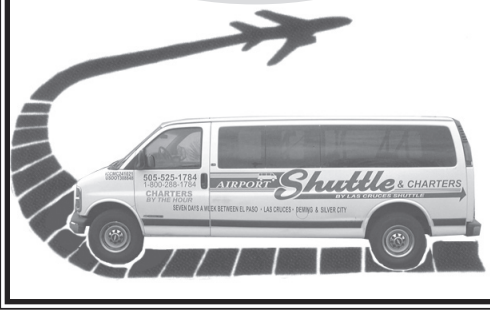

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Honoring future leaders

Rosalinda Altamirano, right, with NMSU Provost Waded Cruzado, the guest speaker at the Hispano chamber's middle school recognition program, held May 7 at NMSU.

Michael DiBenedetto of FirstLight Federal Credit Union, right, traveled from El Paso with his wife Mary to attend the program.

Hispano Chamber Vice President Toby Rue was the master of ceremonies for the chamber's Signature Middle School Recognition Program.

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This property is located next to Onate High School, off Bataan Memorial East. With 2.44 Acres zoned M-1 (Light Industrial), the land is in a great location to build. Easy access off the highway. May be sold with adjacent 1 acre parcel. Priced at $426,000

Chamber recognizes middle school students

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces honored 120 middle school students at its end-of-the-year Signature Middle School Recognition Program Wednesday, May 7, in the New Mexico State University Corbett Center Ballrooms.

Each quarter, the chamber recognizes 30 middle school students – a sixth-, seventh- and eight-grader from each of the 10 area middle schools – who are presented with awards for their academic achievement. The signature event recognized 30 additional student for the final quarter of the school year, and each of the students awarded throughout the year were invited for additional recognition.

Fourth-quarter award recipients:

Camino Real

Savannah Hernandez	Sixth grade
Ramon Carrillo	Seventh grade
Marcie Lample	Eighth grade

Las Cruces Catholic School

Stephen Hoerner	Sixth grade
Leihani Rodriguez	Seventh grade
Ryan Turk	Eighth grade

Zia

Julia Padilla	Sixth grade
Victor R. Hernandez	Seventh grade
Valian C. Fowler	Eighth grade

Picacho

Paige Ramsey	Sixth grade
Kristen Parra	Seventh grade
Esmeralda Pereda	Eighth grade

Lynn

Bethany Lowery	Sixth grade
John Jaques	Seventh grade
Laura Pedraza	Eighth grade

La Academia Dolores Huerta

Anmer Carmona	Sixth grade
Dwight Harrison	Seventh grade
Victor M. Cano	Eighth grade

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Nicholas Nunley	Sixth grade
Kayli Chambers	Seventh grade
Matthew Gormley	Eighth grade

Vista

Misael Olivas	Sixth grade
Fatima Medrano	Seventh grade
Nicole Rivera	Eighth grade

White Sands

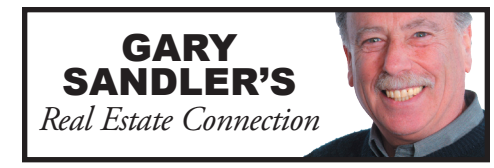
Cameron Marlin	Sixth grade
Marissa Gonzales	Seventh grade
Nyasha Griffin	Eighth grade

Sierra

Caitlin Madrid	Sixth grade
Alyssa Estrada	Seventh grade
Sierra A. Ludington	Eighth grade

Are you a landlord with a no-pet policy?

You may have to make an exception



According to our friends at the U.S. Census Bureau, a total of 74,654 individual housing units were providing shelter for homeowners and tenants in Doña Ana County at the close of 2006. 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 percent of those units, or 24,363 to be exact, were occupied by renters.

Our friends at the Census Bureau also noted that at the end of that same period, people who were disabled in one way or another occupied 16.3 percent of those housing units. By my fuzzy math, that's a total of 3,955 renters in Doña Ana County whose housing situations fell under the protection of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Today's numbers are thought to be substantially the same. If you're a landlord, you are also governed by the Act when it comes to accommodating our friends, family and neighbors who are considered disabled. How so? The answer is abundantly clear.

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."

Okay, 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 the act. For practical purposes, however, we're talking animals of the canine variety here.

Service dogs come in many shapes and sizes and provide numerous and diverse types of assistance for people with virtually any type of disability. "Service dog" is actually the generic term for dogs 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 dropped by people, 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, on the other hand, 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 go for help. Some are even trained to push a button that dials 911, then bark when the operator answers the call. A Psychiatric Service Dog helps people with mental disabilities such as agoraphobia (not being able to go outside alone) and can help them stay focused. 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.

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. 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 is 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 just say no. 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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Sierra Norte

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The La Cienega master plan includes pocket parks and access to larger Sierra Norte public parks, recreational areas and walking trails. Land in Section 16 to be left for open space included a large arroyo in its southeast corner.

The Sierra Norte development is about three miles east of the junction of Interstate 25 and U.S. Highway 70. Section 16 can be found one mile north of U.S. 70 and a half mile west of Jornada Road where work on the northern Sonoma Ranch Road extension has begun.

The State Land Office is accepting bids to buy the land or exchange it for other property. Lyons will select the highest or most qualified bidder that makes a bid for the land's minimum value. Also, he can reject all the bids. Sealed bids will be taken by the State Land Office in Santa Fe up to July 2, according to a legal advertisement run in last week's Bulletin.

The State Land Office release notes that Doña Ana County remains one of the fastest growing regions in the nation.

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Fueling alternative energy solutions for 26 years

Sun-Tech Services provides cost-saving water treatment

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While the current costs of oil are fueling a need for other forms of energy, Sun-Tech Services has been providing alternative energy solutions for businesses and residences for 26 years.

Owned by Hale Huber, who has lived in Las Cruces since 1970, Sun-Tech Services opened during another time when the focus was placed on alternative energy. In 1982, federal and state solar energy tax credits were offered, and Huber's business was one of 26 solar companies in the area. The federal tax credits were no longer offered in 1985, and by 1986, Sun-Tech was the only solar company left.

His business focused on servicing and repairing solar energy systems, but Huber said he had to find a new direction for his business.

"It was at about that time that I learned about Kinetico water-treatment systems," Huber said.

He learned Kinetico used potassium chloride as the regenerant for water-softening systems instead of sodium chloride, or salt.

"Potassium is a positive mineral, the same found in bananas," Huber said. "When water is softened, some of the potassium goes into the water, which is good for us, and we could also use it for watering house plants. With sodium chloride, the softened water would have salt in it. Most of us already get more salt than we need in our diets."

Sun-Tech Services, 750 W. Las Cruces Ave., has been open for 26 years, remaining successful even when interest in alternative energy was not as high as it is today.

NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Because of the salt used in the water-softening process, Huber said people with certain medical conditions that restricted sodium from their diets were unable to have "soft water" until he tried the Kinetico system.

"I was pleased with the quality of Kinetico and realized that a salt-free water softener had real potential," Huber said, "so I became a dealer, and sales have increased every year."

In addition to the potassium chloride used in the water treatment system, the system needs no electricity to operate.

"Without any electrical components, there are less problems with maintenance, and it's 50 to 80 percent more efficient than one with electrical components," Huber said.

Sun-Tech also offers a reverse osmosis purified drinking water system, a solar energy pool heating system and a passive solar energy water-heating system.

While the interest in alternative energy cooled down over the years, interest has now picked up, even with the economic downturn, Huber said.

"Whenever there is a substantial increase in fuel cost or electricity, there's an immediate interest in alternative energy," he said. "What I've found is now has been a positive time because of the increases in gas prices. People are very aware of energy costs, and they are getting much more interested in solar energy."

There are still some challenges, however.

"My biggest challenge is to keep up with the changes of technology in water treatment and solar energy," Huber said. "I have to find new, creative ways to inform the people of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County of what is available to them regarding water treatment and solar energy savings."

Huber has found a creative way of informing the community through his involvement in the Las Cruces Home Builders Association. During the association's Spring Showcase of Homes, Fall Parade of Homes and the Home Improvement and Lifestyle Show, Sun-Tech Services displays its products, which are used in most of the homes showcased.

"Over the years, we've had gradually increased interest or involvement with new construction because we have been working closely with the Las Cruces Home Builders Association," Huber said.

In addition to providing his customers with cost-efficient water treatment systems, Huber also is involved with Las Cruces' sister cities of Lerdo, Mexico, and Leinburg, Germany. Huber, who happens to speak both German and Spanish, has visited both cities several times and is currently the president of the Las Cruces Sister Cities International Program.

"Las Cruces is a very accepting community, and I am very, very connected to being a citizen of Las Cruces," Huber said. "I feel very good about investing in Las Cruces."

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Q&A: Talking business with owner Hale Huber

What inspired you to go into business?
I saw a need for a professional service company providing Las Cruces with high-quality water treatment and solar-energy systems.

What is unique about your business?
We are a local business that has been in Las Cruces for 26 years. I have based my water-treatment business on using potassium chloride as the regenerant rather than salt. Potassium is good for the environment and us.

What is your business philosophy?
Provide quality equipment, professional installation and dependable service. Treat our customers the way we would like to be treated.

What is the best part of your job?
Working with a staff of dependable, positive employees and having thousands of satisfied customers.

How do you keep your competitive edge?
I try to treat each employee and customer as an individual and relate to them in a respectful and positive way. As a result, I have several employees who have worked with me for more than 20 years and thousands of customers who return to Sun-Tech for all their water treatment and solar needs.

How are you marketing your business?
I use a wide variety of marketing tools and have been active with the Las Cruces Home Builders Association. I also encourage customer referrals.

Sun-Tech Services owner Hale Huber, left, and his staff provide cost-efficient water treatment systems for commercial, residential and industrial locations.

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What is the best business decision you've made so far?
The best decision I made was to use my aptitudes and follow my interests to get into business.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?
Over the past 26 years, I changed the primary focus of my business from solar-energy systems to water-treatment systems. With the return of the solar tax credits two years ago, I am now focusing part of my business back to solar systems.

Describe the items you carry, in brief, and their price ranges.
Kinetico salt-free, non-electric water softeners and reverse osmosis purified drinking-water systems. Passive solar hot water heating systems and Fafco solar swimming pool heating systems.

What is your most popular item?
The most popular water treatment products are the Kinetico Whole House Water Treatment System including the salt-free, non-electric water softener and reverse osmosis system.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?
The hard water, chlorine and sulfur, and other problems with the water of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County from both wells and community water systems can be easily solved with Kinetico water-treatment equipment.

Who are your customers?
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The employee benefits challenge

Just 63 percent of smaller businesses offer health insurance

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After four consecutive years of double-digit increases in employer-sponsored health insurance premiums, it's no wonder there are more than 5 million fewer jobs offering health insurance than in 2001. While it is difficult for any employer to absorb the skyrocketing cost of health care, small and mid-sized employers may be the hardest hit. In fact, only 63 percent of firms with between three and 199 employees offer health insurance, as compared to 99 percent of larger companies with 200 or more employees, according to the Society for Human Resource Management.

This puts some smaller employers between a rock and a hard place. The rock: skyrocketing costs of health care. The hard place: the need to attract and retain quality employees who are accustomed to high levels of coverage at little or no out-of-pocket costs. Fortunately, there are several options available to build an employee benefit plan that is both valued by employees and cost-effective for the employer.

Getting creative

Nowadays, offering a competitive benefits plan can be a critical factor in attracting and retaining quality employees in a competitive labor market. One way employers are beefing up their benefits package is by including a number of "voluntary benefits," which employees select and pay for themselves, in some cases, with pre-tax dollars. The cost to the employer is limited to administration charges, which are offset by the savings in FICA tax.

Of the most popular voluntary "family-friendly" benefits offered by any size company, dependent-care flexible spending accounts are most common. Life insurance for dependents ranks second in frequency with flextime in third place. Along with many others, these options are gaining popularity, even in small companies' packages, and allow a company to bring more to the benefits table without jeopardizing the bottom line.

The challenge

Selecting an appropriate benefits package that offers the best value and fits into a company's overall strategy can be challenging. Gone are the days when an employer could call a broker and simply "order" a health insurance plan like a burger at a drive-through window. In today's world of three-tier prescription benefits, in- and out-of network pricing, multiple flexible spending account options and consumer-driven health care options, the choices are seemingly endless.

New products are introduced on a regular basis, prices often fluctuate and the laws and regulations surrounding benefit plans can be complicated and change rapidly. Not only that, but determining which benefits the employees truly value can vary from company to company. Making an informed decision often requires a great deal of time, manpower and resources that smaller companies don't always have.

Communication is also important when making any benefits changes. Employees need to see the wider value when cost structures or benefit choices change. Companies need to be able to respond favorably and honestly when employees ask, "What's in this change for me?"

> "The right combination of traditional and non-traditional benefits can go a long way ..."

The help of an expert

While the decision makers in small to mid-size companies often wear multiple hats, relying on the expertise of an employee benefit specialist can prove to be extremely beneficial and cost efficient. This is an effective way to become quickly educated on a variety of options and new ideas currently in the marketplace. For companies that come to that conclusion, the result is often a plan that provides even greater benefit to both the company and its employees. This can be accomplished for the same or even lower cost of an existing plan.

Many insurance representatives will provide a free-benefits consultation. Although other financially-oriented organizations are following suit, not everyone is qualified to give benefits advice. Employers should look for representatives with a track record of benefits experience, references and/or professional certification such as a certified employee benefits specialist, a registered health underwriter or a registered employee benefits consultant.

A skilled benefit specialist will also help communicate a new plan to employees. In some cases, communication is one of the most critical factors in getting employees to fully understand the total value and scope of their benefits package.

The right combination of traditional and non-traditional benefits can go a long way in terms of attracting and retaining employees. The trick is discovering that perfect mix.

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Communication with lenders should be a priority

BY KIM T. BLUEHER
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America's debt crisis is a collective one. Our government is spending beyond its means, and so are businesses and individuals.

How much debt is too much? When we can't afford to make payments on time.

How did we get here? Sometimes we spend too much. Sometimes divorce, illness or unexpected unemployment affects our ability to meet financial obligations. A sudden drop in sales can evaporate cash flow for a small business. And if loan payments are late, that business might have trouble ever getting another loan.

A successful relationship with your creditor depends on communication. At the first sign of difficulty, warn lenders of your predicament. They will respect you for taking responsibility and are more likely to be flexible about restructuring your payment plan.

I recently received a letter from a borrower who owns a small publishing business. She had lost an order, income was down and she worried about her ability to make payments on time. She wrote all her creditors to alert them and said she would do her best to meet payments. To date she has not missed a payment, but if she does, I'll know why and be prepared to work with her.

When clients miss a payment, it's often because they mailed it late or simply forgot to write the check. But sometimes the business is in trouble and the owner is too embarrassed to talk about it. Such avoidance causes stress and frustration for lender and client. As humiliating as it is to admit we can't pay a bill, most lenders are willing to restructure debt and set up payments more suitable to a business's or individual's resources. Because a lender's goal is to be repaid, enabling the borrower to resume regular payments – even if it takes longer for the loan to be repaid — is best for everyone. The lender then has money to lend another client, and the entrepreneur maintains a good credit rating and a sense of pride at overcoming adversity.

> "A small payment made regularly is more valuable to the lender ..."

When renegotiating a payment plan, the goal should be to design a payment that can be made every month. A small payment made regularly is more valuable to the lender and your credit record than a larger payment made irregularly. Consider the case of one of our first clients, who obtained a small loan for her cleaning company. When health problems forced her to close the business, she spent the next few years moving around the country. Despite her hardships, she faithfully sent us $25 every month. It took her almost 10 years to pay off a three-year loan. But to me, this woman's character and moral fiber are unparalleled.

Another client whose sales fell short of expectations after she moved to a larger location managed to keep up with payments on her small-business loan, but not on her personal mortgage. She decided to sell her house and found the mortgage company willing to work with her because she keeps in touch and the lender knows she is actively working to sell the house and pay off the debt.

If you have loans that are already overdue or have been turned over to a collection agency, it's past time to get over your embarrassment and contact the lender to negotiate a mutually acceptable arrangement. Before you start negotiating, learn as much as you can about the options available to you and the best strategies to use. You can research resources on the Internet or go to www.moneymanagement.org for more information.

Also, don't hire a debt-consolidation agency or consultant before you're sure it's reliable and won't ruin your credit for years to come.

Finance New Mexico is an initiative of the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) and its partners to assist individuals and businesses in obtaining skills and funding-resources for their business or idea. To learn more about resources available to New Mexico businesses or to use the capital search-tool, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report May 12, 2008

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20081550	Sonrisa Builders Inc.	Coronado Development Corp.	Res/New	6435 Serrano Drive	$90,000	$1,650
20081552	GS Roofing	Mary H. Guevara & GS Roofing	Res/Reroof	702 E. Amador Ave.	$3,250	$4,691
20081592	JC Roofing Inc.	Celia Anaya	Res/Reroof	1312 E. Griggs Ave.	$3,000	$4,543
20081610	Alex Gonzalez	Alex & Lillian Rodriguez	Res/Alt	1805 Calle De Sueños	$2,500	$4,249
20081626	Hakes Brothers LLC	Ken Thurston Dev Corp.	Rex/New	4931 Chesney Road	$95,160	$3,289
20081619	DRH Southwest Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5098 Kenwood Road	$112,560	$3,330
20081625	Hakes Brothers LLC	Ken Thurston Dev Corp.	Res/New	4956 Sherwood Road	$95,160	$3,289
20081688	Westmoreland Ent Ltd Liability Co.	Summit Development	Res/New	4721 Zachary Place	$118,020	$2,044
20081689	Logos Development Inc.	Daniel Kolson	Res/New	4014 La Purisma Drive	N/A	$3,160

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report May 12, 2008

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
33498	Self	Juanita & Maria Perez	Res/New	228 Swannack	N/A	$228
33505	Outlaw Construction	Robert Vallejos	Res/Add	542 Bluejay Place	Dill Sub Replat #1	$490
33510	Lorenzo Fierro	Lorenzo Fierro	Res/New	152 Coues Deer Ave.	Los Venados	$45
33512	DRF Construction	DRF Construction	Res/New	124 Coues Deer Ave.	Los Venados Phase 1	$586
33522	Excel Mechanical	Jimmy Broadstreet	Res/New	525 Byrum	Lake Section	$585
33525	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	7080 Purple Mountain	Linda Vistas	$832
33527	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6535 Puffin St.	Inspiration Heights PH II	$330
33528	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	8006 Inca Dove	Inspiration Heights PH II	$321
33529	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	8008 Inca Dove	Inspiration Heights PH II	$358
33530	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6525 Gadwall Place	Inspiration Heights PH II	$383
33532	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6525 Jaeger	Inspiration Heights PH II	$306
33533	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6526 Jaeger	Inspiration Heights PH II	$341
33534	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6522 Jaeger	Inspiration Heights PH II	$416
33535	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6530 Jaeger	Inspiration Heights PH II	$403
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John Christopher, Vice President of Southern New Mexico for Comcast, and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima joined volunteers painting Zia Middle School on Comcast Cares Day.

Comcast Cares Day a success

On May 3, approximately 200 local Comcast employees and their families and friends, along with more than 175 Zia Middle School teachers, parents, students and staff volunteered to paint Zia Middle School. Las Cruces' project stemmed from Comcast's seventh annual Comcast Cares Day. Las Cruces' efforts were part of a statewide success; more than 2,000 New Mexicans volunteered and nationally 50,000 participated in the day of service.

Local Comcast volunteers teamed up with Bravo Mic 101 Gold, the Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Sun-News, Turner Network, International House of Pancakes and KWAL Paint to paint the entire exterior of Zia Middle School and the patio area. In all, a grand total of 1,500 hours of volunteer labor, 400 gallons of paint and 80 gallons of trim paint.

The Comcast Foundation also donated more than $1.5 million in grants to local community partner organizations across the country on behalf of each employee and family member who volunteers on Comcast Cares Day. The grants will help Comcast's community partners continue their mission of serving the community throughout the year.

Send us your agenda items!

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send their workshop and meeting items to be included in the Business Section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information about the event, as well as the date, time, location, contact and cost, if any, to business@lascrucesbulletin.com. Agenda items must be received by noon Friday for consideration in the next week's Bulletin.

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Oakeley named casino's executive marketing director

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Buffalo Thunder Resort, a combined project of the Pueblo of Pojoaque and Hilton Hotels Corporation, has named David Oakeley as executive director of marketing for Buffalo Thunder Casino. In his position, Oakeley oversees all marketing operations for Buffalo Thunder Resort Casino, Cities of Gold Casino and all other Pueblo of Pojoaque enterprises. "David Oakeley's extensive marketing background, local presence and his experience and knowledge of the Pueblo enterprises will greatly benefit our strategy of offering the best gaming experience in New Mexico at Buffalo Thunder Resort Casino," said Allen Mosley, CEO of Pueblo of Pojoaque Enterprises. Oakeley, a native New Mexican, has managed the marketing operations for Cities of Gold Casino and Hotel, the Sports Bar Race Book & Casino, Towa Golf Course and all Pueblo of Pojoaque owned businesses since 2000. His background combines 30 years of experience in media and public relations including 10 years in radio and television broadcasting. He is a former press secretary for the New Mexico Governor's office and directed the marketing, promotions and in-house broadcast operations for the athletic department of New Mexico State University for nearly 10 years. Oakeley has also managed marketing, promotions, public relations and special events such as concerts and open-air market operations for the New Mexico State Fair.

2008 NAFTA Institute approaching

The New Mexico Economic Development's Office of Mexican Affairs, the City of Juarez, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, the New Mexico Small Business Development Network, Western New Mexico University and the International Business Accelerator have joined together to co-host the "2008 NAFTA Institute/Supplier Meet the Buyer Conference," which will take place on June 26 and 27 at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino in Sunland Park.

This unique event combines the activities of the "NAFTA Institute" and the "Supplier Meet the Buyer Trade B2B sessions." The conference is designed for businesspeople interested in selling their products to the North American market, importing products from Mexico and/or becoming a supplier to Mexico's maquiladora industry. The organizers of the conference will match potential Mexican buyers/sellers with participants in private business-to-business sessions. Anybody interested in learning the mechanics of doing business with Mexico or Canada will also benefit from the NAFTA Institute sessions. During the event, topical experts will be discussing the various aspects of conducting cross-border business.

An inauguration will begin the conference late afternoon on June 26, followed by a review of the North American Free Trade Agreement; and the border security effort's impact on cross-border trade. A dinner will be held later that evening accompanied by live entertainment. On June 27, various experts will be presenting on cross-border trade topics, and companies will be participating in business-to-business sessions with various buyers/sellers.

The cost to participate in this event is $79, which includes meals, materials and entry to all sessions. A special rate of $30 will be charged companies only wishing to participate in the business-to-business sessions. Interested parties are urged to sign up quickly, as space is limited. Special hotel rates for conference participants have been arranged with area hotels. A limited amount of scholarships providing special pricing for this event are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Detailed information on the agenda can be found at www.nmiba.com. For questions or specific information, contact the International Business Accelerator at (505) 589-2200 or info@nmiba.com.

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Boberg renamed to economic development chair

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Kevin Boberg, associate business dean at New Mexico State University and CEO of NMSU's Arrowhead Center, will continue as the Garrey E. and Katherine T. Carruthers Chair in Economic Development for NMSU's College of Business.

Boberg has held the economic development chair position since 2005. The position must be renewed every three years.

"Kathy and I are absolutely delighted with this decision," said NMSU College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers. "He's done a wonderful job by taking an active role in Arrowhead Center and working with many economic development projects in our state."

The economic development chair was created by a $500,000 gift from Carruthers and his wife. The chair received a $1 million match from the state. Earnings from the $1.5 million endowment are used to support the salary of the faculty member holding the chair, as well as program development and other needs.

"I'm humbled and honored by the opportunity," Boberg said. "Governor and Mrs. Carruthers' contributions to the state through public and private life, and through philanthropic endeavors are well known. I look forward to continuing the work they began and we have continued – specifically in regard to our most important mission, serving our students and those in the state of New Mexico."

Arrowhead Center is a nonprofit organization created to commercialize new technologies and stimulate economic growth in New Mexico. Boberg earned his Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University in 1983. He taught at Penn State and the University of Hawaii before joining the NMSU faculty in 1987.

There are now four, $1 million or more chairs in the College of Business. They include the Mountain States Insurance Group Endowed Chair, the Garrey E. and Katherine T. Carruthers Chair in Economic Development, the Robin T. Peterson Endowed Chair in Marketing and the Stan Fulton Chair in Business.

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The City of Las Cruces kicks off the 2008

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Mayor's Jazz Fest brings two greats to the Las Cruces stage

Music in the Park series celebrates its 15th year

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Every year since 1994, the City of Las Cruces gives a wonderful gift of a variety of music – from jazz to country and Tejano to ska – available for free to the public in the serenity of the city's largest parks.

The 15th annual Music in the Park series will begin, as is the tradition, with the Mayor's Jazz Fest, which brings in internationally renowned players to perform in Las Cruces. This year's Mayor's Jazz Fest will feature Ritchie Cole on saxophone and Bobby Shew on trumpet. The Mayor's Jazz Fest will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

Cole, who grew up in Trenton, N.J., began playing alto saxophone at the age of 10. He quickly became addicted to the sounds of bebop. Although his high school had no stage band, Cole learned on his own playing with a local named Jackie Vee on the steps of Trenton's Fantasy Lounge each Sunday.

Cole studied with Charlie Mariano and Phil Wilson at the Berklee School of Music in Boston. He then toured the world as a drummer with Buddy Rich's big band.

Shew was born in Albuquerque, and he also began his musical journey at the age of 10. After beginning his career playing with the Tommy Dorsey Band, and alongside Woody Herman and Buddy Rich. Shew has traveled as a lead player with Robert Goulet, Paul Anka, Della Reese and Steve Allen.

Along with numerous performances and private teaching, Shew also conducts clinics and master classes at universities around the world. He has also served on the board of directors for the International Trumpet Guild and has acted as the National Trumpet Chairman for the International Association of Jazz Educators for 16 years.

The rest of the Music in the Park Series continues through the end of August, cycling through a wide variety of music each week. Each concert in the series is held at 7 p.m. on Sundays

In addition to providing a venue for local favorites like Steve Smith and Hardroad, Bayou Seco and Liquid Cheese, the concert series also gives Las Crucens a chance to see regional and national acts they wouldn't normally be able to experience. This includes acts like the Spanish pop sound of Albuquerque-based Sorela or the cowboy tunes of Syd Masters from Tijeras, N.M.

"We want to support local acts, but also pull in acts you don't normally see in the area," City of Las Cruces public liaison Robert Caldwell said.

The national act for this 2008 series is the folk duo of Brewer & Shipley, known for their 1970s' hit "One Toke Over the Line," which has been a folk music hit through the years.

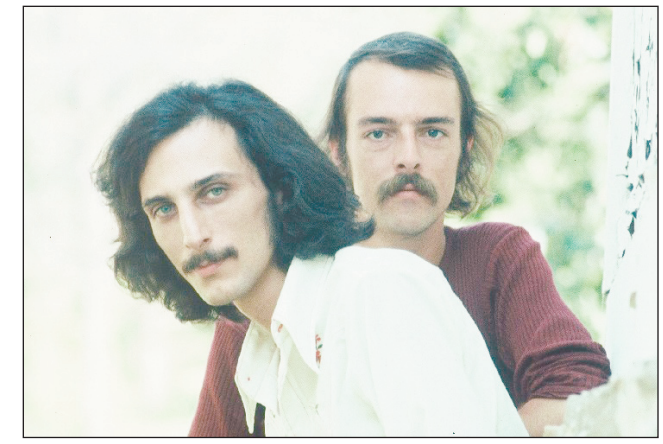
The concert series will move each month, to better make use of the city's parks and allow more residents to enjoy the Music in the Park series. This year features Apodaca Park, Young Park and Klein Park.

Performances at Apodaca Park will be even more enjoyable than last year, due to the clearing of diseased trees which hampered stage visibility, Caldwell said.

Caldwell recommends that attendees bring water, their own shade and something to sit on for each concert. By City Council policy, pets are not permitted at special events held at City of Las Cruces facilities.

For more information about the Mayor's Jazz Fest or the Music in the Park Series, call 541-2261 or visit www.las-cruces.org.

Local bluegrass favorite Steve Smith and Hardroad will perform June 1 at Apodaca Park.



Folk duo Brewer & Shipley will perform their greatest songs July 27 at Klein Park.

Music in the Park Series

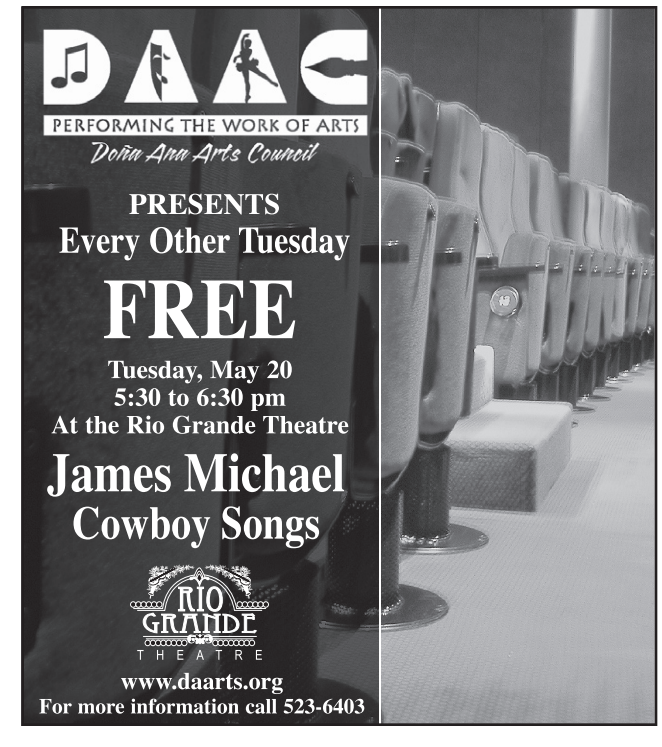
All performances are at 7 p.m.

Apodaca Park performances – 801 E. Madrid Ave.
Mayor's Jazz Fest – May 25 – Ritchie Cole (saxophone) and Bobby Shew (trumpet)
June 1 – Steve Smith & Hardroad and Bob Einwick Trio
June 8 – Desperado and James Michael
June 15 – Mariachi Feminil Flores Mexicanas and Espuelas de Plata
June 22 – Oldies but Goodies and Sixty-Six Cruisers
June 29 – Guitar Slim and Neil McCowan

Klein Park performances – 155 N. Mesquite St.
July 13 – Phat Soul
July 20 – Sorela
July 27 – Brewer & Shipley

Young Park performances – 1905 E. Nevada Ave.
August 3 – Bouzouki Duo and New Celtic Quartet
August 10 – Bayou Seco and Salty Dogs
August 17 – Juntos Unidos
August 24 – Liquid Cheese and The Big Spank
August 31 – Syd Masters

Schedule is subject to change without notice.
For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org.



At the San Albino Cemetery Tour

Joe Garcia attended the San Albino Cemetery tour to decorate his parents' grave during the Visit Our Ancestors second tour of the season Saturday, May 10.

PHOTOS BY A. KURZ

Mary Kay Shannon, education curator with the Branigan Cultural Center, explains the variety of historic graves in San Albino.

Myla Rose-Williams came to the cemetery tour with her grandfather to help him look for their ancestors.

Two-year-old Andrew Grine came with his grandparents from El Paso to locate their ancestors in the cemetery.

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NSTC opens 'The Last Five Years' this Friday

Unique musical comedy tells couple's story from the beginning and end

The stars of "The Last Five Years," clockwise from left: Cindy Pitts, Cade Surface, Carrie Oliver and Trae Blanco.

No Strings Theatre Company presents "The Last Five Years" opening Friday, May 16, and running through Sunday, May 25, with 10 performances at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

"The Last Five Years" is directed by Tom Smith and stars Carrie Oliver and Cade Surface. Trae Blanco is the musical director.

Tony-winner Jason Robert Brown took home Drama Desk Awards for both Best Music and Best Lyrics for this piece. His musical revue, "Songs For a New World," was presented by No Strings Theatre Company in 2006, which also starred Carrie Oliver.

The musical chronicles a young couple's romance in a unique way: her story starts at the end of their relationship; his begins on the day they met. Cathy Hiatt is a struggling actress, and the highs and lows of her relationship with Jamie Wellerstein, an up-and-coming novelist, is the core of the story. It is an intensely personal look at a relationship from both people's perspective.

Oliver received her master's degree of music in musical theatre performance from Arizona State University and currently teaches private voice lessons with Las Cruces High School. Besides performing, she has served as music director for several shows in Arizona as well as Las Cruces, which include "Seussical the Musical" and "Christmas Carol" with American Southwest Theatre Company. She's been seen at the UTEP Dinner Theatre in "A Grand Night for Singing," as well as "Viva, El Paso!," "VeggieTales Live," "Carousel," "The Secret Garden," "Into the Woods," NSTC's "Songs for a New World," Las Cruces Community Theatre's "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" and originating the role of The Quiltmaker in "The Quiltmaker's Gift" with Phoenix Theatre Cookie Company.

Surface is a visiting artist from The University of Michigan. While at UM, he has been a member of the University of Michigan Chamber Singers and the University of Michigan Chorale for two years. He performed with the Flint Symphony Orchestra and served on the arts advisory board at the Flint Institute of Music. Surface has received state championships in solo and ensemble work nine times since 2003. In Michigan, he performed in Brecht's "Mother Courage and her Children," "Guys and Dolls" and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." He received a Best Thespian Award from the Michigan Thespian Society for his portrayal of C.C. Showers in "The Diviners" in 2006.

Director Tom Smith has recently directed or performed in "The Complete History of Las Cruces (Abridged)," "Glamtastic," "The Complete History of America (Abridged)," "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," "Ballerina," "A Child's Christmas in Wales," "Psycho Beach Party" and "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" (original and revival). He also is a member of the Dramatists Guild.

Music Director Trae Blanco is a graduate of NMSU with a bachelor's degree of music in instrumental education. Prior shows include "Into The Woods," "Seussical the Musical," "Hansel and Gretel" and Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World." The musicians are Trae Blanco, Jared Colins, Eric Maese, Robert Randall and Maya Weisinger. Peter Herman is scenic and lighting designer, Cindy Pitts is stage manager, Danny Wade is light board operator and Ceil Herman is producer.

Performances of "The Last Five Years" are at 8 p.m. Fridays, May 16 and 23; at 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, May 17 and 24; at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18; at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21; and at 2:30 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 25.

Ticket prices are $10 regular, $9 students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursday are $7. High school student rush tickets are $7, on a seat available basis, 10 minutes before performances start. For reservations, call 523-1223 or visit www.no-strings.org.

Layale (Nadine Labaki) does some facial work on Rima (Joanna Moukarzel) at a Beirut beauty salon in "Caramel," which screens at the Fountain Theatre beginning Friday, May 16.

A film that will stick with you

'Caramel' brings viewers into the real lives of four women without clichés

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Melted caramel is a key ingredient in this gentle, luscious and well-made film, imported from Lebanon. In spite of the fact that the charm, directing, story and cinematography were all high points of interest, one thing that really sticks with me is that warm, melted caramel was used to remove body hair from several clients at the Beirut based beauty salon where much of the action in this film takes place. What price vanity? Do people really do that? Ouch!

The story revolves around five women, all of whom are frequent customers or employees of the shop. It touches on various aspects of their lives, but most splendidly, on their love lives – or lack of. Importantly, this is not a shrill, nonsensical piece about the angst of love and life, but rather it is multi-generational and very real. Humor blends with worry, worry blends with drama, and all of it melts together.

The characters include: a bride-to-be who must resort to culturally induced surgery so that her husband to be thinks he is marrying a virgin; a shop employee that – like many who are ensconced in adulterous affairs – thinks that her lover is going to leave his wife for her while ignoring the quiet flirtations of a handsome and single traffic cop who gives her a daily parking ticket – perhaps on purpose; an older woman who runs a tailoring shop that becomes gently smitten with a slightly odd French customer, a most dapper gentleman who has a keen eye for her as well; the older woman's mother, perhaps wrongly portrayed as comic relief, but who is actually probably suffering from undiagnosed dementia or Alzheimer's; and lastly, a lesbian hairdresser who is infatuated with a mysterious repeat customer, another bride-to-be, who silently questions her own sexuality on her frequent silent stops at the salon.

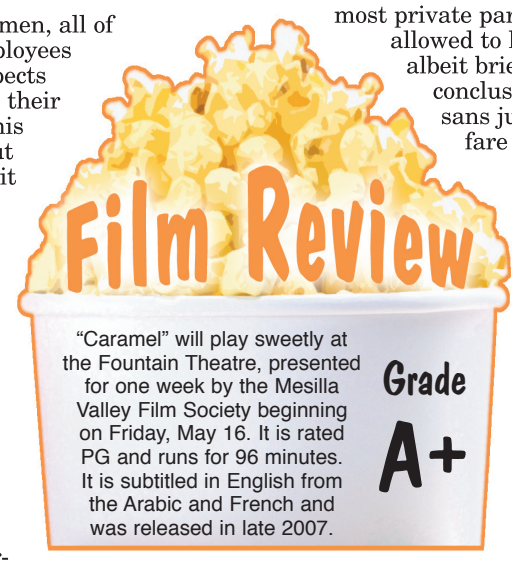
As directed by Nadine Labaki (who also stars), "Caramel" has a sensually pleasant feel to it. Labaki carries her characters and story well, not allowing them to ever become parodies of themselves nor allowing us to view the lives of these women as anything other than real.

"Caramel" becomes another in an extremely refreshing spate of films that have come to us from Middle Eastern filmmakers that does not dwell on war, cultural clashes or politics. The humor within is gently parallel to that of "The Band's Visit," which played to enthusiastic crowds a few weeks ago, and the wonderful Israeli film "Jellyfish," which hopefully will play here this summer.

As each story draws to a finale of sorts, it was not hard for me to note that I had been invited in to the most private part of these women's lives. I was allowed to look at their hearts and souls, albeit briefly, and allowed to make my own conclusions on what would happen next, sans judgment, and how well they would fare as time went on.

"Caramel" avoids almost all of the clichés that could have accompanied it and is an intelligent look at the stickiest of emotions.

I recently tried using melted caramel to remove nose hair. Not recommended. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com



Country music at its boldest

'Payday' features a wild story and excellent acting

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, May 17, will be "Payday" (1972, Rated R, 102 minutes).

A musician finds his life and his career jumping off the rails in this moody, intelligent drama. Maury Dann (Rip Torn) is a singer and songwriter struggling to hold on to his footing as one of the top names in country and western music. This being 1972, long before the Nashville sound had gone "mainstream," Dann has a new Cadillac and a small entourage to show for his efforts, but most of his shows are one-nighters at beer-soaked honky tonks in the Deep South.

Onstage, Dann comes off as a soft-hearted good ol' boy, but off the stand, Dann is a mean-spirited hell-raiser with a nearly unquenchable appetite for booze, pills and women. Over the course of a seemingly typical day and a half, Dann steals a fan's girlfriend; ditches his longtime mistress, Mayleen; picks up a naïve groupie, and gives her a crash course in life on the road; fires his guitar player (and best friend) and hires a starry-eyed teenager as his replacement; tries to bribe a disc jockey with booze and free records; has a harrowing run-in with his speed-addicted mother; discovers he's missed his son's birthday by four months; and, in cahoots with his manager Clarence, fast-talks his loyal driver, cook and go-fer, Chicago, into taking a possible murder rap.

While "Payday" earned excellent reviews (particularly for Rip Torn's superb performance as Maury Dann) and a handful of awards (Daryl Duke's direction won him a citation from the National Association of Film Critics, and Don Carpenter's screenplay received a prize from the Writer's Guild of America), the film's downbeat themes made it a tough sell. However, "Payday" has gained a cult following, and more than one "outlaw" country star of the 1970s has tried to claim that the film was based on him.

A potpourri of movies, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the Old West, or anything in between – the CineMatinee series is designed to offer area residents a brief tutelage of various types and genres of film.

At least one film each month for this series will have a "New Mexico Connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state or perhaps featuring a star/story drawn from New Mexico talent.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time for CineMatinee is 1:30 p.m., and admission is $4 for everyone except Mesilla Valley Film Society members who are admitted for $1. The theater is located one block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 or 522-0286.

SPECIAL NOTE

Alister M will perform a concert before the Sunday, May 18, screening of "Caramel" at the Fountain Theatre. Alister M, composed of Steve MacIntyre, Janelle Borsberry, Justin MacDonald and Reed Elliott plays an eclectic mix of folk and indie rock. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/alisterm.

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FRIDAY, MAY 16

BIG BAND ON THE RIO GRANDE

The Big Band on the Rio Grande will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Music Center Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The Big Band on the Rio Grande will play swing, Latin, funk and bop styles with music from Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Les Brown, Thelonius Monk, John Coltrane, Lennie Niehaus and Quincy Jones. Admission is $7 or $5 for students and seniors. For more information, call Helen Sachs at 373-2188

SATURDAY, MAY 17

DOÑA ANA MODULAR RAILROAD

The Doña Ana Modular Railroad will be on display and running trains in the lobby at the Golden Mesa, 151 Roadrunner Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18. The club's modular HO layout will be on display along with other scales. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call 644-7758.

NEW HORIZON BAND

The New Horizon Band will present a concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Music Center Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The concert will feature the Prelude to Act V of "King Manfred" by Carl Reinecke, "Dublin Dances" by Jan Van der Roost, "Themes Like Old Times III" by Warren Barker and "Little Scotch Suite" by Leroy Jackson. Admission is free.

ARTISTS & WRITERS SHOWCASE

El Paso Saddleblanket's weekly Artists & Writers Showcase from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, will present photographer Isabel Fierro Taylor, painters Bob Adams and Connie Weaver, copper artist Jesse Lujan, writers Donna Munch and Greg Quinones and Tigua potter Albert Alvidrez. Singer/keyboard player Alex Martinez will perform on the runway from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. El Paso Saddleblanket is located at 6926 Gateway East in El Paso. Admission is free. Call (915) 544-100

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Southern New Mexico Wine Festival	Sat., May 24-Mon., May 26	Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds
Raft the Rio	Sat., June 14	Along the Rio Grande
Tortugas Turtlefest	Fri., June 20-Sun., June 22	Tortugas, N.M.
Antique Treasures Day	Sun., June 22	NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
July 4th Electric Light Parade	Fri., July 4	Hadley Complex

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores presents family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Douglas Jackson will be the featured storyteller at the Main Street Downtown store location, and storydancer Terry Alvarez will be the featured storyteller at the COAS Solano store, located at 1101 S. Solano Drive. All children who attend receive a free book. Call 524-8471 for more information.

MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. The guest reader for Saturday, May 17, is Richard Rundell, head of the Languages and Linguistics Department at NMSU. He will be reading from the popular children's book series "Walter the Farting Dog" by William Kotzwinkle. Each child will have their own "magic carpet" to sit on during the story. The stories will be aimed at a second- to fifth-grade level, with titles varying from children's fiction to biography. Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a signed copy of the book read that Saturday. If you are interested in more information about this program or are a "celebrity" willing to be a reader, contact the DAAC office at 523-6403.

KIDS' OPEN STUDIO

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St., offers a Studio for Kids program each Saturday morning. Children ages 5 through 12 only can attend a studio art class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The $5 fee per student includes class materials. Sign up at the museum information desk on the day of the class. There is no pre-registration, and each class is limited to 10 students. For information, call 541-2137.

SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a $6 cover charge. Jim Corrans will provide this week's entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

MESILLA VALLEY CONCERT BAND

The 100-member Mesilla Valley Concert Band will give a free concert directed by William Clark at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the Music Center Recital Hall at New Mexico State University. The program will feature a diverse collection including a new work featuring saxophonist Nathaniel Berman and flutist Alexandra Aguirre Berman; a guest soloist in a fanciful medley of Debussy's "Clair de Lune"; the Celtic Symphony by local composer Jim Gray; guest conductor Diane Schutz; "Mambo Furioso," and other works. Admission is free. The Mesilla Valley Concert Band is celebrating its 22nd season of providing free symphonic band concerts under the direction of Clark, retired head of music at New Mexico State University. The band's varied programs include classical and traditional concert band arrangements, jazz, gospel and ragtime and contemporary compositions. For more information, call 646-2421.

FOLK & BLUEGRASS JAM

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society will sponsor a folk and bluegrass jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Doña Ana Community College, Room 129. All players are welcome. For more information, call Janet at 526-5174.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

DOÑA ANA CAMERA CLUB

The Doña Ana Camera Club will hold its May meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Cuba will be the topic of the program brought to the group by Storm Sermay. Members also bring photos for exhibit at the meeting. Guest and visitors are always welcome. For more information, call Mary Lou 523-9664 or visit www.DACameraClub.org.

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

Singer/songwriter James Michael (also known as Mike Hosea) will have an encore performance at the Rio Grande Theatre's Every Other Tuesday program on May 20. His songwriting and performing reflect a broad musical interest, and while audiences are more familiar with his renditions of traditional western songs, he has expanded his repertoire over the years to include a wide variety of pop, folk, country, rock and R&B favorites from the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s. Michael, who began performing as a teenager in various rodeos and fairs

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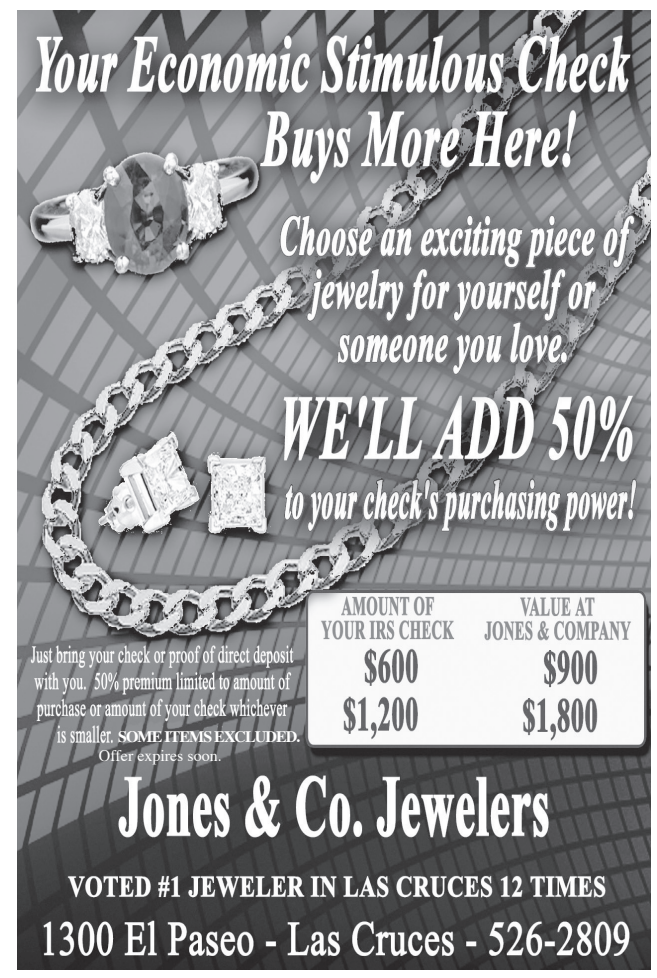

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

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across the West, has written a number of western songs including the title song from his CD, "All American Cowboy." Every Other Tuesday performances always begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

■ **STITCH'N VISIT**

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

■ **PROJECT LINUS**

The Project Linus work group will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Quilters may bring their own projects and sewing machines. Knitters and crocheters are welcome also. Call Dayle Sillerud, chapter coordinator, at 532-4602 or email at sillerud@comcast.net for more information.

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THURSDAY, MAY 22

■ **BIG BAND DANCE CLUB**

Dance every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. to the music of the Ron Thielman Band at the Las Cruces County Club, 2700 N. Main St. The cost is $7 for members and $9 for non-members and includes dance lessons at 7 p.m. Singles are welcome. There is a dress code. Call 526-6504 for more information.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

■ **MARIE KNIGHT CONCERT**

Since she began singing in the choir at the Oakwood Avenue Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., as a teenager, Marie Knight has been attracting attention with her ringing, signifying voice. Born in 1925 in Brooklyn, N.Y., she recorded some 78s for Brunswick Records in 1953 and later some EPs and an album for Mercury Records that established her reputation in the gospel genre. In 1965, Knight recorded an effective and moderately successful version of "Cry Me A River" for Stateside Records. She recorded intermittently in the '70s and '80s as well as touring Europe. In 2003, she was recruited to sing a track for the highly successful CD, "Shout Sister Shout, A Tribute to Sister Rosetta" on M.C. Records.The performance will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 24, in the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets are $18 and are all general admission. They may be purchased by credit card by calling the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 or at the Rio Grande Theatre.

■ **STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES**

COAS Bookstores presents family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Loni Todoroki will be the featured storyteller at the Main Street Downtown store location, and Sonya Weiner will be the featured storyteller at the COAS Solano store, located at 1101 S. Solano Drive. All children who attend receive a free book. Call 524-8471 for more information.

■ **MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME**

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. Each child will have their own "magic carpet" to sit on during the story. The stories will be aimed at a second- to fifth-grade level, with titles varying from children's fiction to biography. Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a signed copy of the book read that Saturday. If you are interested in more information about this program or are a "celebrity" willing to be a reader, contact the DAAC office at 523-6403.

■ **KIDS' OPEN STUDIO**

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St., offers a Studio for Kids program each Saturday morning. Children ages 5 through 12 only can attend a studio art class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The $5 fee per student includes class materials. Sign up at the museum information desk on the day of the class. There is no pre-registration, and each class is limited to 10 students. For information, call 541-2137.

■ **SWINGING SENIORS DANCE**

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a $6 cover charge. Mark Coker will provide this week's entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

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IN SERVICE

Veterans' Groups Guide

• **The American Legion Auxiliary** hosts a $4 pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659.	• **Women Veterans** meet for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of the month at various restaurants. All are welcome. Call Judy at 532-5760 or Peggy at 526-6465.
• **American Legion Post 10** meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 650-4116.	• **American Legion Post 10** hosts bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday and on the first and second Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 650-4119.
• **American Legion Riders Motorcycle Chapter 4** meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month. For more information call 642-5349.	• **Marine Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment** meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month. For more information call 382-0759.
• **Veterans Information, Resource and Referral Office** at 328 S. Reymond St. provides services for veterans such as acquiring veterans benefits and employment and shelter referrals. For more information call Frank Amalla at 647-5669.	• **Disabled American Veterans #10** meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 640-7173.
• **Special Forces Las Cruces - El Paso** meets at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of every month. For more information, call CDR Rudy Reyes at 382-0903.	• **China-Burma-India Veterans** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at IHOP on Del Rey Blvd. in the CBI room. For more information call 644-2314.
• **The Las Cruces Mayor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Board** meets at 9 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in room 213 at 575 S. Alameda Blvd. For more information call 650-4116.	• **Vietnam Veterans of America** meets the fourth Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659.
• **VFW Post 3242** meets at 9 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at 2001 N. Mesquite St. For more information call 527-0443.	• **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10** is sponsoring the great American breakfast the second Sunday of the month from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. The cost is $4.

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At the NMSU BFA show

Dione Betz ponders the work of A.J. Schleich during the New Mexico State University Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate show held at the Las Cruces Museum of Art last Friday, May 9.

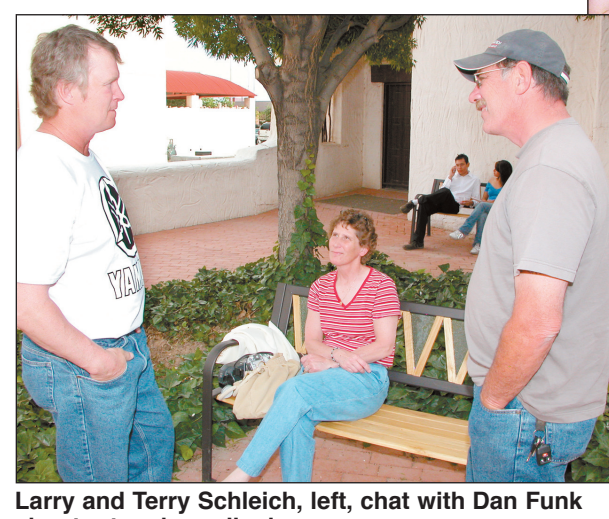
NMSU students Diana Perea, left and Denise Nava view the work of Michael James Archuleta.

PHOTOS BY
STEVE MACINTYRE

BFA graduate Michael James Archuleta stands next to one of his favorite pieces on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art in the Downtown Mall.

Visitors to the Las Cruces Museum of Art view the work on display last Friday, May 9.

Don and Ila McCoy look at the large-format work of BFA graduate Rosa Noyola.



Larry and Terry Schleich, left, chat with Dan Funk about artwork on display.

Jennifer Stoehner and Nora Aguirre admire the work of Stacey Mathews.

BFA graduate Stacey Mathews stands next to one of her favorite pieces.

Dance for Hope with DanceSport

NMSU team holds charitable event on heels of big win at Stanford competition

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University DanceSport Club is a diverse group of individuals who share a love for the beauty of rhythm and movement, and they enjoy sharing that love with the community.

Now the team is sharing even more by presenting a special spring event, the Dance for Hope, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

The Dance for Hope will consist of three performances, at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, all at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus. Tickets are $10 and are available at the NMSU Ticket Office, 646-1420, and the Hershel Zohn Box Office, 646-4515.

NMSU DanceSport is actually two distinct entities, the DanceSport Team and the DanceSport Club. The team is made up of members of a dance class at NMSU, while the club is made up of members of the team and the community who share a passion for dance. The DanceSport Team consists of graduate and undergraduate students from a wide variety of majors with Eric Fierro serving as coach and Debra Knapp serving as adviser.

Although the NMSU DanceSport Team holds a dance performance each spring to raise funds for costumes and trips to competitions, the DanceSport Club has opted to hold its own performance to benefit the community.

"We really hope to get the support of the community," DanceSport Club President and team member Jennie Giron said. "We're all really excited about this performance."

Giron originated the idea for the Dance for Hope, but she said the committee that helped organize the event has put in numerous hours of hard work to make it a reality. In addition to the committee, a majority of the team's 35 members will participate in the event, which has called for hours upon hours of choreography and rehearsal time to make the show as polished as possible.

"Our members have worked really hard, selling tickets, practicing and choreographing for this event," Giron said.

Guests to the Dance for Hope will get to enjoy a wide variety of Latin, swing and ballroom dance by the NMSU DanceSport Team, including the waltz, paso doble, tango, samba, rumba, salsa, jive, foxtrot and more.

The dancers are hot off their recent victories at Stanford University's ninth annual Cardinal Classic Ballroom Dance Competition held April 26 and 27.

The 26 NMSU performers walked away from the Cardinal Classic with 29 top-six placements in a variety of events, including 10 first-place showings. According to Giron, the competition was fierce, paring NMSU against such schools as UC-San Diego, Berkeley, Stanford, San Jose State and UC-Santa Barbara.

For more information about the NMSU DanceSport Team or the DanceSport Club, call 644-0262 or visit http://dance.nmsu.edu/dancesport.

The NMSU DanceSport Team holds a pose during their performance for Spring Visitors Day.

Sasha Ogas and Antonio Reza perform a quickstep routine.

Jennie Giron and Andy Peña hold a finishing pose for their cha-cha routine.

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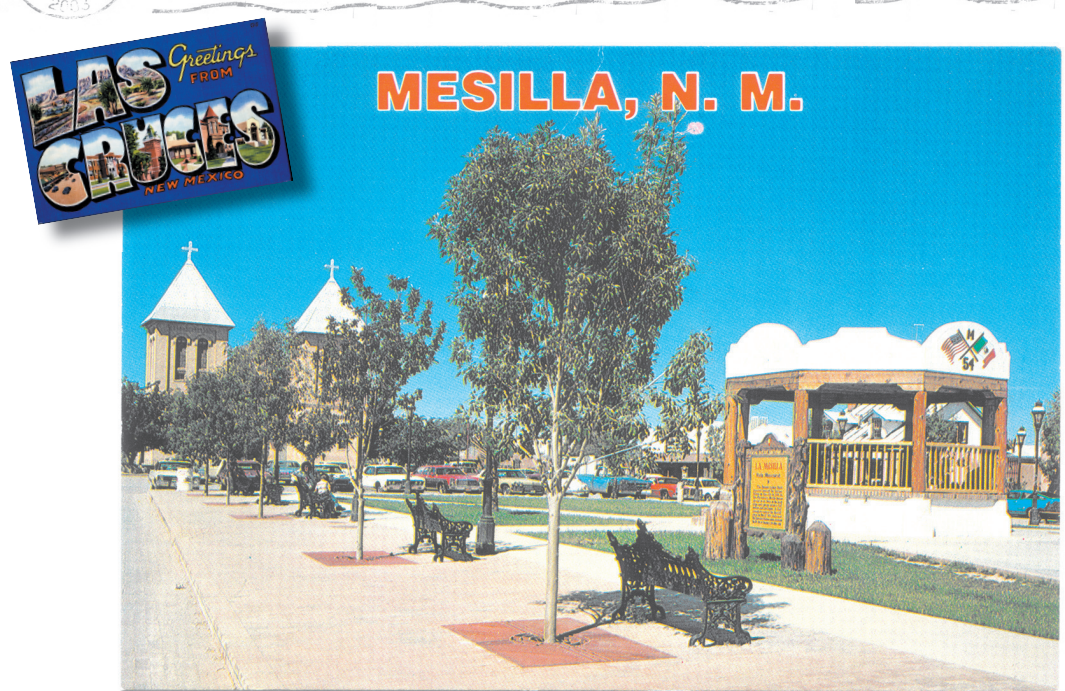

The back of this postcard reads, *"This old bandstand on the plaza of Old Mesilla displays both the flag of the United States and Mexico. Mesilla was one time a Mexican village, a part of Chihuahua. It was included in the Gadsden Purchase. Billy the Kid spent a lot of his time in Mesilla."*
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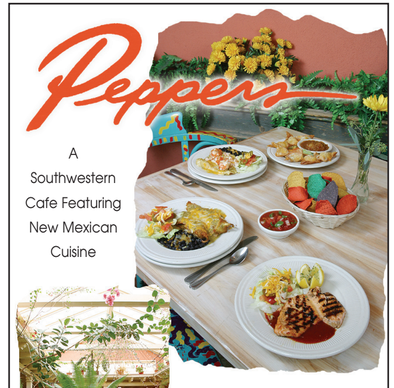

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FEATURED ARTIST

Providing music for the high society

Ron Thielman has a history of great music and leads three diverse bands in the Las Cruces area

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Many Las Crucens have enjoyed the musical offerings of Ron Thielman, leader of the big band High Society Orchestra, the German band Eidelvies and the Doo Dah Dixieland Band over the years.

This rare talent has performed as part of some of the biggest-name bands in the business – Tommy Dorsey, Guy Lambardo, Sammy Kaye, Art Kassell and many more – but outside of a touring gig, Thielman calls Las Cruces home.

Thielman was born in Stuttgart, Ark., but his family moved to Jonesboro, Ark., while he was still in junior high school. Had it not been for that move, he would have spent his adolescence playing football rather than discovering a love of music.

Jonesboro, unlike Stuttgart, started its kids on football at the fifth grade, so Thielman found himself way behind the curve to make the team, so he went to the band.

With trumpet and saxophone always the favorites for students, Thielman followed his band director's recommendation that he play the trombone.

"The band director taught me a B-flat scale and stuck me in the band. So my folks bought me an old steel trombone for $5 from a pawn shop," he said.

Although he didn't always see eye to eye with the band director, Thielman said he loved his time in the band and even became the first student in Jonesboro to attend summer band camp, a tradition he kept up every year through high school.

Throughout high school, Thielman was entirely dedicated to his musical craft, practicing four to five hours each day in addition to regular band class.

"For me, practice was never a drudge. They had to make me stop," he said. "And as a brass player, if you lay off for a day, there go the chops."

Although Thielman's parents weren't musically inclined themselves, they supported their son's pursuit, allowing him to travel to nearby Weiner, Ark., each week to receive a free trombone lesson from the city's mayor.

Thielman moved on and excelled in college, studying for his music education degree. His trombone teacher, Victor Hardt, who was also an accomplished piano player, first introduced Thielman to composing, and since then he has published approximately 50 works for concert band.

After college, Theilman went into his first teaching gig, working as band director for a poor school located between the small Missouri towns of Heytown and Portage.

Although the band room was only an old, one-room schoolhouse someone had dropped off, Thielman said he loved his time as a public school teacher.

"It was a great experience for me," he said. "I learned 10 times more than the kids did I'm sure."

Thielman went on to teach at the University of Mississippi and New Mexico Highlands University. His love of teaching brought Thielman to Las Cruces to serve as director of bands at New Mexico State University in 1969.

Thielman retired from NMSU in 1998, which would have been a chance for most people to slow down, but Thielman was looking forward for the chance to "change hats and concentrate on playing."

Nearly 25 years ago, Thielman began the High Society Orchestra which has become a conduit for many local musicians to shine.

"We have some awfully good folks (in the band), and I've seen a lot come and go," he said.

In fact, Thielman has been a part of the Las Cruces music scene for so long, that he taught many of the current members of the orchestra. He has even had two generations of players participating in the band.

The High Society Orchestra has a wide repertoire, with Thielman's library of nearly 4,000 arrangements at his home for big and small bands. At any given job, he will have around 700 arrangements on hand for the band to work from.

Thielman even has arrangers he has known throughout the years write pieces specifically for the High Society Orchestra.

"For a while, I was doing four to five cruises a year in the Carribbean and the Mississippi River," he said.

Although the cruise gigs have slowed in the past two years, Thielman and the High Society Orchestra stay busy with plenty of weddings and their weekly Thursday 8 to 10 p.m. performance at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St., for the Big Band Dance Club.

Ron Thielman, leading the High Society Orchestra, performs at the Winter Tea Dance for the Munson Swinging Seniors.

"We've played for the dance club for 20-some years," he said. "Plus four times a year for the Munson Swinging Seniors."

The call for big band was diminishing through the years, but Thielman said the success of reality TV shows like "Dancing with the Stars" have really helped to allow a new generation to enjoy the Latin and big band sounds.

For more information about booking Ron Thielman or the High Society Orchestra, call 525-1341.

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TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		10 Years Younger		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		10 Years Younger	
DISC	47	Made	Made	Deadliest Catch		Man vs. Wild (N)		Man vs. Wild CC		Made	Made	Deadliest Catch		Man vs. Wild CC	
ANPL	50	Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police	
FAM	51	★★ "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) Kevin Costner.						Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	"High School Musical 2" (2007) (In Stereo)				So Raven	Life De
NICK	54	OddPar	OddPar	★★★★ "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982) CC					Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:15) "Die Hard"		★★ "Hang 'Em High" (1968) Clint Eastwood.						★★ "Firefox" (1982) Clint Eastwood, Freddie Jones. CC					The Fury
SCIFI	59	Stargate SG-1		Sarah	Sarah	Doctor Who (N)		Battlestar Galactica		Doctor Who CC		Battlestar Galactica		Stargate SG-1	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Kudlow & Company		Fast Mny	Net	Survival Guide		The Big Idea		Money	Net	Survival Guide		The Big Idea	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Verdict-Abrams		Countdown		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates	

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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)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Life	Test Kitch	Food	Mexico
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Care Bears	Strawberry	Cake	Horseland	Sushi Pack	Dino
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Viva Pinata	Viva Pinata	Chaotic	Chaotic	Turtles	Dinosaur	Yu Gi Oh	Winx Club
NBC	9 9	(3:30) "A Civil Action"		Today Every day foods. (N) (In Stereo) CC				Jacob	Dragon (El)	Friend	Penguins	Veggie	Jane
CW	14	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Magi	Skunk Fu!	Tom Jerry	Tom Jerry	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	World-
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Funniest	Funniest
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC				Today at the Preakness	
ESPN2	27	Ocean	Beat	On Lake	Fishing	Car Wars	Car Wars	NASCAR Now (Live)		Today at the Preakness		College Softball	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Burn Notice CC		★★ "10.5" (2004, Suspense) Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges, Fred Ward. CC					
TNT	32	(3:45) ★★★ "Amistad" (1997) Morgan Freeman.				★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson. CC						"The Ron Clark Story"	
TBS	33	(4:10) "Election" (1999)		(:10) "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion"				(:10) ★★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001) CC				(:15) "Pretty Woman"	
SPIKE	34	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "The World Is Not Enough" (1999) Pierce Brosnan. (In Stereo) CC						Hrsepwer	MuscleCar
COM	35	MADtv (In Stereo) CC		MADtv Bon Jovi. CC		MADtv (In Stereo) CC		MADtv		★★ "Bandits" (2001) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton. CC			
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Wife, Mother, Murderer: The Marie Hilley Story"			
FOOD	40	Entertain	Italian	Nigella	Minute	Ultimate	Jamie	Sandra Lee	Cooking	Home	Minute	Rescue	Italian
HGTV	41	Haulin	Rescue	House	Spaces	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Biography "Jack Nicholson" CC				Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House CC		Flip This House CC	
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC		American Eats "Soda"		Wild West Tech CC		UFO Files CC		UFO Files CC		UFO Files CC	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Frst Home	Frst Home	Frst Home	Frst Home	Handyman	Handyman	Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Man vs. Wild CC		The Alaska Experiment		Dirty Jobs Turkey farm.		Verminators	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Animal Planet Dog Championships CC				Good Dog	Breed	Pet Star CC		It's Me or the Dog		Swamp Cats CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Grounded	Grounded	Grounded	Grounded	"Agent Cody Banks"	
DISN	52	Maggie	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	"ET Extra-Terr."	
AMC	57	★★★★ "The Ox-Bow Incident"			(:45) ★★ "Gunsmoke" (1953) Audie Murphy.				★★ "Hang 'Em High" (1968) Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens.				
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"The Prophecy: Forsaken" (2005)			★★ "The Lawnmower Man" (1992) Jeff Fahey, Jenny Wright.				
CNN	62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	City in Fear: BTK Killer		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Tim Russert	

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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	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Treasures	Design	Garden	Desert
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Technology and Golf		PGA Tour Golf AT&T Classic -- Third Round. (Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	NBA Acc	★ "Mr. Magoo" (1997, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen.			WNBA Basketball: Sparks at Mercury					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ebert
FOX	8 14	Baseball	Homebuil	Outdrsmn.	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. CC						
NBC	9 9	Animal R.	NHL Hockey: Western Conference Final Game 5 -- Stars at Red Wings						Horse Racing Preakness Stakes. CC				Lopez
CW	14	Johnny T	Eon Kid	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Beakman's	Beakman's	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADDYA	Exploration
WGN	15	Funniest Home Videos		Soul Train CC		★★ "In the Line of Duty: Siege at Marion" CC				American Idol Rewind		Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN	26	Today at the Preakness		Horse Racing Preakness Special. From Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore.						Bowling	Bowling	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Softball		LPGA Tour Golf Sybase Classic -- Third Round.				IndyCar Racing Indianapolis 500 Qualifying -- Time Trials.					NHRA
USA	31	(8:00) 10.5	★★ "10.5: Apocalypse" (2006, Suspense) Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges. Premiere. CC							House "Three Stories"		House "Que Sera Sera"	
TNT	32	"The Ron Clark Story"	★★★ "Soul Food" (1997) Vanessa L. Williams.					★★ "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" (1998)				★ "Exit Wounds" CC	
TBS	33	(10:15) ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) CC				★★ "The Perfect Man" (2005) Hilary Duff. CC				Sex & City	Sex & City	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
SPIKE	34	Trucks! (N)	Xtreme 4x4	MXC CC	MXC CC	★★ "Ghostbusters II" (1989) Bill Murray. (In Stereo)					★★★ "Ghostbusters" (1984)		
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "House Party IV" (2000) Marques Houston.				★ "The Ladies Man" (2000) Tim Meadows. CC			
LIFE	39	"Maid of Honor" (2006) Linda Purl. CC				"Single White Female 2: The Psycho" (2005)				★★ "A Crime of Passion" (1999) Tracey Gold.			
FOOD	40	Krieger	Simply	Challenge Sandwiches.		Dinner: Impossible		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Unwrapped	Secret Life
HGTV	41	Save Bath	Dime	Dime	Decorating	Find Style	Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Remix	Get It Sold	Potential
A&E	43	Dead Men Talking		★ "Sphere" (1998) Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone. Premiere. CC						Cold Case Files CC		Cold Case Files CC	
HIST	44	UFO Files Kapustin Yar.		Mega Disasters CC		Mega Disasters CC		Mega Disasters CC		Clash of the Cavemen CC			
TLC	45	Home Chef	Home Chef	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Moving Up In Louisiana.		Flip House	Flip House	Property Ladder CC	
DISC	47	Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Deadliest Catch CC		Deadliest Catch CC		Deadliest Catch CC		History-Freemasons	
ANPL	50	Swimming Lions CC		The Most Extreme		Groomer Has It CC		Groomer Has It CC		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police	
FAM	51	"Agent Cody Banks"		★★ "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London"				★★ "Max Keeble's Big Move" (2001) Premiere.				★★ "Sky High" (2005)	
DISN	52	Bunnytown	Handy	Einsteins	Charlie	★★ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002) CC			So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Life Derek
NICK	54	(10:00) "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"			OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	★★★ "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967, Western) Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach.								★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones.			
SCIFI	59	Lawnmowr	★★ "Timeline" (2003) Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor.					★★★★ "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.					Indiana J.
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Newsroom		Newsroom		This Week in Politics	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Comfort	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Twist of Fate A case of mistaken identity.				Getting-Murder		Conviction: I Put Fear		Monster-Mirror		Tim Russert	

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PBS	2 22	Aggie	Ameri	Farmers	News	Lawrence Welk		Vicar	Summer	Fields	Red	Monet's Palate		Austin City Limits	
CBS	3 3	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	Cold Case CC		CSI: NY CC		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	CSI: Miami CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith. Premiere. (In Stereo)						News	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired
FOX	8 14	TMZ (N) CC		Dead Like Me CC		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Medium CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order CC		News (N)	(:34) Saturday Night Live CC		
CW	14	★ "Breaker! Breaker!" (1977, Adventure)				Cold Squad		Stone Undercover		Scrubs	My Wife	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	UFC Wired	
WGN	15	Funniest	Funniest	Videos	White	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at San Francisco Giants.						News	24 (In Stereo) CC		Civil Actn
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	Boxing: 1975 Ali vs. Frazier III			Boxing	Baseball Tonight (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC		Fast	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	NHRA Drag Racing			College Softball: NCAA Regional				College Softball: NCAA Regional				Strongest Man		Strongest
USA	31	House CC		House CC		House "Love Hurts"		House CC		Law & Order: SVU		★★ "Annapolis" (2006) James Franco.			
TNT	32	★ "Exit Wounds"		★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001) Jackie Chan.				★★★ "Set It Off" (1996) Jada Pinkett.				★★ "How Stella Got Her Groove Back"			
TBS	33	King	King	★★ "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves.					★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) CC				★★★ "Lethal Weapon" (PA)		
SPIKE	34	"Ghostbusters"		★★★ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"				The Ultimate Fighter		TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo) CC				Disorderly Con.	
COM	35	★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) CC				★ "Joe Dirt" (2001) David Spade. CC				★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) CC				Damon Wayans	
LIFE	39	"Widow on the Hill" (2005, Drama) CC				"Dark Beauty" (2007) Elizabeth Berkley.				Grey's Anatomy		Housewives		Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Ballpark Cafe		Unwrapped		Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge		Challenge	
HGTV	41	My	House	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine	House	House	Color	Get It	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine
A&E	43	Crime 360 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Flip This House		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Last Days on Earth CC				Meteors: Fire in the Sky CC				Last Days on Earth CC			
TLC	45	Moving Up CC		Flip	House	Trading Spaces		Moving Up (N)		Flip	House	Trading Spaces		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	History-Freemasons		Mean	Mean	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs Penguins.		Verminators		Mean	Mean	Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Miami Animal Police		Groomer Has It		Groomer Has It (N)		Showdog Mom		Groomer Has It		Groomer Has It		Showdog Mom	
FAM	51	(4:00) "Sky High"		★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. CC						★★ "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps"				Whose?	Whose?
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	Cory	Phineas	★★ "Big Fat Liar" (2002) CC			Suite Life
NICK	54	Sponge	iCarly	iCarly	Naked	Dance	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im
AMC	57	"U.S. Marshals"		★★★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) Clint Eastwood. Premiere.						★★ "Striking Distance" (1993) CC				★★ "Species"	
SCIFI	59	"Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"				★★★ "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989)						★★ "Timeline" (2003) Paul Walker.			
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night	
CNBC	63	Deal or No Deal		Heads-Poker		Suze Orman		Survival Guide		Heads-Poker		Suze Orman		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	64	Death-Hollywd		Mind-Manson		MSNBC Investigates		Cult Killer		Mind-Manson		MSNBC Investigates		Cult Killer	

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PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Wonder	WordWorld	Signing	Zoboo	Jakers	NOW	Religion	Minding
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9 9	Old House	Matthews	Today Yard sales. (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Heads-Poker	
CW	14	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Health	NASCAR
WGN	15	Changing	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Feed	Paid Prog.	★★ "Flubber" (1997) Robin Williams. (In Stereo)			
ESPN	26	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter CC		NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC				Baseball
ESPN2	27	Fishing	Fishing	Offshore	Fishing	Spanish Fl	Fishing	Bid Wars	Bid Wars	NHRA	Russo	Timber	Timber
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	Burn Notice CC		★★ "Meet Joe Black" (1998, Fantasy) Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins. CC					
TNT	32	★★ "I Am Sam" (2001) Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer. CC				★★★ "A League of Their Own" (1992) Tom Hanks. CC						"The Truman Show"	
TBS	33	(4:55) ★★ "George of the Jungle" (1997) CC				(6:50) ★★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) CC				(8:50) ★★ "The Replacements" (2000) CC			
SPIKE	34	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trucks!	Trucks!	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM	35	MADtv Bon Jovi. CC		MADtv (In Stereo) CC		MADtv	★ "House Party IV" (2000) Marques Houston.				★ "The Ladies Man" (2000) CC		
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	★★ "Empty Cradle" (1993) Kate Jackson. CC				★★ "Baby for Sale"	
FOOD	40	Minute	Quick Fix	Emeril	Ultimate	Boy Grill	Chic Easy	Contessa	Cooking	Italian	Minute	Sandra Lee	Cooking
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Yard	Landscape	Landscapr	Landscapr	Curb	Hammer	Secrets	Get It Sold	My House	Potential
A&E	43	Biography "Cher" CC				Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		Paranormal	Paranormal
HIST	44	Heaven	Business	Decoding the Past		Decoding the Past		Decoding the Past		Mysteries of the Freemasons CC			
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Designing	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Flip House	House	Trading Spaces CC		Moving Up CC		The New Detectives	
DISC	47	magicJack	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	MythBusters CC		Megabuilders CC		MythBusters CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
ANPL	50	Backyard	Good Dog	Barking Mad CC		Faithful	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Animals	Animals	Big Cat Diary CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Grounded	Grounded	Grounded	Grounded	"Max Keeble's"	
DISN	52	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	Tak	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	★★★ "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967, Western) Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach.								Shootout	The AMC Project CC		US Marshl
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★★ "Merlin" (1998, Adventure) Sam Neill. A medieval sorcerer battles evil and seeks love.							
CNN	62	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources CC		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer CC			
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Tim Russert		Olympic Trials	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 18, 2008

		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	Santa Fe	Foreign	Aggie Alm	Second	Healthy	Frontline "Storm Over Everest" (N) (In Stereo)				Antiques Roadshow		New Mex
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf AT&T Classic -- Final Round. (Live) CC						CorEvolve	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	IndyCar Racing: Indianapolis 500 Qualifying				NBA Count	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal Game 7 -- Teams TBA.					Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	★★★ "Get Shorty" (1995) John Travolta.				M*A*S*H	Paid Prog.	Movie				American Idol Rewind	
NBC	9 9	(10:00) National Heads-Up Poker Championship				NHL Hockey: Eastern Conference Final Game 5 -- Flyers at Penguins						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★★★ "Philadelphia" (1993) Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington.					Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	Funniest	Sports	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs. (In Stereo Live) CC						Inning	Sports	Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN	26	Bowling	Bowling	Drive-Detroit Auto Show		Russo	Russo	Track and Field Adidas Classic. (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Cheerleading: Worlds		LPGA Tour Golf Sybase Classic -- Final Round.				IndyCar Racing Indianapolis 500 Qualifying -- Bump Day.					NHRA
USA	31	★★ "Annapolis" (2006) James Franco. CC				★★ "Pitch Black" (2000) Radha Mitchell. CC				★ "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. CC			
TNT	32	"The Truman Show"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Trial by Jury		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)	
TBS	33	Replacemt	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Boston Red Sox. (Live) CC						★★ "Scary Movie 3" (2003) (PA)			"Austin Powers"	
SPIKE	34	Disorderly Con.		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
COM	35	Ladies	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	★ "Joe Dirt" (2001) David Spade.		
LIFE	39	(10:00) "Baby for Sale"		"Hush" (2005) Tori Spelling, Victoria Pratt. CC				"The Last Trimester" (2006) Chandra West. CC				"Cries in the Dark"	
FOOD	40	Home	Big Bite	Tasty	Giada	Road Tast	Cook Tour	Diners	Diners	Cakes	Cakes	Ballpark Cafe	
HGTV	41	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Desperate	Dime	Color	Divine	First Place	Design on a Dime		Sleep on It	Property
A&E	43	Paranormal	Paranormal	★★ "Alien Resurrection" (1997) CC				Cold Case Files CC		Cold Case Files CC		Cold Case Files CC	
HIST	44	Beyond The Da Vinci Code CC				The Real Tomb Hunters: Snakes, Curses				Quest for the Lost Ark CC			
TLC	45	The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives	
DISC	47	I Shouldn't Be Alive		How to Survive		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Namibia"	
ANPL	50	Miami Animal Police		Wild Kingdom CC		Trek: Spy on the Wildebeest Wildebeest. CC				Predator Bay CC		Lions of-River	
FAM	51	"Max Keeble's"		★★ "Sky High" (2005) Michael Angarano. CC				★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. CC					
DISN	52	Bunnytown	Handy	Einsteins	Charlie	★★ "Zenon: The Zequel" (2001)			Cory	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards
NICK	54	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius			Mighty B	Drake	Drake	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Drake	iCarly
AMC	57	(10:30) ★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones. CC					★★ "Ladder 49" (2004) Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta. CC					"Striking Distance"	
SCIFI	59	★★★★ "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.					★★★ "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984)					"Indiana Jones"	
CNN	62	This Week in Politics		Special Investigations		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Comfort	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen
MSNBC	64	Death and the Dentist		Murder in the Moonlight				The Milkshake Murder		Deadly Exchange		Meet the Press CC	

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Globe Trekker		Nova (N) (In Stereo)		Nature (In Stereo)		Masterpiece "Cranford" (N)				Uncorked	Travels	Burt Wolf	(Off Air)
CBS (3) 3	CBS	News (N)	60 Minutes CC		The 43rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards CC						News (N)	CSI: Miami "Recoil"		Cold
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	Extreme-Home		Extreme-Home		Desperate Housewives (Season Finale) (N)				News (N)	Ebert	Insider	Latino
FOX (8) 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	King-Hill	Simpsons	Simpsons	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Amer	News (N) CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC (9) 9	NBC	News	Dateline NBC CC		Office	Office	Office	Office	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Law & Order: SVU		Shield
CW (14)	Gossip Girl CC		Next Top Model		Chris	Aliens	The	Girl	Access Hollywood		★ "Ghosts of Mars" (2001) Ice Cube.			
WGN (15)	Funniest	Funniest	Idol Rewind		Home Videos		News	Replay	Scrubs	Corner	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (26)	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball New York Mets at New York Yankees. CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC			Baseball Tonight		SportsCtr
ESPN2 (27)	NHRA Drag Racing: Thunder Valley Nationals						Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker	
USA (31)	★★ "The Fast and the Furious" (2001)				★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.				Law Order: CI		★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.			
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order "Stiff"		"Runaway Jury"	
TBS (33)	"Austin Powers"		★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.				★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.						"Orange County"	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		★★★★ "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)						★★★★ "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)					
COM (35)	Joe Dirt	George Lopez: America's Mex.			Carlos Mencia		Carlos Mencia		S. Park	Mencia	George Lopez: America's Mex.			Rey
LIFE (39)	"Cries in the Dark"		"Still Small Voices" (2007) Catherine Bell.				Army Wives CC		Medium CC		Army Wives CC		Army Wives CC	
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Flay	Flay	Cakes	Diners	Iron Chef America		Flay	Flay
HGTV (41)	My	To Sell	Intl Builders		House	House	Property	First	Sleep	House	Intl Builders		House	House
A&E (43)	Cold Case Files		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The Sopranos CC		(:14) The First 48		(:14) The First 48		(:14) The First 48	
HIST (44)	Ax Men CC		Indiana Jones and the Ultimate Quest				Ax Men (N) CC		Tougher in Alaska		Indiana Jones and the Ultimate Quest			
TLC (45)	Big Medicine (N)		Big Medicine (N)		Big Medicine (N)		Big Medicine (N)		Big Medicine		Big Medicine CC		Big Medicine CC	
DISC (47)	Man vs. Wild		Lost World: Land of the Giants (N)				Deadliest Catch		Man vs. Wild		Lost World: Land of the Giants			
ANPL (50)	Wild Kingdom CC		The Great Savannah Races				Ferocious Croc		The Great Savannah Races				Ferocious Croc	
FAM (51)	★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter CC				★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter CC						J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN (52)	Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Wizards	"Wendy Wu: Warrior"			Suite Life
NICK (54)	iCarly	H2O (N)	Zoey 101 CC		Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC (57)	"Striking Distance"		★★★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (2004, Drama) Clint Eastwood.						★★★ "Patriot Games" (1992) Harrison Ford. CC					Witness
SCIFI (59)	"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"				Mystery of the Crystal Skulls (N)				Mystery of the Crystal Skulls				Battlestar Galactica	
CNN (62)	Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC (63)	Diabetes	Wall St	Beyond	Net	To Be Announced		The Billionaire		American Greed		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
MSNBC (64)	San Quentin		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates	

MONDAY EVENING — MAY 19, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Antiques Roadshow		American Experience: FDR: The Juggler					News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Dancing-Stars		(:02) The Bachelorette (In Stereo) CC				News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	Bones CC		House CC		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	American Gladiators (N) CC			Dateline NBC (In Stereo) CC			News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl CC		One Tree Hill CC		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (26)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros. (Live) CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Fast	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	Interrupt	NFL Live	Arena Football: Avengers at Rush					Madden	E:60 (N)		NASCAR Now CC		Series of Poker	
USA (31)	Monk CC		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law & Order: SVU		(:04) Burn Notice		(:04) Monk CC	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer CC		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Engvall	Engvall	Sex &	Sex &	"The Fifth Element"	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "The World Is Not Enough" (1999) Pierce Brosnan. CC						CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Murder on Pleasant Drive" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Emeril Live		Good	Heavy	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Curb	Potential	Potential	House	House	Buy Me	Sleep	To Sell	Curb	Potential	Potential
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 CC		Intervention CC		Intervention CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Star Wars Tech		Hillbilly: The Real Story CC				MonsterQuest CC		Star Wars Tech		Hillbilly: Real Story	
TLC (45)	Little	Little	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate
DISC (47)	Deadliest Catch		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N)		Verminators (N)		Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL (50)	It's Me or the Dog		Miami Animal Police		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Miami Animal Police		Animal Cops Detroit	
FAM (51)	Greek CC		Greek (N) CC		Wildfire (N) CC		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Wildfire CC		Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "Beethoven's 4th" (2001)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Drake	Zoey 101	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Patriot Games"		★★★ "The Magnificent Seven" (1960) Yul Brynner.				(:45) ★★★ "Silverado" (1985) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. CC							Magnifct
SCIFI (59)	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Macross Plus 2		Tokko	Tokko	Twilight	Twilight
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Michael Eisner		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Michael Eisner		The Big Idea	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Verdict-Abrams		Countdown		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		Investigates	

TUESDAY EVENING — MAY 20, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova (N) (In Stereo)		Frontline		Independent Lens		Religion	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "Judgement Day" (In Stereo) CC				Shark CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Dancing-Stars		Dancing With the Stars (In Stereo) CC				News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	American Idol CC		(:02) Hell's Kitchen		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Moments	Moments	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Reaper "The Leak"		Reaper "Cancun"		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros. CC						News	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (26)	SportsCtr	NBA	Lottery	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final Game 1					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	Interrupt	NFL Live	Motorcycle Racing: Moto X Champ.				WNBA	WNBA Basketball: Monarchs at Storm				Baseball Tonight		NFL Live
USA (31)	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS "Chained"		Monk CC		Law & Order: SVU		"Jeepers Crpr 2"	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Bones CC		Cold Case CC		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Sex &	Sex &	★★ "Out of Time" (2003) (PA) CC			
SPIKE (34)	CSI: NY "Recycling"		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		84 Countdown		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Carlos Mencia		Daily	Colbert	Carlos Mencia		Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"A Kidnapping in the Family" (1996) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Emeril Live		Good	Good	Flay	Flay	Cakes	Cook	Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Cakes	Cook
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	House	House	House	My	Potential	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	House
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Simmons	Simmons	Gene Simmons		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland (N) CC		Ancient Discoveries		Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC (45)	The New Detectives		Dateline Myst.		48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence		Dateline Myst.		48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Alaska Exper.		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
ANPL (50)	Wolverine-Devl		Raw Nature (N)		Eaten Alive CC		Animal Cops Detroit		Raw Nature		Eaten Alive CC		Animal Cops Detroit	
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Greek CC		Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	So Raven	So Raven	Life De	Life De	Montana	Suite Life	"Read It and Weep" (2006)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Drake	Zoey 101	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	(3:00) "Silverado"		★★ "Broken Trail" (2006, Western) Robert Duvall, Thomas Haden Church. CC								★★★ "The Sons of Katie Elder" (1965)			
SCIFI (59)	Stargate SG-1		Mystery of the Crystal Skulls				ECW (Live)		★★ "Abominable" (2006) Matt McCoy.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Verdict-Abrams		Countdown		No Place for a Child				Vampire Kill	

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — MAY 21, 2008

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PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Depression: Out of the Shadows (N)				Depress	Secrets of the Dead		News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Price Is Right		Criminal Minds		CSI: NY "Hostage"		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Lost (In Stereo) CC				Boston Legal CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	American Idol The winner is announced.				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	George	Law & Order CC		Law & Order CC		Law & Order CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Farmer-Wife		Farmer-Wife		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		★★★ "Rollerball" (1975) James Caan. CC					Corner	Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (26)	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. (Live) CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Fast	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	UEFA Champions League Soccer: Final				Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Live)				Boxing		Boxing	NASCAR	Series of Poker	
USA (31)	Law Order: CI		★★ "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. CC						Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		"Pistol Whipped"	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Pregame	NBA Basketball: Western Conf. Final Game 1					Inside the NBA		"Passenger 57"	
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Friends	Friends	Sex &	Sex &	"Batman & Robin"	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		Ways Die	Ways Die	CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Mencia	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Mencia	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Her Only Child" (2008) Nicholle Tom.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Emeril Live		Good	Good	Challenge		Dinner	Dinner	Good	Unwrap	Challenge		Dinner	Dinner
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Get Sold	Deserv	Dime	House	House	Haulin	Whats	To Sell	Get Sold	Deserv	Dime
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		Ax Men CC		Man-Machine		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC (45)	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate, Skiing		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate, Skiing		Jon Kate	Jon Kate
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Sinking Carrier		MythBusters CC		Factory	Factory	Made	Made	Sinking Carrier		MythBusters CC	
ANPL (50)	Profiles of Nature		Puppy Bowl IV Puppies play.				Animal Precinct		Puppy Bowl IV Puppies play.				Animal Precinct	
FAM (51)	★ "Godzilla" (1998) Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno. CC						Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	"The Proud Family" (2005)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Drake	Zoey 101	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Sons of Katie"		★★★ "El Dorado" (1967) John Wayne. CC					(:45) ★★★ "The Undefeated" (1969) John Wayne.					(:15) "El Dorado"	
SCIFI (59)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		"Haunted Prison" (2006) Jake Busey.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		American Greed		The Big Idea		Mad Money		American Greed		The Big Idea	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Verdict-Abrams		Countdown		Invisible People		The Runaways		Cult Killer	

THURSDAY EVENING — MAY 22, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Aggie	Bronco	Globe Trekker		Travels	Classical	Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty "Jump"		Grey's Anatomy "Freedom" CC				News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions.				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal (N) CC			Last Comic Standing CC			News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Bizarro"		Supernatural CC		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		★ "Rollerball" (2002) Chris Klein. CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (26)	SportsCtr	NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final Game 2					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	Interrupt	NFL Live	Madden	Motorcycle Racing: Moto X Champ.				MLS Soccer: Dynamo at Earthquakes				Baseball Tonight		NFL Live
USA (31)	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice CC		Law & Order: SVU		Psych CC	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		★★★ "Heat" (1995) Al Pacino, Robert De Niro. CC (DVS)						"Whisper" (2007) Josh Holloway. CC				Without a Trace	
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) CC					Sex &	Sex &	(:40) ★ "Anaconda" (1997)		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) CC				The Ultimate Fighter		84 Countdown		Amazing Video	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Reno 911	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Reno 911	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★★ "What's Love Got to Do With It"				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Emeril Live		Good	Secret	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Myles	Divine	Kitchen	House	House	Property	First	To Sell	Myles	Divine	Kitchen
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 (N) CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		The Universe CC		Mega Disasters (N)		Tougher in Alaska		History-Prostn		The Universe CC		Mega Disasters	
TLC (45)	Rides "Thump"		Overhaulin' (N)		American Chopper		Miami Ink (N) CC		American Chopper		Miami Ink CC		Overhaulin' CC	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	911: The Bronx		911: The Bronx (N)		911: The Bronx (N)		Made	Made	911: The Bronx		911: The Bronx	
ANPL (50)	Real Beavers		Groomer Has It		Groomer Has It		Animal Precinct		Groomer Has It		Groomer Has It		Animal Precinct	
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "Smart House" (1999)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Drake	Zoey 101	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Planet of Apes"		★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill. CC					(:45) ★★ "King Kong" (1976) Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange.						Planet
SCIFI (59)	"From Dusk Till Dawn 2"				"From Dusk Till Dawn 3: Hangman"				"John Carpenter Presents Vampires"				Twilight	Twilight
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		The Billionaire		The Big Idea		Mad Money		The Billionaire		The Big Idea	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Verdict-Abrams		Countdown		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		Deadly Exchange	

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Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

BEGINNER

			9	4		5	2	
4		5			3			
3				7	2		6	
	5	8		9				2
6		7	2		8	9		1
9				1		8	4	
	1		8	2				5
			1			3		4
	8	4		6	9			

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

			6				7	
8	9		5		4			
	3				7	2		
3				5			4	
			3		8			
	5			4				1
		9	7				8	
			2		5		1	6
	8				3			

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

1						4	2	
4	6		9					
				2	6		3	
7		6			8	3		
		3	5			8		2
	4		6	9				
					2		6	4
	7	5						8

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

4	5	9	1	7	8	6	2	3
6	1	8	5	3	2	9	7	4
7	2	3	4	6	9	8	1	5
9	7	4	2	8	3	5	6	1
5	3	6	9	1	4	7	8	2
2	8	1	6	5	7	3	4	9
8	6	2	3	9	1	4	5	7
1	9	5	7	4	6	2	3	8
3	4	7	8	2	5	1	9	6

CHALLENGER

2	8	5	1	3	4	9	7	6
3	1	4	7	9	6	2	5	8
6	9	7	5	8	2	1	4	3
5	2	1	6	4	8	7	3	9
8	7	6	9	1	3	4	2	5
4	3	9	2	7	5	6	8	1
9	5	3	4	2	1	8	6	7
1	4	8	3	6	7	5	9	2
7	6	2	8	5	9	3	1	4

EXPERT

9	1	5	6	8	7	4	3	2
2	4	6	5	9	3	1	7	8
3	7	8	4	2	1	9	6	5
5	9	7	3	1	4	2	8	6
1	8	3	9	6	2	7	5	4
4	6	2	7	5	8	3	9	1
7	5	9	1	4	6	8	2	3
8	3	4	2	7	5	6	1	9
6	2	1	8	3	9	5	4	7

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BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

TIME MARCHES ON

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ALARM CLOCK	DESPERTADOR
CLOCK	RELOJ
TO CLOCK	CRONOMETRAR
DIAL	ESFERA
HOURGLASS	RELOJ DE ARENA
MINUTE	MINUTO
PENDULUM	PÉNDULO
PRECISE	PRECISO
SECOND	SEGUNDO
STANDARD TIME	HORO ESTANDAR
TIME	TIEMPO
TO KILL TIME	MATAR EL TIEMPO

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M	I	N	C	D	J	P	R	E	C	I	S	O	M	T
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A	H	R	L	P	É	N	D	U	L	O	N	E	T	C
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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

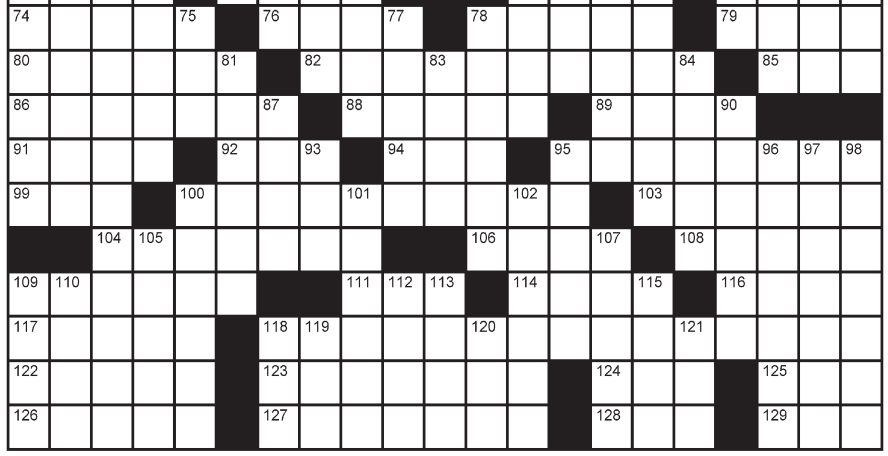
ACROSS
1 Hairdressing locale
6 Wagner specialty
7 Outline
10 Frightened noise
11 Spelling test
14 It won't ___ (be accepted)
15 Ash vessel
16 Greek letter
18 Duck foot description
21 ___ welder
22 Arrogance
23 Model action for a painting
24 Donor's gift
26 Skin image
29 Heidi's milieu
32 Kind of cabbage
34 Red or India
37 Tinge
38 Green color
39 Decrepit
40 Church worker
41 "Gladiator" star middle name
42 What Saint Louis and Arizona have in common?
45 Pitcher's performance gauge
46 Trumpet or plug?
47 Formerly
48 Zip
49 Small eating instrument, abbr.
50 Winter bug
51 Small songbird
52 Retreat
53 Yellow flowers with dark centers
56 Cessna operator
59 Victoria's Secret specialty
60 Additionally
61 Donde __?
62 Burial wrap
65 Glimpse
66 Colorful fish
67 Tundra feature
69 Wedding words
70 Dummy
71 Parisian policeman
76 An onion plant has more than one of these
77 State flower of New Mexico

DOWN
1 Society, for short
2 Tax mo.
3 Garland of flowers
4 Sun, poetically
5 Scot's refusal
7 In truth
8 Moray
9 What's above us
11 Familiar address for a man
12 Formerly, poetically
13 Aim
16 Bridge position
17 Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
18 "The Way We ___," Streisand film
19 Quiche ingredient
20 Fluffy scarf
24 Car brand founder
25 Official number of minutes in a soccer game
26 Pickpocket
27 Lobe linked
28 Almost cry
29 Cooking bib
30 Goes with Zeppelin
31 Growing ___
32 Eucalyptus chomper
33 APB part
35 ____ Ratched in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
36 Chips flint
42 Rickshaw, for example
43 Mellow
44 Bite
51 Golf club
53 Counterpart
54 Medical diagnostic tool
55 Effortlessness
57 Hirobumi ____, Japanese statesman
58 Comic, Costello
62 Aspen action
63 Portable trough
64 Mardi Gras celebration city
67 Distant
68 Distinctive doctrine
71 Chap
72 Cassowary look alike
73 Peacock Network
74 Winter mo.
75 Wing

OUCH

ACROSS
1 Body of water
4 Star quality
7 Had cravings
14 Turvy preceder
19 Wrap up
20 Cross or Kingsley
21 Boyer film
22 End of land or sea?
23 1992 Cyrus hit
26 New York city
27 "Of __ I Sing"
28 Bethlehem visitors
29 Keyboard key
30 Bout sites
31 "__ Bulba"
33 Elia, really
35 Brings out
38 Feudal lords
40 Spanish-born Jewish philosopher
43 Chasing game
46 Baja seaport
48 "Born on the Bayou" grp.
49 __ your heart out!
50 Ashen
51 Prego rival
52 Apples, pears, etc.
54 Arabian hounds
56 German pronoun
59 Meet cut
62 Greek harp player
63 Like Aesop's grapes
65 "Six O'Clock, Winter" painter John
66 Hook's mate
68 "The Flying Dutchman" role
69 Poet Teasdale
70 Lower digits
71 DII x III
73 Pierre's 'the same'
74 Part of UHF
76 Malayan outrigger
78 Pre-surrealist painter
79 Letter opening, often
80 Napping
82 Failure to enforce a prohibition
85 Decade divs.
86 Carpenter's tool
88 Encourages, actively
89 Twiggy home
91 Big Apple sch.
92 Spat
94 Tic-tac-toe win
95 Refined lover of beauty
99 Heart chart
100 Annika and Charlotta
103 Of part of a foot
104 Utterly stupid
106 First chancellor of reunified Germany
108 Like pinups
109 Small landmasses
111 London loos
114 Sesame oil
116 800 exams
117 Wear
118 Rains on a private parade?
122 Sudden thrust
123 Having more chutzpah
124 Alley prowler
125 Very wide shoe
126 Border tool
127 __ and Nevis
128 Wash. or Jackson in NYC
129 B&O and others

DOWN
1 Mariners' base
2 Fetter
3 Sticks
4 Flow out
5 Pathogenic microorganism
6 Shaq of the NBA
7 City in the Cascade Range
8 Ron who was Tarzan
9 Turkish officer
10 Cambodian cash
11 Make orderly
12 Go wrong
13 Spring fwd. syst.
14 Yiddish aggravation
15 Octopus arms, e.g.
16 With meticulous care
17 Shelter for strays
18 Those in favor
24 "The Right Stuff" role
25 Old World lizard
30 Hypnotic stuff
32 French legislature
34 Shaped like a crescent
36 Stretch the truth
37 Lupino and Tarbell
39 Wisest
41 1950
42 Stackable snacks
44 Cooke of "Masterpiece Theatre"
45 Symbolic configurations
47 Big name in tires
50 Liquefies
52 London fog
53 Cooks just below boiling point
55 Fleur-de-__
56 Publication
57 Bag of anthracite
58 Going lickety-split
60 Active ones
61 "Pagliacci" role
64 Not often
67 Goolagong of tennis
72 Sexual crime
75 Dem. candidate of the '50s
77 Bushy dos
78 City near Council Bluffs
81 Juan and Evita
83 One end of a table
84 Abbr. on a building
87 Spelling of "Trick"
90 Fencing charge
93 Sebaceous cyst
95 Gray-faced
96 Evaluator
97 Beans spiller
98 Le Champs __
100 Tot tender
101 La Guardia alternative
102 General __ Corporation
105 Suit material
107 Sponger
109 Isolated land
110 Tater
112 CCCII tripled
113 Barbecue rod
115 Would-be atty.'s exam
118 Brain, spinal cord, etc. (abbr.)
119 Part of IRA
120 Fixed
121 Ave. crossers



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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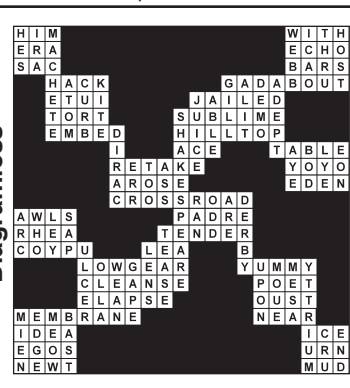
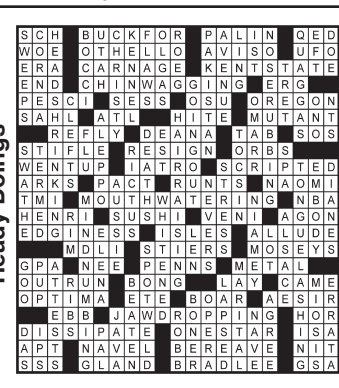
Diagramless



Heady Doings



CRYPTOGRAM

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JCGP DK UTJVJGOC. UJO CTQGODQGC

BGTBXG YZKO CJKEXTYGHC ZKP

XDXZRC.

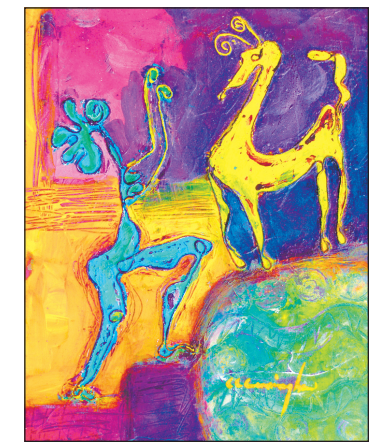
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"Ducks can be found in both salt water and fresh water. They also like flying, but mostly when they want to migrate."

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

"Butler's Retreat" by Kurt Van Wagner at the Branigan Cultural Center

"Dad" by Stephen Hansen at Glenn Cutter

"Pomegranates" by Dennis Lujan at In Effect Gallery



"Honoring the Beast" by C.C. Cunningham at the Rio Grande Theatre

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ MAIN STREET GALLERY

Main Street Gallery's will introduce Kim Carpenter and her original Southwest oils as the gallery's guest artist through the end of June. Daphne Wirthlin is introducing some new designs on ceramic tiles. In addition, the Main Street Gallery continues to feature the works of Alice Terry, Judy Licht, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Don Boyd, Lynn Unangst, Margaret Berrier and Joanna Bradley. The Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Branigan Cultural Center will be exceptionally busy during the month of May opening three separate exhibits on each of the first three Friday's of the month. Already open is the Las Cruces Arts Association Membership Show. The 46th annual mixed-media art exhibit will feature works by more than 25 members. The Las Cruces Arts Association has been exhibiting at the Branigan Cultural Center, formerly the Branigan Library, since 1971. The exhibit runs through Saturday, May 31, in the Shannon Gallery of the Cultural Center, 501 N. Downtown Mall. There is no charge, and the gallery is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org.

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery will feature original prints, silk paintings and watercolors by artist Sudeshna Sengupta. The exhibit will run through May 30. Painter/printmaker and textile artist, Sengupta studied art for seven years at Visva-Bharati University at Santiniketan, India, receiving her bachelor's degree in painting in 1983 and master's degree in graphic Arts in 1985. The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. For information, call the church office at 522-7281. Regular gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday.

• • LAST CHANCE • •

■ WHITE RAVEN STUDIOS

White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave, will host "Visualizing Race," an exhibit of studio art by NMSU Department of Art graduate students on race, representation of race and DNA. The exhibit runs through Saturday, May 17. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 525-9543 or visit www.whiteravenstudios.com.

■ IN EFFECT GALLERY

In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., will continue to host Gabriel Perez' one man show of adult series of paintings, entitled "Dirty 30" through Friday, May 16. Perez is also showing some of his wood carvings, painted to give them just that extra touch of personality and whimsy apparent in his work. Normal gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. In addition to Perez' works, artist/gallery owner Dennis Lujan announces the limited availability of prints of his well-known white pencil on black matte Frida Kahlo portrait. New prints of the limited edition of his pomegranates painting are also available. All printings will be signed and numbered. For more information, contact the gallery at 526-1551 or ineffectgallery@mac.com.

■ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

During the month of May, the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery will feature two member artists: Carol Lopez and Elaine Frink. Carol Lopez has been involved in the arts for more than 25 years working in a variety of media. She studied and was trained in Japan, which has resulted in an Asian influence in her work. Since discovering the ancient art medium "encaustic," she has dedicated all her efforts to this ancient technique. Elaine Frink is primarily a photographer who captures unique and realistic subjects. The gallery has announced its newest member, Carlos West, a watercolorist, who captures his subjects with a special technique and realism. 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, creative gourds, prints and miniature paintings. The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For details, call 522-2933 or visit www.zianet.com/mvartgallery.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

A new exhibition, "Fire & Fiber, Hand in Hand," is open at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Downtown Mall, in the director's gallery. The exhibit will run through Saturday, July 5. The show displays works by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces, collaborating with a variety of fiber artists. All exhibits and receptions at the museum are accessible and free to the public. For more information about exhibits, studio programs and art classes, call 541-2137 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org.

■ LCPS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Las Cruces Public Schools' annual elementary art show, with art from students in kindergarten through fifth grade, will be featured in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The show continues through August and has artwork from all LCPS elementary schools. For more information, contact LCPS art teacher Lisa Carlson at 527-9619 or lcarlson@lcps.k12.nm.us.

■ BLACK GOLD FROM THE SUN

In May, Black Gold from the Sun presents a "Celebration of Fabric from Africa the Mother Country." During this time the Sunspot Gallery will have a special presentation on the history of mudcloth, which for the most part is created by women. Mudcloth has its ties to the very root of our being. Made popular in Western eyes during the '70s, it has been a part of the Bogolon culture for centuries. Several local collectors have consented to share a portion of their valuable fabrics for public viewing and there will be a variety of pieces available for sale. Regular store hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

■ M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery will host a show and sale called "May Flowers" through the month of May. The show will emphasize the still life of flowers as well as outdoor scenes where the flower is a major element of the composition. For more information, visit http://mphillipsgallery.com and click the "Events and Art Shows" link.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Reflecting the balancing and blending of two careers in the visual and healing arts, the latest solo exhibition by painter C.C. Cunningham is entitled "Balancing Act." Cunningham is passionate about being a visual artist as well as a massage therapist/Reiki Master. The exhibition represents balancing the comfortable and familiar with the urge to explore and express emerging themes, all the while using new techniques, style and color combinations. The abstract figuratives include delving into the realms of the psyche, relationships and spiritual concepts and the florals are funky, bold and brightly hued. The familiar earthy, highly textured "contemporary primal" series is included for comfort. The exhibit will continue throughout the month of May. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the

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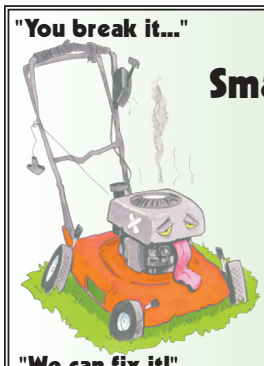
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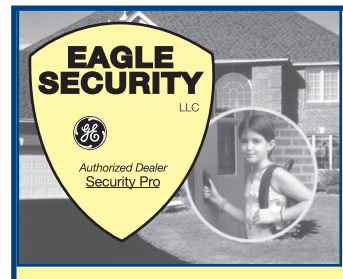

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lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the DAAC office at 523-6403 for more information.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

"Landmarks of New Mexico" work by Annetta J. Hoover shows at the Patio Art Gallery, 665 E. University Ave. Recording the landscapes of New Mexico for the past 20 years has been a passion for Hoover. She puts the "good times, good smells and good vibes of the land" into her work, often making sketches of places to keep them fresh in her mind's eye. Work by Patio Gallery artists Julia Ford Oliver, Carolyn Bunch, Winfrey Hearst, Joyce T. Macrorie, Dan Tapper, Judy Licht, Kurt Van Wagner and guest artist Fred Chilton, AWS, will also be exhibited. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-7401 or visit www.patioartgallery.com.

"Today's Special" by Stephen Hansen at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery

■ GLENN CUTTER JEWELERS AND GALLERY

Stephen Hansen opens his 11th yearly show as a featured artist at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, during the month of May. This show will have many whimsical sculptures in papier-mâché; "Dad," "World Cow," "Nature's Rich Pageant," "Someone's Head Will Roll," "Today's Special," "Hot Flash," "Harder They Fall," "Justice" and many others that may be indirectly political. Hansen moved to Las Cruces 13 years ago with his wife Julie and two sons Zach and Walker. He has been a full-time artist since his early days at Kalamazoo Institute of Arts in Kalamazoo, Mich., some 20 years before coming to Las Cruces. His work from this time has evolved from realistic looking paintings, wood carvings, bronze sculpture and jewelry making. Hansen's show continues through May 23. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

■ MARILYN'S ART & PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO

An art show and sale featuring Marilyn Meyer's small and large acrylic and watercolor renditions of mountains, Southwest scenes and florals will be on display and for sale as well as matted photos at Marilyn's Art & Photography Studio, 2166 Sugar Pine Way. Take Del Rey Boulevard north to Settlers Pass and turn left onto Sugar Pine Way. For more information, call 373-2255.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Heritage Gallery has recently added a recreated general store as part of the "Going to Town" portion of the "Farm Life in New Mexico: Then & Now" exhibit. When museum visitors walk into the mercantile, they are stepping back into an early 1900s version of what has become the mega retail store of the current times. The mercantile exhibit features hundreds of artifacts and props that would have been in an early 1900s store serving a rural community. There are food bins with beans, rice and produce, as well as other canned goods and hard candy in jars. There are pots and pans, traps and rifles, fabric and dresses. These old stores were not just a place to buy and sell items, but also a meeting place for people in the rural communities to gather and visit. Nestled on one end of the store is a replicated post office, including a window and individual mail boxes from actual southern New Mexico post offices. The museum staff researched the planned exhibit by studying old photographs of general stores from this time period, and visited an original mercantile at Chloride, N.M. Staff and volunteers from the museum's exhibits department created the exhibit store, which is one of the museum's most ambitious exhibit projects ever. The "Home Sweet Home" portion of "Farm Life in New Mexico: Then & Now" is a cozy, two-room floor plan that includes a kitchen and a parlor created to look like the inside of a rural New Mexico home in the 1920-30s. The exhibit includes a walkway between the rooms so museum visitors can get close to the objects and enjoy the feel of actually walking through the home. The museum's staff researched the subject – including studying old photographs – and designed and built the two-room exhibit. Among the many interesting artifacts in the exhibit are a 1927 General Electric Monitor-Top refrigerating machine, a 1923 Brunswick Model 101 portable phonograph, a wood-burning stove and mission-style furniture, along with numerous kitchen gadgets, canning jars, crockery and personal items that give a glimpse into life on a New Mexico farm in the early 20th century. "Home Sweet Home" is one of the four major components of the "Farm Life in New Mexico" exhibit. The other three are "Moving Around," which focuses on transportation and includes wagons, maps and a façade of a railroad depot; "On the Farm," which includes a tool shed and various farm implements; and "Going to Town," which focuses on community life and will include an expanded mercantile that also has a walk-through environment and features a post office display. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, call 522-4100.

■ UNSETTLED GALLERY

Unsettled Gallery and Studio will present the printmaker exhibit "Print It" through May 31. "Print It" exhibitors include Ann Adams, Sylvia Bowers, Donald Brenner, Richard Krieger, J.D. Jarvis, Myriam Lozada Jarvis, Lois Smith, Ouida Touchon and Laurel Weathersbee. Other artists with work on display at Unsettled are Margaret Bernstein, Bill Gambling, Lynn Kelly, Joan Jensen, Lyn and Richard Orona, Ric Rao, Lori Shalett, Cathy Spencer, W.B. Stanford and Lynn Unangst. Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. For more information, call 635-2285.

■ BLUE GATE GALLERY

For those with a connection to New York City, the Blue Gate Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, has the perfect show. The exhibit, titled "New York, New York," is by New Yorkers and "New Yorkers at heart." Their artwork captures the intimacies of the many boroughs with a variety of media: ink, pencil, oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, photography, woodcut and other print techniques. Artists in the show include: John Conner, Jude Fiebert, Bill Gambling, Bea Farrett, Julia Koontz, Lynn Leland, Susan Long, Timothy McAndrews, Rosemary McLoughlin, Babbie Mitchell, Geri Muchnikoff, Michael Pavao, Michael Ponce, Jeanne Rundell, Susan Rivera, Lidio Rivera, Jordon Schranz and Lee Taylor. For more information, call 523-2950.

■ DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, drawings and a gigantic papier-mâché and fabric dragon hung in the rotunda. The artists range from elementary to high school students. The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes a series of historical photographs in the upstairs rotunda, as well as a spectacular photograph titled "Fall Splendor" of the Organ Mountains donated in 2007 by Las Cruces artist R. Frederick Silva. On permanent display downstairs is an original oil painting titled "Heart of the Problem" by Las Cruces artist Alice Terry, donated to the Doña Ana County Government Center last February for permanent display. Also on semi-permanent display in the main lobby is one of New Mexico's most famous painted ponies, "Caballo de Las Cruces" by local artist Julienne Hadfield. The public is invited to view the student art show, "Caballo de Las Cruces," "Fall Splendor" and "Heart of the Problem" at any time during normal county business hours.

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Image making

OUIDA TOUCHON
Art Talk

What is image? Where does it come from? I have been reading a story in Sunday's New York Times about an energetic artist and writer, **Lynda Barry**. The article's title: "How to think like a Surreal Cartoonist" hints at its main point of attraction. She has been a syndicated cartoonist for alternative weeklies; her 30-year-old weekly strip, "Ernie Pook's Comeek," made her a star of new-wave comics. She has published several books and collections with "The Good Times are Killing Me" becoming an Off-Broadway sensation. Now she offers workshops on her art-making method as well as freeing up a writer's ability to craft with words. "Writing as if they don't even know they are writing." Something about selecting random words and summoning memories of "unexpected and filmic details" and writing about this by hand for a set period of time. Her reason – "limitation creates structure."

What I found most thought provoking was her notion of image making; the image being "at the center of everything we call the arts." Her method has more to do with allowing the image to come through as children do when they sit down with paper and crayons or paint. A child freely expresses in the most direct and unaffected way what she or he is imagining. "Whenever I get jammed, a lot of times, it's because I am thinking I need to know what it is I am going to do before I start working. I think it's better to follow the original way that we worked, when we were kids, that we went to the drawing space or to the page to find something, to have an experience. I feel like as adults we have it backward. We think that we need to have an experience in order to write (and/or image make) about it and I've found from teaching this class that it's actually the opposite. We are writing (or imaging) in order to have an experience."

We have all saved those time-worn drawings that lived on the refrigerator door for weeks before being relegated to a box or folder, torn and browning around the edges, and saved for what they mean to us: pure and free expression of a child's imagining-image making.

Many of us who are visual artists rely on images, sometimes abstracted, sometimes analytically observed and recorded with slavish precision. Ultimately it is not only content and form, but subtle energetic resonance that brings meaning and sensation to the viewer. From the heart through the hand, and then to the eye, we see something that feels right or does not. Unsureness, hesitation and ambivalence are impossible to disguise, no matter the method or media. It's a matter of degree, the pivot point on whether we scrape it down, erase it, or put it on the wall. What I am considering is that we may be best off to have an "experience" ourselves as we create what will be or will not be received by those who view it at some point in its life. Make it authentic; make it in the moment and it will be full of the nuance and memories that we bring to it from our lives as artists, as humans, as citizens of the world. There are lots of formal considerations to complicate things, but beyond those, the resonance must be there.

See an online slide show of Lynda Barry's book "What It Is" at www.nytimes.com/design.

I wish you good work.

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Yes, Ags are still improved

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

On April 25, not many dust storms ago, the Aggies' baseball team began its run to legitimacy in the WAC race.

Probably.

A four-game sweep of then third-place Sacramento State on the 25th established New Mexico State's credibility in a conference loaded with parity. Equally as encouraging was the Aggies' four-game split at league-leading Fresno State one week later. Those two victories shoved NMSU into the WAC's post-season tournament for the first time since joining the league three years ago.

And when the Ags won games one and two against Hawaii here last Thursday and Friday, coach Rocky Ward's club seemed destined for infamy. Then came Saturday's disaster. The Rainbow Warriors won a 7 1/2-hour, 56-run doubleheader, erasing the Ags' momentum and throwing their season back into question.

Worse, NMSU could have won Saturday's nightcap but decided to blow a 12-6, sixth inning, game-losing lead instead. They've done lots of that this spring.

So what now? "NMSU closes the regular season with a four-game series against Louisiana Tech here this weekend. "A sweep would probably leave us in fourth place in the final standings," coach Rocky Ward said. "Maybe even third. No sweep and we might wind up as the fifth seed in the tournament." That's not bad, considering the Aggies endured a 5-11 start to the 2008 season.

Rocky's program has definitely taken a huge step forward since then. His team has won eight of its last 12 WAC games.

The pitching is better. Tyler Sturdevant is 6-5 with a 5.4 ERA. Heath Goin stands 6-2 with a 4.9 ERA, and Sebastian Vendette is 2-4 with a 7.58, but has made key contributions anyhow.

The Ags stand among the WAC's best in hitting. Left fielder Ty Hardt leads the team with a .395 batting average that includes seven home runs and 36 runs batted in.

"We're not clean defensively," Ward says. "We're great offensively, but not quite good enough on defense to survive defensive mistakes."

NMSU takes a 14-14 conference record (fifth in the WAC standings) into this weekend's series with La Tech. No matter what happens, the Aggies will still play in next week's conference tournament.

There is nothing wrong with that.

Aggies lean on Hardt's bat

NMSU outfielder setting record pace at the plate

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In Ty Hardt's mind, baseball outranked graduation ceremonies last Saturday afternoon.

Easy choice. No second thoughts still, even though New Mexico State lost two to Hawaii in a 56-run marathon that same day in a game that mercifully ended at dusk. Long after Hardt would have stepped off the stage clutching his diploma.

"I'd just rather be out there playing baseball than going through those ceremonies," he said. "Besides, that diploma won't run away."

It was a smart choice as things turned out. Despite a 15-14 Hawaii victory in Saturday's nightcap, Hardt went five for six at the plate, drove in one run and scored three more.

A typical performance lately for the senior left fielder who leads the team in hitting at .395. Included are seven home runs, 13 doubles and 36 runs batted in.

Baseball hasn't always been smooth for Hardt. There were injuries. A bad knee limited his production earlier this spring.

"My hitting rhythm started getting better when I got more at bats," he said.

Moreover, Hardt spent last season kicking himself each time things went bad. "When he went zero for four at the plate everybody in the dugout knew it," coach Rocky Ward said. "Now nobody does."

Hardt has, in other words, conquered the self-destruction that hindered his performance and that of his teammates who endured his temper tantrums.

STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ty Hardt, the Aggies' leading hitter, reminisces about his career and his team in the dugout. Hardt, who plays left field, chose to miss graduation ceremonies last Saturday to star in the Aggies' doubleheader with Hawaii.

"I admit I was hard on myself," Hardt said. "I hope I've learned to forget about things that don't go well."

Ward agrees. "I wouldn't call Ty a prankster, but he likes to joke with the other guys now. He's loosened up. He's just a baseball kid. Full of fun. And I'd have to say that he's the best hitter on the club day in and day out."

Last Thursday, a few hours before NMSU would open the four-game series with Hawaii, Hardt sat in the dugout, comfortably dressed in shorts and T-shirt, and reviewed the Aggies' team he's helped improve as the season progressed. "We had a slow start," he said. "But we're playing pretty well now."

The Aggies, who opened the year at 5-11, have now won eight of their last 12 WAC games. They're sitting in fifth place in league standings at 14-14. They've already qualified for the conference tournament at Louisiana Tech that begins Wednesday, May 21.

Hardt, who bats left handed, credits NMSU's pitching for its leap forward. "We're pitching better," he says. "We're better defensively. Early this season we had a lot of errors. We still do, but not so many.

"We know we can win now. Before I think we questioned ourselves. Yeah, coach Ward got on us. He told us that our losing was an anomaly. That we were not playing like he knew we could. That we could be one of the better teams in the conference if we believed it."

NMSU's heavy emphasis on offensive play lured Hardt, from Dixie, Utah, Community College.

A native of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Hardt earned his degree in business management.

All local prep teams in state tourney

Oñate is top seed

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

All six of the city's Class-5A baseball and softball teams qualified for the state playoffs. Now the focus will be on which teams can advance.

The Oñate baseball team is the highest-seed at No. 3 after capturing the district championship with an 11-1 mark. The Knights were 18-8 overall.

"The kids are playing really consistent baseball," said Oñate coach David Reyes. "This is a different type of atmosphere now. The records are over and done with."

The Knights began play in the playoffs on Thursday night with an opening game against No. 14 Los Lunas at Apodaca Park. Game 2 and possibly Game 3 of the best-of-three series will be played Friday, beginning at 1 p.m.

Oñate got off to a slow start this season, due in part to injuries and inexperience, but put it all together in April.

"This team had a lot of guys with no varsity experience and we had some injuries," Reyes said. "It was a blessing in disguise because we found out a lot about the other guys. Now we have depth at every position and the kids have accepted their roles."

The Mayfield baseball team finished 9-3 in district and locked up the No. 7 series. The Trojans also began the playoffs at home, taking on No. 10 Cibola at Apodaca Park at 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2 will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Game 3 will follow if it is needed.

The Las Cruces Bulldawgs enter the playoffs with the No. 11 seed and played at No. 6 Carlsbad in a doubleheader on Thursday.

The second round of the Class 5A state baseball playoffs will be on May 21 at Rio Rancho and Albuquerque, followed by the semifinals on May 22 and the championship game at 7 p.m. on May 23 at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque.

In the softball brackets, Oñate was awarded the No. 5 seed in the double elimination tournament that will be played in Farmington. Oñate began by playing Manzano on Thursday.

Las Cruces is the No. 7 seed and took on West Mesa, while No. 9 Mayfield played Los Lunas in the opener Thursday.

Oñate won the district softball championship over Las Cruces in a tiebreaker. The state tournament continues through Saturday in Farmington.

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Softball	Friday, May 16	State Tournament	TBA
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	TBA
Baseball	Friday, May 16	State Tournament	7 p.m.
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	11 a.m.
	Wednesday, May 21	State Tournament	TBA
	Thursday, May 22	State Tournament	TBA
Tennis	Friday, May 16	State Tournament	8 a.m.
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	TBA
Track	Friday, May 16	State Tournament	TBA
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	TBA

Mayfield High School

Softball	Friday, May 16	State Tournament	TBA
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	TBA
Baseball	Friday, May 16	State Tournament	7 p.m.
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	1 p.m.
	Saturday, May 17	State Tournament	3 p.m.
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Ags' Auten honored for academic work

NMSU first baseman registers 3.81 GPA

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) named New Mexico State baseball player Chris Auten to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VI baseball team.

Auten (Agovra Hills, Calif.) is a junior at NMSU and has a 3.81 cumulative grade point average. He is a finance major and plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in the spring of 2009.

"Chris is a very intelligent guy, and this honor shows it," coach Gary Ward said. "He's unique in that he's not very vocal so it kind of surprises you how intelligent he actually is."

The Aggies have depended on the bat of Auten all season long as NMSU has qualified for the Western Athletic Conference Tournament for the first time since joining the WAC.

"He's a very hard worker, both on and off the field," Ward said. "I never have to worry about Chris doing what needs to be done, especially on the road this season. We have had a tough road season this year, and to do what he has done is extraordinary."

Auten joined the NMSU baseball team after playing at Saddleback junior college in Mission Viejo, Calif., where he earned first team all-league honors in the Orange Empire Conference. Over the last few years Auten has learned how to balance school and baseball.

"You have to plan things out and have good time-management skills," Auten said. "You have to be really efficient with your time to be successful."

Auten, who injured his right shoulder in high school, reinjured it in the middle of the season last year had a second shoulder surgery in May 2007. That forced him to realize that his injury will limit his playing time on the field in the future.

"I love baseball more than anybody, but I'm also a realist and I understand that I'm not a first rounder in the draft," Auten said. "The chances of making it to the next level are small so I want something to fall back on."

NMSU

Chris Auten, New Mexico State's first baseman, was named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District First Team. Auten, a junior, owns a 3.81 cumulative GPA.

Auten thought going into finance would be interesting because he likes money and would like to handle other people's money. He would even like to open up his own business someday. Auten continues to learn about life both in the classroom and on the field and plans to take those skills into the "real" world with him.

"With baseball, you have to learn how to fit in with the team and work with others," Auten said. "When you get into the work place, you also have to learn to work with others."

Auten was one of only four players out of the Western Athletic Conference to make a first team all-district team and the only player in the state of New Mexico to be a first-team academic all-district member.

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Senior Joseph Scaperotta hit three home runs against Hawaii to give the Aggie baseball team a series split over the weekend. He was 5-for-19 at the plate and scored five runs. In the second game of the series, Scaperotta had a .400 batting average with a double and a grand slam, his second of the year, to lead the Aggies to a 13-8 win. The home run was No. 20 of the year for Scaperotta, which tied him for eighth on the Aggie single-season list with Chris Weekly, who hit 20 homers in 1998. Mark Aranda was the last Aggie to hit at least 20 home runs in a season, and he recorded 22 in 2005. Scaperotta tried to guide the Aggies to a series-finale win when he hit a two-run home run to even the score at 14-14 in the bottom of the seventh. Currently, he is third in the nation in home runs with 21 and is just two behind the national leader.

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Las Cruces High School

Alberta Medina

Alberta Medina is a 14-year-old freshman at Las Cruces High School. She pitches and plays first base for the girls' softball team. She has a 12-5 overall pitching record with a 6-2 district record, so far. She is batting .438 with two home runs, four doubles and 15 RBIs.

Medina is a hard worker, respectful to her teammates, a true team player with an unselfish attitude and a desire to over-achieve. She has a GPA of 4.0, and her goal is to go to UCLA to major in physical therapy and play softball. Her interests outside of sports include music, family outings, shopping with her grandma and drawing.

On the green

One of golf's mysteries

Taking your range game to the golf course

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

It's been said that the longest 100 yards at the golf course is the distance between the practice tee and the first tee. The refrain goes something like this: "Doc, I hit it great over on the range, then I'm on the course, and I can't hit it out of my shadow." I hear it all the time.

There is no doubt that one of the biggest challenges in golf is taking our practice game to the golf course. And it's universal. Chiding himself for leaving his swing on the practice tee, Tiger Woods recently remarked sarcastically in a press conference, "I really turned into Ranger Rick today." It's all too common to see an accomplished player shake his head in disgust after laying the sod over a wedge shot and muse, "I didn't miss one of those on the range earlier."

Golfers ask me why they can't take the range to the golf course. But after studying this situation for years, I have concluded that we actually need to take the golf course to the range – not the other way around. If you want to transfer your practice – and especially your warm-ups – to solid performance on the golf course, you have to match the sensation and conditions you're going to find later while on the range. That means practicing your routine.

Most unskilled golfers go to the range and rake ball after ball and hit like they are on a time schedule. They fire those balls out into space, without purpose, intention or destination – like there's a prize for most balls hit in a minute. Juniors do what I call "machine-gunning" range balls. It's amazing that they can hit any good shots at all with such attention deficit. Practicing and warming up like that seems to me like a concert pianist playing only scales, and then expecting to play Rachmaninov perfectly.

Next time you're on the practice range, take some time between shots. Do what you do on the golf course. Pick a precise target; make your usual waggles; line yourself up properly; check the target once; take a nice breath; and swing like you mean it. Don't just flail away at balls aimlessly. (Incidentally, if you are taking swings and not hitting any shots that are worthy, stop hitting shots and get some help. I see golfers on the range all the time who can't even get the ball airborne, but don't seem to have a clue that they need instruction. Please don't let that happen.) If you have a set routine you go through on the golf course (where it actually "counts"), why don't you go through the exact same routine when you practice or warm up? Surely you are not lazy or brain-dead. So let's use our heads and take the golf course to the range.

An additional secret to unlocking your range game is to simulate certain shots you know you're going to face out on the golf course. While on the practice tee pick a particular hole on the course, and a particular shot; then visualize yourself standing in that very situation. Go through your routine and make the swing. If you do that enough, the golf course will seem less scary.

Back in 1974, Curtis Strange won the NCAA golf tournament by hitting a one iron to the final hole and making eagle. Later, on a trip to Japan, he shared with Herb Wimberly that he had practiced that shot and that scenario in his mind "a thousand times." Strange had rehearsed the one iron to the green to win the tournament so many times, with the precise thoughts and emotions in place, that when it came time to execute the real thing, he felt totally comfortable and confident.

On the range you can picture hitting shots under real conditions. Feel the emotions. You can do the same thing when you're warming up on the practice putting green. First, get a feel for the speed of the green by hitting a few 20- and 30-foot putts. Follow that by taking one ball and picturing a few putts you're very likely to be facing later. Execute your normal putting routine with one ball. Dropping three balls on the warm-up green is fine once in a while, but it will mostly get you better at putting the second and third ball. During a match you only get one ball. Remember, practice is more about quality than quantity.

One of the reasons that many avid golfers hit better shots on the range than they do on the course concerns their mental set-up. One of my friends, who in part prompted this article, told me: "On the range I don't think much about it. I aim, get set and shoot. And hit mostly solid shots." Whereupon I invited him to use his abbreviated, but more efficient and effective, pre-shot range routine during his next stipulated golf round. He did – and hit mostly solid, well-played shots. He'll thank me next week.

The pros on all the professional tours have plenty of time to practice and warm-up on the range before their competitive rounds. After all, that's their office. NBA players have more "shoot-arounds" than Mexican drug gangs. But for you and I, we can be pressed for time, and don't always get to the golf course when we want to. We're sometimes forced to play without the leisure of a nice relaxed warm-up on the practice range. Fine. Do some stretching and loosening. Take a couple of clubs and take some nice smooth swings like a batter in the on-deck circle. Hit a few two- and four-foot putts, since you will inevitably need to make some of those, and see what the day brings to you. As golfers, when we are in our comfort zone, we feel pretty good. It's funny how different we tend to do things once we have a pencil and a scorecard in our pocket.

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Aggie caravans head into a busy summer

It's time to meet and greet

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Back when this old cowpoke was a tenderfoot, I heard about the wagon trains that would bring shows to the Old West to liven up an afternoon. The Aggies have been bringing similar entertainment to the towns of our state, but they aren't traveling in a Conestoga any more. They arrive in planes, cars and trucks.

The Aggie caravans are gearing up to cross the Land of Enchantment with plans for coaches to meet and greet the faithful, share a meal and also play a little golf. Yep, the caravan idea has caught on, and every year the Aggies have been crossing the state, their visits drawing a bigger group of fans every time. There will be a golf outing June 1 in Sunland Park. Fans and alumni from El Paso and southern Doña Ana County will be there, but all Aggie fans are welcome.

Football head Coach Hal Mumme, members of his staff, basketball coaches and even Athletics Director Dr. McKinley Boston will be hitting the links and spreading the good word of the latest in Aggieland. You might be playing in a foursome that has Scott Lieberwirth or Jackie Booth in it and, you might get a few tips on your game.

With visits planned in Gallup, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and other locales you know, Dr. Boston is making good on his vow to make New Mexico the prime marketing area for Aggie sports. With the goodwill caravans giving fans from all over the state the chance to get to know the coaches and develop a better connection to the team, you know that is gonna lead to a greater involvement in the stands, in the booster clubs and in every way you can imagine.

The best way to sell a product is to put the buyer into the realm. In other words, car salesmen want you to take a test drive. You always get a tour of a home you might buy, and who can resist a fancy looking pair of boots when they fit just right on your size-11 feet? It's the same with getting folks on board the Aggies bandwagon.

The Aggies' great showing this year in the WAC Commissioner's Cup race shows that so many teams are making headway on their march to excellence. With that in mind, Dr. Boston has included all of the coaches in some manner on these caravans. It started out with Mumme and former men's basketball head coach Reggie Theus makin' the rounds.

Now the concept has caught on, the fans demanded to meet as many of the Aggies' head men and women as they can and the caravan has just grown like a crop of chilies in the fertile county soil. For more information, get a hold of that ole wrangler Bump Elliott at the athletic department, you don't want to miss the fun when it comes to your town.

PETE

Ags' baseball a hit

NMSU has won eight of its last 12 in conference competition

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

The last weekend of NMSU's competitive season is upon us. Rocky Ward's baseball squad has one last home stand before WAC tournament time, and the Aggies are ending the season with their best surge of momentum all year.

They have won eight of their last 12 league games. Louisiana Tech comes into Las Cruces having struggled all year with a 5-21 record in WAC play. A doubleheader Friday, May 16, and single games Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18, will end a season that has improved as the year has gone on.

> "Take this opportunity this weekend to root for the Aggies and keep that momentum rolling..."

The Aggies have been able to score runs in their normal fashion. With Tyler Hardt and Chris Auten leading the way for averages and Joseph Scaperotta and Franky Busani belting out 21 and 15 home runs, respectively, the Aggie offense is rock solid. To win tournaments, you have to have some pitching though. Ward has relied on Heath Goin and Tyler Sturdevant as his main starter, with Erik Nyquist taking on the role of stopper out of the bullpen. Goin and Sturdevant each have six wins, while Nyquist has six saves.

Auten is a leader in the classroom as well, the College Sports Information Directors of America named him to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team last week. He is a junior that has a 3.81 cumulative GPA. Auten is majoring in finance and plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in the spring of 2009. He was one of only four players in the conference to earn first team all-district accolades and the only player in the state of New Mexico named to first team also.

The hope of a big league career mixed in with reality for Auten during his prep career. He injured his shoulder in high school and hurt it again last season. That forced him to realize that his injury will limit his playing time on the field in the future. A degree in finance is a valuable one since the world of commerce will always be a part of our lives. Take this opportunity this weekend to root for the Aggies and keep that momentum rolling to the WAC tournament in Ruston, La.

Celebrity Update: In previous columns, I wrote about former Aggie quarterback David Chisum and his starring role on One Life to Live. His latest film is out on DVD. "Flight of the Living Dead" isn't going to replace "Casablanca" or "Citizen Kane" in Hollywood, but it is a film that is fun to watch and fun to see old friends in a new career.

This Week in Aggie Athletics

Friday, May 16

Baseball
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
3 and 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Baseball
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Sunday, May 18

Baseball
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Las Cruces
1 p.m.

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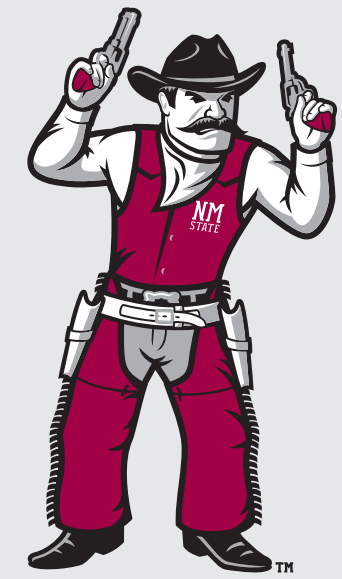


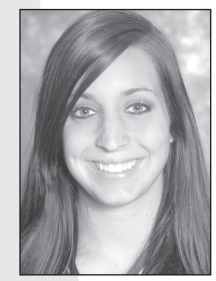
Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Heath Goin
Junior
Baseball

Junior Heath Goin led the Aggie baseball team to a 13-8 victory over Hawaii as he threw seven complete innings. After giving up five runs early in the game to the Rainbows, he shut them down and didn't allow another run. Goin had a career- and season-high seven strikeouts while he only walked one batter.

Stephanie Herrera
Senior
Softball

Senior utility Stephanie Herrera capped off her Aggie softball career when she was named to both the second team All-WAC and WAC All-Tournament teams. Herrera led the Aggies to a 26-36 overall record. She broke the NMSU single-season batting average record with a .399 mark at the plate. She also concluded WAC play leading the league with a .360 batting average and 23 stolen bases.



Ashley Maroda
Freshman
Softball

Freshman third baseman Ashley Maroda earned WAC All-Tournament team honors following her performance in the league championship. In the tournament, she recorded a .556 batting average. Maroda also led the team with three RBIs. In addition, she had a team-high 12 home runs this season.

Ags at WAC track meet

NMSU sends 18 athletes

The New Mexico State women's track and field squad is currently competing in the 2008 WAC Conference Championships, Wednesday, May 14, through Saturday, May 17, at the Bronco Stadium in Boise, Idaho.

NMSU has 18 student-athletes competing at the conference championships including six sprinters, seven distance runners and the five athletes in the field events.

"We were about as prepared as we can possibly be at this point in time for the conference meet," assistant coach Paul Harkins said. "We are confident in the team and are ready to get there and see what we can do."

NMSU's six sprinters are junior Isabel Chea, sophomores Leah Benton, Candyce Allen and Lekeah Durden and freshmen Devin Brooks and Derrhea McLiechey.

Chea recorded her strongest mark in the 100-meter hurdles at the Colorado State Ram Open (April 19), when she crossed the finish line with a time of 15.71.

On the field, Chea has competed in the long and triple jump, along with javelin throw throughout the season. Both of her season-best jumps were set at the Don Kirby Memorial Invitational, in Albuquerque. (May 5). In the long jump, Chea recorded a leap of 18-2.5 and in the triple jump she recorded a mark of 37-4.50. She recorded her season-best throw, in the javelin at the Ram Open with a launch of 125-1.

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Candyce Allen is one of the leading competitors in sprinting and jumping events for the Aggie women's track and field team.

Benton is one of NMSU's strongest sprinters and currently ranks sixth in the WAC in both the 100-meter and the 200-meter dashes. She recorded her season-best time in the 100-meter dash at the Willie Williams Classic in Tucson, Ariz. (March 21), with a time of 12.14 and in the 200-meter dash she recorded a time of 24.81 at the UTEP Invitational in El Paso, Texas (April 12).

In the 400-meter open, Benton recorded a personal-best time of 56.11 at the Don Kirby Memorial Invitational.

Allen competes in both the sprints and the jumping events for the Aggies. In Albuquerque, Allen recorded her fastest time in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.35 and in the 200-meter dash Allen clocked a season best time of 25.65 at the Willie Williams Classic.

In the high jump and in the triple jump Allen recorded season-best marks at the UTEP Invitational. In the high jump Allen leaped 5-1 and in the triple jump she recorded a mark of 35-3.75.

Durden competes in the 100-meter and 200-meter dash for NMSU. In Albuquerque, Durden recorded a personal-best time of 12.40 in the 100-meter dash and also recorded a personal best in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.42 at the same meet.

Brooks ran her way to ranking second on the NMSU all-time record list in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.29, which was set at the Springtime Invitational, in El Paso, Texas (March 29).

In the 100-meter dash, Brooks has posted a time of 12.29 which was set at the Don Kirby Memorial Invitational, and in the 200-meter dash she recorded a time of 25.35, which was also set in Albuquerque.

McLiechey has competed in the 100- , 200- and 400-meter dashes throughout the season. She posted a lifetime best in the 100-meter dash at the Willie Williams Classic with at time of 12.57. She also recorded a season-best time in both the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash at the Springtime Invitational, with a time of 25.35 and 57.19, respectively.

The seven distance runners who are competing at the conference meet are senior Andrea Leitner, junior Christina Herrera, sophomores Caprice Bradshaw, Ingrid Flores and Brittany Hurtado and freshmen Amy Arenas and Brandi Gutierrez.

Leitner has competed in the 1500-meter run and the 5000-meter run throughout the season. She recorded a season best in the 1500-meter run at the UTEP Invitational with a time of 4:55.62. In Albuquerque, Leitner set her season-best mark in the 5000-meter run with at time of 19:08.94.

In the 1500-meter run, Herrera recorded a personal best in El Paso when she crossed the finish line with a time of 4:45.35. This time ranks her 10th on the NMSU all-time record list. In the 5000-meter run she clocked a lifetime-best mark of 18:22.71 in Fort Collins, Colo.

Bradshaw has competed in the 800-meter run, 1500-meter run and in the steeplechase for the Aggies. At the Willie Williams Classic, Bradshaw stopped the clock at 2:22.50, which marks a personal best in the 800-meter run.

In the 1500-meter run she recorded a time of 4:43.58, which was set at the Willie Williams and in the 3000-meter steeplechase, Bradshaw clocked a personal best time of 11:25.14. This time places her fourth on the NMSU all-time record list.

Flores has competed in the 1500-meter and 5000-meter runs for the Aggies this season and recorded personal bests in both at the UTEP Invitational.

In the 1500-meter run Flores crossed the finish line with a time of 4:45.83 and in the 5000-meter run Flores posted a time of 18:01.24, which ranks sixth in the NMSU all-time record book.

Hurtado recorded both of her season-best marks in the 800-meter and the 1500-meter runs at the Willie Williams Invitational. She recorded a time of 2:25.00, in the 800-meter run and a time of 4:56.61 in the 1500-meter run.

Arenas and Gutierrez have both competed in the 1500-meter and 5000-meter runs for the Crimson and White this season.

Arenas recorded her strongest 1500-meter time at the UTEP Invitational as she stopped the clock at 4:55.62 and in the 5000-meter run she recorded a season-best time of 19:08.61 at the Willie Williams Classic.

Gutierrez's best time in the 1500-meter run was set in Albuquerque with a time of 4:52.92. Her best 5000-meter time was set at the Willie Williams Classic as she stopped the clock at 18:47.27.

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Devin Brooks posted a time of 14.29 in the 100-meter hurdles this year, placing her second on NMSU's all-time record list.

The remaining student-athletes who are going to be competing in the field events are junior Randi Grimes, sophomores Jordan Veney, Jennifer McConnell and Michelle Barnard, along with freshman Tara Blanco.

Grimes holds a fifth- and sixth-place rank in the javelin and the hammer throw in the conference, respectively. In the hammer, she recorded a mark of 179-1, which was set at the Ram Open and is a regional qualifying mark that ranks her third on the NMSU all-time record list. In the javelin throw, Grimes threw for 142-5 in Tucson, Ariz.

Leading the way in the WAC for NMSU is Veney, who ranks first in the discus. Veney's regional qualifying mark of 168-8 is not only her personal best, but also shatters the NMSU all-time record by almost 10 feet.

Veney also ranks eighth in the shot put with a throw of 44-8.25. Both of the marks were set at the Ram Open.

McConnell has recorded three personal-best marks this season and they were all set in El Paso, Texas. In the discus throw, McConnell recorded a launch of 133.5, in the shot put she threw for a mark of 35-10 and in the hammer throw she recorded a toss of 152-3.

Bernard has posted personal-best marks in two different events this season. The first was in the discus throw with a launch of 123-00 and the second was in the hammer throw with a mark of 152-3.

Blanco is the lone Aggie to compete at the WAC Championships in the pole vault. In Albuquerque, she recorded a personal-best leap of 11-01.75. This mark ranks her second on NMSU's all-time record list.

Last season, Louisiana Tech won its third consecutive WAC Outdoor Track and Field title with 162 points, followed by Nevada in second with 123 and Idaho in third with 121 points. Boise State finished fourth with 116.5 points, followed by Utah State with 97.5 points. Hawaii came in sixth place with 97 points, Fresno State was seventh with 82 points and New Mexico State finished eighth with 20 points.

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Ag softball pitchers nab district academic awards

Right-handed pitchers Kim Watson and Samantha Dillard make 2nd team

New Mexico State junior right-handed pitchers Kim Watson and Samantha Dillard were named to ESPN the Magazine's 2008 Academic All-District Softball

Second Team in District VI was announced by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America), Thursday, May 8.

Head coach Kathy Rodolph said that she takes pride in the academic success of her student-athletes and expects them to continue to excel in the classroom.

"To have Kim and Sammie selected to the Academic All-District Team is a great honor and one that we take a lot of pride in," Rodolph said.

This is the second consecutive year that Watson has received this honor, but marks the first for Dillard.

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Kim Watson, New Mexico State junior right-handed pitcher, also made ESPN the Magazine's 2008 Academic All-District Second Team.

Watson has received several other academic honors throughout her career as an Aggie and currently holds a 3.85 GPA in marketing. Besides earning this award last season, she also been selected to both the 2007 and 2006 Academic All-WAC teams and was a 2006 NFCA Scholar Athlete.

Watson has appeared 42 times in the circle this season, while making 32 starts. Her overall record sits at 17-18 on the season and is an even 4-4 in conference play. Watson has sat down 178 batters and has had three shutouts, while maintaining an ERA of 2.66 in 200 innings of action.

Dillard is currently pursuing her Masters in English and has maintained a Grade Point Average of 3.71 throughout her entire collegiate career. She was also a 2007 Academic All-WAC selection.

In the circle Dillard has recorded an overall record of 4-10, while making 26 appearances and 13 starts. Her ERA sits at 2.84 and she has fanned 48 in 86.1 innings of work. Dillard leads the team in the WAC with an ERA of 2.33 as she has appeared in seven games and started three of those.

Sammie Dillard was one of two Aggie softball players named to ESPN the Magazine's 2008 Academic All-District Second Team.

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The league consists of four divisions: The Open Division, ages 18 and up; the Over the Hill Division, ages 29 and up; the Jack Benny Division, ages 39 and up; and the George Burns Division, ages 49 and up.

The fee is $395 per team. A deposit of $150 must be received prior to the June 13 deadline. Slots fill up quickly, so teams should registered early.

Bring the following information when registering: a copy of your team's roster, completed waivers for all members of the team and a complete acknowledgement of rules signed by all members of the team. Packets containing all the necessary paperwork and other important information are available at the center.

Games are played from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The league is tentatively scheduled to begin play on Monday, June 23.

For more information, contact the City of Las Cruces Athletics Office at 541-2560 or Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563.

The TTY number is 541-2661.

Ags hire academic advisor

Bolden held same position at Marquette

New Mexico State Associate Athletics Director for Student Development James Hall has announced the hiring of Tyree Bolden as an academic advisor, Wednesday, May 7.

Bolden joins the Aggies from Marquette University where he held a similar position.

At Marquette, Bolden coordinated support services for student-athletes. He was also a graduate admission counselor at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology prior to his time at Marquette.

Bolden spent one year as a championship administration intern with the Big Ten Conference in 2005. His responsibilities included assisting with the league's business administration, compliance, rules officiating programs and community relations. In addition, he provided support for the championships staff with the daily operations of the 23 sporting events. Bolden also has experience with the Minnesota Timberwolves as a game operations intern and sales executive.

Bolden graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in communication studies and a master's degree in athletic administration. He was a four-year member of the Golden Gophers men's basketball team.

Hawaii outlasts Aggies in doubleheader

Dillon Smith gets advice from Aggie catcher Joe Leghorn.

Aggie infielder Richard Stout throws out a Hawaii baserunner.

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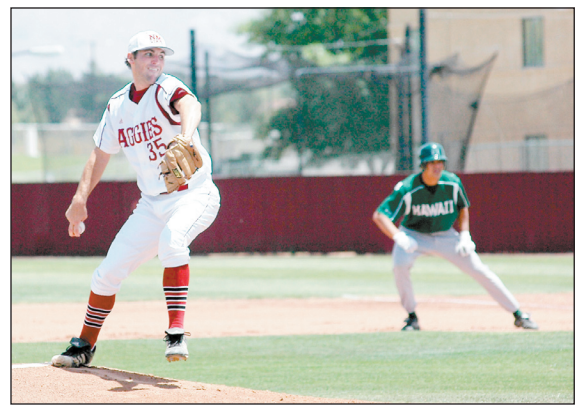

It was a rough day for Aggie pitchers, including starter Dillon Smith who was yanked in the second inning of the first game.

Aggie head coach Rocky Ward shows concern for good reason. His New Mexico State baseball team lost a doubleheader to Hawaii last Saturday 17-10 and 15-14. NMSU split the four-game series with the Rainbow Warriors.

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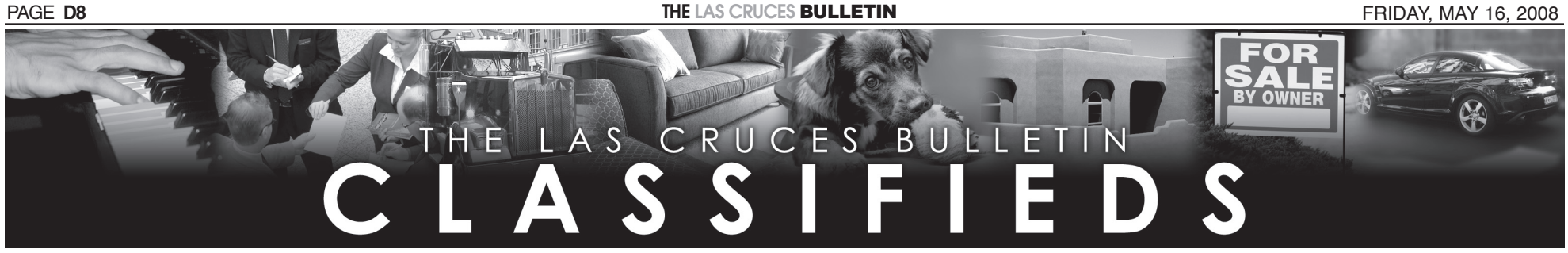

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601041

WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF GSRPM 2004-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,

vs.

SHERON E. PICKAR; PATRICIA KOLB; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERON E. PICKAR, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 28, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1, Block 1, DELARA ESTATES UNIT #1, in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the county Clerk of said county as Plat No. 860 on 01/21/1977 in Book 12 Page(s) 89 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 213 Jeanne Lane, Chaparral, NM 88021. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2006, 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 $49,838.54, plus interest from September 30, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.9% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: April 18, 2008.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
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06-2239/Pickar, Sheron E.; P397020

Pub #7028
Dates 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 2008

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
FOR EXCHANGE OF LAND OR LAND/CASH COMBINATION
BY SEALED BID
EXCHANGE LE-0705

Doña Ana County,
New Mexico

The New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands ("Commissioner") gives notice that, pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), NMSA Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, New Mexico State Land Office Rule 19.2.21 NMAC, and the public auction process described in this Notice, he is offering to exchange the surface estate of state trust land for land, or a combination of land and cash. The exchange will be conducted by sealed bid as set forth in the Bid Information Packet described below. The state trust land being offered (the "Land") is further described as:

Tract 1 (Cattle Crossing): A tract of land located in Lots 1 (17.52 acres), 2,(17.47 acres), 3 (17.43 acres), 4 (17.38 acres), NW¼NE¼ (40 acres), NE¼NW¼ (40 acres), S½N½ (160 acres) of Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 309.80 acres, more or less.

Tract 1 is located to the east of the cattle holding pens on the Santa Teresa International Boundary with Mexico

Tract 2 (Tierra Madre): A tract of land located in Lot 1 (12.52 acres), Lot 2 (39.68 acres), SW¼NE¼ (40 acres) located in Section 33, Township 28 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 92.20 acres, more or less. Tract 2 is located just south of the Santa Teresa Country Club and north east of the Tierra Madre Subdivision.

Tracts 1 and 2 together comprise the "Land".

1. The Land is offered "AS IS"; the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its condition or fitness for any purpose. The Land is offered in its entirety, both tracts together; bids for less than both entire tracts will not be considered. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids submitted.

2. Details of this offer, applicable rules, bidding instructions and forms are set forth in the Bid Information Packet, which is incorporated into this Notice by reference. The Packet can be obtained by writing the State Land Office, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, Attention: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner, (505) 827-5760 or by e-mail to pgabriel@slo.state.nm.us. The Packet should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid.

3. The Minimum Bid is Two hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Dollars ($278,000.00). Bidders are encouraged to offer an amount greater than the Minimum Bid.

4. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction Deposit in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the form specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable $500 Exchange Proposal Fee, the Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Transaction Deposit.

Exchange Proposal Fee
$ 500.00
Advertising Cost$ 2,233.03
Appraisal (State Trust Land)
$ 2,324.00
Improvement Value (State Trust Land) $ 17,675.00
Total Transaction Deposit$ 22,732.03

5. Transfer of the Land will be subject to all valid easements and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in the records of the State Land Office and the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land.

6. Title to the Land will be conveyed by patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

7. Bids, including one (1) paper copy of required information and materials as well as any transmittal letter and supplemental materials, and the required Deposits, must be submitted in a sealed container, marked Land Exchange LE0705, and addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2008

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 10th day of April, 2008.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub #7032
Dates 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-07-2935

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY ELIZABETH MARTINKO-WRIGHT and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 21, 2008, 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 1932 San Fernando Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 62, BLOCK A, EL PRESIDIO-PHASE 2 REPLAT NO. 1, 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 OCTOBER 28, 2004, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 22-23 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $269,141.04 and the same bears interest at 6.50% per annum from March 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,930.19. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #7036
Dates 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-277

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

ELIAS RENTERIA; SUSANNA RENTERIA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 21, 2008, 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 4817 Rociante Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 60, BLOCK C, LA MANCHA ESTATES PHASE 1, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 15, 2004, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 30-34 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 April 16, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $482,147.85 and the same bears interest at 9.22% per annum from April 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $6,211.38. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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Pub #7038
Dates 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 2008

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

No. CV-2007-2371
Judge Valentine

JOSE F. QUEZADA & MARIA E. QUEZADA Plaintiffs,

vs.

DAVID ORTEGA & MARIA DEL ROSARIO ORTEGA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 22, 2008, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance to the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of Defendants, David Ortega and Maria del Rosario Ortega in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 714 Sunny Sands, Chaparral, New Mexico, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The complete legal description of said property is more particularly described as follows:
Lot 5, Block 2, DELARA ESTATES NORTH PHASE III, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on June 12, 1990, as Plat No. 2126, in Book 16, Pages 300 and 301 of Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 3, 2008, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiffs were adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment, in rem only, in the amount of $8,923.73 together with interest thereon at the rate of 12 percent per annum from and after July 12, 2007 until paid, and for reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of $3,384.50, plus gross receipt taxes thereon, for their costs and advances of $1,006.18 plus the costs of this action including the Special Master's fee and fee for publication of this notice. The Judgment bears interest to date of sale. This sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment plus interest, and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiffs is Catherine Quinones of Holt Babington Mynatt, P.C, Post Office Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

Stephen Hosford
Special Master

Pub #7040
Dates 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 1, 2008, William & Margie Graham filed application numbered LRG-14383-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-14383 located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, where X=1484508 feet, Y=159184 feet NM Coordinate System Central Zone NAD 83 and by continuing the diversion of 3 acre feet of ground water or the historical beneficial use whichever is less from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 200 feet and fitted with 4 1/2 inch casing and located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 32 where X=1484508, Y=149150 NM Coordinate System Central Zone NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued domestic and related purposes all of which is located within the Pt. NE 1/4, of said projected Section 32 located on map LRS-2D of the hydrographic survey.

Proposed change location of well LRG-14383-POD2 can be found at 345 Clover, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The old well 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 you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimilie. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #7043
Dates 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702227

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-4 HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, Plaintiff,

vs.

KATHY MARTINES; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on June 4, 2008, at 10:00A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 26 in Block K of Dos Suenos Estates, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 23, 2004 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 84-89, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 4618 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 25, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $160,407.41, plus interest from February 13, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.25% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: April 24, 2008.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No, CV 2008-869
Judge Robles

JAY WALTER KIRKPATRICK,
Plaintiff.

v.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS. IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST:
REBECCA MORALES
GABRIEL MORALES
MERCEDES BABOID
MANUEL MARTINEZ, JR.
ZARELA MARTINEZ
AIDA MARTINEZ
MARINA DIAZ DE LEON
CLARISA MARTINEZ

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON:

SARA ENRIQUEZ

THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF A LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE IN TiIE HEREINAfTER DESCRIBED PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, IF DECEASED.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO;

TO: THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST:

REBECCA MORALES
GABRIEL MORALES
MERCEDES BABOID
MANUEL MARTINEZ, JR.
ZARELA MARTINEZ
AIDA MARTINEZ
MARINA DIAZ DE LEON
CLARISA MARTINEZ

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON:

SARA ENRIQUEZ

THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF A LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE IN THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, IF DECEASED, GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has brought suit in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County. New Mexico, against you in Cause No. CV-2008-869 on the Civil Docket of said Court, the general object of which is to quiet title in the Plaintiff to the following described real estate, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico. to-wit:

DESCRIPTION OF A 2.480 ACRE TRACT

A tract of land situate southwest of Mesquite, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 2, T.25S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, as U.S.R.S. Tract 17-116, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract; Whence a N.M.S.H.&T.D. aluminum cap found along the south right of way line of New Mexico State Road 228, station 100+00.00 bears N.22°45'39"W., a distance of 1626.63 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning, S.00°05'00"W., 58.21 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.68°09'33"W., 870.81 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set along the west right of way line of the Rio Grande River for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the east right of way line of the Rio Grande River, around the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 3323.93 feet, an arc length of 233.60 feet, whose central angle is 3°51'15" and whose long chord bears N.57°17'19"W., 223.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set found for the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.75°18'12"., 1030.19 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.480 acres of land, more or less.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead to the Complaint on or before the 20th day of June, 2008, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause.

Plaintiffs attorney is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks. P.C., 2110 N. Main Street, P.O. Drawer 1837, Las Cruces. New Mexico, 88004-1837.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
Court Administrator

By: Melissa A. Lundien
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No. 08-0058
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROY ANGELINI, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1104 Willow St., Austin, TX 78702 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2008.

DANTE ANGELINI
Personal Representative
1104 Willow St.
Austin, TX 78702

JOHN E. KEITHLY
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

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Dates 5/9, 5/16, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-276

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WL1,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DINO J. PARK; WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 4, 2008, 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 116 Dream Spirit Drive, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 31, BLOCK 3, REPLAT UNIT 1-A SANTA TERESA SUBDIVISION, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 1321 ON JULY 18, 1985 IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 40 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 23, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $195,593.93 and the same bears interest at 8.55% per annum from April 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,978.11. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #7052
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No.: 08-0060
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK CHRISTIAN OLBERG, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Mary Margaret Olberg was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Frederick Christian Olberg, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Frederick Christian Olberg, 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 Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.
Dated this 29th day of April, 2008.

Prepared by:
Mary Margaret Olberg,
Personal Representative

LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.
Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Dates 5/9, 5/16, 2008

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

No. D0307CV200800628

CITIFINANCIAL, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBEN ROJAS; CIRILA SALAZAR; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUBEN ROJAS, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CIRILA SALAZAR, IF ANY, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Cirila Salazar; and The Unknown Spouse of Cirila Salazar, if any. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 220 Emerson, Mesquite, NM 88048, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOTS 16, 17 AND THE WEST EIGHT (8) FEET OF LOT 18, BLOCK 5, MESQUITE TOWNSITE, 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. 203 ON NOVEMBER 20, 1916, IN BOOK 5 PAGE 17 OF PLAT RECORDS. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before June 24, 2008, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
Karen Howden Weaver 999
18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable ROBERT E. ROBLES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 30th day of April 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Maggie Madrid Deputy

07-1829/Rojas, Ruben and Cirila; P404667

Pub #7054
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 2008

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership and Location of Dispenser Liquor License No. 2539 from Glenn Perkal d/b/a Atomic Cantina to OM-Hotel Partners, LLC d/b/a Las Cruces Holiday Inn & Sporting News Restaurant located at 700 South Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 23rd day of April 2008.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub # 7059
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 2008

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership and Location of Retailer Liquor License No. 4051 from Espino Investments d/b/a Las Alamedas Food Mart to Pic Quik, Inc. d/b/a Pic Quik #5, located at 2580 Don Roser 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 Monday, June 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 23rd day of April 2008.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub #7060
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 2008

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 a Winegrower Liquor License for St. Clair Winery & Bistro II, LLC d/b/a St. Clair Winery & Bistro located at 1800 Avenida De Mesilla, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 23rd day of April 2008.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub #7061
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 2008

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 issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine on Premise Consumption Only) for A Taste of India located at 1001 University, E3, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. If passed, the Alcohol & Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the application.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 23rd day of April 2008.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub #7062
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 2008

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION BY SEALED BID OF SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND
LE-0710,
Doña Ana County,
New Mexico

The Commissioner of Public Lands gives notice that pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (Pub. L. No. 61-219, 36 Stat. 557, ch. 310), NMSA 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, Rules 19.2.14 and 19.2.21 NMAC, and the auction process described in this Notice, he is offering for sale, exchange, or a combination thereof, by sealed bid the surface estate of thirteen separate parcels (the "Parcels") of state trust land described below. The Parcels are located within the East ½ of Section 16, T22S, R2E, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the East Mesa Area of Las Cruces. Bidders may bid on more than one Parcel, however, separate bids must be submitted for each Parcel. See Bid Information Package, which is described below, for additional information.

Parcel #
Acreage
Minimum Bid
Required Cash Portion of Bid

Parcel 2
7.339 acres
$1,610,000.00
$38,600.00

Parcel 3
9.121 acres
$2,100,000.00
$50,300.00

Parcel 6
55.321 acres
$1,700,000.00
$40,700.00

Parcel 7
23.054 acres
$800,000.00
$19,200.00

Parcel 10
20.125 acres
$700,000.00
$16,500.00

Parcel 11
24.699 acres
$800,000.00
$19,200.00

Parcel 12
48.196 acres
$1,500,000.00
$35,900.00

Parcel 13
20.552 acres
$2,000,000.00
$47,900.00

Parcel 14
11.961 acres
$1,500,000.00
$35,900.00

Parcel 16
8.777 acres
$2,000,000.00
$48,000.00

Parcel 17
4.321 acres
$1,000,000.00
$24,000.00

Parcel 18
11.997 acres
$1,450,000.00
$34,700.00

Parcel 19
0.645 acres
$20,000.00
$500.00

1. The Minimum Bid for each Parcel is set forth above. In addition, the Required Cash Portion of a Bid for each Parcel also is set forth. Any bid submitted must include an offer of cash in an amount that is not less than the Required Cash Portion; however, a bidder may submit a bid offering cash in an amount greater than the Required Cash Portion and may submit an "all-cash" bid. The entire amount of cash offered in any bid, whether in an "all-cash" bid or as part of combination of land and cash, is due in full at the closing of a sale of a Parcel by the Commissioner to a selected bidder. Title to any land offered in a bid for a Parcel must be transferred to the State at closing free and clear of all liens, subject only to easements acceptable to the Commissioner, in his sole discretion. Bidders are encouraged to offer amounts greater than the Minimum Bid.

2. In addition to the Minimum Bid for each Parcel, the Commissioner is soliciting bids that offer a Lot Sale Payment (expressed either as a percentage of the sale price or as a fixed dollar amount) on all sales of land or finished lots located within each Parcel. Lot Sale Payments will not be due until sales of land or finished lots within a Parcel are closed. Bids will be evaluated separately for each Parcel based on the total value (cash and/or land) offered in a bid and the amount of the Lot Sale Payment offered, if any.

3. Each Parcel is offered as a single parcel only. The Commissioner will not consider: (1) bids for less than an entire Parcel; (2) bids that make closing on the sale or exchange of a given Parcel contingent upon that bidder being the selected bidder on, or on the sale by the Commissioner of, any other Parcel; and, (3) bids that make closing of the sale or exchange of a given Parcel contingent on some other event occurring or condition being satisfied.

4. Each Parcel is offered "AS IS"; the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to any Parcel or the condition or fitness for any purpose of any of the Parcels. Bidders are responsible for completing their own due diligence.

5. Details of this offer, applicable rules, instructions for submitting a sealed bid, and the required form on which a sealed bid must be submitted are in the Bid Information Packet, which may be obtained by writing the State Land Office, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, Attention: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner, calling 505-827-5760, or in person at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501. The Bid Information Packet is incorporated in this Notice by reference and should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid. Sealed bids not complying with the requirements set forth in this Public Notice and the Bid Information Packet are subject to disqualification. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids submitted and to re-offer all or some the Parcels for sale, exchange, or lease on the same or different terms, or may choose to re-offer none of them.

6. Bids for each Parcel must be accompanied by separate Transaction and Performance Deposits in the amounts and in the forms set forth in the Bid Information Package. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable $30 Sale Application Fee, the Transaction and Performance Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Deposits.

7. Transfer of a Parcel will be subject to all valid easements and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in pubic records, including without limita-

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tion the records of the State Land Office and the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office. Authorized improvements associated with the encumbrances will be excluded from the transaction. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on each Parcel.

8. Title to a Parcel will be conveyed by a single patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

9. Bids, including one (1) paper copy of required information and materials as well as any transmittal letter and supplemental materials, and the required Deposits, must be submitted in a sealed container marked "SEALED BID LE-0710", addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Deputy Commissioner Dennis Garcia, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2008.

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 8th day of May, 2008

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub # 7063
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-129
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

VIVICA DUSABLON AND MICHAEL HAWKINS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on June 12, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 33, Mi Tierra Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on April 8, 1999, in Book 19 Pages 258-259 Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 4122 Calle Libertad, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 16, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $81,016.20 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 5, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0478
(505) 872-1978

Submitted by:

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
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87110
(505) 884-8444

Pub # 7066
Dates 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702963

CITIFINANCIAL, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR H. RAMOS AKA VICTORIANO H. RAMOS; ELVIRA RAMOS; CENTRAL LOAN COMPANY, L.L.C.; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on June 18, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT "A" MARCH 11, 1998 DESCRIPTION OF A 0.126 ACRE TRACT A Tract of land situate South of San Miguel, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 10, T.255., R.2E., N. M. P. M. of the U. S. R. S. Surveys, as U. S. R. S. Tract 18A-87B, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a chainlink fence post found on the Easterly line of New Mexico State Highway 28 for Southwest corner of this tract: WHENCE the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 4, Alta de las Flores Unit 3, as filed November 20, 1975, in Book 12, Page 23, of the Doña Ana County Records, bears S. 59 degrees 15' 46 degrees E., 244.78 feet; THENCE, from the point of beginning, along the Easterly line of New Mexico State Highway 28, "N. 53 degrees 29' 40" W., a distance of 33.20 feet to a mark set on a block-wall for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE, leaving the Easterly line of New Mexico State Highway 28, N. 55 degrees 31' 31" E., a distance of 174.61 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the Westerly line of the Rodriguez Spur Drain for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the Westerly line of the Rodriguez Spur Drain, S. 54 degrees 27' 57" E., a distance of 33.34 feet to a 1/2"" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, leaving the Westerly line of the Rodriguez Spur Drain, S. 55 degrees 30' 25" W., a distance of 175.18 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.126 acre of land, more or less. Subject to all easements and reservations of record. Information in the preparation of the description derives from Warranty Deed filed July 28, 1986, in Book 306, page 651, of the Doña Ana County Records. A plat was prepared under Job No. 98-03-0153. Field Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC., License No. 9433. The address of the real property is 18622 Hwy 28, La Mesa, NM 88044. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 25, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $73,199.71, plus interest from February 8, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.004% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: May 9, 2008

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
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Pub #7068
Dates 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 2008

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR EXCHANGE OF LAND BY SEALED BID EXCHANGE LE-0606, 30.077+/- acres

Doña Ana County, New Mexico

The New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands ("Commissioner") gives notice that, pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), NMSA Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, New Mexico State Land Office Rule 19.2.21 NMAC, and the public auction process described in this Notice, he is offering to exchange state trust land for other land of equal or greater value. The exchange will be conducted by sealed bid as set forth in the Bid Information Packet described below. The state trust land being offered (the "Land") is located approximately 4 miles west of the Las Cruces Industrial Park at the Corralitos Interchange (127) on Interstate 10, and further described as:

Pt. SW1/4 NW1/4 (6.212 acres), Pt. SE1/4 NW1/4 (6.724 acres), Pt NW1/4 SW1/4 (7.541 acres), Pt. NE1/4 SW1/4 (2.319 acres), Pt. SW1/4 NE1/4 (6.425 acres), Pt. SE1/4 NE1/4 (0.712 acres), Pt. NW1/4 SE1/4 (0.144 acres), Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 2 West N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico containing 30.077 ± acres.

1. The Land is offered "AS IS"; the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its condition or fitness for any purpose. The Land is offered as a single tract; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids submitted.

2. Details of this offer, applicable rules, bidding instructions and forms are set forth in the Bid Information Packet, which is incorporated into this Notice by reference. The Packet can be obtained by writing the State Land Office, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, Attention: Tisa Gabriel, Project Manager, (505) 827-5094 or by e-mail to pgabriel@slo.state.nm.us. The Packet should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid.

3. The Minimum Bid is $225,600.00. The land offered in exchange must have appraised value equal to or greater than this minimum bid set for the State land.

4. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction Deposit in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the form specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable $500 Exchange Proposal Fee, the Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Transaction Deposit.

Exchange Proposal Fee
$500.00
Advertising Cost
$3,350.06
Platting, Survey & Fees (State Trust Land)
$642.75
Appraisal (State Trust Land)
$5,891.92
Improvement Value (State Trust Land)
$804,000.00
Total Transaction Deposit
$814,384.73

5. Transfer of the Land will be subject to all valid easements and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in the records of the State Land Office and the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and their effect on the Land.

6. The Land will be conveyed by a single patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatsoever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

7. Bids, made in strict conformity with the requirements set out in the Bid Information Packet, must be submitted in a sealed container marked Land Exchange LE-0606 and addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on July 23, 2008

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 8th day of May, 2008.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub #7069
Dates 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-07-1934
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JESUS A. URBINA, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on June 18, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lots 21, 22 and 23, Block 1, Townsite of Chamberino, 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 29, 1917, in Book 5 page(s) 16 of plat records.

The address of the real estate is 200 Medina Road, Chamberino, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 28, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $104,902.43 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff was granted a judgment and has a subordinate lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $6,853.96 (including interest to the date of sale). Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 12, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
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Submitted by:

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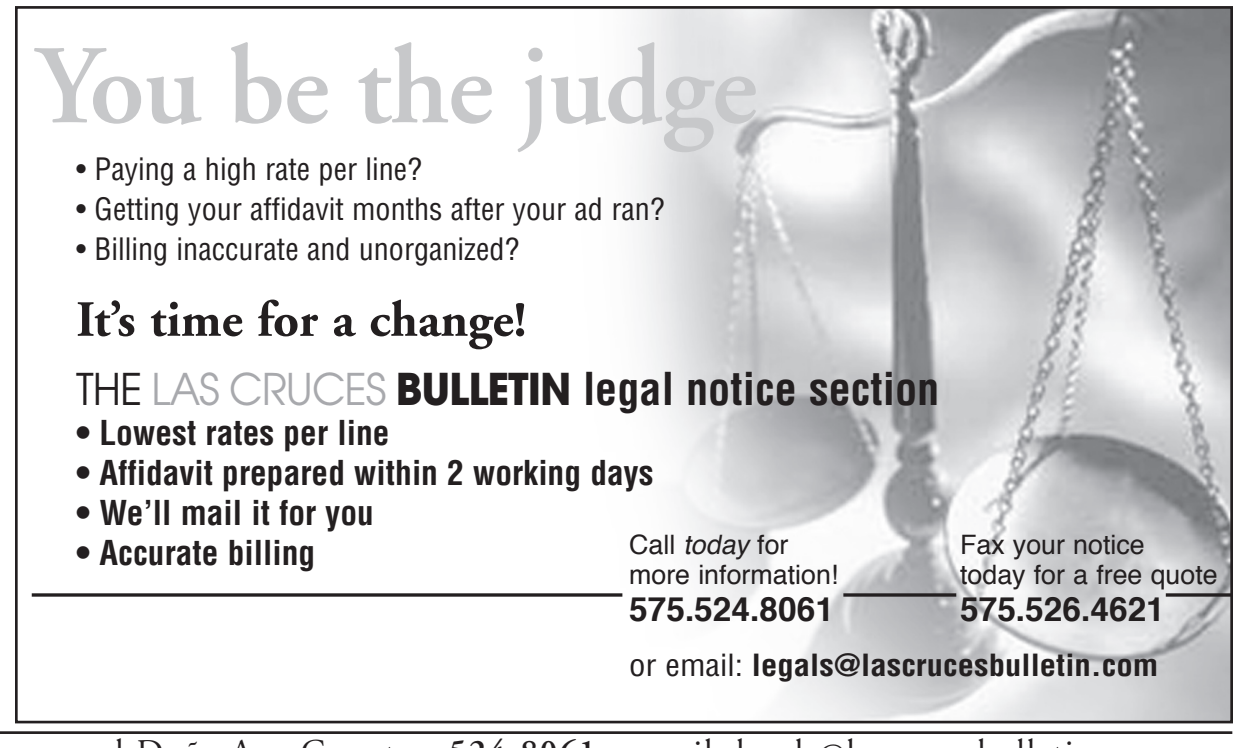

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04 KIA SPECTRA
4DR, 5SP, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$173 PER MO.*
06 HYUNDAI SONATA
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, ALLOY WHEELS!
$177 PER MO.*
05 FORD 500
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, LEATHER SEATS, ALLOY WHEELS!
$177 PER MO.*
06 NISSAN FRONTIER
2DR, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, ALLOY WHEELS, EXT. CAB!
$198 PER MO.*
07 CHEVY IMPALA
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, ALLOY WHEELS!
$205 PER MO.*
03 SATURN L300
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CASSETTE, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS, STEERING!
$209 PER MO.*
05 KIA OPTIMA
4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, LEATHER SEATS!
$219 PER MO.*
07 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$224 PER MO.*
06 NISSAN ALTIMA
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$247 PER MO.*
06 FORD ESCAPE XLT
V6, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CASSETTE, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER LOCKS, WINDOWS, STEERING!
$249 PER MO.*
06 DODGE DURANGO
V8, 4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$259 PER MO.*
06 JEEP WRANGLER
V6, 2DR, AUTO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, ALLOY WHEELS, 4X4!
$259 PER MO.*
07 HONDA ACCORD
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$259 PER MO.*
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4DR, AUTO, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, LEATHER SEATS!
$283 PER MO.*
06 PONTIAC SOLTICE
V8, 2DR, AUTOMATIC, AM/FM STEREO, AC, CASSETTE, CONVERTIBLE!
$283 PER MO.*
03 CHEVY S10 PICKUP
V6, 5SP, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CASSETTE, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, ALLOY WHEELS, EXT CAB, SHORT BED!
$132 PER MO.*
04 CHRYSLER SEBRING CONV
V6, 2DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, CONVERTIBLE!
$145 PER MO.*
07 FORD FOCUS
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$165 PER MO.*
07 CHEVY COBALT
4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$165 PER MO.*
07 DODGE CALIBER
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, DUAL AIR BAGS, ALL POWER!
$172 PER MO.*
07 HYUNDAI SONATA
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$192 PER MO.*
05 CHEVY EQUINOX
V6, 4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, DUAL AIR BAGS!
$193 PER MO.*
08 DODGE AVENGER
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, DUAL AIR BAGS, ALL POWER!
$194 PER MO.*
06 CHEVY MONTE CARLO LS
V6, 2DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$207 PER MO.*
07 FORD MUSTANG
V6, 2DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, DUAL AIR BAGS, ALL POWER!
$217 PER MO.*
07 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE
2DR, 5SP, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$219 PER MO.*
03 HONDA CRV
4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER, 4X4!
$220 PER MO.*
05 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$222 PER MO.*
07 NISSAN ALTIMA
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, DUAL AIR BAGS, ALL POWER!
$227 PER MO.*
05 NISSAN MAXIMA
V6, 4DR, AUTO, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
$231 PER MO.*
06 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE
4DR, AUTOMATIC, AC, AM/FM STEREO, CD PLAYER, CRUISE CONTROL, TILT WHEEL, ALL POWER!
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Homes & Southwest Living

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008
SECTION E

Inside Richard and Marlane Parra's unique digs

This modern Mesilla Park home truly has a free spirit

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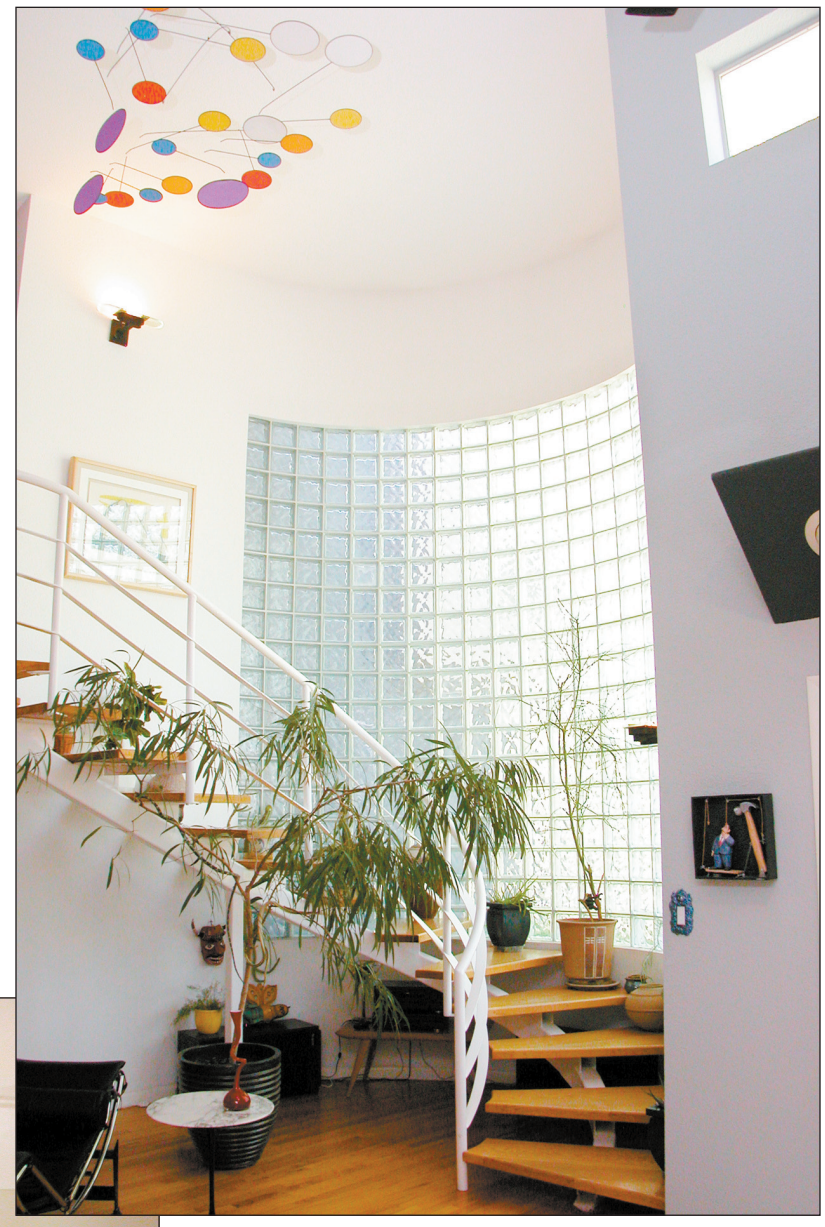
Featured Home: 3101 Bowman

With its colors, use of glass block and yard art, the home has a distinctive look that makes it impossible not to notice when driving down Conway Avenue in Mesilla Park.



What is most noticeable, both inside and out, is the use of glass block around the home's two staircases. It not only allows natural light in during the day, but gives the house an amazing glow at night.

Richard Parra designed his home to be very open and airy, from its two lofts to its main living spaces, and also included numerous spaces to display his large collection of art. On the left is one of many pieces by artist Stephen Hansen.

FEATURED HOME PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

See more **Featured Home** photos on PAGE E12

In one corner of the Parras' garden, past their sprawling vegetation, is their barbecue area where they grill on sunny days.

Their main living room features restored furniture from the '50s by Heywood Wakefield that Richard Parra found in the Antique District of West Picacho Avenue.

One of Richard Parra's favorite colors is purple, as demonstrated by the color of his coffee shop, Sprit Winds. He incorporated the color into his home as well with this purple room along with several other purple walls.

A dwelling with many dimensions

Built to house a unique collection of artwork, this home has become a work of art in itself

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Surely those who have driven down Conway Avenue have noticed the dark-grey, strikingly modern home of Richard and Marlane Parra. Its large walls of glass block are normally lit up from the inside, catching the attention of those passing by at night.

Though it stands out among the old adobe and brick homes of the former professor's row, after 18 years its mature landscape and artistic attributes have helped it find its place in Mesilla Park.

When he bought the property some years ago, Richard Parra, owner of Spirit Winds Coffee Bar and Gift Source, first planned to restore the home already present, but after inspecting it, he and builder Ralph Salas decided it needed to be torn down.

"We wanted to do something that wasn't your everyday walls and hallways and square rooms," Richard Parra said. "We enjoy the open concept because it makes it easier for entertaining."

Designed to feature his extensive collection of art pieces, the home begins with a large, open area containing two living areas, the dining room and the kitchen.

"For the size of the house it doesn't have that many rooms because the rooms are all big," said Marlane Parra, speech and language pathologist and an educational consultant.

While the home was finished many years ago, the couple said the home has always been an ongoing project when it comes to furnishing and decorating and developing its landscape.

"For 18 years we've worked together to furnish it and decorate it," Marlane Parra said. "Two years ago we completely gutted the kitchen area and remodeled it."

Designed with a combination of curves and angles, the kitchen features woodwork by Rodger Atkins contrasted by black-granite countertops and a slate-tiled floor.

"Rodger Atkins worked with us on the project. Richard really collaborated with me on the design of the kitchen because I cook for a hobby, and I knew exactly how I wanted the space to function and exactly what size cabinets I wanted to a tee. Richard then designed the aesthetic features, and Rodger executed it," Marlane Parra said.

Along with the kitchen, the entire home has a great deal of lighting from the light fixtures to the decorative neons found throughout. The most noticeable light fixture in the kitchen is by an artist from Germany and is called "84 Lamps."

"At night is when the house really looks the best because we have all of this lighting," Richard Parra said.

In fact, a glow comes from its two walls made of glass blocks, which surround the staircases leading to the second floor of the home's two lofts.

The first loft, which was built for Richard Parra's two daughters, features a Jack-and-Jill bathroom and is now used for guest quarters.

The second is found in the two-story master bedroom, which, at first glance, looks like another living area with its downstairs lounge and bathroom.

While the home is a work of beauty in itself, its furnishings and artwork can keep one occupied for hours.

With work from local artists such as Stephen Hansen, Suzanne Kane and David Rothermel, some of the Parras' many pieces were given to them as gifts, and many they stumbled on while perusing galleries across the country.

Along with their fantastic art collection, the furniture also has its own one-of-a-kind look.

"A lot of our furniture is all second hand. There's a lot of stuff here from flea markets – Richard has a really good eye. He is able to find something very cool in a pile of junk, " Marlane Parra said.

This includes the furniture found in the main living area designed by Heywood Wakefield in the '50s, which Richard Parra found on the sidewalk of Picacho Avenue and had restored.

While the walls come in a number of palettes, of course there is lots of purple, Richard Parra's signature color, which is also found on the exterior of Spirit Winds. There is even a purple elephant in the bathroom.

"It kind of christened the house like a gargoyle," Richard Parra said.

When it comes to the home's exterior, the landscaping is also a project that has taken the Parras many years to complete.

With five patios including a fire pit and barbecue area, it is one of the couple's favorite areas to relax. From owls to birdbaths to wind meters, their collection of yard art ranges from pieces by New Mexico State University students to those by local artist Olin Calk.

"I think that is one of the biggest improvements we've made to the property," Marlane Parra said. "This isn't like your normal backyard. We've tried to create outdoor spaces and different rooms outside so that it really feels like the outside is part of the inside."

In a statewide contest conducted by Rowland's Nursery in 2006, their landscaping won Best Yard Makeover.

"It's kind of like a maze. I look at it more three dimensionally," Richard Parra said.

When it came to choosing the lot for this artistic home, Richard Parra said there was no better place than Mesilla Park.

"It's an old neighborhood, you don't get a lot of this in Cruces anymore. You still see a lot of people coming out here, and even if they don't live in the neighborhood they come out here and they park and walk," Richard Parra said. "It's the feel. This used to be considered professor's row in the 1930s. Most of the professors were here. The last one that passed away lived a block away, and he would always tell me stories. They used to come get them in a horse and buggy."

While his home surprised long-time residents of the neighborhood when it was first under construction, Richard Parra said it will have its place in Mesilla Park for years to come.

"This house will always be in style," Richard Parra said.

Working together on their home's décor, Richard and Marlane Parra have made their contemporary home a work of art.

See more featured home photos on page E12.

Details

Address: 3101 Bowman St.

Bedrooms: Three

Bathrooms: Three

Fireplaces: Three

Special Features: The personal home of Richard and Marlane Parra, this modern residence showcases their contemporary style along with their exstensive collection of artwork.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	3	10	9
Homes Sold Existing	7	24	21
Pending Home Sales (All)	225	226	390
Average Days on Market (All)	133	148	117

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$237,000	$185,250	$220,000
Median Price Existing	$142,500	$199,000	$195,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,627	1,619	1,523
Real Estate Agents	613	612	652

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 5/05/08 - 5/11/08
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Above: Before its remodel, pink and blue flowered wallpaper used to decorate this bathroom.

Left: After extensive renovations, an updated square sink with modern mirrors and marble countertops gives the bathroom a contemporary appeal.

Easy steps to start a remodeling project

Company has more than 10,000 building products online

MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

While the housing market has slowed significantly, remodeling has taken a sharp rise in the homebuilding business. Any successful remodeling project requires a good deal of forethought before work actually takes place, and you don't need to wait until a contractor is hired to start this process.

I have discovered the best place for information online with more than 10,000 building products. It has become an invaluable reference tool for finding who makes what in the world of building products. The website is www.ebuild.com. The website's wealth of building-product information has been integrated into Builder Online (www.builderonline.com).

One-click gives access to product information by category, including manufacturers, product details, pictures, catalogs, news articles, videos and hot brands. With 10,000 manufacturers, you can browse all 25 categories. A growing collection of PDFs will let you search, sort and view product lines online without having to dig through hard copies of the manufacturers' catalogs.

An example is the appliance category, with manufacturers listed from A to Z and categories include central vacuum systems, cook tops, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, garbage disposals, kitchen ranges, microwave ovens, range hoods, refrigerators, wall ovens, warming ovens, washing machines and more.

Here are three easy steps to keep in mind as you kick off your remodeling project.

Step one: Plan the remodeling

Think your remodeling project through from beginning to end. Examine the home carefully and make notes of necessary repairs, then list the practical and aesthetic improvements. Plan ahead and determine future needs as well. A contractor can help you plan renovations that accommodate your changing needs as well as your budget. Review your homeowner's insurance policy and make necessary adjustments for the added value of the work being done.

Step two: Design and function

When planning a remodeling project, consider the type of lighting that is required, including skylights and recessed lighting. Don't forget the location of electrical outlets, telephone jacks, cable hook-ups and current and future storage needs. Incorporate universal design features to accommodate the needs of people through their lifetimes.

Step three: Develop a realistic budget

Decide how much money you can afford to spend on remodeling. A good rule of thumb is to allocate as much as necessary to create that dream home if you're planning to stay there five years or longer. If you're planning to move, keep your remodel within standards of homes in your neighborhood and within a reasonable budget. Keep 10 percent of the total budget as a reserve to cover any change orders or incidental charges. Stick to the original plan – changing direction in the middle of a project or asking the contractor to make improvements in other parts of the home is the surest way to destroy the budget.

If you are interested in green building, www.buildinggreen.com has a listing of more than 2,000 environmental preferable products.

Home improvement loans are available through many banks and lending institutions. Be sure to contact your lender and incorporate in your budget any costs that will be associated with these loans.

Mariann Novack is a design consultant and welcomes your comments at 571-7643 or marnvck@aol.com. Building a home, remodeling or considering interior decorating? Give Novack a call.

Las Cruces Tour of Gardens returns June 7

Doug and Barbara Rains will show how they developed their outdoor spaces at 1144 Cave Springs Trail.

Six Sonoma Ranch entries to display their landscaping

The 13th annual Las Cruces Tour of Gardens will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7. This year's tour features six gardens in the Sonoma Ranch area.

Visitors can begin the tour in any garden and proceed in any order. Signs in front of the homes help identify the gardens, which are shown on the map provided on the ticket.

The original art featured on this year's Tour of Gardens poster is "Spring Show," a 12-inch-by-9-inch oil on panel by Kathleen Squires valued at $400. She donated the painting to the Tour of Gardens, which is holding a raffle for the artwork. Tickets can be purchased during the tour.

This year's annual garden tour is presented by Desert Daubers, Hi Hopes and Mesilla Valley Garden Clubs of Las Cruces. The proceeds of the tour are donated to garden-related beautification and educational projects in the community.

Tickets are $7 per person, and children 12 and under are free. Refreshments are served at one of the gardens on the tour from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are no toilet facilities available at the homes on the tour. Children should be supervised, as many plants are fragile and some may be poisonous. In addition to the raffle of the painting, there are drawings for gate prizes.

Vinnie DePietto and Jack Smith will open their garden at 3542 Crescent Creek Circle to attendees of the Las Cruces Tour of Gardens.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Ashley Furniture, 3299 Del Rey Blvd.; Color Your World, 540 N. Telshor Blvd.; Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla; Glenn Cutter Jewelers, 2640 El Paseo Road; Guzman's Greenhouse, 655 E. University Ave.; Boba Cafe, 1900 S. Espina St.; and Rainy's, 2705 Elks Drive. For more information or to request an application for a donation, call 521-0521 or 524-8819.

New to the Market • May 16, 2008

$500,000 and above

$1,350,000 - La Tierra Escondida, 6022 Avenida Sonrisa, This Villa sits on 2.42 acres and has 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, media room with surround sound, 3 car garage and gourmet kitchen featuring Wolf and Subzero appliances. Relax by the disappearing edge pool or the cabana. The master suite has his and her bathrooms with a private bathing area including a full spa. Exquisite tile & stone designs. Murals & fresco by artist Alex Rosa. Elaborate great room with 17-foot ceilings enhanced by two chandeliers. Old world cabinetry and imported stone floors. Outdoor room featuring BBQ, stone fireplace, and views. Built by Tarin Construction. Owner/Agent Contact Lilly Tarin, RE/MAX Classic Realty 524-8788 or 496-3373 MLS# 800440

$1,212,000 - Mesilla Park - 1995 Tapestry Circle, Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3+ bath, with fireplace home in Tapestry area which represents belonging and offers placement in a crowded world! This home represents our most heartfelt relationships. If offers a safe haven from storms: it's where we have dinner with our family and offers privacy. MUST SEE!! MLS# 802378 Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$750,000 - High Range - 3411 Montecito Court, 2x6 construction, 3 bedrooms, walk-in closets, office, 2-1/2 baths, media room, granite counters, custom cabinets, stone & tile accents, outdoor fireplace. This is the second-largest lot in the entire subdivision, and offers panoramic mountain views. MLS# 802122 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$595,000 - Las Alturas - 5312 Remington Road, Lovely 5 bedrooms, 3+ bath with 2 fireplace home in Summit Chase on corner lot. Great backyard, garden areas, pool and spa area. View deck for city lights and mountain views. 3 car garage is partitioned off to be used as workshop. MLS# 802417 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., (575) 523-2850

$549,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 5125 Real Del Norte, This home can accommodate two families. This has two living areas, two full size kitchens with appliances and accented with granite and tile, two master bedrooms, plus 5 secondary bedrooms, two studies, and a inside storage room. In-ground pool with fencing. MLS# 802036 Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$400,000 - $499,999

$495,000 - High Range - 1131 Portico Trail, This 2002 Showcase home is an "Island" in Sonoma Ranch, having no immediate neighbors! It offers outstanding protected views of the Organ Mountains, two gas fireplaces, a gourmet kitchen with an island, food warmer, and so much more. MLS# 802063 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850.

$300,000 - $399,999

$379,900 - Mesilla Area - 2880 Teresita Street, This is a wonderfully maintained, very charming 3 bedroom home in the desirable Mesilla Farms subdivision. There are 3 bedrooms plus an office with formal living & dining rooms, lovely country kitchen and a warm inviting family room. MLS# 801986 Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$365,000 - Pajaro Area (South Valley) - 621 Fort Fillmore Road, Horse Property in excellent condition. 4 Bedrooms including 30x40 Metal Horse Barn with 5 stalls, 4 paddocks and tack room, water and electric. 20x20 Hay Barn. Arena and pasture and 56 pecan trees. MLS# 802011 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$355,000 - High Range - 4439 Maricopa Circle, This new 3 bedroom home as a fabulous floor plan by Phillips Homes! 13 seer A/C & recirc. hot H20 for energy efficiency. Covered back patio set up for outdoor kitchen. 2-10 Builder's Warranty! MLS# 802191 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$336,500 - East Northrise - 4524 Mesa Central, This is a brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that is 2329 sq ft. This beautiful home has many upgrades including custom built cabinets, granite counters, jet tub in the master bedroom, tile floors and more! MLS# 802332 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$200,000 - $299,999

$289,900 - 4-Hills - 3853 Calle Arriba, This new home by Spirit View offers close proximity to the conveniences in life and highway access! Exterior stone accents welcome you home to special features like an office/study off the upstairs master! MLS# 802093 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$286,900 - Mesilla Area - 1972 Avenida De Antigua, Great Mesilla Custom 3 bedroom built home! This home shows like a dream and has exceptional ambience!! Great usage of sq. ft. Open floor plan with lots of special features which include hardwood, tile and carpet floors, antique vigas, nichos, secluded backyard & covered patio. MLS#802525 Brenda Allen 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., (575) 523-2850

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With the support of family, success will follow

Sal Telles finds a creative outlet in homebuilding with Jactell Construction

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If there is one phrase that characterizes Jactell Construction, it's that the business "is a family affair." Owned by Sal and Christine Telles and named after their children, Jeremy, Adrian and Clarissa, the company has been around for more than 30 years, and its success has come to depend on everyone involved.

"It truly is a group effort," Christine Telles said. "Our older son Jeremy is our graphic design artist, and our daughter Clarissa Peña works at South Valley Tile, and they do a lot of our tile work."

Their son, Adrian Telles, has been working with his father since he was 15 and is now Sal Telles' foreman at White Sands Missile Range and oversees many of their projects.

Along with their children, their nephew Gino Telles owns Extreme Design and does most of their architectural work.

"Gino is incredible. He knows about all kinds of building materials and trends. He has this great vision and helps us out a lot," Christine Telles said.

Though their company has grown to involve several members of their family, it started with the backhoe and dump truck Sal and Christine Telles bought to do excavations when they first were married.

"I have been in the construction business for 34 years, ever since I got out of college," Sal Telles said. Though he now spends his time building custom homes, when he began building he was heavily involved in commercial construction.

"Our basic income has been from commercial and government contracts. We have been doing government contracting for the last 15 or 20 years," he said. "I've done a lot of different types of steel fabrication buildings and high fences for the state parks and (the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish). I used to manufacture cattle guards for the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and have done all different types of steel work."

While working for the state, he helped build a police station at White Sands, has built restrooms at state parks all over New Mexico and has also built numerous visitors centers. He also helped to build the fences for the DreamWorks movie "Transformers" when it was filmed at White Sands in 2007.

While they have been involved in both residential and commercial construction for many years, Christine Telles also worked as a hairdresser for 36 years, and Sal Telles owned a pool business and has even installed pools into his custom homes.

Building houses all over Las Cruces, Sal Telles does the major construction work while Christine Telles occasionally does the interior design and also helps with clean up and with the designing of the floor plans.

"We are the cleaning crew, so we do everything from the very beginning to the end," said Christine Telles, who is also

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Clockwise from left: Adrian Telles and his parents Sal and Christine Telles, owners of Jactell Construction, work together on residential and commercial projects all over the city.

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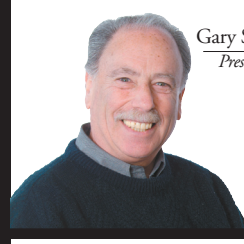

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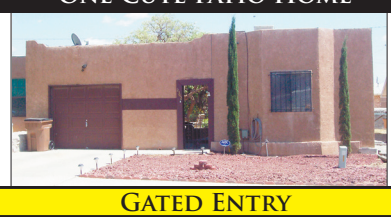

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Granite countertops from South Valley Tile, plenty of counter space and a menu desk are all attributes of this kitchen by Jactell Construction.

The bathroom in this showcase home by Jactell Construction is accented with a backsplash of slate tile.

Taking advantage of the beautiful Las Cruces weather, Sal Telles framed the Organ Mountains in this patio complete with a fire pit at 7038 Calle Estancias.

Christine Telles stands behind an imported door from India in their 2008 Las Cruces Home Builders Association Spring Showcase entry at 7038 Calle Estancias.

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When it comes to building custom homes, Sal Telles said it's all about taking your time, making the customer happy and avoiding last-minute changes by having a well-thought-out plan.

While commercial building mainly focuses on "the bottom line," Sal Telles said that in homebuilding he gets to be more creative.

"At this point in my life I like custom homebuilding. I've done the government contracting for years, I've done the commercial work, and I really want to just concentrate on the custom homes," he said. "If you really want to get where you can be creative, this is where it's at."

"It's a lot more gratifying because you can see people enjoying what you build," Christine Telles said.

Recently, Jactell Construction had an impressive entry in the Picacho Mountain subdivision in the 2008 Las Cruces Home Builders Association Spring Showcase of Homes, and Christine Telles said building with Picacho Mountain is as good as it gets.

"This has been one of the best experiences that we have ever had. It's a wonderful community," she said of Picacho Mountain. "This is where I would love to live if we build another house."

Though he likes the creativity involved in building custom homes, Sal Telles said that when it comes to upper-end homes it's still about creating a comfortable space.

"Building a custom house is not about winning showcase or building something so majestic that you can't get it dirty. It's got to be a livable area and a place that you call home, it's got to be comfortable," he said.

Staying on top of building trends in many different ways, Christine Telles peruses local kitchen and cabinet showrooms while Sal Telles reads construction magazines and attends seminars discussing topics such as building green.

In the future, Christine Telles said they are excited to watch their son Adrian Telles' building career blossom and want to step aside and give him the reins to their company.

"Sal and I are getting tired, so hopefully Adrian will pick up where we leave off. Eventually we would like to work for Adrian part time and just do houses and let the kids take over," she said. "We don't take them for granted, and they don't take us for granted. We know we need each other. We are more like friends than parents. Everybody has an input.

"Hopefully it will always be a family business. That's what Jactell Construction is all about."

Details

Featured Builder
Sal Telles

Company
Jactell Construction

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647-2032

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Education
Bachelor's degree in business from New Mexico State University

Family
- Son, Jeremy, graphic design artist
- Son, Adrian, foreman with Jactell Construction
- Daughter, Clarissa Peña, works at South Valley Tile
- Grandson, Jared, 9
- Grandson, Aden, 1 week

Featured Builder: *Sal Telles*

Seed chiles in a snap

Pepper seeder a much-needed tool for chile lovers

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

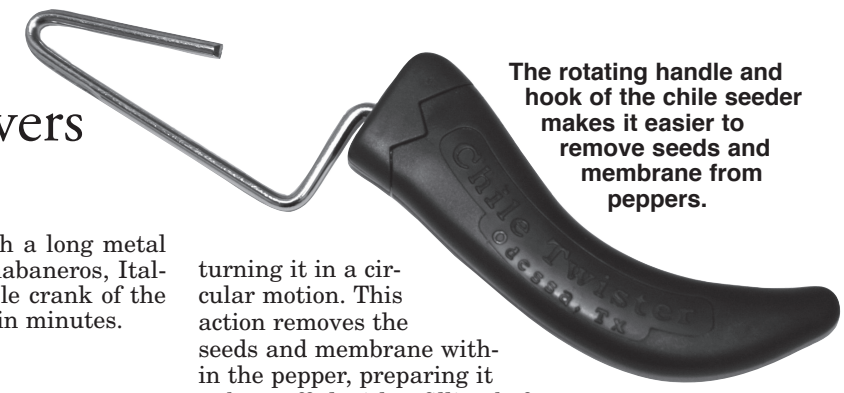
For many from the Southwest, there is no such thing as too much chile. This includes everything from long green chile to jalapeño peppers to habanero peppers. The Bulletin features recipes with chile peppers weekly in Sunny Conley's column Chile Knights (page E11), which can help Las Crucens get their chile fix, and the pepper seeder can help with the preparation of many of those recipes. This gadget can help with everything from cleaning newly grilled green chile to coring jalapeños for stuffing.

What is it?

The chile seeder is a small gadget with a long metal hook that cores and de-seeds jalapeños, habaneros, Italian hot peppers and more. With the simple crank of the handle, peppers can be ready for stuffing in minutes.

How does it work?

First cut the stem off the pepper. Then insert the metal hook into the pepper and crank the handle by turning it in a circular motion. This action removes the seeds and membrane within the pepper, preparing it to be stuffed with a filling before smoking, baking, frying or grilling.



The rotating handle and hook of the chile seeder makes it easier to remove seeds and membrane from peppers.

Where can you find it?

The chile seeder can be found at www.jalapenocafe.com or at some local kitchen specialty stores.

How much does it cost?

The chile seeder costs $5.99, which does not include shipping if ordering online.

Helpful hints:

The uses of the chile seeder don't end with peppers. They can also be used to core squash, cucumbers, zucchini and tomatoes.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: Pepper Seeder

Jalapeño Poppers

1 pound fresh jalapeños
16 ounces cream cheese
8 ounces grated pepper jack cheese
1 cup flour
2 cups and 1 tablespoon milk
2 cups bread crumbs
Oil (enough to submerge poppers completely)

Prepare the jalapeños by removing stems and using the chile seeder to remove all seeds and membranes. Set jalapeños in fridge to chill.

Combine cream cheese, grated pepper jack cheese and 1-tablespoon milk with a mixer until smooth. Stuff cheese mixture into jalapeños until mounded slightly.

Preheat oil to 400. Pour 2 cups milk into a bowl. Place flour on a large plate and bread crumbs on a separate plate. Dip poppers in milk and then roll in flour. When all poppers are completely covered, dip again in milk and roll in bread crumbs. Place poppers in oil and fry for 2 minutes.

Spinach Stuffed Squash

12 medium yellow squash
2 (10-ounce) packages frozen chopped spinach
1 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon butter
Seasoned salt
Black pepper
Cracker crumbs
Parmesan cheese, grated

Cut squash in halves lengthwise. Scoop out and discard the seeds. Cook in salted water until just tender. Cook spinach and drain well and squeeze out excess moisture. Combine spinach with sour cream, butter, salt, onion and pepper. Stuff squash; sprinkle with cracker crumbs and cheese. Bake stuffed squash at 325 degrees for 30 minutes.

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$285,000 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 3078 Rio Arriza Loop, This brand new property is in the Las Palmas subdivision. This 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home offers a viewing deck off the master bedroom, and an upstairs office with mountain views! MLS# 802185 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$265,000 – 4-Hills - 3417 Jupiter Rd., You will love coming home to this 3 bedroom, 3 bath plus study on a large corner lot. The beautiful front doors welcome you into the great room with a corner fireplace. The modern Kitchen with granite is a joy to cook in. the beautiful backyard is great for family fun or for entertaining. Your personal resort has a large covered patio with a Hot Springs Spa. There are lots of trees, green grass, flowers and a pond with gold fish. A built in grill, a 16x32 free form diving pool and a basketball court complete this wonderful backyard. All this can be yours for $265.000. Call 373-3981 or 649-1588 for an appointment. FSBO

$264,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 3046 Rio Arriza Loop, This home offers an open "great room" floor plan with lots of tile. The kitchen is open to the living and dining areas, and the private upstairs master bedroom has a romantic covered outdoor balcony! MLS# 802178 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$264,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 3856 Calle Arriba, This new 3 bedroom homes offers an office with a closet, that could be 4th bedroom/ guest room. The spacious kitchen offers an island, breakfast bar, lots of cabinets and a tiled back-splash. Front courtyard entry. MLS# 802182 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$264,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 3848 Calle Arriba, New construction by Spirit View, offering a spacious kitchen with an island, tiled counters, breakfast bar & back splash. Walk-in master closet, office or 4th bedroom. MLS# 802183 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$250,000 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 3038 Rio Arriza Loop, This brand new property is in the Las Palmas subdivision. This 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home offers a viewing deck off the master bedroom, and an upstairs office with mountain views! MLS# 802185 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$235,000 - Jornada-Las Colinas - 3045 Rio Arriza Loop, 2-10 Builders' Warranty! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers 2 living areas, 2 car garage, fireplace, front and back yard landscaping and is located on a cul-de-sac. MLS# 802189 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$230,000 - 4-Hills - 3841 Calle Arriba, This new home by Spirit View offers close proximity to the conveniences in life and highway access! Exterior stone accents welcome you home to the courtyard entry. The split floor plan offers privacy to the master bedroom. MLS# 802094 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$224,900 - Shalem Colony - 1175 Villita Loop, Very light and bright country home with a split bedroom plan and new carpet, tile and paint. Beautiful area with lots of trees. Villita Loop is a very desirable subdivision in the North Valley of Las Cruces. MLS# 801994 Beth Marr 469-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$224,900 - Elks Club - 613 Cielo Vista, Charming home with 3 bedrooms + an office and a bright relaxing sunroom. The floor plan is open and inviting. The yard is beautifully landscaped. This is a wonderful property to enjoy in a very desirable neighborhood. MLS# 802034 Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$214,900 - High Range - 4366 Soda Spring Drive, This beautiful home is located in the desirable Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Community. There is a 3 car garage for the extra storage that everyone needs! The home has 3 bedrooms in a split bedroom plan, 2 baths, a jet tub in the master, large great room and also comes with a refrigerator. MLS# 802527 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., (575) 523-2850

$209,900 - Elks Club - 4244 Fireweed, This custom home has lots of upgrades. Seller

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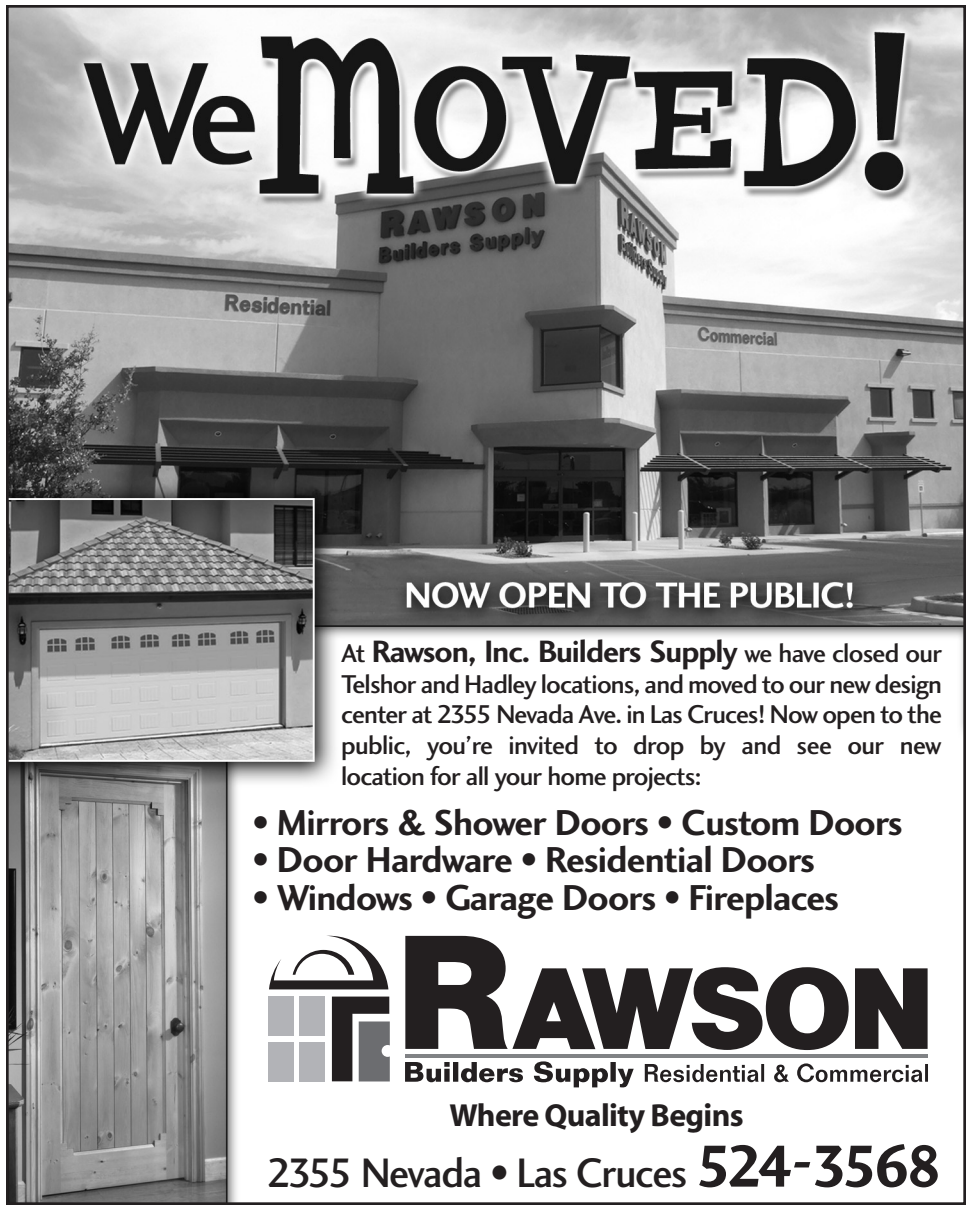

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Colander not just for cooking

Protect food and delicates, and get creative

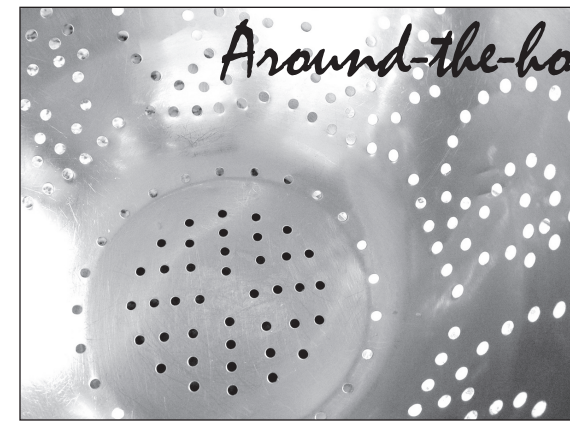
By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Perhaps taking up more space than most around-the-house items, the colander, a sieve used for cooking, can come in handy for more than just draining pasta noodles. The idea behind the sieve has been around since ancient times, and the device is commonly used to separate desired elements from unwanted material. Coming in handy for draining vegetables before cooking or preparing salads, the colander is ideal for draining and rinsing, and after reading the following suggestions, one will find this doesn't always mean food.

1. Shoo flies: For those numerous summer barbecues, invert the colander and use it as a bug tent. Place it over steaks, burgers, brats and buns during a cookout to keep pesky insects away.

2. Create a casual luminaria: Line the inside of a metal, free-standing colander with a clear plastic bag, fill it with water and place tea lights or votives inside. A few tea lights in a large colander makes an attractive centerpiece when eating outside on the patio at night.

3. Wash your delicates: Don't throw hand-wash-only articles into the sink to be washed. Peroxide from some toothpastes and caustic agents from other cleansers can bleach, stain, degrade and even disintegrate delicate fabrics. Instead, put a clean colander in the sink and wash the garments inside.



The colander can be used to protect delicates from harsh elements when hand washing.

4. Make a kid's Halloween costume: A stainless-steel colander is a perfect Martian helmet. Attach ribbons to the handles and tie them under the chin.

5. Sift flour: Pour flour into a colander and shake it back and forth over a larger bowl to sift. Use a wooden spoon to break up lumps, if necessary.

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Salsa is the Southwest's No. 1 condiment

Two weeks of unbelievably spicy salsa recipes for pod lovers

Salsa dethroned ketchup as the No. 1 condiment in America 17 years ago. Sassy salsa was outselling ketchup in 1991 by $40 million in retail stores, according to a New York Times article printed March 11, 1992. Americans had grown tired of the sugar-based "processed-type" sauce and were eager to experiment with an "ethnic product (that) embodies that fresher, unadulterated image that they want."

Our hankering for salsa continues. We use it as a dip, as a topping and as an ingredient in recipes, the latter of which is becoming increasingly popular. In fact, my Rolodex of recipes listing salsa as one of the ingredients has grown so crammed that it will take two Chile Knights columns to publish 'em all, or three if pod lovers email their favorites (sunnyconley@earthlink.net). I welcome recipes!

This is part one of two columns filled with savory salsa-embellished recipes.

Chicken Breast Salad with Salsa Dressing

Salad Ingredients:
1 bag of Romaine or butter lettuce
2 grilled chicken breasts, sliced
1 sliced red bell pepper
3 ears grilled corn (remove corn from husk)
1 can of black beans, rinsed and drained
Chopped scallion or red onion (I prefer red)
Grated cheddar cheese
Crushed tortilla chips
1 avocado, chopped and tossed with a bit of lime juice

Dressing ingredients:
Bottled ranch dressing
Favorite salsa
Fresh lime juice
Chipotle powder

Arrange all salad ingredients on a platter as desired. Place the dressing ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Top the salad with salsa dressing or mix salad ingredients in a large bowl and toss with dressing. Serve immediately. Refrigerate leftover dressing, if necessary. Serves 2 to 4.

Easy Salsa Dressing

1/2 cup favorite salsa
Zest and juice of one lime (about 2 tablespoons)
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1/2 cup water (to create more volume without calories)
Salt to taste
Olive oil to taste, 1/2 to 3/4 cup

Mix all the ingredients in a blender except the oil. Then drizzle oil while processor is running. Makes about 1-1/2 cups. (Adapted from Mexican Everyday, Rick Bayless, W.W. Norton, 2005)

Salsa Meat Loaf

1 large egg
2 pounds 80-percent-lean ground beef
1-1/3 cups medium-hot chunky tomato salsa (divided)
1/3 cup rolled oats
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly oil a shallow baking dish or coat it with cooking spray. In a mixing bowl, beat the egg with a fork. Add ground beef, 1-1/4 cups of the salsa, oats, garlic, salt and pepper. Mix together well. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish and form it into a 9-by-5-inch loaf.

Providing a healthier option than most dips, fresh salsa can be added to a number of dishes for that needed kick.

In a small bowl, stir together the oil and remaining 1/2 cup of salsa. Spread the mixture over the meat loaf. Bake for 60 to 70 minutes, or until the meat loaf is no longer pink at the center. Serves 8.

Grilled Salsa Turkey Burger

3 ounces ground turkey
1 tablespoon medium-hot salsa
1 tablespoon crushed baked tortilla chips
1 (1-ounce) reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese slice (optional)
1 whole wheat hamburger bun, split
1 lettuce leaf
Additional salsa

Combine turkey, 1 tablespoon salsa and chips in a small bowl; mix lightly. Shape into patty. Lightly oil grid or broiler rack to prevent sticking.

Grill over medium-hot coals or broil 4 to 6 inches from heat 6 minutes on each side or until no longer pink in center, turning once. Top with cheese during last 2 minutes of grilling time, if desired. Place bun, cut sides down, on grill during last 2 minutes of grilling time to toast until lightly browned.

Cover the bottom half of bun with lettuce; top with burger, additional salsa and top half of bun. Serve immediately. Serves 1. (Adapted from the editors of Easy Home Cooking Magazine)

Corn-Salsa Pita Sandwiches

Sandwich Ingredients:
4 ears of corn or 2 (8-ounce) cans of corn, well drained (but fresh is best)
1-1/2 cups shredded red cabbage
1 green bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped
1 tomato, chopped
6 bacon slices, fried or microwaved
6 pitas
1-1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

Salsa Ingredients:
1 cup sour cream
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons chopped onions
1 garlic clove, minced
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or to taste

Mix all the salsa ingredients well and chill.

For sandwiches, first remove husks from corn, remove corn silk and snap off ends of stalks. Have a pot of salted water boiling rapidly. Drop in corn ears, cover and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Remove corn from water, drain and cut corn from cob.

Combine finely shredded cabbage, green pepper, tomato and cooked, crumbled bacon in a large bowl. Stir in 3/4 cup of the salsa mix, blending well.

Cover and chill mixture. When ready to serve, fill pita bread with corn mixture, top with remaining salsa and shredded cheese. (Adapted from fooddownunder.com)

Baked Salsa Chicken with Broiled Asparagus

2 boneless chicken breasts
10 to 12 crumbled Club crackers
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup favorite salsa, juice drained and reserved
1 bunch of fresh asparagus spears

Crush the crackers into a bowl. Add olive oil and mix until all the crackers are uniformly saturated with oil. Add salsa and lightly mix. Coat a baking dish with olive oil and place the chicken breasts in the dish. Completely cover the breasts with the cracker and salsa mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 40 minutes.

About 10 minutes before the breasts are done, remove from the oven and gently pour the salsa juice evenly over the chicken and continue cooking until cracker mixture begins to get dark and crisp on top.

While chicken is cooking, wash the asparagus and break or cut off the hard portion of the stems. Put approximately 2 or 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large bowl with salt and pepper and a touch of garlic powder. Toss asparagus until lightly coated with oil. Evenly spread the asparagus on a cookie sheet covered with aluminum foil. Broil for about 4 to 6 minutes then turn over and broil until they just begin to blacken. Serves 2.

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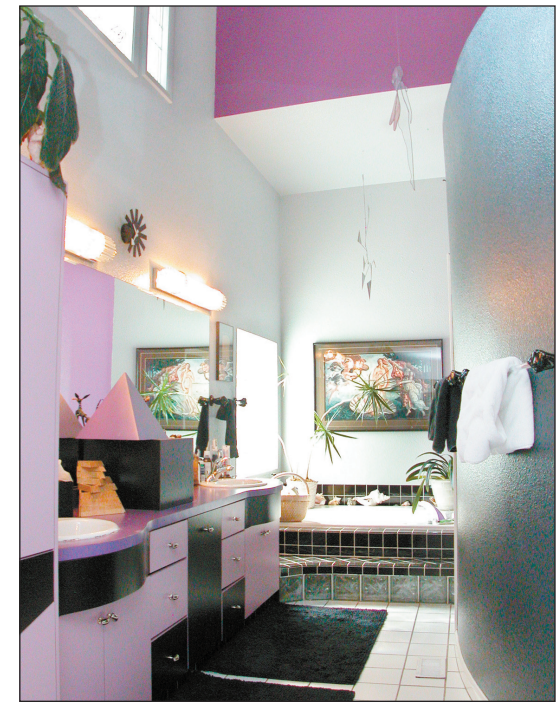
Filled with curves and angles, the kitchen is their most recent renovation and includes woodwork by Roger Atkins and a light fixture called "84 Lamps."

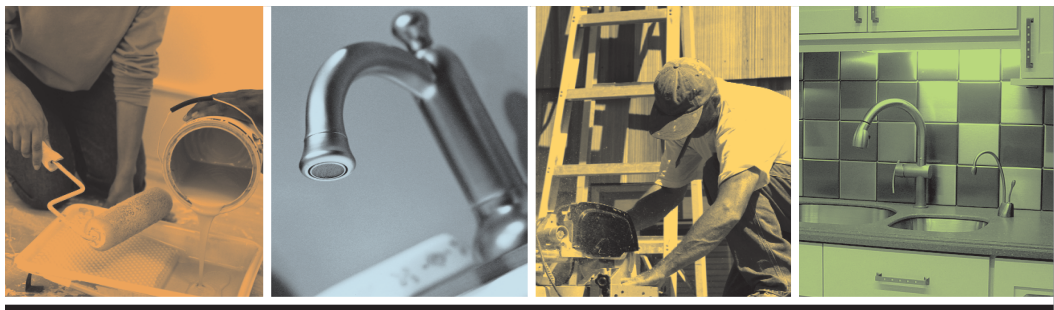
A second living room found adjacent to the kitchen gives the Parras another space to relax while cooking.

Voted Best Yard Makeover in a 2006 statewide contest held by Rowland's Nursery, the Parras have spent much time and effort developing their backyard into a maze of plants and art.



The two-story master bedroom has a very open feeling with the master bathroom and a small living area located on the bottom floor.

An artistic backyard fire pit is found in one of five patio areas in the Parras' backyard.



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