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EIS clears spaceport

FAA license should
be issued December

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With the release of a final Environmental Impact Statement this week, Spaceport America could be within 30 days of getting its spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration.

More than \$190 million in combined state and local funding is contingent on Spaceport America getting a clean EIS and the FAA issuing a spaceport license by the end of this year.

In the final EIS cover statement, FAA Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation George Nield wrote that the study found that the agency can issue a launch site operator license to the New Mexico Spaceport Authority for both horizontal and vertical suborbital vehicles to launch out of Spaceport America.

The final EIS now stands for any last comments until mid-December, after which a record of decision will be issued. Spaceport officials have been working closely with the FAA to make sure the spaceport license is issued soon after – possibly within a couple of days following the record of decision.

That means work on the spaceport can begin early next year, including a runway and terminal-hangar facility for Virgin Galactic, which wants to begin flying space tourists to suborbital space by 2010.

Spaceport America is located 45 miles north of Las Cruces and 30 miles southeast of Truth or Consequences. Voters in both Sierra and Doña Ana counties have approved increasing their gross receipts taxes by .25 percent to help pay for constructing the spaceport. This month, Otero county voters rejected a proposal to increase its GRT by half that level.

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Men walk the talk



Participants begin their White Ribbon March on the Downtown Mall Saturday, Nov. 15. The event began with men from the community speaking about ways men can stand against violence. The march and rally was sponsored by La Casa Inc., La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services, the New Mexico State University/WAVE program and Families & Youth Inc. For more photos from the march and rally, see Page A18.

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The Las Cruces Bulletin

Family court approves 'blessing'

Adopted families celebrated in ceremony and court actions

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On Saturday, Nov. 15, Princella Carter became the permanent parent to three children, who first came into her life as foster children.

In an official court proceeding before Family Court Judge Lisa Schultz to mark National Adoption Day, the children – Glindia, 2, Josiah, 3, and Lakeysha, 6 – became hers and she became a mother again, previously raising her own 19-year-old daughter, Janice Majors.

Carter said she was happy to take on the responsibility. "I love them, and they're a blessing from the Lord."

Although there have been issues that

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first came with the children coming from less-than-ideal circumstances, Carter said they bring more joy to her life than any burdens or challenges to come.

"I'm confident," she said. "I have God. He put people in my life to help me."

Schultz agreed that it was indeed a gracious and miraculous day as she approved the adoptions for Carter and for another family at the court hearing filled with other adoptive families, supporters and members

of the foster care and adoption systems.

Shari Cosentino, regional placement supervisor for the state's Children, Youth and Families Department, noted that there are an estimated 129,000 children in foster care nationally who need a family to adopt them. In New Mexico, there are an estimated 2,200 children in the foster care system every day.

Jaime Marquez Boone, an adopted teen, recalled how he thought he'd never find a family the five years he was in foster care.

"Now, I found my mom – and she's a great mom, by the way," the young man said as he struggled to hold back tears. "My life is good now and getting better. I couldn't ask for more."

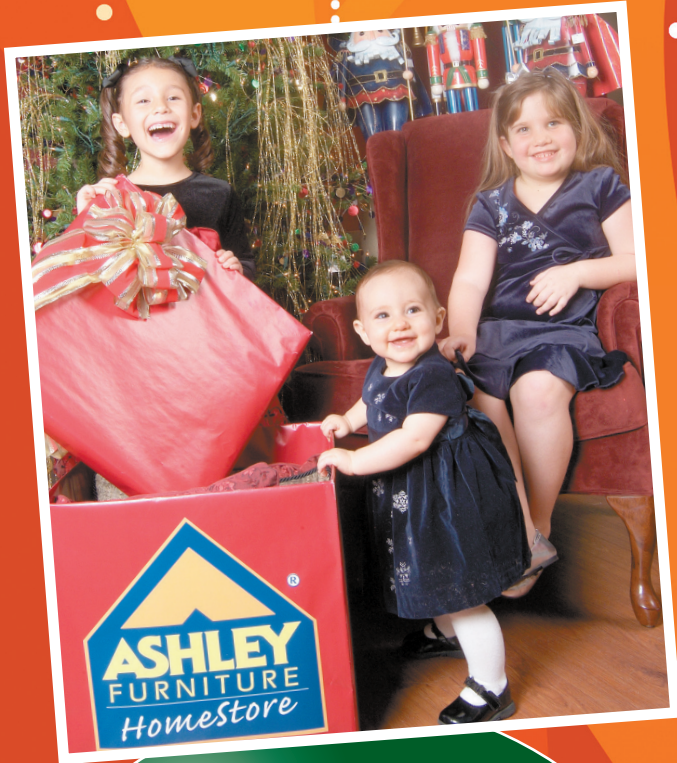
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Most close for Thanksgiving

Most City of Las Cruces offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Hall will be closed, as well as Branigan Memorial Library and Books-By-Mail, all museums, recreation center and city pools. RoadRUNNER Transit administrative offices and Rideshare will be closed both days. There also will be no regular bus service or Dial-A-Ride on Thanksgiving Day. There will be "Saturday level" service for the bus and Dial-A-Ride on Friday.

Solid Waste Offices are closed both days. There will be no regular trash pick up on Thanksgiving Day. Trash and grapple services originally scheduled for Thursday will be picked up on Friday. County solid-waste convenience stations

in Anthony, La Mesa, Hill, Butterfield, Mesquite, La Union, Hatch and Garfield, will close Thursday and Friday, but reopen Saturday, Nov. 29.

Senior Programs are closed Thursday and Friday. The Munson Senior Center, however, will serve a special noon meal on Thanksgiving for seniors.

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed both days.

As always, emergency services such as fire and police will be unaffected by the holiday.

Las Cruces Public Schools will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 28. Classes resume Monday, Dec. 1.

The U.S. Postal Service will close Thursday, but resume normal hours on Friday, as will most banks and stores.

Domenici Institute gets start Yates Petroleum donates \$500,000

Yates Petroleum Corp. has donated \$500,000 to help New Mexico State University create the Domenici Public Policy Institute, named for retiring U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici.

The Domenici Institute will be the first of its kind in New Mexico by providing a location for scholars to research the senator's work in various fields. It is part of the Pete V. Domenici Legacy, a statewide effort established by NMSU to celebrate his historic tenure in the U.S. Senate and to preserve his contributions. Domenici will retire this year as the longest-serving senator in New Mexico history.

"Sen. Domenici has been a dedicated public servant to the nation, to the people of the state of New Mexico and to those in Artesia and Eddy County," said Peyton

Yates, a director on the board of Yates Petroleum Corp., an Artesia-based energy company. "The Domenici Institute will be an advocate for the issues central to the senator's beliefs and will be a resonating force for the application of sound science to national environmental policy. The Yates families in Artesia are backing the institute to help assure its success and the legacy of the fantastic public service of Sen. Pete Domenici."

The institute will give researchers from universities around New Mexico access to the Domenici Archives to study the senator's contributions to economic development, energy, the federal budget, national security, natural resources, behavioral health, nuclear nonproliferation and other topics.



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In one of her last official actions, Susie Cordero, manager of U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici's Las Cruces office, sets up call-forwarding to the Washington, D.C., offices. By law, Domenici's field offices were closed on Friday, Nov. 14.

Domenici field offices close Retiring senator thanks faithful staff

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Susie Cordero first came to work for U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici as an intern for a month. After 28 years with the senator in which she worked her way up to head the Las Cruces field office, she was the last employee to close the office in the Loretto Towne Center on Friday, Nov. 14.

Domenici, who will be retiring in January, was required to close the field office on that day. Domenici has served six terms in the Senate and had planned to run for a seventh before being diagnosed with a degenerative brain disease that forced his retirement.

Over the years, the New Mexico Republican rose through seniority to key committees and gained national prominence during the Reagan administration when he chaired the Budget Committee. As Domenici rose through the ranks, so did

Cordero at the Las Cruces field office, going from intern to office manager. Even at the height of his political career when Domenici was a fixture in the national news, Cordero said he was always a respectful and caring boss.

"I don't think I'll ever find another boss again," said Cordero, pausing to keep her composure, "like the senator."

In an official statement, Domenici acknowledged it was a sad day for him, as well. "I salute them for all their efforts on behalf of New Mexicans over the years," he said. "They have been pivotal to my work as senator."

With her son Javier attending New Mexico State University, Cordero said she will be looking for another job after the holidays.

Constituents can continue to contact Domenici's Washington office through mid-December. U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman will begin taking on new casework.

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Job searches must be open

NM law requires applications for public jobs be open to all

By DAVID E. MCCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin



MCCOLLUM

In the wake of the unraveling of the search for New Mexico State University's next president, a few people, including some of the regents and members of the presidential search committee, complain that the search was impeded by our state law that requires the public disclosure of the finalists. Supposedly, four of the five top candidates have chosen to withdraw from consideration. The remaining applicant accepted another position.

Complainants argue that a candidate pool is limited if applicants know that their names will be made public. Supposedly, they feel a secret search will produce a better outcome than one that requires disclosure

of all candidates. Our lawmakers do not believe that this is the case, which is why our laws support the requirement for disclosure of applicants for public jobs. In New Mexico, all public hiring, with the exception of a university president, require that applicants be a matter of public record. According to our current law, university president searches can be confidential until a list of finalists is determined. The public disclosure law applies fully to anyone hired with public funds. This includes school superintendents, city managers, fire chiefs, athletic directors, coaches, etc.

The law has been tested several times in the past 10 years. A couple of years ago the city of Carlsbad wanted to conduct a confidential search for a new city manager. When the local newspaper, the Current-Argus, requested a list of applicants, the city refused to comply. The newspaper and the advocacy organization, the Foundation for Open Government (FOG), took their complaint to court where the city was not only forced to release the names, but also had to pay the newspaper's costs to file the lawsuit including attorney fees. Every similar case has had the same outcome. The non-disclosing entity has lost in court and has been required to pay for the cost of litigation.

There is logic that the quality of a candidate pool might be diminished by the requirement of public disclosure. However, there is no empirical evidence to support that claim. Obviously, most of us work in the private sector where our job might be in jeopardy if our employer knew we were looking at other job opportunities. However, in the public sector, the rules are, and must be, different. The hiring of key public officials must be transparent from the beginning of the process. With New Mexico laws being very specific about disclosure, each candidate should be advised at the time of their application of the public disclosure requirement.

Also, we should recognize that the tenure at many top positions, such as university presidents and school superintendents, has become shorter. During the recent search for superintendent of the Las Cruces Public Schools, an executive of the search firm stated at a public meeting that, on average, top education administrators change jobs every one-and-a-half to two years. What this means is that any selection board would be naïve to expect that their most recent selection would not be contacted or consider other job offers within the first year or so of employment. We learned this lesson from recent experiences with former NMSU President Mike Martin and basketball coach Reggie Theus.

While there are those who feel our laws should be changed to allow searches to be made surreptitiously, the public would be best served by changing New Mexico's law to require that the university president search be handled like other public job searches. They should be open from the beginning and not just the final stage.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sharing the road safely

If the report in the daily paper is correct, the accident that killed a bicyclist Tuesday, Nov. 11, occurred on southbound Telshor Boulevard near Foxworth-Galbraith during daylight. I drive and bike that section of Telshor Boulevard, at that time of day, and know that is posted with the "share the road" signs. While there is not a striped shoulder or bike lane, there is a center turning lane where cars can move into so as to safely pass bicyclists. Since the bicyclist killed there was struck from behind, I assume the bicyclist was riding on the right side of the road.

As cyclists, it is our duty to follow traffic rules, ride predictably and to be visible. It is our duty as drivers – motor vehicle drivers and bicycle drivers – to pay attention to the entire roadway, constantly scanning in front and behind us for other vehicles or bicycles entering or exiting the roadway or traveling in the roadway, while also being aware of any pedestrians. It is the duty of the police to investigate this crash as a conflict between two road users.

Bicyclists, as defined by New Mexico statutes covering bicycles, are legitimate road users that "are granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle." It cannot be assumed that the bicyclist is at fault simply because he chose to use his bike to commute to work instead of driving his vehicle.

According to the articles in the daily paper, the motorist that struck the bicyclist said she "didn't see the cyclist."

I wonder if this driver was otherwise distracted while driving her vehicle. If so it is entirely possible that the she didn't "see" the cyclist no

matter how predictable and visible the cyclist may have been.

This tragedy, once again, illustrates the need to educate both motorists and cyclists about how to share the road safely. I'm anxiously awaiting the results of the police investigation.

TAMMY SCHURR
League of American Bicyclists

Green space needed

It is of the utmost importance that the Country Club land be purchased and developed as green space for our community.

At this time, while families are struggling financially, it is important that we have more options of serene and family oriented places that we can go and relax and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

There will be more and more development over the next 20 years and it would be especially nice to see our community do something for the families who, for whatever reasons, might not be able to purchase a home but can always take the family and go for a picnic and play games in a nice park and green space.

For those of us who own homes it benefits us as well, showing the side of Las Cruces that we are still known for – friendly neighborhoods and safe areas for children and retirees to go and mingle.

We ask the mayor and city councillors to consider the importance of more green space and not more commercial areas and more crowded housing areas.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this.

MARY JANE AND DAVID SMEAD

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State's Rose Bowl float theme says whimsical but aliens out Coyote and roadrunner on this year's parade entry

New Mexico's 2009 Rose Parade entry will be as much fun as this year's float was and maybe a little less controversial than the space aliens that inhabited the 2008 prize winner.

The idea of depicting our state as spacey didn't appeal to some New Mexicans or to the tourism heads of our larger cities. But the alien float attracted much attention in Southern California, along with the Grand Marshal's Award, one of the top-three most prestigious.

The main characters on New Mexico's 2009 float will be Wile E. Coyote and the elusive roadrunner. To me, the terrain Wile E. chases the roadrunner through looks more like northern Arizona and southern Utah, but hey, the roadrunner is New Mexico's state bird.

It also doesn't hurt that Chuck Jones, the creator of coyote-roadrunner cartoons, happened to really like New Mexico and opened a gallery in Santa Fe. The Jones family and Warner Brothers gave permission for use of the characters on the float.

So once again New Mexico has a theme that should grab the attention of the 40 million Americans who watch the parade live. The Rose Parade is televised on nine national and international networks in 150 countries worldwide.

The primary audience that interests state Tourism Secretary Michael Cerletti, however, is in southern California, where prospective tourists are plentiful but advertising is prohibitively expensive. California consistently ranks first or second in the number of domestic visitors to New Mexico annually.

The cost to New Mexico taxpayers of putting a float in the Rose Parade is somewhere around \$170,000, far less than an ad in a major magazine. Another \$50,000 or so is provided by sponsors who want to get their name before the large audience.

Sponsors participate in the state's promotional activities in the Los Angeles area during the week before the parade. They get to be at all the promotional events, have their name in every promotional publication, access to all media functions and other events connected with the parade plus, depending on the level of sponsorship, tickets to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game.

This year, new Deputy Tourism Secretary Jen Hoffman is in charge of sponsors. Anyone interested can contact her at 505-827-6674 or email her at Jennifer.hoffman@state.nm.us.

Volunteers also are needed to decorate on the float. That job begins the day after Christmas and continues until New Year's Eve, capped by a volunteer party that

night for everyone putting in at least two eight-hour shifts of work on the float.

Besides returning veterans who have worked on the previous two floats, many newcomers will join in this year's decorating. If you are interested in being a part of the effort and are willing to pay your own way, as all the volunteers do, contact Bobbi Baca at bobbibaca16@comcast.net.

Not everyone is happy with the float theme, of course. Traditionalists want to see adobe chapels, red chile and señoritas, similar to our first float, which won nothing.

Some Norteños are upset because there aren't many coyotes or roadrunners in that part of the state. But there will be tall pines in the background. In the Acme rocket Wile E. is riding tree huggers sense toxic waste and shades of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

But you can't please everyone. Whimsical floats, such as New Mexico's, appear to win more than their share of prizes and, therefore, receive more publicity. And they are the ones viewers remember. So why not be remembered for something fun?

Last year, there were calls to scrap the alien theme and return to something more traditional. Although some on the state Tourism Board became a little queasy about the aliens, they couldn't have changed the theme anyway.

Rose Parade floats are a year-round business. Soon after each parade the concepts for the following year go on the drawing board and the building of superstructures begins. At that point, it's too late to change.

Contact Miller at insidethecapitol@hotmail.com.

Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steinborn thanks voters

It has been one of the longest campaign seasons in memory, and I know I speak for all of us when I say, thank goodness it's over. Since being elected state representative two years ago, I have been honored to have the opportunity to get to know so many hard-working people in our community and to serve as their representative in the state Legislature. I am humbled to have been re-elected to this position for another two years.

I would like to thank all of my supporters for your continued belief in me and in my service to our community. I also want to thank Kent Evans and his wife Anna Mae, as well as all the good folks who supported and worked hard for his candidacy, for a hard fought campaign. Finally, I'd like to thank Kent for his eight years of service on the Doña Ana County Commission.

I strongly believe that we all must now come together to work on the great challenges that face us. Whether it is the growing budget crunch to high-energy and health care costs to our stagnant economy, we must work together to address these challenges. Our children, our fellow citizens and our veterans who put their lives on the line for us deserve no less than this steadfast and laser focus. This is my commitment to you for the next two years.

As we head into this holiday season, I wish everyone a safe and happy time with your family and friends and a great new year.

JEFF STEINBORN
state representative District 37

Frugality needed

Now that the elections are over, everything has settled down and all who voted the Democratic ticket are rejoicing. Most people are in fine spirits and looking forward to stuffing themselves on Thanksgiving. So I can't think of a better time to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Everyone voted for the people they thought were the answers to our problems at local, state and federal levels, and I hope that only good will come from the votes that ensconced the Democrats in control of the entire nation, though I have a few reservations on that issue.

We tend to think that all our problems can be solved at the federal and state levels because these branches acquire most of the tax money collected, whereas local and county governments receive a smaller portion.

Not to downplay the feds or the state for their importance, but we should be thinking about the people elected to the legal benches and the county level, as well as the bond issues voted for.

These bonds are paid for by local taxes and will place an even heavier burden on our pocketbooks in the future, in a time of economic downturn.

The decisions made by our newly elected county officials, and the present sitting ones, must be very frugal in their spending of taxpayer dollars. With a newly passed tax by the commission to help pay for costs of upgrades and increases at the correctional center, it will even further our burden. With the loss of revenue we could wind up in deep trouble.

Be that as it may, I would like to thank the people who worked to get me elected and who voted for me. They will always have my gratitude and prayers for the future.

DOYLE PRUITT

Thanks from Aggie Gals

The Aggie Gals would like to thank all of you who purchased raffle tickets in our "Week's Worth of Dinners for Two" fundraiser. We raised \$2,420, which will be donated to the Aggie Athletics Scholarship General Fund. Our fundraiser would have not been possible without the generous contributions by the following Las Cruces restaurants: Furr's Buffet, Double Eagle, Picacho Hills Country Club, Andele Restaurant, St. Clair Bistro, Red Mountain Café, Risotto's Med Rim Bistro, Red Lobster, Si Señor, Lorenzo's de Mesilla, A Taste of India, La Posta de Mesilla and My Brother's Place. Thank you!

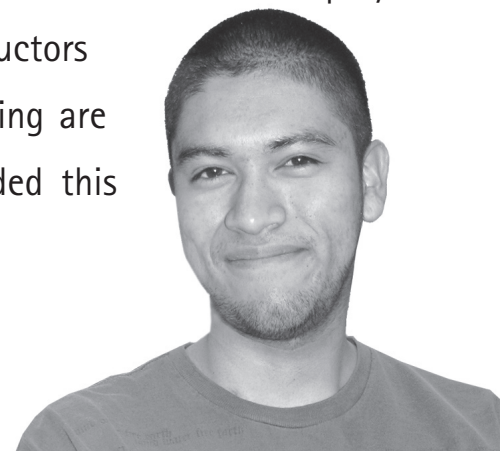
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Legendary musician passes

I learned today that my good and long-time friend Jimmy Carl Black passed away peacefully at his home in Siegsdorf, Bavaria. Sonny, as his friends called him, is a true legend in the annals of rock and roll, and is best known as the drummer for the Mothers of Invention with front man Frank Zappa. I first crossed his path when I interviewed him in the KNMS Radio studios at New Mexico State University around 1975. Of course we were surprised to find that the drummer for one of the most inventive and original rock bands of all time was living in Anthony, N.M. At the time Sonny had just formed the Mesilla Valley LoBoys, and they were starting to rehearse and tour the area. Sonny also lived in Taos in the 1980s, and his band Captain Glasspack and His Magic Mufflers played the Santa Fe scene often.

Sonny was born in El Paso with Cherokee blood and his classic line from the Zappa days, "Hi boys and girls, I'm Jimmy Carl Black, the Indian of the group," stuck all through his magnificent half-century in the music business. During the 1970s Sonny was cast by Frank Zappa for his breakthrough film "200 Motels," which also featured Ringo Starr – a drummer from Liverpool.

During and after his tenure with Zappa's band, Sonny played with some of the greatest musicians of the era including Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, The Doors, The Turtles, Chuck Berry and The Moody Blues. At some point in his career in New Mexico, I introduced Sonny to Santa Fe singer/songwriter Steve Terrell, who is currently a reporter for The Santa Fe New Mexican. Jimmy Carl played drums on one of Steve's tracks on his classic cult album, "Picnic Time for Potatoheads" and they became great friends in music and life. It was Steve who called me with the sad news. For those of you who were blessed to have known Jimmy Carl Black and enjoyed his music, his sense of humor and life please join me for a tip of the hat to one of rock and roll's most prolific drummers and also a great friend, husband and father.

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The way the football bounces

In small towns the football team represents the community identity

By MICHAEL SWICKARD
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field?" – Jim Bouton

Football is a New Mexico passion, much like green chile on eggs and driving five miles an hour over the speed limit. The fans include those who quote Bill Shankly, "Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that." Other fans stand up in the stands and shout, "Kick a homerun."

I am of an age where I can honestly say I do not remember my high school football team ever losing a game. I also cannot remember where I put my car keys.

Here in Las Cruces our high school teams are legends in that stronger and larger teams do not often win against them. Coaching often makes up the difference in size. Legendary coach Knute Rockne contended, "Football is a game played with arms, legs and shoulders, but mostly from the neck up."

Football is a learning activity for the players and over the years has become an enterprise involving thousands of dollars. In the college ranks, it is millions of dollars.

But as the NMSU Aggies fear this weekend, without fans, the enterprise is imperiled. I will be there as I have season tickets and have enjoyed the season. But I am different from fans who come only for the thrill of the Aggies beating the cookies out of some other team. That does not happen often.

The Aggies have had an interesting season. The students have been entertaining, though the local students cannot get as wild as those in colder areas. Dave Barry contends, "Sharks are as tough as those football fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent."

The NMSU Aggies have had a 40-year streak of bad luck. I have been in the stands throughout that streak. I was an NMSU freshman in fall 1968. It took a while for me to see the problem that has plagued the Aggies for 40 years: The opponents have always had significantly more financial resources with predictable results.

Both New Mexico collegiate and public school football is more than competition, it is institutional identity. As an educational consultant, I had an interesting moment recently. I was working in a small school district. During a break I asked what the community thought was the No. 1 problem in the school. The answer was trying to get back to 11-man

football. Six-man football was killing the community. There were people trying to recruit families who had boys to try to get to the level of 18 boys in high school that is generally accepted as the standard to be able to play 11-man football.

I understood. A few years ago one superintendent disclosed the problem was that of the five school board members, two had not graduated from high school but had the 43 votes it took to win election. And football was the alpha and omega of their concern.

Having lived some of my life in very small rural communities, I understand that the high school football team is the community identity. We agree with Don Shula when he said, "Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck."

This weekend, two of the three Las Cruces high school teams are in the hunt for another state football championship. Both are playing on the night of Friday, Nov. 21, Las Cruces High in the NMSU Aggie Memorial Stadium while Mayfield High School is at the Las Cruces Public School's Field of Dreams. It is possible that more fans will be in the Aggie stadium Friday night than Saturday at 2 p.m. when the Aggies play Louisiana Tech for pride.

I will be there Saturday in my regular seats. Hope to see you there. Go Aggies!

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Catching the bull by the tail

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Dick ran cows on some pretty rough country in southern Arizona. Every year he'd gather his herd off the Galliueros. Every year he'd miss some. So after shipping in the fall he and Alvin would ride back to the mountains to gather cutbacks, strays and wild cattle. Up on a high ridge they spotted a rangy black bull they'd missed last year as well. He was a renegade.

The two men traversed the canyon and started up the ridge. The ground was rocky, festooned with ocotillo, prickly pear, cat claw, greasewood, bunch grass, evergreens and scrubby cedar. The desert horses picked their way along. Alvin navigated past a twenty foot drop-off. Once he successfully made the crossing he looked back to see that Dick had dropped behind. Alvin rode on till he reached a tree covered plateau where the bull waited. While allowing his horse to blow he shook out his rope, dropped the knot over the horn and ran a piggin' string through his belt.

It takes a good horse to do what he had planned, and Alvin was well mounted. They eased into a slow walk at an angle to the bull who watched them warily. The plan was to get as close as he could before the bull spooked. It didn't take long! The bull broke for the high country and Alvin kicked into high gear! It is a sweet pleasure to ride a good horse with the skill, heart and nimbleness to chase wild cattle. In less than sixty seconds Alvin had roped the steer, thrown his trip, knocked the bull down, jumped off and hog-tied him!

As the critter lay there, Alvin built a small fire out of dead sticks, threw in his cinch ring-runnin' iron and whittled a couple of handles. Next came the ear mark, castration and hand-drawn brand. Satisfied he released the beast.

Later back down the mountain Alvin related his accomplishment.

"Yer kiddin'!" said Dick, "You didn't catch that black bull! You couldn't have! That's the same one we've missed twice now! I don't believe it."

Alvin reached in his pocket and pulled out two cojones, each the size of a Bartlett Pear and plopped them in Dick's lap. "Here's yer bull," he said

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RESERVOIR UPDATE

Snow storms in the Rio Grande Basin have increased the snow pack to 38 percent of average, compared with 8 percent of average last year at this time, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported in its weekly river advisory.

But the National Weather Service reported that based on weather patterns in the South Pacific, early indications are that the snow pack this winter could be below normal. The bureau noted that the greatest snow accumulation usually in from February to April and is monitoring the storm movements.

The reservoir storage figures are:

- Elephant Butte – 585,434 acre-feet, 29 percent of a full reservoir, an increase of 1,829 acre-feet, 61 feet below the spillway.
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The first tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate intersection with U.S. Highway 70, 25 miles west of White Sands National Monument headquarters, between mileposts 174 and 175. The trip will return to the Small Missile Range Gate at 1 p.m.

Participants will drive their own vehicles 17 miles over paved roads across the White Sands Missile Range to the Lake Lucero trailhead, then hike 3/4 mile to the lake.

The second tour will begin at 2 p.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate. The trip will return to the Small Missile Range Gate at 5 p.m.

All vehicles should have a spare tire and sufficient gasoline for the 34-mile round trip to the Lake Lucero trailhead. Each person should have sufficient drinking water, a snack if desired, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, stout walking shoes, and suitable dress for the weather. Cameras may not be used while passing through the missile range, but are encouraged for use while at the monument lake area.

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New adoption agency hosts open house

Angels Watch is first private agency in southern New Mexico

By **JIM HILLEY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Angels Watch, a new, nonprofit adoption agency, has opened its doors in Las Cruces and is inviting the public to an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at their new location, 425 W. Griggs Ave.

Cathy Brittain, a spokesperson for the agency, told the Bulletin they will work primarily with families seeking to adopt infants, but will also work in conjunction with other agencies, including the Children, Youth and Families Department, in assisting prospective parents

seeking to adopt older children. The nonprofit agency will be under the direction of Carrie Greer, who is director of the Family Pride Foundation, the parent organization of the company.

Brittain said there are currently four people working at the agency, including herself and Greer.

"We're hoping to do a lot (of adoptions) because we are the only private agency down here. Right now, the closest one is in Belen," she said.

Another local option for prospective parents is to adopt through the Children, Youth and Families Department, but that state agency deals mostly with older children

and children with special needs.

Anyone interested in seeking to adopt a child through the agency must pay a \$250 application fee and pay \$1,400 for a home study – an assessment of the prospective parents' qualifications and suitability to adopt. Prospective parents must also undergo a background check and screening for potential health problems.

Brittain said that the time needed to adopt depends on the amount of paperwork involved and the amount of time needed for a home study. "The longest I've seen one take was two years," she said.

For more information, call the agency at 523-1276.

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Spaceport

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The rest of the spaceport construction funding will come from the state.

Spaceport America's boundaries take up 26 square miles, but will be built on only about 145 acres. The EIS foresees 970 acres of the land to be affected by the construction process.

The main issue raised in the EIS process was that a futuristic spaceport with regular launches would adversely impact the nearby historical Camino Real trail, a trading route from Spanish colonial time. Virgin Galactic has approved a design that will blend into the surroundings, and the Spaceport Authority has agreed to a mitigation plan to make sure there are few impacts to the trail.

Hunters also have raised a concern about loss of some quality habitat, but the EIS noted that the Spaceport Authority is working with the State Land Office and the Bureau of Land Management to reduce impact.

Otherwise, the study found no significant impact from the spaceport to the area – which has been previously used for ranching.

"Spaceport America would be constructed in a rural area with very sparse population, and would co-exist with the local ranching economy," the EIS noted in its finding of no substantial impact from the project.



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Six-year-old Lakeysha whispers to her mother, **Princesa Carter**, Saturday, Nov. 15, in district court before adoption proceedings begin on National Adoption Day. Sitting between them is Josiah, 3, and sitting next to them is Thomas Carter holding Glindia, 2.

Adoption

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Phyllis Radtke told how she and her husband Jeff have adopted seven children over seven years. She praised CYFD for the therapists and other support to help them work with their children through the trauma of their lives "and find our way to hope."

November is National Adoption Awareness Month and the National Adoption Day event has grown from a few adoptions around the country to thousands, Cosentino noted. There also are a number of other awareness programs held during the month and outreach efforts to get parents to consider adopting or providing a foster home.

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John McCain/Sarah Palin (R)
28,066 40.5 percent

U.S. Senator

Tom Udall (D) 42,073
61.4 percent
Steve Pearce (R) 26,415
38.6 percent

U.S. Representative District 2

Harry Teague (D) 41,513
61.2 percent
Ed Tinsley (R) 26,373
38.8 percent

State Senator District 31

Cynthia Nava (D) 7,550
100 percent

State Senator District 36

Mary Jane Garcia (D) 9,411
54.7 percent
Lee Cotter (R) 7,736
45.3 percent

State Senator District 37

Steve Fischmann (D) 12,796
52 percent
Lee Rawson (R) 11,804
48 percent

State Senator District 38

Mary K. Papen (D) 12,158
100 percent

State Senator District 40

Dianna Duran (R) 241
100 percent

State Representative District 33

Joni Gutierrez (D) 7,647
100 percent

State Representative District 34

Mary Helen Garcia (D) 5,111
100 percent

State Representative District 35

Antonio Lujan (D) 6,937
100 percent

State Representative District 36

Andy Nuñez (D) 5,432
53.6 percent
Mike Tellez (R) 4,703
46.4 percent

State Representative District 37

Jeff Steinborn (D) 9,305
60.5 percent
Kent Evans (R) 6,066
39.5 percent

State Representative District 52

Joseph Cervantes (D) 6,444
100 percent

State Representative District 53

Nate Cote (D) 4,717
63.7 percent
Stanford Locke (R) 2,693
41.1 percent

District Attorney

Susana Martinez (R) 45,075
100 percent

Magistrate Judge Division 5

Kent Wingenroth (D) 42,640
64.7 percent
George Murphy (R) 23,230
35.3 percent

County Commission District 2

Dolores Saldaña-Caviness (D)
6,421 100 percent

County Commission District 4

Scott Krahling (D) 10,063
54.8 percent
Doyle Pruitt (R) 8,313
45.2 percent

County Commission District 5

Leticia Benavidez (D) 7,693
63.4 percent
Greg Sowards (R) 4,438
36.6 percent

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In the News

Election results certified

The Doña Ana County Commission certified the results of the Nov. 4 general election on Friday, Nov. 14, after adding some federal ballots.

Earlier that week, the commission acting as the election canvassing board put off certifying the results because there wasn't any federal ballots tallied. The federal ballots added a little less than 100 votes, with a Democrat to Republican voting ratio of about 2-1.

The total turnout in Doña Ana County was estimated at 61 percent based on 108,620 eligible voters, according to Doña Ana County election supervisor Lynn Ellins, who will be the new county clerk. Ellins noted the Secretary of State's website had problems updating the Doña Ana County tallies.

The results now will be certified at the state level. The commission plans to hold a work session in the future to review some of the election problems, primarily in the non-timely processing of absentee ballot requests.

State shortfall grows

New Mexico faces the prospect of a larger than expected budget shortfall this year because of economic woes and declining energy prices, according to reports out of Santa Fe.

The Associated Press reported that Senate President Pro Tem Tim Jennings sent a letter this week to public school and higher education officials warning that revenues could run \$500 million short of spending in the current budget year, more than twice what lawmakers were

first told last month.

Jennings and Sen. John Arthur Smith, chairman of the Legislative Finance Committee, are urging for cutbacks in all areas of government.

Spending for public schools and higher education takes up the lion's share of state general fund spending.

An updated revenue forecast will be issued next month. The state's investment funds were hit hard by the stock market plunge. Also, oil and gas prices have dropped drastically.

Gov. Bill Richardson's administration is currently reviewing all unspent capital outlay allocations and has put the breaks on any new spending. Last week, New Mexico Tech in Socorro became the first university to announce a hiring freeze in anticipation of future spending cuts from the state.

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At the Model UN Dinner

Former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, Gayle Lewis and former U.S. Ambassador Delano Lewis visit at the New Mexico State University Model United Nations fundraiser at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum on Nov. 13. The Model UN team will compete in the international competition in China over Thanksgiving.



Government students Austin Clawson, Moses Winston, Sam Schmitt and Lindsey Bilovesky



Ken Hammond speaks at the Model UN Dinner.

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Schools seek donations for needy during holiday season

Clothing, blankets and food top list of items

Many Las Cruces public schools are collecting donations of food items and clothing as they conduct donation drives to help needy families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Here is information about some of those school collections and how you can help:

Hillrise Elementary School is conducting "both a food and clothes collection for needy families," said school nurse Edan Luschei. "We will gladly accept gently used clothing for both girls and boys, ages 3 to 4 up to 12 to 14, along with shoes. We are also collecting canned and boxed foods in order to put together both Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes for families in need. We will gladly accept any donations from the community until Monday, Dec. 15," she said. Call the school at 527-9666 or drop off donations at 1400 S. Curnutt St. To reach the school, turn east off South Telshor Boulevard onto Claude Dove Drive. Travel one block and turn north onto Curnutt Street.

Central Elementary School Principal Eloisa Solis is raising money for the Rio Grande Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association throughout the month of November. She is seeking donations through the chapter's 2008 Las Cruces Jingle Bail Lock Up, which will serve as "bail" to help her "get out of jail" on Thursday, Dec. 4. Send donations to MDA, Central Elementary School, 150 N. Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88005. Contact Solis at 527-9496 or esolis@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Conlee Elementary School's Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive through Friday, Nov. 21. All canned goods collected will be donated to Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, said fifth-grade teacher and student council sponsor Beth Kaime. Drop off canned-good donations at Conlee Elementary at 1701 Boston Drive. Call the school at 527-9656.

The **San Andres High School** Winter Food Drive continues through Friday, Nov. 21, said SAHS Special Education lead Taryn Fogle. The event is being conducted by the SAHS Parent Involvement/Student Success Committee. All canned goods collected will be donated to Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank of Las Cruces. SAHS is located at 2355 Avenida de Mesilla (the corner of Avenida de Mesilla and Boutz Road) in Mesilla. To donate canned goods, call Fogle at 527-6058, ext. 3807.

Students at **Oñate High School** are seeking donations of blankets for needy families and stuffed animals for needy children in the community in November and December. OHS students also will assist with Salvation Army Dress the Child shopping events at Sears (Sunday, Nov. 16), JCPenney (Sunday, Nov. 23), Walmart on Walton Boulevard (Saturday, Dec. 6) and Kohl's (Sunday, Dec. 7). To donate blankets and/or stuffed animals, contact Patty Alarcon at 627-9430 or palarcon@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Cesár E. Chávez Elementary School will be giving 35 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at the school, thanks to donations from Morning Star United Methodist Church, said the school's social worker, Jeff Roybal. "They are a great bunch of people and they usually throw in a blanket with the basket. The ladies from the church make the blankets." Contact the church at 521-3770, or contact the school at 527-6022.

"We are very fortunate to have great community partners," said **MacArthur Elementary School** Assistant Principal Rosa Apodaca. "Las Cruces Home Builders Association and Empty Pockets Program from Hallmark Stores always provide us with enough food boxes to provide for our needy families," she said. Contact the school at 527-9556.

Eighth-grade Advanced Educational Services students at **Lynn Middle School** are conducting a toy drive for Tresco Tots through Monday, Dec. 1, said Lynn AES facilitator Mary E. Garcia. Students are seeking donations of new toys valued at \$5 or more for children age three years old and older. Donations will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 1. Contact Garcia at Lynn at 527-9445 or mgarcia@lcp.k12.nm.us. Or, drop off donations the school, located at 950 S. Walnut St.

Lynn Middle School eighth-grade AES students are collecting blankets and towels through Monday, Dec. 1, to donate to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Mary E. Garcia at 527-9445 or mgarcia@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Or take your donation to Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut Ave. For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org/resources/pets/hs.shtm.

Members of the **Lynn Middle School** Character Counts!/Builders Club are selling paper turkey feathers for 25 cents each. Lynn students are attaching the feathers to paper turkeys with their favorite teachers' faces on them. Money raised will help pay for Thanksgiving dinners for needy Lynn families. For more information, contact Elva Armijo 527-9445 or earmijo@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Desert Hills Elementary School students have adopted 17 needy children for the holidays through the

Adopt-A-Child program at Jardin de los Niños shelter of Las Cruces. Jardin de los Niños serves homeless or near-homeless children throughout Las Cruces. Seventeen classrooms at Desert Hills Elementary are participating by each adopting one of the needy children. Students bring in donations of clothes, jackets, shoes and toys for each adopted child. Jardin provides a list of what is needed for each child and his or her sizes. Then, students and their families sign up to purchase one of the items. Many classes are also purchasing items for the rest of the adopted child's family members. For more information on Jardin de los Niños or its Adopt-a-Child program, call 522-2111 or visit www.jardinlc.org. Call Desert Hills Elementary School at 527-9619.



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Animal shelter reviewed before transition

Moore meets with advocates to hear issues

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On the eve of switching to a new independent governance for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, City Manager Terrence Moore met with local animal advocates one more time to give a progress report and to hear their concerns.

The former animal shelter will soon be overseen and funded by a joint city-county authority with a board made up of city and county officials that will meet monthly, Moore said at the meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Branigan Memorial Library. With the city and county recently finalizing the joint-powers agreement, the board should be meeting by the new year.

Moore said the city recently completed interviews of applicants to be the center's full-time veterinarian. City officials said they are pleased by the number and quality of applicants for the job. Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, the center's director and a licensed veterinarian herself, said many of the applicants had experience working

at a shelter and handling large volumes of spay and neuter procedures. That will be the primary job of the new veterinarian, she said, along with helping care for animals housed at the center.

The center does have an area ready for the veterinarian that includes a surgical table, she said. City officials expect to make a final selection sooner and have the person on board by January.

Brian Denmark, the city's facility director, detailed work that's been done so far on improvements to conditions at the shelter, such as creating office space for the new staff, improving ventilation, new flooring and other repairs.

Still, several animal advocates complained that the building opened in the 1980s is too old and inadequate for the volume of animals being seen at the shelter. One of the early proposals that Vesco-Mock said she'll be bringing before the new joint-authority board is the need for creating a second center in the southern part of the county, considering that many of the animals at the center come from there. Meanwhile, Denmark said the city

is trying to act as quickly as possible to make more improvements to the current center with funds available from the state. Vesco-Mock said she was recently informed by the county that there may be money on the way to make improvements in the center's livestock holding area.

The center has been hit hard with cases of animal hoarding and cruelty. Lawmakers are proposing a system to force these animal owners to either put up bond to pay for the care of their animals while their cases are processed, or relinquish ownership so the animal shelters can then put them up for adoption.

Vesco-Mock admitted she's surprised to see that the number of animals being handled by the center has not decreased, and she told the advocates that it will take a long time through an aggressive spay-and-neuter focus before seeing those numbers dropping. Her eventual goal is to have a "no-kill" shelter, and the shelter is practically at capacity to hold as many animals as possible. She also sees a significant problem with feral cats in the county.

Besides raising concerns, the advocates also praised the efforts made so far by the city officials and Vesco-Mock.



Olga Granado, pictured here by the playground at the visitor hospitality house of the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility, is now battling cancer and a fund has been set up to help pay for essential surgery.

Fund created to help woman

Donations needed for cancer surgery

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For years, Olga Granado was the director of the Frank Villegas Hospitality House at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility to help the families of inmates have a comfortable place during visitations. She recently was recognized with a state award for her volunteer service.

Now, Granado is fighting for her life against cancer, and a fund has been established to help her pay for the latest surgery to remove a tumor close to her liver, according to a relative, Maria Inez Garcia. That surgery will cost \$7,000 and isn't covered by her health insurance, Garcia said.

Donations can be sent to the Olga Granado Benefit at Bank of the West, account number 294037346.

Garcia can be contacted at 522-7167 for more information.

Christmas can be sad for children of inmates

Angel Tree offers gifts to brighten holiday

Some of the youngest and most overlooked victims of the spiraling economy this Christmas may be the children of prisoners in El Paso and Las Cruces.

They are among the most severely at-risk children and teens in America. Having an incarcerated parent often results in school behavior and performance problems as well as social stigma and shame.

One group is asking people to help them make these children's Christmas a little brighter.

"Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree reaches out to prisoners' children to help break the cycle of crime," said Prison Fellowship Executive Director Joel Ryan. "By offering them a Christmas gift on behalf of their incarcerated parent, you can help a child feel loved and strengthen the bond with their mom or dad. Research shows this

can help their parent stay out of prison, once they are released."

Here's how the people of El Paso and Las Cruces can help:

- "Adopt" an inmate's child this Christmas by calling 866-333-6696 toll-free.
- Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree will tell you what a little boy or girl would like, their age and clothing size.
- Drop off Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree gifts at the home of the child by Christmas day to make a child's Christmas special – even while their parent is behind bars.

Since the program's inception in 1982, more than 7.5 million children of prisoners have received some 16 million Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree gifts nationwide.

Throughout the summer, inmates are given the opportunity to sign their chil-

dren up to receive Christmas gifts given by volunteers on behalf of the incarcerated parent. Leading up to Christmas, each child's name and gift wishes are written on paper angels and hung on Christmas trees placed in participating churches. Volunteers purchase and wrap the requested items and either deliver the gifts personally or host a party where the gifts are distributed to all the children sponsored. Each child receives a toy or recreational item and an article of clothing.

Angel Tree doesn't end with Christmas. That first Christmas connection can be the beginning of a rewarding, ongoing relationship with these children and their families. As ministry to these families continues throughout the year, lives are often transformed and families are reconciled.

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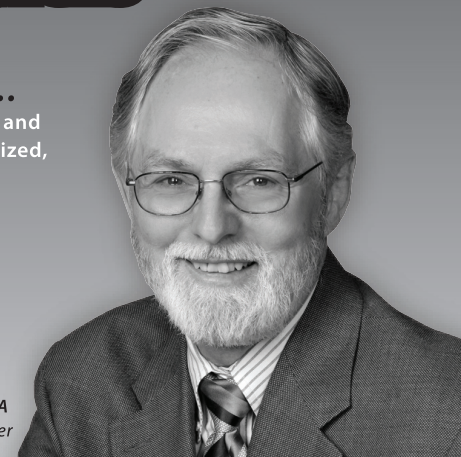
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LCPS construction projects proceeding on schedule

Work on major construction projects continues at Las Cruces Public Schools, according to a report submitted to the LCPS Board of Education at its Tuesday, Nov. 18, meeting by LCPS Construction Projects Manager Gloria Martinez.

Here is an update on current and recently completed LCPS construction projects:

- Roof renovations at White Sands Schools, located on White Sands Missile Range, are complete. The \$1.09 million project is funded by LCPS and the New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC). James W. Green Architect of Albuquerque is the project's architect. Progressive Services Inc., whose district office is in Phoenix, is doing the renovations. The White Sands Schools building was built in 1951.
- Roofing projects at two elementaries and one middle school are under way. ASA Architects Studio is the architect for the \$1 million project; DynaCon Construction Inc. of Fairacres, is doing the work. The project is funded by the 2006 bond election. The work at Loma Heights Elementary School (built in 1966), 1600 E. Madrid Ave., is 75-percent complete. The work at Conlee Elementary School (built in 1954), 1701 Boston Drive, is complete. Work at Picacho Middle School (built in 1982), 2700 W. Picacho Ave., is complete. The project's final completion is Jan. 20, 2009, which includes repairing the roof over Loma Heights Elementary's cafeteria.
- Lighting projects at six schools: East Picacho Elementary School (built in 1984), 4450 N. Highway 85; Mesilla Park Elementary School (built in 1975), 955 W. Union Ave. in Mesilla Park; Doña Ana Elementary School (built in 1976), 5551 Camino del Flores in Doña Ana; San Andres High School (opened at its present location 1991, the building was built in 1951), 2355 Avenida de Mesilla in Mesilla; Mesilla Valley Training Center; and the Oñate High School practice field (built in 1993 and located at 5700 Mesa Grande Drive). The project is 90-percent complete. Williams Design Group is the architect. Highland Enterprises of Las Cruces is doing the work. The \$542,848 project is funded by the 2006 bond.
- Construction began Sept. 22 on an upgrade to the theater at San Andres High School. The work will include stage lighting, a proscenium curtain and general upgrades. The \$107,092 project is paid for with 2006 bond funds and the PSCOC. Williams Design Group is the architect. ESA Construction Inc. is doing the work. A wheelchair lift for stage accessibility will be paid for with Americans with Disabilities Act funds.
- Work began Sept. 22 on ADA upgrades at LCPS elementary schools, including Alameda, Fairacres, Mesilla, Mesilla Park and Tombaugh. ASA Architects Studio is the architect for the \$1.9 million project. ESA Construction Inc. is doing the work. The project is funded by the 2006 bond issue and the state Legislature.
- A pre-bid meeting was held Sept. 11 and bids opened Oct. 9 on renovations to Mayfield High School. ASA Architects Studio is the architect for the \$6.9 million project. The work is funded by the PSCOC, legislative appropriation, LCPS and bond funds. It will include an upgrade to the school's science wing; restroom renovations; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system installation. Work should to be completed in November 2009.
- Completion is expected Dec. 31, on renovations at CrossRoads, located at 411 N. Armijo St., on a new roof and heating, ventilation and air conditioning on both buildings. The middle school also will receive new carpeting; renovations to its restrooms, including ADA upgrades; a new canopy on its outside courtyard;

new lights and a drop ceiling; and new doors and hardware. Williams Design Group is the architect for the \$446,446 project. ESA Construction is doing the construction work. Funding for the project comes from the 2006 bond issue.

- Mayfield High School Drama classroom/performance area construction is in the design phase. This \$2 million project, funded by the 2006 bond issue, is currently being designed by ASA Architects Studio.
- Weight room remodeling will begin at Las Cruces High School. Lockers have been ordered and flooring is being ordered for this \$285,900 project, which is being paid for by legislative appropriation. The work includes heating, ventilation and air-conditioning upgrades; painting; new flooring and ceilings;

new insulation, power conduits, roof curbs and duct work. Williams Design Group is the architect. Enoch Mechanical Construction is doing the construction. A separate \$25,000 project, being designed by Bohannon Huston, an engineering company in Las Cruces, will design adequate drainage for the weight room.

- New playing fields at Oñate High School are to be designed. The architectural firm of Rem Alley and Associates of Las Cruces has been hired to do the design work for this \$200,000 project, which is being paid for by legislative appropriation. The project will include the design and construction of new girls soccer and softball fields. It will go to bid after the project is designed, and is expected to be completed in time for the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

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A large crowd was in attendance in the Mesilla Plaza for the historical re-enactment of the Gadsden Purchase on Saturday, Nov. 15.



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Park donation creates inner-city refuge

Late resident leaves legacy of trees, plants, butterflies

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Emma Heske died at the age of 101 in 2003, she left \$535,000 to the City of Las Cruces to create a park with flowers, trees and grass.

Because she also wanted it to be a place easily enjoyed by the elderly, a place in the existing park northeast of the Munson Senior Center was a choice location.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, city officials and friends of Heske held a grand opening for the new park. As people enjoyed the park's array of flowers – complete with butterflies and bees, plants and trees arranged with walkways, benches and stones, they also thought of the remarkable woman whose donation made it possible.

Elaine McKinney of Wells Fargo Bank, who planned Heske's estate, said she came to know the woman as a person of great strength and tenacity.

Born in 1902 in Connecticut, Heske and her six siblings lost their parents and she was the only one not put in an orphanage as she was of working age, which then was 13. She worked in a corset factory and eventually not only got all her siblings out of the orphanage, she put each of them through college before she put herself through school to earn a nursing degree. She used those nursing skills in World War II and Korea. She later earned a master's degree in economics and ran a successful farm in Hawaii after retiring from the Army.

After she had friends retire to New Mexico, she followed and chose Las Cruces, according to Jean Babb, who was a caregiver for Heske and became her friend. Babb said Heske was a woman of strong character, who built her home in Hawaii with her own hands. Mostly, though, she enjoyed using her hands to grow things, she said.

"I think she is here with us," McKinney said to the audience at the park's opening. "I think she will be pleased with what we're going to experience here today."



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Couple creating a school for advanced education

Las Cruces Academy to open by August 2009

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

To learn more about Las Cruces Academy, visit www.LasCrucesAcademy.org

Las Cruces Academy, a new private school to focus on advanced learning for gifted students, hopes to open their doors by August 2009, say its founders.

Lou Ellen Kay and Vincent Gutschick both recently retired as professors at New Mexico State University to pursue this longtime dream that began when their son, David Gutschick, began going to school. They were concerned about the quality of education in the public schools, but there wasn't a private alternative that appealed to them.

Although their son – a Las Cruces High School graduate – was able to go on to earn a mechanical engineering degree from Cal Tech, this began a long journey for the couple to create the kind of school they couldn't find in their community.

After a lot of research and meeting with local government officials, the result is Las Cruces Academy – a private school, not a charter school, Kay is quick to point out. "The way I see it, whatever the state gives can just as easily take away," she said. "And we want complete control."

The long-range vision for Las Cruces Academy is to have it teach students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade with a museum component. A model for the kind of school the couple wants to create is the Perth Modern School, a academically selective school in Australia.

At the start, however, the school will begin with kindergarten through third grade. There will be a heavy emphasis on math, science and reading instruction along with learning to speak and write in at least three languages – English, Spanish and Chinese.

A board has been created for the school, along with it getting its 501(c)3 status established. A site for the school in its first years has been made available in space on the Downtown Mall by an engineering firm. The couple plans to open the doors of Las Cruces Academy in August 2009 with about 28 students and at least six teaching staff.

Kay said the school's eventual goal is to grow to only about 50 students with class sizes never more than 15 students to a teacher.

They are currently recruiting teachers. The couple said they will be flexible to what good teachers want to do and how much time they want to spend teaching. Some good retired teachers may not want to put in a full day and only teach a class or two – and that will be fine, Kay said. The most important thing, she said, is that their teachers be fanatical about teaching.

Though the school year at Las Cruces Academy will begin at the same time as those attending regular school, the couple said they believe the American school year and length of instructional days are too short compared to other countries.

The yearly tuition will be \$5,000 and admission will be geared to gifted and academically advanced students.

Once the older grades get up and running, the couple also plans to incorporate a museum into the school in which the students develop museum exhibits and act as docents to visitors and younger students. The museum's theme will be simply to showcase the exhibits of whatever subjects the students and their instructors want to create. "It will be a very eclectic museum," said Kay, who will be the academy's director.

Kay and Gutschick say that producing well-educated young people is essential for future survival, especially in light of ecological challenges. "I am very worried about the survival of the species," Kay said.

Also, having an educated work force will attract better economic development, Gutschick said, which will include new technology to tackle some of these ecological issues.

Besides recruiting teaching staff, they are looking for corporate sponsors to offer scholarships.

Another strong component for the academy will be its parent outreach, Kay said. Students will only succeed if



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Lou Ellen Kay and Vincent Gutschick thank supporters Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Fountain home in Mesilla where they held a fundraiser for their Las Cruces Academy, a new private school they are developing.

they are supported at home, but many parents don't know how to provide that support, she said. Parents at the academy will be given mentoring to help them provide a supportive learning environment at home, she said.

The United States has lost its place as the leader in offering good education, the couple says. Ten years ago, the United States had the highest percentage of 25-to-34-year-olds with at least a bachelor's degree. As of 2005, six other countries have a higher percentage of that age group getting their bachelor's degrees. Even for the rate of students just graduating high school, the United States is 20th out of 26 industrial countries.

Much of the problem with the current public school system, the couple says, is low expectations of students, ineffective teachers and students not spending enough time in class. As a result, students drop out and those who do graduate aren't adequately prepared for college.

The end result, the couple says, will be a school in Las Cruces offering a world-class education that contributes to their community and the world in general. The existence of Las Cruces Academy, Kay added, will hopefully push the public school system to do better work, set higher expectations and offer more creative approaches to learning.

Their son is taking time off before pursuing his master's degree to help get the academy's website up and running. Gutschick, who is the academy's treasurer-secretary, also went to Cal Tech, where he earned his Ph.D. in physics. He and Kay, who has a doctorate in biology, met at Los Alamos National Laboratory before they came to NMSU to both teach biology.

The couple said it has taken more than 10 years for them to get this idea to the point that it's about to become a reality. They credit the late Jeanne Culbertson with giving the encouragement to pursue their dream of making a better school for the community where they live.

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Curbside recycling may soon be available in Las Cruces

Group formed to explore more options

By SUZANNE MICHAELS
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The "most livable city in New Mexico and Arizona" (Money Magazine) is about to get more livable ... as Las Cruces gears up for curbside recycling. The City of the Crosses is not only the second-largest city in New Mexico; it's also part of one of the top-10 fastest-growing population centers in the country, and residents are clamoring for single stream recycling.

Las Cruces' population is approaching 90,000 residents (27,000 households within the city limits) who now have the option of taking their recyclables to eight citizen drop-off centers. Nine Las Cruces schools also have recycling bins in their parking lots for use by the schools, parents and surrounding neighbors. For now, the school bins only accept clean corrugated cardboard and newspaper – but it's a first step toward a comprehensive single-stream curbside recycling program in Las Cruces.

On a crisp November afternoon, Mesilla Park Elementary third-, fourth- and fifth-graders joined forces as the Green Team to draw attention to their school's recycling bin.

The "bin beautification" project involved bright paint, a fun and recycling-friendly mural concept, and kids who were eager to get the job done. "Is there paint in my hair?" rang out as the students worked above each other to finish the task.

They were organized by Green Team leader, third-grade teacher Ed White, and the students eagerly tackled the task of painting the school's recycling bin in hopes of winning the Recycling Contest, part of America Recycles Day, Nov. 15.

Ed White is a transplant to Las Cruces from Maryland where recycling is a given. He believes firmly in recycling, and believes firmly if the habit is established while the kids are young, they will be fervent recyclers all their lives. His

goal is to establish a Green Team in every school in Las Cruces to make the habit "habitual."

Patrick Peck, director of the South Central Solid Waste Authority, couldn't agree more. Residents clearly want recycling (Peck's office gets recycling requests every day), elected city and county officials have the political will to move forward with recycling and implementing the program has

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Recycling will play a critical role in the future of Las Cruces.
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Teacher Ed White and his Mesilla Park Elementary "Green Team" students paint a recycling bin. The school came in second for the Bin Beautification contest. The first-place winners were Student Council members of University Hills Elementary School.

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become Peck's No. 1 goal.

Peck has established a grassroots group called SCRaP (South Central Recycling Partnership) that meets monthly in the SCSWA offices to figure out the best path to getting Las Cruces and Doña Ana County recycling as quickly, cost effectively and sustainably as possible. "Recycling will play a critical role in the future of Las Cruces and our surrounding communities," Peck said. "We are very pleased more schools are jumping on board to participate in this project to highlight recycling."

The next step? Patrick Peck has established a team that's hammering out a request for proposals to consider the benefits of farming out recycling to a private company that would work in tandem with SCSWA staff in the day-to-day handling of city and county solid waste. Over the next few months, the RFP will go out, negotiations will take place, decisions will be made, and Las Cruces could be recycling curbside before the end of 2009.

Suzanne Michaels is a spokesperson for the South Central Solid Waste Authority.

City announces student recycling contest winners

University Hills receives top prize

The City of Las Cruces has chosen winners of the City's student recycling contest. The contest, broken into two categories, was put on by Keep Las Cruces Beautiful and the Utilities Department.

University Hills Elementary School student council members were chosen as the first-place winners of the recycling bin painting contest. The second place winner is Mesilla Park Elementary. Students were encouraged to paint original designs on recycling bins related to recycling, including their school's logo or mascot.

University Hills Elementary students received a pizza party on Friday, Nov. 14. Participating students

from Mesilla Park Elementary were invited.

Holy Cross Catholic School and Picacho Middle School both came in first place for the "most recycled" category of the contest. They each recycled more than 21 pounds of recycling material per participating student. The second-place winner was University Hills Elementary School, which recycled more than 13 pounds per participating student.

The winners of the most recycled contest will receive a tree and plaque to place on their school grounds.

For more information, contact Bonnie Tafoya, Recycling Program coordinator, at 528-3589. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Winter shut-off program starts

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission is reminding consumers that protection from winter shut-off began Saturday, Nov. 15. Utility customers who may be eligible for Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be protected, by state law, from disconnection of services during the period through March 15, 2009. Consumers should check with their local utility company for information and availability.

To be protected, the customer must be eligible to receive LIHEAP and have no past due amounts on their billing statements. Or if the consumer has made an agreed-upon payment plan with their utility company they will also be protected from shut off. This protects customers from disconnection for non-payment during the coldest months of the year. However, this protection does not eliminate the obligation for customers to pay their utility bill. Customers should try making payments continuously so they will not be faced with a larger balance at the end of the protection period.

In relation to the prohibition on discontinuance of utility service during the winter heating season set forth in NMSA

1978 27-6-18.1, the Commission this week issued its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for changes to its rule 17.5.410 NMAC. The proposed changes to this rule includes new language and required forms of notice relating to the prohibition on discontinuance of utility service during the winter heating season set forth in NMSA 1978 § 27-6-18.1. In addition, other revisions being proposed are made for the general purpose of updating, reorganizing and clarifying the current rule.

To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact the New Mexico Human Services Department for LIHEAP eligibility information at 1-800-283-4465. Customers should also contact their electric and natural gas providers to verify their eligibility for LIHEAP and the protection from disconnect during this winter heating season.

For more information, contact the NMPRC Public Information Office at 505-827-4446, 505-699-7991 or visit www.nmprc.state.nm.us

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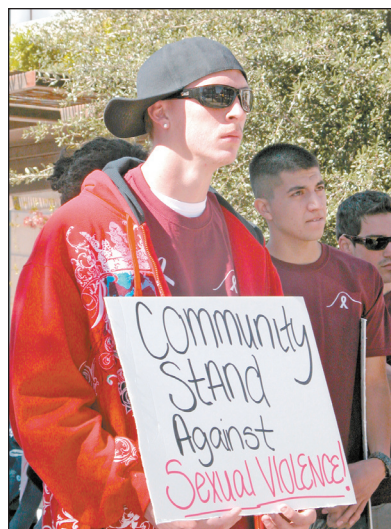
Members of the community marched on the Downtown Mall for the second annual White Ribbon March and rally for violence awareness and prevention, Saturday, Nov. 15.



NMSU student Tay Price speaks on behalf of the NMSU/WAVE program at a rally and march for violence awareness and prevention that took place on the Downtown Mall, Saturday, Nov. 15.



Below: Families & Youth Inc. Boys Stepping Stones member Steven Ginn, 15, held a sign advocating sexual violence prevention at the event.



NMSU social work and law major Mandy Orta spoke about violence prevention at the event.

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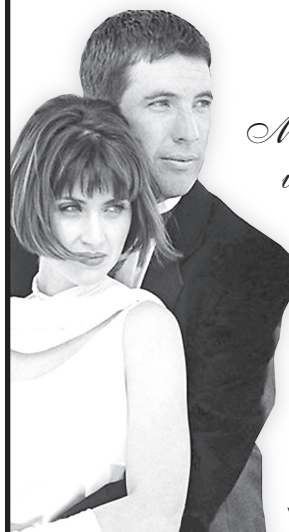
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Coming Up

SNAP volunteers needed

The Spay Neuter Action Program (SNAP) is getting set to take the new Doña Ana County spay/neuter mobile clinic on the road to outlying areas of the county that are in great need of spay-and-neuter services. Volunteers are needed to assist in this effort. The mobile clinic will be operating in Chaparral on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the first two weekends in December.

Bilingual volunteers are especially needed to help communicate information and care instructions to people who are not fluent in English.

For more information or to volunteer, call SNAP at 524-9265.

County to host blood drive

Doña Ana County employees and the public are encouraged to donate blood from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The blood drive will be coordinated by Janine Divyak. To schedule a time to donate, call 525-6130.

MVCS Jog-A-Thon Nov. 21

The Mesilla Valley Christian Schools annual Jog-A-Thon is Friday, Nov. 21. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade will kick up their heels on the MVCS field to raise money for the school. The morning will start with a pancake breakfast and continue with a hot dog lunch, each sponsored by the school's junior class.

The Jog-A-Thon is the school's largest and most successful fundraiser. Last year, the school raised \$68,000 for playground equipment, athletic department improvement and signage and lighting for the school's parking lots. For more information or to make a donation to Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, call Lori Conn at 525-8515, ext. 15.

Potters hold holiday sale

The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces will hold its annual festive Holiday Sale from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Las Cruces Association of Realtors' Building, 150 E. Idaho Ave.

Sixteen local ceramic artists will be selling art and gift items, including clay jewelry, functional pottery, sculpture, beaded jewelry and wooden walking sticks.

Participating artists are: Joe Angelo, Michelle Arterburn, Pat Grace, Beth Landers-Chidester, Rudy Lucero, Lesley and Richard Mausolf, Corry McKissack, Linda Reeder-Sanchez, Randy Summers, Dorothy Rising, Judy Thimesch, Cindy Waddell, Barbara Williams, Cally Williams and Jackie Zappa. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Cally Williams at 526-5250.

Short films at Fountain Theatre

A screening of short films by New Mexico filmmakers will be at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Guadalupe in Mesilla, at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. All of the films are under 10 minutes in length and were screened by the Mesilla Valley Film Society. Viewers will also get chance to meet some of the filmmakers. Admission is \$3.

Valley View craft fair

Valley View Elementary School's second annual Holiday Gift and Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in the school cafeteria, 915 E. California Ave., across the street from Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral.

The fair will include homemade crafts, pictures with Santa Claus, gift ideas for the holidays and jewelry. It will

feature many local vendors and live entertainment by local school groups and community organizations.

The event is sponsored by the Valley View Parents Committee for Children with Multiple Disabilities.

For more information, call Emily Viramontes at 635-0377 or 527-9586.

Apple pies benefit Haiti

A local orchard, the Big Apple Farm, is baking and selling apple pies for Thanksgiving to provide hunger relief in Haiti, which was recently ravaged by Hurricane Hanna.

Each piece of apple pie purchased (or each pound of apples, for those who would like to make your own holiday desert), will provide funding for one hot, cooked meal for someone in Haiti who has no food or ability to cook. When you share a pie with 8 pieces, 8 people in Haiti will receive a heaping plate of delicious food from a food vendor.

Along with a delicious hot meal, our neighbors in Haiti will be given a card that has a sentence of good hope from a person in our community. Those sentences will be translated into Haitian Creole. For those who would like to help twice, a pie can be purchased and donated to Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission for their Thanksgiving lunch.

Apple pies are \$9.95 each or \$12 with a southern-style corn meal crust. Pies with no sugar added are available.

Pies can be picked up Wednesday, Nov. 26, the day before Thanksgiving at 1030 El Paseo Road, next to Weinerschnitzel.

To pre-order a pie or for more information, call 644-9563 or email applepieplease@gmail.com.

Blankets spread the warmth

With the quickly chilling weather, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope is seeking donations of blankets and sleeping bags of all kinds for homeless, near homeless, and recently housed individuals and families. Community members and groups are encouraged to bring donations to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope main building (directly behind Horse 'n' Hound Feed store) located at 999 W. Amador Ave. Please drop off items on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The nonprofit will be closed for lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each day. For more information call 523-2219.

La Piñon Conference Dec. 2

La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Service of Southern New Mexico will host a professional conference: "Take Action: Choose Change – A Community Solution to Respond to Sexual Violence" on Wednesday, Dec. 3, on the third floor of Corbett Center on the New Mexico State University main campus.

Corbet Center – third floor. The conference is sponsored

by La Piñon, the NMSU Criminal Justice Department and the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs.

The speakers will be Pete Banks, National Center of Missing and Exploited Children; Amy Whitfield, Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center; and Susana Martinez 3rd Judicial District Attorney. Topics will be related to prevention of sexual exploitation, New Mexico laws relating to sexual assault, Internet safety and much more.

The conference will be offering six continued educational credits for Counselors and Law Enforcement.

To register for this event, contact La Piñon at 526-3437 or mjglapinon@zianet.com.

Republican Women meet Dec. 5

The next meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will be the annual Christmas meeting on Friday, Dec. 5. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, Dec. 2. More details will be announced at a later date. No regular meeting is planned in November. For more information or to make reservations, call 524-4565 or 527-5574.

Colonia toy drive under way

In 2007, Doña Ana County employees donated more than 600 toys valued at more than \$5,000 for distribution to children in five of the county's most economically depressed communities.

The 2008 toy drive collected more than 1,000 toys, and the coordinators in the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department said they are delighted to have exceeded last year's totals, both through employee donations and partnerships with outside agencies who participated.

All Doña Ana County employees in all departments were encouraged to participate. Names of children enrolled in the program are available each year from the Health and Human Services Department or by choosing a name from a departmental holiday tree on which the children's names, ages and interests are printed on "ornaments."

The suggested value of each gift was \$20. Gifts will be wrapped by Health and Human Services Department staff in advance of the community events. The toys will be distributed at the following times and locations:

- Dec. 6: Doña Ana Community Center at 5745 Ledesma Drive, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11: Rincon Community Center at 220 Baker St., 4 to 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13: Chaparral Community Center at 190 County Line Road, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18: Organ Community Center at 5880 Second St., 4 to 6:30 p.m.
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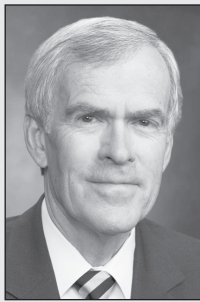
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Bingaman to be honored at NMSU commencement

Senator will receive honorary degree

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman will receive an honorary degree from New Mexico State University during the fall 2008 commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Pan American Center. Commencement begins at 10 a.m. with candidates for degrees from all colleges attending this ceremony.

Bingaman grew up in Silver City. His father was a science professor at Western New Mexico University, and his mother taught in the public schools. After graduating from high school, Bingaman earned a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University in 1965. He then entered the Stanford University School of Law, graduating in 1968. While at Stanford, he met fellow law student Anne Kovacovich. After graduation, they married and returned to New Mexico where they



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both practiced law. The two have a son named John.

Bingaman's political career began when he was elected New Mexico's attorney general in 1978. In that office, he earned a reputation as a thoughtful and dedicated public official. In 1982, he won election to the U.S. Senate. Since then, his seniority in the Senate and his leadership positions on key committees have allowed him to successfully fight for issues important to New Mexico.

During his time in office, Bingaman has shown an exceptional commitment to numerous NMSU programs, including those that strengthen economic development, research on renewable energy and the protection of natural resources, among others.

Bingaman won re-election in 2006 and is currently serving his fifth term in the Senate.

Klipsch Museum has new hours

The Paul W. Klipsch Museum located in the Foreman Engineering Complex at New Mexico State University has been updated and is now open for public tours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

A new highlight of the museum is one of only two sets of Klipsch Jubilee speakers in existence. Klipsch's design for the full-range, horn-loaded, two-way loudspeaker was completed in 1998 when he was 94. This also marked 50 years since the first Klipschorn was released to the public, thus the name Jubilee. The speakers work set can be demonstrated, along with five sets of various Klipsch speakers on display.

Also new to the museum is a replica

of Klipsch's personal office and exhibits of train sets that he built. The museum includes new photos of Klipsch, documenting his life beginning with his high school years.

One of the goals of the museum is to catalog and make available for research the technical correspondence of Klipsch, who, during his active professional career, maintained regular contact with famous engineers in audio-related areas.

Klipsch graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1926 and received an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1981. He earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University in 1934.

For more information, call 646-2913.

Search for new president ended by board of regents

Law requiring release of names decried

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents ended the search for a new university president during a special meeting, citing frustration with a state law that requires the university to publicly name five finalists. During the meeting, regents said NMSU is in good shape and in solid hands under the current leadership of Interim President Waded Cruzado.

"Outstanding leaders seldom want their current employer to know they are looking for work, let alone risk competing publicly with a large pool of qualified candidates," said Robert Gallagher, chair of the NMSU Board of Regents. "The important thing is that this university is moving forward. We are under very capable leadership with Dr. Cruzado."

Other regents also praised Cruzado for her leadership during her time as interim president. Cruzado was previously NMSU's executive vice president and provost. Her contract as interim president runs until July 31, 2009.

"I want people of this great university and our wonderful community to know that I am committed and dedicated to serving this institution," Cruzado said after the meeting. "With the board's decision to suspend the presidential search, my team and I will continue to lead this university and to move NMSU forward. I respect their decision, and I am honored to serve NMSU in this leadership position. We will continue to work hard with an agenda that places people and excellence at the center of everything we do."

New Mexico state law requires uni-



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versities to publicly name five finalists for the position of president and to do so between 21 and 30 days before they plan to fill the position. NMSU had 43 active candidates for president. The search process resulted in a list of eight candidates who were considered for listing as finalists. This group included sitting university presidents and provosts. Each of the potential finalists eventually withdrew themselves from consideration.

Several pulled out when they were told they would be publicly named as required by state law. NMSU's 25-member presidential search committee voted unanimously not to go back to the list of remaining candidates.

The presidential search process began with the understanding that whoever served as the interim president would not be a candidate for the position. However, members of the board commented on lifting that restriction in any future search and encouraged Cruzado to consider participation at that time. The board further explained that while it might be possible to consider direct appointment of Cruzado to the permanent post, it would be in the best interest of all to make the selection of the next president as a result of a competitive search process.

No date was given for the creation of a new presidential search. The terms of three regents, including Gallagher, Steve Anaya and Ed Kellum, expire Jan. 1, 2009. Regents are appointed by New Mexico's governor.

Crime Stoppers: Homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of \$2,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspects wanted in Monday night's shooting in Mesilla Park that resulted in the death of a man.

At around 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Summer Winds Mobile Home Park at 4801 S. Main St. where they found 30-year-old Steven Apodaca suffering from a gunshot wound. Apodaca later died.

Sheriff's investigators are looking for five Hispanic men who were believed to be involved in the incident. Four of the men are said to be in their 20s. One of the suspects is said to be in his 30s and is described as 6-foot-1 inches tall and

weighing around 240 pounds.

The suspects fled the area in a dark maroon, two-door Mitsubishi Eclipse. A late 1980s or early 1990s model, dark colored Ford Aerostar van also was believed to be used. Both vehicles were last seen heading toward south Main Street and Cunningham Road.

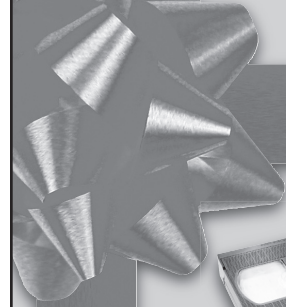
The suspects are still believed to be in the area. They are considered to be armed and extremely dangerous.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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Out of the Past

75
years ago
1933

• Doña Ana County ranked 15th in the nation for cantaloupe production with a total value of \$123,501 with an average of 1,131 melons per acre.

• Although Cathedral of El Paso had stopped Las Cruces 27-0, high school football fans were encouraged to turn out and see the Bulldawgs play. The cost to see the game was 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

• Popular Dry Goods advertised in its Harvest Sale: women's suede jackets for \$3.95; silk and wool dresses for \$2.95 and \$4.95; and men's coat sweaters for 98 cents.

50
years ago
1958

• Retired Army Col. Harold R. Turner, the first White Sands Missile Range commander who was known for his "Turnerisms" of curt commands and answers, returned for a visit. When the post was founded, he gave it the name White Sands, "to give this bunch of desert-bound GIs an address where they could get their mail." When contractors were trying to decide where to build the headquarters, he allegedly said, "put it there, facing that way."

At first, the post was a temporary site to test postwar missiles. "Nobody had any idea that the V-2s were around," he said. "Then ordnance came up with a couple hundred carloads of V-2 parts and we were in business."

• The city set up utility deposit boxes at City Hall where residents could leave payments in envelopes.

• The temperature dropped to 19 degrees.

• During a missile range open house, Guenter Hintze watched the results of work he had started on missiles with the German Army in 1940 at Peenemuende. Technicians demonstrated how they could simulate missile flights and monitor them to use in future designs.

• Johnny Augustine was named president of the new H-Bar-C Horse Club at the Sheriff's Posse Clubhouse. The other officers were: Teddy Fox, vice president; Linda Bridges, secretary-treasurer; Pamela Hardwell, publicity; and Jane Bridges and Bill Pruett, recreation activities.

25
years ago
1983

• The city council set new utility connection rates: Gas was \$255 for residential, \$400 for commercial; water was \$150 residential, \$645 commercial; and sewage was \$130 residential, \$645 commercial.

• Glenn Bartlett, state 4-H program leader with the New Mexico State University Extension Service, was honored for 25 years of 4-H service.

• The Aggies gained 459 yards total offense and made five interceptions as they beat West Texas State 26-24.



Main Street in 1905 when horse buggies, open and covered, dominated the dirt street. But the telephone lines and two-story business buildings indicate that the town was entering a new stage of development.

• Mike Siebel won the Southwest Classic Bowling Association Tournament. He was the only bowler who averaged more than 200 points for 10 games.

• Jeannette Feaster scored 21 points as the NMSU Roadrunners defeated the Texas-El Paso Lady Miners 63-21.

10
years ago
1998

• With the help of a \$310,000 grant, the city council approved plans to develop a combination veterans and community park

on Roadrunner Parkway.

• In high school football it was Las Cruces 44, Rio Grande 7 and Mayfield 48, Valley 30. In college football, however, the Aggies suffered four turnovers, two fumbles and two pass interceptions to fall to North Texas 19-11.

(Sources: NMSU Library's Branson Microfilm Area and Archives and Special Collections).

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CHURCH NEWS

■ THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Trinity Lutheran Church-ECLA and Peach Lutheran Church-EPLA have announced a joint Thanksgiving eve worship service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Anyone interested is invited to attend the service. A Thanksgiving offering will be collected for the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and worshippers are encouraged to bring canned goods for Casa de Perigrinos. There will be a pie fellowship following the service. For more information, call 523-4232.

■ A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM AT CHURCH ON THE ROCK

Church on the Rock is inviting the Las Cruces community to "A Night in Bethlehem," from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 1405 S. Solano Drive. Visitors will hear festive music and wander through the streets of Bethlehem, visit a live Nativity with real animals and taste food at the Bethlehem Bakery. They can also create fun projects in the market place shops including pottery, jewelry, herbs and spices, painting, stonemasonry, carpentry, weaving and a musical instrument shop. Guests can talk with shopkeepers, shepherds and Joseph and Mary and hear the beautiful story of God's love and a promise fulfilled. It's a Christmas experience where participants can do more than just hear about the birth of Jesus – they'll see, touch, feel and smell what life was like during this miraculous time.

For more information, contact 527-2687 or orugrad2001@yahoo.com.

■ SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

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Annual Tortugas tradition continues

Trek up 'A' Mountain will take place on Friday, Dec. 12

There is a chill in the air and the villagers of Tortugas are starting to prepare for the annual fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The villagers and particularly the members of La Corporación de los Indígenas de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Tortugas Pueblo have begun to make all the arrangements for the fiesta that will take place from Wednesday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 12.

The fiesta in Tortugas continues the proud traditions and customs left by the ancestors of the village. It celebrates the apparitions of Our Lady to the Indian San Juan Diego. It is a time of thanksgiving and worship for all the participants.

The three-day fiesta has been celebrated in the village of Tortugas since the early 1900s. The fiesta honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and incorporates the customs and traditions of the Piro and Tigua ancestors of the village. The fiesta is strictly a religious and cultural event and is not open to commercialism. Public vendors are not allowed and highly discouraged.

The corporation welcomes participation by the general public and strongly asks for the general public's assistance in respecting the time-honored traditions of the village. The goal is for all participants to have the same experience as the village's ancestors.

The celebration begins on 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, with a candlelight procession from La Capilla to the Casa del Pueblo where an all-night vigil or Velorio will be held. The Danzantes and the Malinches will be performing traditional dances throughout the night. On the morning of Thursday, Dec. 11, a candlelight procession will be held beginning at 5 a.m. At this time, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be taken from La Casa del Pueblo to the Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dec. 11 is also the traditional date for the annual pilgrimage to Tortugas Mountain. The pueblo leads the pilgrimage and is under the guidance and direction of the Capitanes or Captains. Registration for the pilgrimage begins at 6 a.m. at La Casa del Pueblo. The general public is requested to gather at La Casa del Pueblo and join the procession to the top of the mountain. The 11 a.m. mass on Tortugas Mountain will be celebrated by Bishop Ramirez. There will also be confessions before the mass. The pilgrims traditionally stay on the mountain and construct the quites or walking sticks during the day. At 4 p.m., a rosary is recited on the mountain before the pilgrims descend. The journey is completed with a ceremony in front of La Casa del Pueblo at around 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the Fiesta continues with the 9 a.m. fiesta mass celebrated at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Investiture of the new Mayordomos is performed during the mass. After the mass the four dance groups will perform traditional Indian and Danzante dances throughout the village. The dance groups consist of the Tortugas Pueblo dancers, the Danzantes and two Matachine groups: La Danza Azteca Chichimeca and La Danza Guadalupeana.

One of the highlights of Friday, Dec. 12 is the traditional noon meal at La Casa de Comida. The meal consists of albondigas, beans, macaroni and red chile. The meal is open to the public at no charge. The event continues with a procession around the village at 4 p.m. and a rosary at 5 p.m. A reception in honor of the new mayordomos is the final event of the fiesta. The mayordomos for this year's fiesta are Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Chavez and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hernandez. The incoming mayordomos are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Flores and Mr. Art Montoya and Ms. Sylvia Apodaca.

The village of Tortugas is located south of Mesilla Park. For more information, contact the parish office at 526-8171 or Philly Dickson at 522-0288.

Six-year-old's slower development is likely caused by biological factors

Early adolescence can be the most difficult period in a youngster's life

We have a 6-year-old son who is a late bloomer, and is having trouble learning to read. Even though he is immature, I don't understand why this would keep him from reading.

It is likely that your late-maturing youngster has not yet completed a vital neurological process involving an organic substance called myelin. At birth, the nervous system of the body is not insulated. That is why an infant is unable to reach out and grasp an object; the electrical command or impulse is lost on its journey from the brain to the hand. Gradually, a whitish substance (myelin) begins to coat the nerve fibers, allowing controlled muscular action to occur.

Myelination typically proceeds from the head downward and from the center of the body outward. In other words, a child can control the movement of his head and neck before the rest of his body. Control of the shoulder precedes the elbow, which precedes the wrist, which precedes the large muscles in the hands, which precedes small muscle coordination of the fingers. This explains why elementary school children are taught block letter printing before they learn cursive writing; the broad strokes and lines are less dependent on minute finger control than the flowing curves of mature penmanship.

Since visual apparatus in humans is usually the last neural mechanism to be myelinated, your immature child may not have under-

gone this necessary developmental process by his present age of six years. Therefore, such a child who is extremely immature and uncoordinated may be neurologically unprepared for the intellectual tasks of reading and writing. Reading, particularly, is a highly complex neurological process. The visual stimulus must be relayed to the brain without distortion, where it should be interpreted and retained in the memory. Not all six-year-old children are equipped to perform this task.

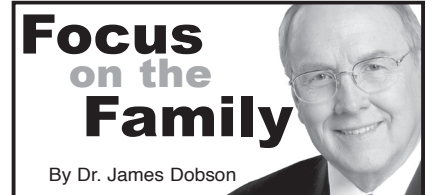
Unfortunately, however, our culture permits few exceptions or deviations from the established timetable. A child of that age must learn to read or he will face the emotional consequences of failure. This is why I favor either holding an immature child out of school for a year or homeschooling him or her for several years.

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What is the most difficult period of adolescence, and what is behind the distress?

The 18th year is the time of greatest conflict between parent and child, typically. But the 13th and 14th years commonly are the most difficult 24 months in life for the youngster. It is during this adolescent period that self-doubt and feelings of inferiority reach an all-time high, amidst the greatest social pressures yet experienced.

An adolescent's worth as a human being hangs precariously on peer-group acceptance, which can be tough to garner. Thus, rela-



tively minor evidences of rejection or ridicule are of major significance to those who already see themselves as fools and failures.

It is difficult to overestimate the impact of having no one to sit with on the school-sponsored bus trip, or not being invited to an important event. Or being laughed at by the "in" group, or waking up in the morning to find seven shiny new pimples on your forehead, or being slapped by the girl you thought had liked you as much as you liked her. Some boys and girls consistently face this kind of social catastrophe throughout their teen years.

The late Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner, an eminent authority on child development at Cornell University for many years, once told a Senate committee that the junior high years are probably the most critical to the development of a child's mental health. It is during this time of self-doubt that the personality is often assaulted and damaged beyond repair. Consequently, Bronfenbrenner said, it is not unusual for healthy, happy children to enter junior high school, but then emerge two years later as broken, discouraged teenagers.

James 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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There is within each of us that carnal man, the natural man. The referenced verse calls him the "old man." That old man is the sin nature that is in each one of us. He causes us problems. That old man serves sin, is corrupt, deceitful, lustful. He tells lies, and is dishonest. He grieves the Holy Spirit; he is unforgiving, ungodly, unkind, uncaring, and unwilling. He is hard hearted and selfish. That old man is a trouble maker. He causes us trouble.

Someday, that glorious day that we shall go home to be with the Lord Jesus, that trouble

maker won't be there. Those that have been "born-again" will inherit a home where "nothing that defileth shall enter in." That old man, the old sin nature will not be there!

But until then, we must subdue that trouble maker. We must die to self, and put off the old man and the former conversation. We must put on the new man that is created in Christ Jesus. We must not allow our carnal man to run our lives. Put that trouble maker off, shut him down. Allow the Lord to have his way and will in your life. Let the Lord rule and have charge. *Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Doug Cowan
Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs. Senior programs will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving..

■ CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

There are four core floor exercise classes at the Munson Senior Center. All exercises are done on a provided mat. Suggested donation is 50 cents. The schedule is:

- Mondays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Tuesdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m. with Dawn
- Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Thursdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m. with Dawn

■ AQUATICS CLASS

Nora Bailey will host an aquatics class (senior water exercise) at Laabs Pool, 750 W. Picacho Ave., on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon. Class size is limited. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

■ AEROBICS CLASS

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

■ YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are 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. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

■ MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS

Exercise classes with certified instructors Dawn Patterson at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and Lucille Garcia on Fridays at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

■ 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. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the class is at the Munson Senior Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at the East Mesa/Sage Café, 5589 Porter Drive. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

■ 55 ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING

55 Alive Defensive Driving classes will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11 and 12 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St. Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate. These classes are on a first-come, first-serve basis and cost \$10 per person, with payment due at the door the day of the first class. No pre-registration is required.

■ CANASTA

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

■ SENIOR FOLKLORICO

Senior Folklorico with Juan Ortiz is 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.

■ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

■ WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Watercolor Painting Class meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the art/quilting room at Munson Senior Center.

■ BEGINNING LINE DANCING

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

■ BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prize collection

are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for information.

■ HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Matt Youngblood Courts on Hadley Ave. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

■ PINOCHLE

Pinochle players will meet on Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. at Munson Center.

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■ 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 at 8:30 a.m.

■ BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a 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.

■ VIDEO GAME VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist in hosting an on-going activity with the Nintendo Wii at Munson Center. A volunteer, or a small group of volunteers might take turns, to set up, operate and be present during this activity. For more information, contact Shaunna Foster at the Recreation office 528-3037 or email SFoster@las-cruces.org.

■ SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

There will be a special Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Munson and Benavidez Centers with 2 seatings. The first seating is at 11 a.m. and the second is at noon. The Eastside and Mesilla Park Centers will have their normal serving times from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All guests will be seated and served at the table. The suggested donation is \$2. Make a reservation no later than Monday, Nov. 17 with the center's hostess or by calling 528-3012

■ THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

A Thanksgiving Day Meal will be served beginning at noon at Munson Center on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27. All guests will be seated and served at the table. The suggested donation is \$3. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, Nov. 24. Munson Center is the only center serving this meal, all other centers will be closed. DIAL-A-Ride will also be closed this day so those who live within the city limits and need transportation should call 528-3302 to schedule a ride.

■ CHIHUAHUA DESERT CLASS

Dan Scurlock will be presenting a course on the native peoples of the northern Chihuahuan Desert from 9 to 10:15 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 3, 8 and 10, at the Munson Center. Two field trips will be on Friday, Dec. 5, to Apache Flats and Friday, Dec. 12, to the Museum of Natural History, in El Paso. Cost is \$12.50. Class size is limited. Sign up is at the recreation office at Munson Center.

■ 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.

Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 800-432-2080.

Primary benefits covered are: Medicare A, B, C and D; Medicaid; low cost housing; low-income assistance; Social Security; transportation; meals on wheels; assistance to disabled on Medicare/Medicaid, etc. Counseling, information and assistance are available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 528-3301 or 528-3307.
- Representatives of the State Aging Department are at Munson Center from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 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, etc. 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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Nonprofit enters the final stretch

Mesilla Valley Hospice nears capital campaign goal

By BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At the 26th annual Mesilla Valley Hospice Meeting Nov. 13, members of the staff and Capital Campaign Committee announced that the nonprofit is close to the \$1.2 million in matching funds needed for the Kresge Foundation challenge grant.

Though the total needed was \$154,000 at the annual meeting, already that number has gone down to \$140,000.

"We are definitely confident that we are going to reach our goal by Dec. 31," said Terra Van Winter, community development director with Mesilla Valley Hospice.

With their deadline approaching, the organization will be sending out a few large end-of-the-year mailings and will rely on the community to help them reach their goal.

While their campaign is still up in the air, the building's construction is nearing completion.

"Construction is actually going very quickly. We are looking at the building actually being finished on Dec. 15," Van Winter said. "It's exciting because every time I go out (on the campus) there is something new."

Additions to the hospice campus will include a new in-home care center and several garden areas, as well as additions to the La Posada building, including a new kitchen, chapel, dining hall, staff gym, maintenance area, donor area and several patient rooms.

It will transform the 18-bed La Posada facility to a 30-bed facility, which will help the nonprofit to eliminate their waiting list. All of the new patient rooms include bay windows, and the facility will also have four fully landscaped garden spaces for patients to enjoy the sunlight.



The Rotary Conference Room, located in the in-home care center, can be used by other nonprofits for free on nights and weekends.

"People will be able to kind of pick and choose their space when they want to go out," she said. "The whole external part of the building will have gardens that go all the way around it."

With walking paths around the entire facility, both staff and patients will be able to take regular strolls around the campus, which will also include a veterans garden and a gazebo.

Van Winter said the chapel was an important part of the plan and will give patients and their families a quiet place to be together.

"It's a place for families to use if they need it for memorial services," she said.

The in-home care center, constructed specifically for the nonprofit's in-home staff, is already completed and includes two consultation rooms, a staff meeting room, cubbies for all of their nurses, social workers, certified nursing assistants and chaplains, a resource room and the Rotary Conference Room, which was sponsored by the area rotary clubs. The conference room can be used by local nonprofits for free on nights and weekends, and Van Winter said the list is already growing.

"We already started to get a list of requests," she said.

Another large space in La Posada will soon become a dining hall and will include a large mural made by several local artists.

"It's supposed to look like a quilt, and different artists are doing their individual squares," she said.

One thing Van Winter said the staff specifically asked for was a 24-hour gym, conveniently located near the staff lounge, which includes lockers.

Once the new spaces are done, they will concentrate on renovating their old spaces and plan on holding a ribbon cutting in February 2009.

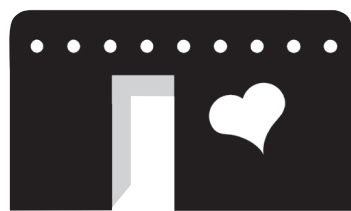
Today, there are 104 employees at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 115 volunteers and more than 150 volunteers participating in the capital campaign.

"Again, we are still the only free-standing hospice house in the state of New Mexico, and to me, what this community has accomplished is incredible," said Executive Director Donna Brown.



Construction workers put the final touches on the new chapel that will give families a place to hold memorial services.

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Career center hosts health fair



Admissions representatives Jeannette Nevarez, Natalia Dallaman, and Alysyn Byous were on hand at the Computer Career Center health fair Saturday, Nov. 8, in their offices on Telshor Boulevard. The health fair was a way not only to provide information to the community, but also gave students a chance to network with prospective employers like local hospitals and health care providers. There are 71 students currently enrolled at the Computer Career Center in Las Cruces, and they will soon have a dental assistant program.



Nursing student Terry Russell gets a glucose test from nursing student Prisma Burke.

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Nursing student Myong C. O'Donnell, right, sits with nurse and faculty member Cynthia Ortiz at the Memorial Medical Center table.

Have a safe, happy Thanksgiving trip

Tips for safe holiday travel offered by paramedic group

More families travel further on Thanksgiving than any holiday of the year, which leads paramedics with American Medical Response ambulance service to urge travel safety. AMR's medics urge drivers to:

- Be sure the vehicle and driver are both in good condition.
- Have the vehicle serviced before the trip. Especially check the tires, brakes, windshield wipers, headlights, tail lights and hoses.
- Be sure the driver is alert at all times. Drivers should get a good night's sleep before departing.
- Take frequent breaks and switch drivers every couple of hours.
- Drivers should leave early enough so that they don't have to drive when tired and sleepy. If fatigue sets in, go to a rest area or motel and sleep. Those who have reached their limit of endurance should not press their luck by getting right back on the road after only a few moments' rest. Tired and sleepy drivers are far more likely to have a crash.
- Plan the driving for daylight hours. More fatal crashes happen at night.
- Stay on major highways whenever possible. Two-lane roads are the deadliest, and interstate highways are safest.
- Avoid distractions behind the wheel. Not paying attention to the road is one of the leading causes of motor-vehicle crashes.
- In order to make a vehicle more visible, drive with headlights on, both day and night. Research shows that daytime headlight use decreases crashes.
- Vacation traffic includes a greater number of big, slow recreational vehicles. Be on the lookout for them, especially on hills and curves.
- Impatience can kill. Observe the speed limit. Don't pass in no-pass zones. Don't rush through yellow lights to beat the red light.
- Designated drivers save lives. Forbid anyone from driving who has consumed even just one beer.
- Insist that everyone in the vehicle wear safety belts or use a child safety seat anytime the vehicle is moving, no matter how short the trip.

“Not paying attention to the road is one of the leading causes of motor-vehicle accidents.”

Devin Miracco, AMR's clinical education specialist in Doña Ana County, urges drivers to take holiday travel hazards seriously.

“Any crash that's prevented, saves you from enduring years of grief, physical suffering, disability, medical bills, lost income and lawsuits,” he said.

Doña Ana County contracts with American Medical Response Inc. for ambulance service across the county. AMR is America's leading provider of medical transportation. In addition to Doña Ana County, AMR operates in 40 states and the District of Columbia. AMR's 18,500 paramedics, EMTs and other professionals transport more than 4 million patients nationwide each year in critical, emergency and non-emergency situations. Operating a fleet of approximately 4,500 vehicles, AMR, a subsidiary of Emergency Medical Services Corporation, is headquartered in Greenwood Village, Colo.



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health events and support groups

■ LIVING WITH DIABETES LECTURE

The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will present a free Living with Diabetes Lecture Series Support Group from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The series is intended for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested. No pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289, snmdo@snmdo.org or visit www.snmdo.org.

■ YOGA CLASSES

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

■ FATHERHOOD PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Fathers' Fatherhood project meets each Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 532-1536.

■ 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.

■ 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 at 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The 50-minute instructional class includes power walking, aerobics, weight resistance and more. The cost 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.

■ TOPS MEETING - CHAPTER 381

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at their Thursday-morning meetings at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room. Meetings start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions on weight loss, dietary help and nutrition.

■ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets each month from 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month at Good Samaritan Society Village, Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in the Creative Arts Room. For more information, leave a message at 523-9177.

■ BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Peter Ternerde, licensed massage therapist and certified lymphedema therapist, will present "Lymphedema: Management Today" at the Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22. The meeting will

be held in the Community Education Room of MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Sign-in and coffee will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10 a.m.

These meetings are open to breast cancer survivors, caretakers and anyone whose life has been changed and affected by breast cancer. For information, call 521-4794.

■ WORLD AIDS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Join Camino De Vida's staff, clients and board in honor of World AIDS Day on at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The event is to remember those no longer with us, those infected and affected with the AIDS virus and the promises made to stop AIDS.

The staff is also building holiday food baskets for their clients. Those who are able should bring one or more of the following items to the service: instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, stuffing mix, canned vegetables and canned cranberries.

■ SISTERS BY CHANCE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Sisters by Chance, a support group for women living with cancer, meets the first Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Juniper conference room of Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. This professionally facilitated group helps guide and support women after the diagnosis of cancer.

For more information, contact Pamela Schultz at 646-2208 or pschultz@nmsu.edu.

■ PEOPLE WHO LOVE AN ADDICT SUPPORT GROUP

People Who Love an Addict support group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Stone Mountain Place Club House, 930 E. Boutz Road. Contact information will be kept anonymous. For more information, call Donna at 405-6369 or Alice at 527-1411.

■ CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping, and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of long-term illness. The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3-5 pm in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccf.org). For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group contact Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

■ INDEPENDENT LIVING SUPPORT GROUP

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

will be served. For more information, call 526-5016.

■ LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Cheryl Black, psychologist is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be two sessions to choose from: Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

or at the Munson Senior Center from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 528-3000.

■ STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Stroke Support group, the first Thursday of the month, at 1 p.m. inside the Doña Ana room/Munson Senior Center., 975 S. Mesquite St.

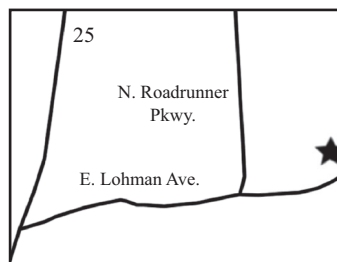


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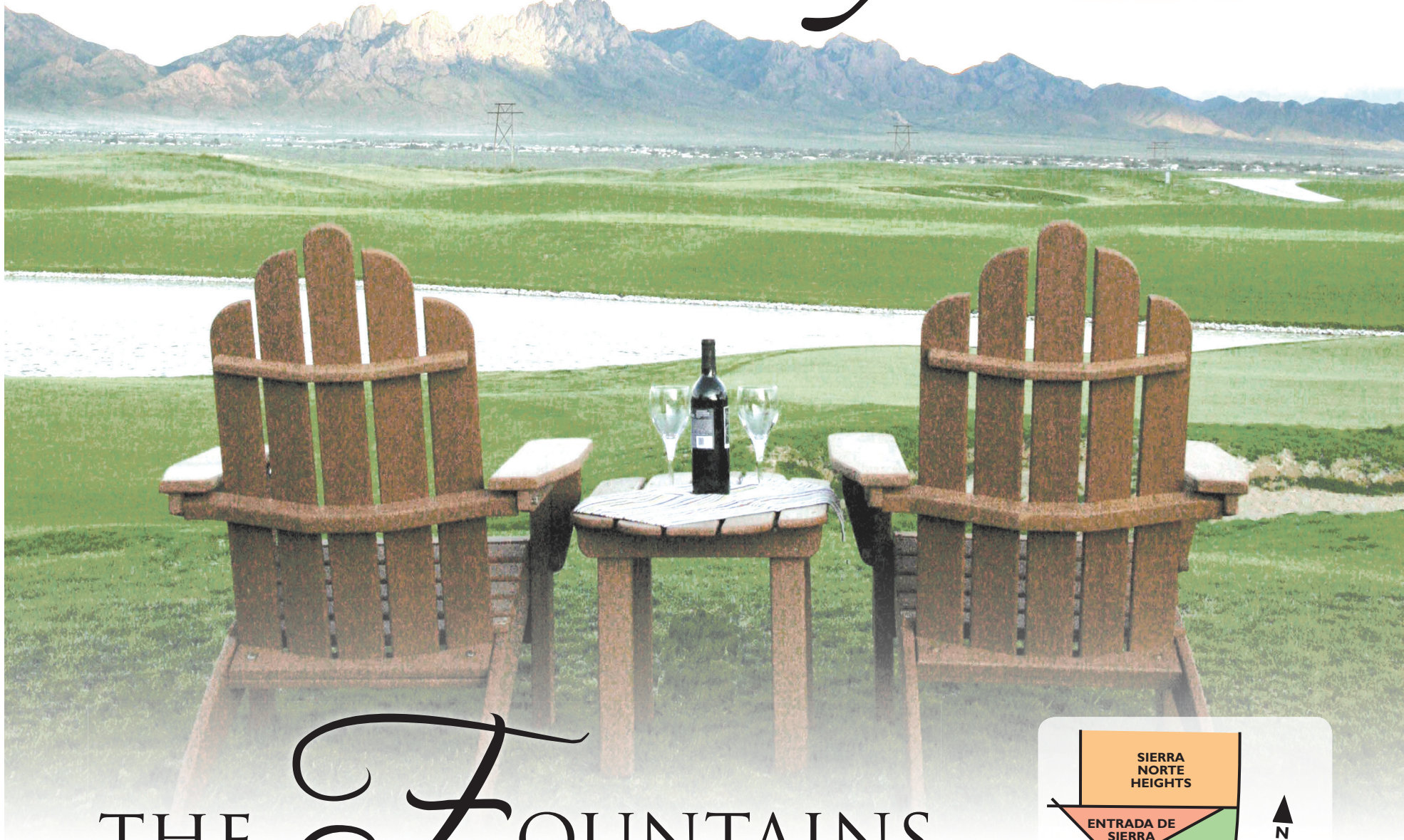
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So this is Christmas?

Holiday season starts early for national retailers

NATISHA HALES

Bulletin Business



People who complain about Christmas becoming more commercial now have a whole lot more to whine about, and honestly, I've jumped on the bandwagon.

At first, because Thanksgiving lands a few days later than usual, the holiday season was going to be shorter for consumers. To offset that problem and capitalize on the most important season of the year, retailers have "forgotten" the entire month of November and have tried to convince us that we're even closer to Christmas. It makes sense, since a huge chunk of retailers' annual revenues come in during this season.

It was still unexpected to me. As soon as Halloween was over, Christmas decorations were up and carols were playing, and I remember being in Wal-Mart thinking, "Is that 'Jingle Bells'? Are you serious?"

Where we've usually seen the holiday-shopping season pick up in full swing on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, the current economic situation has led retailers to start the shopping season – and the sales – almost an entire month earlier.

Retailers know that consumers will be penny-pinching this season, and many, who are smart, have even tailored their marketing strategies to target those customers. Wal-Mart has even changed its slogan from "Always low prices" to "Save money. Live better."

All retailers, especially those who sell more expensive electronics, are going to have to be more creative to lure people to spend their money with them. Wireless phone companies have introduced new phones that are better and faster. Stores are giving away video-game consoles. Computer companies are adding in even more extras.

Will it work? Retail experts are predicting that shoppers will be heading to discount stores such as Wal-Mart, Target and Big Lots to do their holiday shopping. It's almost as if those companies don't have to do much of anything with marketing – the shoppers will come anyway. But it's nice that they're playing along.

So everyone who said Christmas isn't commercial, and it's about much more than just shopping, look around you. It's gotten so commercial, that these companies have the power to change the dates of an entire season.

The importance of advertising during an economic recession



BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jeri Norris of the Texas-New Mexico Newspaper Partnership said the most important thing a business can do is continue to stay in the minds of consumers through a variety of advertising media.

Ad Fed meeting offers advertising strategies to help local businesses make it through difficult times

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

During today's tough economic times, decreased foot traffic and bleak holiday revenue projections might have business owners feeling apprehensive about spending money on advertising.

When sales are down, many companies look for ways in which they can cut expenses in some way.

But according to speakers at the recent Ad Fed meeting titled "Marketing in a Downturn: The Importance of Advertising in Tough Economic Times," one of the most important things a business owner can do is be consistent with advertising in good times and in bad.

"I think the question for most people to think about is how long do you see yourself in business?" said speaker Jeri Norris of the Texas-New Mexico Newspaper Partnership. "There are businesses that survive."

After Jim Peach, regents professor with the New Mexico State

University Department of Economics and International Business, gave a short history of the United States economy, which has seen several recessions in its time, Norris presented ways that businesses can keep themselves ahead of the rest.

She said business owners must first ask themselves why they advertise in the first place.

"What you need is still the same," she said. "You might change your strategies, but overall you still have the same business objectives."

Though times are tight, people are still going to spend money for Christmas, and Norris said it is up to the business owner to capture that demographic.

"Many marketers will spend the same or even step up their spending during tough economic times," she said.

According to Norris, McGraw Hill analyzed 600 companies during recessions and found that the businesses that maintained or increased their marketing

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Chile growers asking for tax relief

\$2 million cost to the state at risk

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Chile Association is petitioning the state Legislature for a growers tax relief to help them survive their agricultural economic crisis.

The association is asking for a \$200 tax credit per acre of planted chile against the growers' personal income, said Charlie Marquez, association lobbyist.

The state Legislature will open its 60-day session on Jan. 20.

If the association succeeds in getting the tax relief, it could mean a \$2 million cost to the state. The money would come out of the state's general fund, Marquez said.

If the tax credit relief petition is approved, it would extend from January 2009 to January 2011, Marquez said.

The association contends that chile growers are faced with many problems that are putting them at a financial disadvantage, increasing labor costs and production investments, unfair foreign competition and cheaper imports, Marquez said.



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

To save growers from an economic disaster, the New Mexico Chile Association is lobbying the state Legislature for a tax break. The association is asking for a \$200 tax credit per acre of planted chile against the growers' personal income.

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PROFILE

Princess Kang:

Forging key relationships in the community

Red Cross executive director getting local chapter on its feet

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the demand for services has increased and the amount of donations decreased, nonprofit organizations like the Southwestern New Mexico chapter of the American Red Cross are especially reliant on the community.

Forming those community partnerships is Princess Kang, who took the helm of the local Red Cross chapter in mid-July. Kang first came to the Southwestern Chapter when the executive position was vacated earlier this year. The community's Red Cross was in dire straits, and Kang was asked to serve as interim executive director.

"I love a challenge," Kang said. "When I came out here, I really felt that this community could really support the Red Cross."

For six weeks, Kang helped get the local Red Cross back on its feet, which led to a restructuring of its organization. In the search for a new executive director, the board of directors sought a new leader with a Red Cross background.

Kang definitely had the background, and her familiarity with the area was definitely a plus.

Kang, who was born in Korea, was raised in El Paso while her father served in the military. She started her

work with the Red Cross as a volunteer for the El Paso Area Chapter, "as all Red Crossers do."

"I felt like I could contribute," she said. "I loved it and continued it, and here I am. I started as a volunteer – we all do."

In 1998, Kang became an employee and served as the health and safety coordinator. By the time she left El Paso in 2006, she was the operations director for the El Paso chapter.

From El Paso, Kang went to Houston to work for the Red Cross regional chapter, which oversaw five states – New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

As a chapter solutions consultant, Kang visited each of those states and, with a team of seven others, would assess community chapters and provide guidance and resources, whether they needed help in getting volunteer involvement, managing finances or fundraising.

It was then that she became aware of the situation in Las Cruces.

"There were operational pieces that needed to be in place," she said.

"You want to have a standard operating procedure

that utilizes the best practices to ensure that we wouldn't have to be in the same situation. We don't ever want to say we're desperate. You want to let everyone know that you're going to use (resources) wisely so the chapter does not continue to be in the situation."

Although she went back to Houston after six weeks of serving as interim executive director in El Paso, Kang applied to be permanent executive director.

"I really felt like we could be a strong chapter," she said. "This chapter's service and delivery has never faltered."

On top of the challenge to ensure financial stability for an organization that relies solely on community support and funding from the United Way, Kang also is presented with another obstacle – providing disaster relief services during an economic downturn.

"We're always struggling, but of course the economic conditions are going to have an impact," she said.

Since she has been here, Kang said she has seen a decrease in donations but an increase in demands for services. As part of the community, the Red Cross is the key organization that provides disaster relief to single and multiple families, whether it's a house fire or a natural disaster, such as a flood. Whether the organization is struggling or not, volunteers of the Red Cross respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The winter is an especially important time for an increase in donations, Kang said, because the number of single-family house fires will increase.

"We'll be there for those clients," she said.

To keep the organization out of "dire straits," Kang is working on developing key relationships in the community. Already, she has forged several.

The first Red Cross house was recently built by Summit Development, and the proceeds from the sale of the

home directly benefited the local organization. The second Red Cross house is under construction and will be complete in a matter of weeks.

The Advertising Federation of Las Cruces donated time and money to launch a public relations campaign for the local chapter of the Red Cross for an entire month.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima also donated his time to the cause and started the Mayor's Gala this year. The gala is now an annual event and will be held March 7, 2009, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

Other organizations, such as the Catholic Charities Diocese of Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue and the United Way of South-

western New Mexico, also support the Southwestern New Mexico Chapter of the Red Cross.

"The United Way is still our single top donor," Kang said.

Kang also will do her fair share to get out in the community and is working on joining several community organizations, including the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores.

Community involvement isn't just important for her, it's important to the clients of the Red Cross.

"We're a local chapter with local clients who depend on local volunteers, and that's what will keep our chapter going," Kang said. "For Red Cross chapters in all communities, that's what it's all about."

For more information about the Southwestern New Mexico Chapter of the American Red Cross, call 526-2631.



Princess Kang

Executive Director
Red Cross Southwestern
New Mexico Chapter

Family

- Daughter Tia, 5
- Daughter Amaya, 4

Education

- High school diploma, Irvin High School (El Paso)
- Bachelor's degree in business administration, University of Texas-El Paso

Organizations

- Member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce

Awards

- Texas State Volunteer Services Award for volunteer retention, 2002

"We're a local chapter with local clients who depend on local volunteers."

Between a rock and a hard place

Owing more than a home's value is a life-changing scenario

GARY SANDLER'S
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Reading about a homeowner who owes more on his or her home than the value of the home itself is one thing. Actually being one of those homeowners is another thing entirely. What I'm about to share with you is the true, real-time story of such a homeowner here in Las Cruces. While I've changed some of the facts to obscure the identities of the people and neighborhoods involved, the basics of the scenario are straight out of my actual sales file.

The story began in early 2007 when family friend and client, let's call him Mr. "B" (for buyer), contacted me to explore purchasing a home. Not long after completing his preliminary house-hunting duties, Mr. B located and purchased a brand-new home priced in the low \$150s. As any newly minted homeowner would do, he then added window coverings, additional décor and his own "personal" touches to the home. Needless to say, he was elated with his purchase and planned to occupy his "pad" for the foreseeable future.

Fast-forward around 17 or 18 months to the fall of this year. Mr. B is offered an opportunity to apply his extensive job skills to a new and exciting endeavor. To take advantage of this new possibility, however, he would have to relocate to another state. In anticipation of accepting the new position, Mr. B contacted me for an analysis of the sale of his home. To help put this story in perspective, let's refer to Mr. B's home as "The Rock."

After a thorough review of the sales data in his neighborhood, Mr. B came

to the sad realization that the value of "The Rock" had fallen approximately \$10,000 since he closed on his purchase. To add insult to injury, he also learned that homes like his were selling at a pace of one sale every other month and that

there were only enough buyers to purchase about 5 percent of the available inventory in his neighborhood. The final nail in the sales coffin was the fact that the 20-or-so other sellers in his neighborhood have been reducing their asking prices (not selling prices) by an average of \$1,950 per month over the past six months. To round out the perspective of this story, let's refer to the current state of the market as "The Hard Place."

Did I mention that Mr. B leveraged his purchase by financing around 97 percent of the sales price? Yep! He purchased "The Rock" for a price in the low \$150s and obtained a mortgage in the high \$140s. Now that the property is valued in the low \$140's, he is "upside down" and owes approximately \$7,000 more than "The Rock" is worth. Add in normal closing costs and brokerage fees and the total deficit swells to more than \$13,000 – if his home would sell in a timely manner. Since Mr. B did not want to write a \$12,000 check at closing, sell-

ing was out of the question.

Mr. B then asked me if he should rent out his property "until the market recovers." An in-depth survey of the rental market revealed that homes like "The Rock" are currently renting for around

69 cents per square foot. Multiply that number by the 1,350-or-so square feet contained in Mr. B's home and the projected monthly rent totals around \$950.

That rent is no match for Mr. B's mortgage payment of almost \$1,300 per month, however, requiring him to "feed" his mortgage approximately \$350 each and every month. That's a minimum of \$4,200 per year. Add in a couple of months at \$1,300 each while the property is up for rent and during tenant change-over and Mr. B's annual deficit bulges to

around \$6,800. That's almost equal to the loss projected in the best-case selling scenario. Since Mr. B does not want to "feed" his investment each month, renting the property is also out of the question.

In an attempt to extricate himself from the tight crevasse between "The Rock" and "The Hard Place," Mr. B asked if he could lower his monthly payment by refinancing his current loan. Unfortunately, that is not a viable option

“Mr. B came to the sad realization that the value of ‘The Rock’ had fallen approximately \$10,000 since he closed on his purchase.”

either because the mortgage on "The Rock" exceeds its market value. Between writing a check to reduce the principal amount of the mortgage and paying the costs of refinancing, Mr. B would have to come out of pocket around \$30,000 in order to eliminate the \$350 per month rental deficit.

So what did Mr. B intend to do after exhausting all of his options to rent or sell "The Rock" without incurring a loss? In a word: Nothing. Since he cannot currently sell, rent or refinance his home without incurring thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses, his only remaining choices are to walk away from "The Rock" or to walk away from the job opportunity. As you might have guessed, he chose to forego the job opportunity.

Not all homeowners faced with a similar situation are as straightforward as Mr. B, however. Some choose to make the move in spite of incurring out-of-pocket expenses or facing foreclosure by using a process called "Buy and Bail." What is Buy and Bail? Tune in next week for the answer. In the meantime, I hope to ... See you at closing!

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Building Las Cruces Western Stoves & Spas



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For added convenience, Western Stoves & Spa owner Jim Flores has decided to move his 4,000-square-foot warehouse adjacent to the showroom location at 1103 E. Lohman Ave. Currently, the warehouse is at an off-site location, but the move will "bring everyone under one roof."

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Celebrating 20 years

NMSU HRTM school ranked among the nation's top programs

New Mexico State University's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management celebrated 20 years Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Stan Fulton Center.

NMSU offers the state's only bachelor's degree in HRTM. Founded in 1988, the program is now ranked among the top programs in the country. It is home to more than 400 majors and a diverse student-centered faculty who personally advise students. Work experience and internships open the door for students to enter the work world before graduation. More than \$45,000 in scholarships are available annually through the school. In the fall of 2005, HRTM opened our new state-of-the-art commercial food production and service lab. In the spring of 2007, a new technology learning lab was opened.

Laura and Keith Manabach, HRTM professor, HRTM alumna Allison Kuper and Greg Smith, president of the board of the Las Cruces Downtown Partnership



Jessica Monnet, international HRTM student serves food to HRTM advisory board members Mike Mons and Ken Mompellier during the School of HRTM's 20-year anniversary celebration Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Stan Fulton Center.



Mayor Ken Miyagishima, NMSU assistant professor Daren Bloomquist and Leslie Skaggs, bass player in the Jelly Roll Kings who performed for guests later that evening



Janet Green, director of the HRTM program at NMSU, and Eddie Binder



HRTM students Caitlin Rotan, Erin Kegel, Deita Daignaalt and Blair Hartley



Michael Lutz and his wife Tina Lutz place a bid on one of the auction items displayed at the event.

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Roberta Stathis, Gregory Blanch, Dale Schickedanz, Jerry Schickedanz and Norm Fristoe



Local singer-songwriter Daniel Park performs for the guests.

Business bailouts are a bad idea

But companies continue to look for handouts

As I write this, auto-industry management and union leaders are in Washington seeking access to the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Meanwhile, American Express is converting itself into a bank-holding company so as to qualify for the TARP. Heck, I'm thinking of becoming a bank-holding company. I could use a billion or two myself.

The TARP, famously, is the \$700 billion fund established by Congress to fund the Wall Street bailout following the financial meltdown. Its creation has let loose a wave of "me, too." Business people from all sorts of industries are seeking financial help from Washington, asking why they can't have a bailout just like investment banks. Such arguments have a sort of moral force. Indeed, one of the most successful tactics my daughter uses to get something out of me is to point out that I gave something to her brother. Of course, her brother uses the same tactic in reverse.

But businesses aren't children, and government isn't a parent. While treating one's children more or less equally is probably a good idea, government bailout of private industry is generally a bad idea. To think this sort of policy would work, one has to assume that bureaucrats know what consumers want and don't want, which technology will lead to the greatest increase in productivity, and which person would be best at managing. Moreover, even if we think bureaucrats know what

“The financial meltdown was the bad-regulation chicken coming home to roost.”

last nail.

Government does have an important role in promoting business, but it isn't in picking specific winners and losers. Rather, it is in setting the rules under which markets operate. Government should establish courts, enforce contracts, regulate pollution emissions, enforce fair labor laws, set consumer safety rules and so on. Once the rules are set, the market is much better at picking specific winners and losers. Play by the rules and make a profit, you win.

Fail to play by the rules or fail to make a profit, you lose.

This brings us back to the TARP. The Wall Street bail-

out is the exception that proves the rule. In large part, the housing bubble and subsequent bust that triggered the financial meltdown is the result of bad regulation.

Specifically, Wall Street firms and others were allowed to expand their balance sheets without adequate capitalization. The result was systemwide, excessive risk-taking in the form of questionable mortgage lending. The financial meltdown was the bad-regulation chicken coming home to roost.

While treating children equally is generally a good idea, if one breaks an arm, you will take her to the hospital even if it means the other child will go without at Christmas – same with the financial meltdown. Faced with a systematic failure, the government should intervene to ensure a functioning financial system. This means less for other industries – not more – but to do otherwise might mean a depression.

Here in New Mexico, businesses will be arguing for special considerations. They will use the admitted appealing argument that the national recession is causing unusual hardships. Already the chile industry is lobbying for a tax break so they can compete better against foreign competitors. Others will come forward with pleas for bailouts. Our Legislature should resist these calls.

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Ad Fed

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expenditures during recessionary periods increased their market share and out performed their competitors an average of more than 250 percent.

Data and history shows that those businesses that continue to market in smart ways and keep their voice out there, rather than those that pull back, come out of a recession in a much more advantageous place, Norris said.

"During the last recession, Coca-Cola did not pull back. They added a significant amount to their marketing budget and their net income rose by 22 percent," she said.

Her suggestions for advertising strategies included highlighting consumer empathy, concentrating on core values such as service and stressing items that will be a hit during a recessionary period.

One example is the marketing of the Nissan Altima and Maxima, which the company has advertised for their fuel-saving features rather than their many luxuries.

"Ford is doing the same thing," Norris said.

What is most important, according to Norris, is to consistently market a business' brand name.

Jim Peach's suggested readings:

"The Great Crash"
by John Kenneth Galbraith

"Maniacs, Panics and Crashes"
by Charles P. Kindleberger

"Financial Shock"
by Mark Zandi



Jim Peach, regents professor with the New Mexico State University Department of Economics and International Business, suggested several books that will give business owners insight into the United State's economic history (see box below).

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"The best way to get consistent results is over time," she said. "We really don't think about how strong a brand resonates with us."

When it comes to marketing a brand name, Wanda Bowman, owner of Ashley Furniture Home-Store in Las Cruces, knows the importance of having a long-standing reputation.

"Ashley is a brand name that is so well recognized," she said, even admitting that sometimes people call her Mrs. Ashley. "It's because we have a very simple philosophy. Our mission statement is 'improve quality, reduce cost, be profitable and stay in business.'"

Started in a garage, today Ashley Furniture Industries is the largest manufacturer in the world, and North America's largest importer of furniture from other companies, Bowman said.

Using cable television, magazines, billboards, flyers, newspapers,

classified and radio ads, Bowman continues to get their brand name out through a variety of sources.

"There is not a media we haven't used," she said.

While businesses would like to hear some good news about the future of market, according to Peach, it is still too early to make any predictions.

"I wish I could bring you a lot of optimistic news about today's economy. I can't really do that," he said. "Most economic forecasters say that we are going to have a decline through the first two quarters of 2009."

While the average recession lasts approximately 11 months, Peach suggests that this recession might be longer.

No matter what the economic forecast, Norris suggested that business owners ask themselves, "What does it cost you if you don't do anything?"

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@las-crucesbulletin.com. Agenda items must be received by noon Friday for consideration in the next week's Bulletin.

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IN GOOD COMPANY: BASKETS-N-BAGS

Looks can be deceiving

Overlooked business has a worldwide reach

By JIM HILLEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It seems unlikely, but tucked inside an easily overlooked door in an unobtrusive building on South Solano Drive is a company that has hundreds of thousands of items shipped internationally each month. It's a business that keeps thousands of people around the world employed and, on top of this, it is committed to green principals and fair trade practices.

The first impression one gets after walking in the door of Baskets-n-Bags at 1494 S. Solano Drive is that it's another import/export boutique, but that impression is way off the mark.

"We are mostly wholesale," owner Geetha Pai said, "but some people come in and buy things."

The primary business of Basket-n-Bags is wholesaling handmade packaging and promotional items to a wide variety of businesses around the United States, Canada and Great Britain, among others.

"We produce things out of India, Bali and Mexico," Pai said. "All of the things are made by women, not in a factory. A lot of things are done at home. We give them a design and they do it."

Those "things" are a dazzling variety of items mostly made of natural materials such as burlap, decorated with everything from cow horn to coffee beans. Folding boxes, wine bottle bags, greeting cards, candle holders, gift bags, picture frames, cup holders – even piñatas. Almost all of the items can be monogrammed with a company logo, an event or a name – hand-screened of course.

"Machines take away jobs," Pai said.

It is definitely not an ordinary boutique.

"If people walk in and want to buy, they expect to be waited on, we don't do that," Pai said.

"I have two more big rooms full of stuff people might have seen in a catalogue, but it is all leftovers. When

people do a quantity, say 5,000, we will do 25 over so we get extra. If people want to buy, it's okay, but otherwise we will use it for samples or donate it to school fundraisers."

A tour of Baskets-n-Bags reveals row after row of shelving stuffed to the rafters with the items the company has produced.

Pai points out the greeting cards. "Look at the flowers on the cards," she said. "They are real flowers, each one is different."

"What we do is not spit out of a machine, whether it is for Christmas or an anniversary, we do it for you."

Pai pulled out an apron.

"Look, our strings our adjustable, most of our things are laminated to be waterproof, I like to do practical things," she said.

Pai said most of her business is developed through trade shows. She said she attends seven or eight shows a year.

"If people need 500 of something, I ask what's the theme, what's the budget and what do you want with that budget? You tell us what you want and that's what we do."

"But don't ask for it next week, I can't do that," she said.

"I've done things for Ballagio's in Las Vegas, for Pete Domenici, even Harrads of London."

Baskets-n-Bags does not generally get involved in shipping their items. "If something is made in Mexico and has to be delivered in New York, why should it come here? It is shipped direct, we could never handle that here," she said.

Pai's business is guided by her philosophical principles.

"We are a green company, even the flax in our burlap is grown in Calcutta or Bangladesh," she said.

"Nearly everything we do is either biodegradable or recycled, and we believe in fair trade practices – you won't find anything from (sweatshops in) China."

Part of that philosophy is helping provide employment for women in Third-World countries. Pai couldn't give an exact number of women who produce items for Baskets-n-Bags, but she said it is "close to 2,000."

Another guiding principal for Pai is practicality.

She points at a shelf full of piñatas. "Guess how many piñatas I sold to United Parcel Service for their anniversary? Nine thousand, and I made seven cents on each one," she said. "But my piñatas are different. Most of them are made to be destroyed by kids and thrown away, but mine, you open them up and there's a box inside, you can put stuff in it."



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Geetha Pai displays a gift bag her business, Baskets-n-Bags, produced for the New Mexico Department of Tourism. The item is typical of what her business has hand-produced by women working in countries like Mexico, Bali and India.

“ Nearly everything we do is either biodegradable or recycled ... ”

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Q & A: Talking business with owner Geetha Pai

What inspired you to go into business?

After I closed my Indian restaurants in Denver and Las Cruces, I did a stint of ethnic canned and jarred foods. After that venture, I was walking the streets of Calcutta, India. All around me were people with great needs. They needed to work to eat and live, with no promise of 401ks or Social Security. Some of the situations seemed dire at best. I decided that I could help this problem by keeping people employed by providing business for the jute/burlap (they're the same material) bags, handmade paper products and, most recently, our "Coffee Couture" and "Hot Art" lines of handmade jewelry and other gift-type items. To keep a person in India employed is to keep them clothed, fed and under shelter. We also purchase and distribute handmade piñatas from Juarez. These cottage-industry items allow women especially to remain as a caregiver while earning a living wage.

What is unique about your business?

For starters, we donate a portion of our profits to the Mother Teresa Orphanage. I visit one to two times a year to see those who are helped by the contribution. Also, because we create custom products, many small businesses assume we are inaccessible to them. Our minimums start at \$144 with no setup fees. Also, we have a line of office products/giveaways that are a unique, memorable, green alternative for the folders, pens and badge holders commonly given away at trade shows, meetings and other places of business.

Who are your customers?

We work with mostly wholesale clients. They range from large corporations including Walt Disney, Home Depot, MGM, Wynn Casino, Cost Plus, World Market and Star Crest Catalog to name a few. We also cater to smaller gift and coffee shops looking for unique items. Without a logo, our products do not have a minimum and are only restricted by the quantities we have on hand.

How would you define success in the short term?

Success in the short term to me means finding solutions to clients' problems, keeping them happy and providing cost-effective, earth-friendly products.

Where do you see the business in five years?

Having more cottage-industry products made in more places and adding more people to my team.

What is your business philosophy?

To provide products and services to many more small businesses to help them grow their business. Because there are so many companies that cater to big business, we try to collaborate with smaller businesses, giving them a helping hand.

What is the best part of your job?

To make people happy and put a smile on people's faces.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

I like to think of new and innovative giveaways. We have great products in existence, and our company in India can create pretty much anything I can come up with. A recent idea was our mini golf

bag – the body of the bag opens up to keep whatever your choice beverage is, the smaller front pocket holds two golf balls, and with the company logo printed on the side. This product has been a big hit in Las Vegas, Nev.

How are you marketing the store?

Because we work mostly through the Internet, trade show contacts and other existing clients, our place is a warehouse where you may find unique products. We are open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What do you look for in an employee?

I look for someone who is compassionate and reliable. I hope for a work ethic similar to my own as well.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?

Working with women, as I have found them to be most reliable.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

I've narrowed down our product line. Anything is possible. However, it takes time and perseverance.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Traveling and keeping a keen eye and open mind on my surroundings.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

Create a good working environment, something that makes you want to get up in the morning and start the day. Having an emotional tie to your work can be beneficial to motivation.

What items do you carry, and what are their price ranges?

We carry many sizes and styles of jute/burlap products. Jute bags range from \$1.99 to \$5.95 and baskets are \$1.99 to \$4.99. Our Coffee Couture includes jewelry sets, pencil holders, purses and business card holders made using real coffee beans. Those items range from \$10 to \$30. Our buffalo-horn products include lamps, tables, bowls, plates, salad spoons and napkin rings, ranging from \$5 to \$250.

What are your most popular items?

Jute and cotton products.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

It does not affect me much, as most of our business has come from out of town all these years.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

Being in a small town, not getting enough exposure and having to travel long distances for trade shows and clients.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?

Our products are not made in China. Human rights should play a part in the final decision of your promotional items/products. We are a fair-trade company with earth-friendly products. Our rates are comparable and reasonable.

What are your business goals?

To employ more people and come up with new ideas and products.

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The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions announced it will extend the operating hours for the Unemployment Insurance Benefits Call Center starting Monday, Nov. 17. The new operating hours will be Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"In order to respond to increased demand in unemployment claims, the department will extend our operating hours," said Betty Sparrow Doris, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

Claimants may file for unemployment benefits by calling 505-841-4000.

When applying for an initial claim, claimants must have: their Social Security number; social security numbers of their dependents; and their employment history for the past 18 months, which includes each employer's name, address, rate of pay, start and termination date.

Davis speaks at estate planning conference



DAVIS

R. Glenn Davis, a shareholder practicing in the estate planning, probate and trust law group of the ScottHulse law firm, recently spoke on "Planning with Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts" at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico's 16th Estate Planning Institute in

Las Cruces. Attorneys, certified public accountants, trust officers and financial planners from around the State of New Mexico and West Texas attended the course. The speech focused on the use of irrevocable life insurance trusts to remove the proceeds of life insurance policies from an estate for estate tax purposes.

Davis is licensed to practice law in both Texas and New Mexico and is a member of the El Paso Estate Planning Council and the Southern New Mexico Estate Planning Council. Davis represents individual and institutional clients in a variety of wealth transfer, preservation and taxation matters.

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Brown awarded CRS designation



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Suzann Brown, a Las Cruces Realtor, has been awarded the prestigious Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

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Brown is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker deWetter Hovious, Inc. in Las Cruces. She is a member of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

El Paso Electric names chief executive officer

El Paso Electric announced the selection of David W. Stevens as chief executive officer, effective Nov. 17. Stevens succeeds J. Frank Bates, who has served as interim president and CEO since February 2008.

"I am very pleased to join El Paso Electric's dedicated team," said Stevens, who will also serve on the company's board of directors. "EPE has an exceptional reputation for quality customer service, and I look forward to continuing that tradition. As our nation enters a new energy era, focused on conservation and environmental protection, El Paso Electric will work to support these emerging priorities. I am confident that we can continue to improve operations, develop vital new energy resources and increase consumer

awareness about energy conservation."

"David comes to El Paso Electric with a strong record of leadership and deep energy industry knowledge. His regulatory experience will be invaluable to our company as we work to meet our community's growing energy demands," said Kenneth R. Heitz, chairman of EPE's board of directors. "The board would like to thank Frank Bates for his excellent leadership throughout this selection process. Frank will continue to play a central role at the company as president and chief operating officer."

Stevens has extensive executive experience in the energy industry and has consistently helped organizations improve their financial performance.

Previously, he served as president and chief executive officer of Cascade Natural Gas Corp. in Seattle, Wash., which distributes natural gas to 235,000 residential and commercial customers. Prior to that, he was president and chief operating officer for Houston-based Panhandle Energy, a subsidiary of Southern Union Co.

Stevens holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. Throughout his career he has served in many business and community organizations, including the Southern Gas Association, the Intra-state Natural Gas Association, Rotary International and the American Lung Association.



Pat Melendrez, NMSU Extension agriculture specialist, shears a sheep while Rex Salvador of Acoma Pueblo watches. Melendrez will be holding a shearing school Dec. 17-19 at NMSU's sheep barn.

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NMSU hosts annual sheep-shearing school

Workshop to help fill industry needs

While the wool industry of New Mexico has declined over the past 25 years, there is still a big demand for good shearers. There are approximately 50 in-state shearers servicing the 125,000 head of sheep shorn each year, which yields about \$1 million worth of wool.

"There's a need to have people learn to shear sheep, especially for those who own flocks with 25 to 75 heads," said Clay Mathis, New Mexico State University professor and livestock specialist. "It's hard to find someone to shear the smaller flocks. There's opportunity out there for a good shearer. And there's only one way to learn the trade – practice, practice, practice."

NMSU's Extension Animal Science and Natural Resource Department will host its annual shearing school from noon Wednesday, Dec. 17, to noon Friday, Dec. 19, at the school's sheep barn. Cost is \$20 per person.

Under the direction of expert shearer Pat Melendrez, participants will learn tricks of the trade from basic sheep-handling skills and equipment needed, including the types of combs and blades needed for the various shearing conditions, to how to maintain the equipment.

"They will learn management of the shearing for the safety of the sheep and the shearer," said Extension Agriculture Specialist Melendrez. "There are a lot of things to take into consideration when buying the equipment, which will have an impact on the shearing."

Melendrez, who has been shearing sheep for 33 years, said "a young guy can make some pretty good money shearing sheep. A good shearer can really stay busy."

Registration deadline is Dec. 1. For more information and to register, call 646-3326.

Leaving a legacy: Rich and Nancy Gregory

Endowment focuses on literacy

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Oftentimes within an area, there is at least one person that has a profound effect on the community for generations to come. In this community, there are at least two – Richard “Rich” and Nancy Gregory.

The Gregorys’ involvement in the community is long-standing. The people they have impacted are numerous and the legacy they will leave is powerful. Above all, they have passed their charitable talent on to anyone willing to learn about philanthropy.

“Rich has always been the ultimate professional,” said Elaine McKinney of Wells Fargo, who was a student of Rich’s at New Mexico State University, then served with him on the Memorial Medical Center Professional Advisory Committee. “Nancy has been a constant supporter of everything Rich has done. The two are such an asset to this community.”

Rich and Nancy began working with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) from the start by encouraging business men and women, nonprofits, estate planners and community members to look to the CFSNM as a charitable service. Through the years, Rich was instrumental in taking the CFSNM to the next level, establishing endowments and educating on philanthropy and education.

It didn’t take long for Rich to see the importance of an institute that would increase estate-planning education within

New Mexico, so in 1992, Rich became the driving force behind the Estate Planning Institute hosted by the CFSNM. Through the years, the institute has been imperative in educating others on how to protect assets from excessive estate taxes, avoid unnecessary delays after a loss and ultimately how to distribute assets in a way that benefits others. The institute provides a resource for attorneys, accountants, bankers, investment advisors, estate planners, tax practitioners and financial planners with topics like ethical considerations, life insurance and professionalism in estate planning.

“Everyone, whether they have a big estate or a small estate, needs to know where they want their assets to go,” said Kenneth Leach, a faculty member for the 16th annual Estate Planning Institute and friend of the Gregorys for more than 30 years. “This institute is successful because of Rich’s involvement.”

Nell Graham Sale, an attorney in Albuquerque, moved to New Mexico in 2002. As a former speaker at the institute and then newcomer to the state, Sale was able to gain valuable insight from Rich as an attorney.

“He was involved everywhere and happy to pass on what he knew,” Sale said. “He was always generous and supportive to me as a newcomer.”

Because of the Gregorys’ outstanding assistance and charitable contributions within the community, the CFSNM established the Richard and Nancy Gregory Endowment – announcing the endowment



Nancy and Richard “Rich” Gregory were instrumental in starting the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico’s Estate Planning Institute, which is now in its 16th year.

recently at the Estate Planning Institute. The endowment will have a focus on literacy, something that was important to Rich and Nancy. Those wishing to honor Rich and Nancy can mail a tax-deductible contribution to the CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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Selling your product means selling yourself

Make a good, lasting first impression

By LESLIE HOFFMAN
Director of Lending, ACCION New Mexico

Remember your favorite first date? Think about what made it special for you. Maybe it was the way your date listened and took an active interest in you and the things you care about. It could have been the extra care your date put into looking just right for the occasion or the bouquet of flowers that greeted you at the door.

Making a good and lasting first impression in business is a lot like a memorable first date. In a competitive marketplace where consumers, companies and government institutions have multiple choices about where and how to spend money, it’s vital for small-business owners to remember that selling yourself can help you sell your product or service.

A common mistake of business owners is failure to make a positive and

lasting first impression, but it’s a mistake that’s simple to correct by following a few simple steps.

Be prepared. Begin building a lasting first impression even before your meeting starts. Know everything you can about your product or service. This might include having a portfolio of work or product samples or other promotional or marketing materials. Be prepared to answer commonly asked questions. Remember the adage: Failure to prepare is preparation for failure.

Know your audience. Research the client or the organization whose representative you will be meeting. Informed observations go a long way toward creating a memorable encounter. Research will also allow you to tailor your presentation to the specific needs of the organization or individual whose business you’re courting.

Choose appropriate clothing. If you want to convey professionalism,

wear clothing that reinforces the image you want to project. Remember that first impressions set the stage, and clothing is one of the first things noticed by potential customers.

Arrive early. Chances are your favorite date didn’t leave you waiting. If he or she was early, it probably boosted your ego and made you feel like your date was really interested and excited about spending time with you. The same is true in business.

Extend a good handshake. While it might seem inconsequential, a firm handshake can project confidence and competence. When shaking someone’s hand, lock the soft, “webby” part of your hand between the thumb and forefinger with the same part of the other person’s hand. That way you avoid the dreaded “wet fish” handshake and are also less likely to clamp down too hard and hurt the other person. (The only caveat here is a cultural one: Not all cultures view a strong handshake as a positive gesture. So remember step No. 2: Know your

potential client.)

Listen. A common mistake is to talk too much during an introductory meeting. Part of selling yourself is to understand the needs of the person or team you’re meeting with, which recalls tip No. 1 about preparation: If you did your homework and have some basic knowledge about the business representative or individual you’re meeting with, you will understand his or her concerns and be prepared to address them.

Thank your clients for their time. Everyone is busy these days, and time is a precious commodity. Thank your client – or potential client – for spending some of that valuable and finite resource with you.

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.

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Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34171	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties	Ronald Taft	Reroof	1940 Moraga Court	Walker Estates #3	\$230
34172	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties	Jeffrey M. Everett	Reroof	6820 Camino Blanco	Camino Blanco Picacho Hills	\$160
34173	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties	Loren Wagner	Reroof	5635 Spanish Pointe Road	Spanish Ridge Estates	\$260

Shoppers expected to spend less during holiday season

Back-to-school, Halloween sales are indicators

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A longer holiday shopping season may help, but a local retail expert is predicting the 2008 holiday season to be the worst in more than 15 years.

Bruce Huhmann, a New Mexico State University associate professor with a specialty in retail, is expecting a “weak growth” of 1.1 percent nationwide for retail sales during the final quarter of the year.

Based on back-to-school and Halloween sales, his prediction is even less than what the National Retail Federation predicted, which is 2.2 percent.

In his 2008 Holiday Retail Sales Forecast, Huhmann said the 2008 back-to-school sales posted the worst sales figures since 2002.

“In the back-to-school season, consumers were very price-conscious and waited for deals before buying,” he wrote.

However, as usual with many forecasts, Huhmann said New Mexico retailers will be in a better position than the rest of the country.

“Holiday season prospects for New Mexico retailers look slightly better than for those for the nation as a whole,” he wrote in his

2008 Holiday Retail Sales Forecast. “I predict 1.8-percent growth in fourth quarter 2008 combined home improvement, non-store and GAFO retail sales.

“Compared to the U.S. as a whole, New Mexico is seeing lower unemployment, greater growth in personal incomes and is insulated from the economic cycle,” he said.

Despite New Mexico doing better than the rest of the nation, Huhmann said there will still be a decline from last year, mostly due to the declining stock market.

Therefore, Huhmann said Black Friday and Cyber Monday – the online shopping frenzy on the Monday after Black Friday – are especially important to retailers this year.

“The average consumer spends \$350 out of a total \$900 in holiday spending from Black Friday through the Sunday after Thanksgiving,” he said.

However, due to the shorter amount of days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, in addition to a later Hanukkah, Huhmann said “prices will likely start dropping earlier this year, and holiday sales in most of New Mexico should be stronger near the end of the season as bargain-conscious consumers wait for prices to fall as Christmas nears.”

Chile Tax

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Chile growers depend a great deal on field labor because most of the pods are harvested by hand. The New Mexico State University's Agriculture Extension Service is developing a field harvester, but getting a working harvester in the fields is still a few years away, Marquez said.

“We believe that if we have sufficient time that this tax break would give us, we could arrive at a solution for a mechanical harvester with all the other automatic components,” Marquez said.

Researchers also are working on mechanized chile pod cleaners and sorters.

New Mexico chile growers have to pay from \$70 to \$80 a day for chile pickers. The daily chile-picker wage in China and India is \$2 and in Mexico it is \$17, Marquez said.

New Mexico chile growers need a tax break to keep the industry competitive.

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Public Relations Director Erik Ness said that the bureau would like to see more details before taking a stand. But he added:

“The bureau will support any segment of the agricultural industry

in order to keep it viable, especially chile that is so important to the industry and to our culture.”

Dino Cervantes, association treasurer and Cervantes Enterprises Inc. manager added:

“We’re supporting anything that would encourage people to stay in chile production or to get back into the industry.”

Many Mesilla Valley chile growers have been turning to more profitable crops.

NMSU also is working on new improved chile varieties that would attract buyers or with modified pods that would be more adaptable to machine harvesting.

The state chile industry has been in a decline for several years. Marquez quoted some industry figures to trace the trend:

A few years ago, the chile industry’s gross value was \$500 million. But it has dropped to less than \$300 million. Chile growers had employed about 5,000 people, but the figure has dropped to fewer than 3,000. And the chile-planted acreage has fallen off the chart, from 37,000 acres as recently as 1994 to about 11,000, Marquez said.

Another industry indicator was production – 73,400 tons in 2006 compared with 106,850 tons in 2004, according to the latest New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Best investment advice for today?

Individual investors’ worlds have not really changed

When you’re in a state of panic, you can do some things really well, such as run after a bus, think up an excuse or find a last-minute gift. Other tasks, however, require a calmer approach. You don’t want to be panicky when you’re slicing a tomato, pouring hot coffee or preparing your taxes – and you certainly don’t want to panic when you’re investing for the long term.

Yet, in the midst of the \$700 billion Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, the failure of some well-known banks and investment firms and the precipitous drop of stock prices, some investors are panicking. For them, the investment world has turned upside down.

But as an individual investor, your world hasn’t really changed. You still have some long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. You still need to invest to achieve those goals. And you still need to follow an investment strategy that’s appropriate for your individual objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon.

However, with so much negative news, you might

be tempted to make hasty, short-term – even panicky – decisions. Don’t. Instead, follow these suggestions:

- **Be patient.** There’s no denying that the markets are now extremely volatile. At the same time, if you avoid making sudden moves, such as putting all your money into “cash” instruments, your patience may well be rewarded. After all, we still have an enormously powerful and resilient economy.
- **Stay invested.** In the past, the market has fallen sharply after a variety of events – wars, assassinations, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, corporate scandals and so on – only to regain its footing and move on to new highs. And since the biggest gains can occur in the early stages of a market turnaround, you could miss out on the possibility for considerable growth if you’re sitting on the investment sidelines.
- **Look for opportunities.** If you never planned on buying any stocks again, you’d probably have good reason to be upset when you see the Dow Jones

Industrial Average falling hundreds of points a day, which has happened several times recently. But if you are still investing for your future, you will be purchasing stocks, and that being the case, the market decline actually gives you some great opportunities to buy at lower levels. You may not be Warren Buffet, who invested \$5 billion in investment firm Goldman Sachs, but you can follow his long-held philosophy of buying quality stocks and holding them for the long term, through good markets and bad. It’s worked pretty well for him, and it may be a good idea for you, too.

One final tip: Don’t go it alone. During these tumultuous times, you can benefit from the assistance of an experienced financial adviser – someone who knows your investment preferences, risk tolerance, family situation and long-term objectives.

These aren’t the easiest times for investors. But by showing patience and discipline, keeping your eyes open for opportunities and getting the help you need, you can get through these days with your investment goals intact – and still attainable.

This article was written by Edward Jones brought to you by Financial Adviser Diana Seward. For more information, contact Seward at 532-2015 or diana.seward@edwardjones.com.

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20085893	Alberto C. & Graciela Valdez	Valdez Alberto C & Graciela	Res/Alt	811 E Arizona	\$800	\$33
20085971	Sun & Earth Inc.	Donald E. & Beatriz Rudisill	Res/New	4367 Isleta Court	\$139,800	\$1,925
20086019	Top Notch Exteriors	Virginia Peterson	Reroof	316 E. Picacho Ave.	\$9,738	\$85
20085896	Ramiro V. Alcalá	Ramiro V. Alcalá	Reroof	1996 Stanton Ave.	\$1,200	\$38
20085929	Troy K. & Oralia Autry	Federal National Mortgage Association	Res/Alt	631 Esperanza	\$9,000	\$81
20086002	Castle Construction Inc.	Lanice E. Jiron	Res/Alt	1963 Cummings Court	\$15,600	\$120
20085936	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Res/New	4317 Del Prado Way	\$119,340	\$3,897
20085935	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Res/New	4301 Del Prado Way	\$160,000	\$3,919
20085867	Turnkey Builders LLC	Jack E. & Laura M. Thalman	Reroof	3217 Fairway Drive	\$6,000	\$63
20085839	De La Paz Construction	Patricia Ann Merrill	Reroof	2262 Uranus Ave.	\$3,600	\$49
20085915	JC Roofing Inc.	Phillip W. Jones	Reroof	713 Rena Mae Court	\$9,898	\$86
20085907	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Richard & Darcie Palmier	Res/New	5148 San Carlos Court	\$188,040	\$2,369
20085949	Salas Homes	Donaciano E. & Rosella T. Gonzalez	Res/Add	1809 Pinehurst St.	\$67,000	\$345
20086009	Aaron B. & Deborah J. Baker	Aaron B. & Deborah J. Baker	Res/Add	3915 Marble View	\$4,000	\$51
20085972	Approved Roofing	Allie Sue Gottwald	Reroof	3004 Buena Vida Circle	\$3,800	\$50
20085938	Desert Sage Building And Development Inc.	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Res/New	4313 Del Prado Way	\$125,800	\$3,912
20085930	Michael De Meulenaere	Mary E. Portillo & Teresa E. Mendez	Res/Add	5321 Melody	\$2,500	\$43
20085940	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Res/New	4309 De Prado Way	\$123,180	\$3,905
20085905	Fierro Enterprises	John & Karen Curry Enterprises	Comm/Alt	2840 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$5,000	\$57

ON THE AGENDA

'Starting a Business' seminar

The Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center will be presenting a seminar on Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. The seminar is called "Starting a Business" and will provide information on setting up a business legally, safely and profitably. Learn the basics of licenses and

registration, taxes and record keeping, finding and getting customers, and funding the business. For more information, call 527-7776.

Date: Friday, Nov. 21
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Location: Small Business Development Center
 2345 E. Nevada Ave.
Contact: 527-7776

Holiday luncheon

The Las Cruces Newcomers Connection will hold a holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. P.J. Waggaman of the Las Cruces Theater Company will discuss holiday presentations going on around town. The cost is \$15 per person, and reservations are required.

Call 521-3145 for more information.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 11
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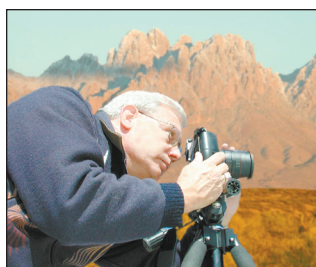
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Cinderella



Classic fairy-tale opens Friday, Nov.21,
at New Mexico State University



Photographer Mike Groves captures the beauty of the Southwest
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'Cinderella': A classic fairytale gets a new twist

ASTC and NMSU present a family-friendly production

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By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With actors and production crew from the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department, the American Southwest Theatre Company and guest artists, the newest family-friendly production to hit Las Cruces is "Cinderella," a favorite story for generations, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre.

Co-directors Tom Smith and Rebecca MacCallum have chosen the classic story of a poor girl whose dreams, magically, come true. With the help of her fairy godmother, Cinderella escapes the clutches of her wicked stepmother and finds love in the palace of Prince Charming.

"'Cinderella' is the quintessential fairytale, and in this version, we wanted to honor the tradition of earlier Cinderella's, but make something unique for this area," Smith says. "This production really highlights what this theater can do to bring together the various companies and students to work together on a common show."

The play opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus. The group is partnering with Toys for Tots for the 2008 holiday season and asks audience members to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the the-

ater when they come to see the show. Last year, ASTC helped nearly 4,000 area children in their efforts.

With this performance, ASTC hopes to reach children and adults simultaneously with the storyline and unique aspects of the play.

"We looked at more than 50 versions of the play before we finally set on this one," says Smith, who serves as head of the Theatre Arts Department. "Even though it's set in fairytale time, 'Cinderella' is much more identifiable to women today – those who are looking for new adventures and a new life. This version is a much better message to young girls in the audience."

Smith says Denise Castañeda, who plays Cinderella, is "spunky, and able to portray a range of emotions."

"The whole premise of the play is a love story/romance," says MacCallum, a senior at NMSU majoring in theater arts with an emphasis on directing. "It's about a girl who took a chance to dream big."

MacCallum says that the prince, played by Sean Dolan, is not the "typical faceless charmer."

"We wanted a real human being, someone who is growing in this process," MacCallum says. "We want the audience to see Prince Charming growing from a boy to a man before their eyes."

One character many may not recognize is Patches, played by Josh Tafoya. Patches is unique to this adaptation, playing Cinderella's best friend and the prince's kitchen servant. Smith describes the character of Patches as a "pivotal, fun and funny character in this version."

Thematically, the show isn't typical of the fairytales brought to audiences by Disney. There are no singing mice or a meek main character – instead, Smith says "Cinderella" takes on the idea that anything is possible if you are open to the possibility.

"The whole idea is 'Dream big, reach for the stars,'" Smith says. "It's an

important message for everyone. Adults who are complacent with life will leave with the message, 'Don't give up on your dreams.' Kids in the audience will learn that anything is possible."

Smith and MacCallum have worked together throughout the production, using each other's various experiences to look for trouble spots and collaborate on ideas. They say they have merged well, sharing notes and working with the various parts of production to come up with a top notch play.

Smith says that while the play depicts the traditional storyline, there is much more than the romantic side or the fantasy side, but more for families. While many are gathering for the Thanksgiving holiday, ASTC offers performances at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. They will continue the next weekend, with performances at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

The cast of "Cinderella" features ASTC company member and NMSU faculty member Ruth Cantrell as

the Stepmother. NMSU students in the cast include Amy Archibeque (Gladiola), Michelle Atencio (Fairy Godmother), Denise Castañeda (Cinderella), Sean Dolan (Prince Charming), Katie Lovato (Princess Goldenrod), Sean Maldonado (King Septimus), Christopher Rivas (The Steward), Sarah Shannon (Queen Rosemary), Josh Tafoya (Patches), Sarah Van nest (Petunia), Roxanne de Luna (Party Guest), David Driscoll (Party Guest), Grady Easterling (Party Guest), Elyse Francis (Party Guest), Esther Martinez (Party Guest), Sarah Fae Milner (Party Guest), Francisco Muñoz (Party Guest) and Bryant Shockley (Party Guest).

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and NMSU faculty/staff and \$10 for students. Call the ASTC box office at 646-4515 or 800-646-ASTC for more information.



Denise Castañeda plays Cinderella and Josh Tafoya plays Patches in "Cinderella."

Denise Castañeda, left, and Amy Archibeque act out a scene from "Cinderella."



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Mike Groves:

An eye for beauty in nature

Photographer turns hobby into profession

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It was all just a hobby – a simple interest that carried Mike Groves through high school and on into college and his career in picture framing as owner of Picture Frame Factory Outlet.

In 1953, Groves moved to Las Cruces and began his career in photography while he was in high school. He never received any formal training, but always had an eye for it, using his skills to photograph the local scenery, including the Organ Mountains.

He turned his dad, L.C. Groves, on to photography, showing him the basics after his quest to learn how to draw and paint turned into an interest in taking pictures. L.C. Groves bought a single lens reflex camera, taking pictures that he wanted to paint. Soon, he began selling the photographs he took and gave up on the painting altogether.

When Mike Groves' father passed away in 1995, he inherited all of his equipment he had collected over the years.

"I took his death as a cue to get serious about photography again," Mike Groves says. "It got to the point where I paid more attention to photography than my framing business."

It was at that point four years ago that he asked his son to take over the family business, and after he agreed, Groves began working solely in photography.

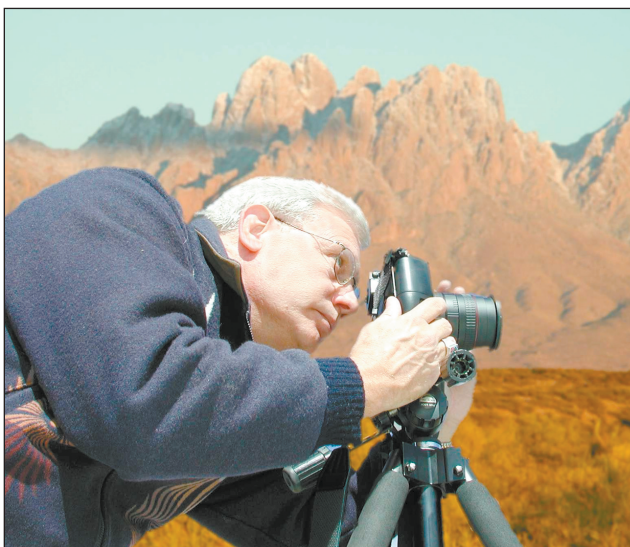
"In this digital age, I can be a one-man business," Groves says. "I can do my own printing and photography becomes a full-time business, with the printing, selling and shooting."

Early in his career, Groves entered photo contests and won ribbons for his still life, portrait and landscape photography. As he developed his skills with each and every photograph, Groves began to love outdoor, landscape photography and has become well known for his shots of the Organ Mountains.

"I like photos that don't show humanity around – nature without the human influence, other than a road or a fence," Groves says. "There is beauty in the ever-changing nature."

Groves says he is inspired by the New Mexico landscape, and a lot of that inspiration comes from his solo work, capturing the mountains and landscapes at various times of day.

"It's always fun to see what you're going to find," Groves says. "It is a mystical experience to go out and see what you're going to be dealt. I love the solitude, quiet and all of that."



Mike Groves has been interested in photography since high school.

Groves shoots his work with a panoramic camera and fixed lens, which lends itself well to photographs of the Organ Mountains and their great expanse. Some of the first items he sold of his photography were panoramic magnets using views of the area landscapes. A lot of his work is done in the panoramic views, which he prefers, shot with a 360-degree or 180-degree panoramic view. Some are stitched together in a sequence, and his work is printed on a variety of media, including posters, photo paper or canvas.

Groves also strives to give something back with his work. Each year, he donates images to the Jardin de los Niños Christmas card fundraiser to help raise money for the organization. This year, they used 10 of his images to sell. Throughout the holiday season, Groves also sells his unique cards at Picture Frame Factory Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St., where most of his work is on display.

He sells his work most Saturdays at the Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market, as well as other craft shows in the area.

"Primarily, I sell my work (at Picture Frame Factory Outlet)," Groves says, "I have gained a following, and everyone who's looking for Organ Mountain photography comes here to look."

Occasionally, Groves shows at area galleries, such as the ArtsHop, or as part of the Association of Panoramic Photographers, which he has been a member of for six years.



A view from the East side of the Organ Mountains can be found on a Christmas card that Groves sells.

His work, it seems, gets better as he spends more time shooting and capturing the local landscape.

"To be able to capture that is a gift I have been given," Groves says. "It's a tough job to go out, in all of that beauty, and have to bring it back for everyone else."

To view some of Groves' work, visit the Picture Frame Factory Outlet or www.mikegrovesphotography.com.



This digitally enhanced photograph is one of this year's most popular Christmas cards that Groves sells.



One of Groves' most popular photos of the chile harvest in the Mesilla Valley



One of his many photographs of the Organ Mountains

The Rio Grande Theatre: A Las Cruces tradition since 1926

Historic site offers more than just theater

By **HEATHER POLLARD**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

We have so many newcomers and visitors to Las Cruces, we thought we would tell the story of the Rio Grande Theatre and inform people about the jewel in the crown of downtown revitalization.

The theater began its long history in 1926. Otto Thorman, a well-known architect of the time, created the look of the theater in the popular Italian Renaissance Revival style. The theater survived an earthquake and a fire in the early 1930s, and despite the terrible economic times, the owners went to a great deal



POLLARD

of expense in restoring the old building. Various corporations operated the theater over the years, and then Allen Theatres took over in 1982 and ran "second run" films until it closed in 1997.

The Doña Ana Arts Council was gifted with the building in 1998 by the Clute and Muggenburgh families. The DAAC undertook a huge capital campaign for the renovation of the building and it was transformed into a state-of-the-art performing arts center. In order to receive state funds, the City of Las Cruces was deemed the theater.

Since the theater reopened in 2005, it is estimated that more than 40,000

people have attended various events there. The offices of the DAAC are on the second floor and the 422-seat venue is operated for the community.

Rio Grande Theatre audiences have enjoyed everything from classical music to live theater to bluegrass and jazz. Every Other Tuesday is a free concert at 5:30 p.m. Every Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Magic Carpet Story Time is presented for the children.

The theater manager, David Edwards, conducts a special hour for the Drama Group for adults with developmental disabilities. This is also a free service. There are two art galleries at the theater and the artists change each month, featured at the Downtown Ramble, a stroll through Main Street initiated a couple of years ago by gallery owner Flo Hosa Dougherty.

So much is going on at the Rio Grande

Theatre, we do not have space here to describe everything. But we do want the public to know that the theater is available for rental or for lease, and we do have special rates for nonprofit organizations and for schools and special groups.

Would anyone like to be married at the Rio Grande, one of the oldest historic adobe theaters in the Southwest? Edwards can make that happen for you. The building is also available for conferences, forums, seminars and for showing films. We do have the capacity to show movies, but with some restrictions. Call Edwards at 523-6403 to schedule your event, concert or any presentation.

As the City of Las Cruces continues its path to revitalization, DAAC is proud to have taken the first pioneer steps to provide a vital gathering place for the community. Viva the Rio Grande Theatre, an 80-year tradition in Las Cruces.

CALL TO ARTISTS

© FOR LOVE OF ART CELEBRATION SEEKS ARTISTS

The Town of Mesilla seeks artists to participate in the Seventh Annual For the Love of Art Celebration on the Mesilla plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009.

Work must be original and created by the displaying artist. Artists must be present during the event. No imported, kit or commercial objects accepted. Artists must have, or obtain, a business license in the Town of Mesilla effective for the year March 15, 2008 through March 14, 2009.

In 1999, February was declared For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces. The event in Mesilla is held in conjunction with the Las Cruces celebration in an effort to promote art and the business of art.

The deadline for artists is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2009. For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262, ext. 116 or email kmedina_tom@comcast.net.

© CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

A juried photography show entitled "The Environment on the Edge" is set for Dec. 5 through Jan. 17, 2009, at the Cottonwood Gallery, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The show is designed to bring attention to not only the beauty of our environment, but to the problems faced in caring for it. The show is sponsored by The City of Artists Promotional Association and the Southwest Environmental Center. The exhibit is open to all photographers. The minimum frame size is 11-by-14 inches with the maximum frame size 22-by-28 inches. Nude entries will not be accepted. The judge will be Elke Wunderlich of TopView Leadership.

There will be a prize for the first and second place entries of \$50 and \$25, respectively. An entry fee of \$5 per entry with a limit of two entries per photographer will be collected at drop off. Each artist will be responsible for collecting the gross receipts tax on any sales.

The following information should be emailed to mlcournet@zianet.com no later than Monday, Nov. 24: Artist's name, photo(s) title and size, type of photo (digital, gelatin silver print, fractal), and, if available, a jpeg of one photo to be used for publicity.

The artwork is to be delivered to the Cottonwood Gallery between noon and 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2. The pick-up date will be between noon and 3 p.m. Jan. 19, 2009. A small exhibit card, 2-by-4 inches, should accompany each entry describing the subject matter, title, medium, price and artist's name.

© AUDITIONS FOR "QUILTERS" AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

Auditions for "Quilters" by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, directed by Jim Eckman, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

"Quilters" is the story of Sarah and her six daughters, a pioneer woman of the homestead era, told through music and dance. Each song or "story" is introduced by a quilt block that represents or describes the story. The play describes the life of the pioneer woman on the prairies of the United States, the joys and sorrows, the good times and bad. The play culminates in a legacy quilt that tells the story of the life of Sarah and her daughters.

Seven women, ages 16 through 60s and two young men, late teens through 20s, are needed for the performance.

Auditions will consist of reading from the script. Participants should be prepared to sing one song of their choice or from the show. A perusal script is available at the reference desk in the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

Rehearsals will commence Jan. 3, 2009, and will be Monday through Friday up to the opening of the show. Rehearsal starting time will be decided by consensus of the cast and director.

"Quilters," directed by Jim Eckman, will run in March during Women's History Month from March 6 through 29, 2009.

Contact the director at jimie44@comcast.net or 373-0717 for more information.

© LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is currently accepting proposals for solo and group exhibitions by artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, to exhibit work in 2010. The prospectus is available online at the Museum of Art website <http://museums.las-cruces.org> and includes more information on proposal requirements. The deadline for submissions is June 19, 2009.

Artist proposals must include a brief statement on the proposed exhibit including media, general content of the show and proposed use of floor space. The proposal package should also include artist resume, artist statement and 10 to 20 thumbnail images of works for each of the artists included in the proposal.

Prominent members of the New Mexico artist community have been selected as the jurors including Cyndi Conn, visual arts director/curator of the Center for Contemporary Arts in Santa Fe, Arif Khan, gallery director of the Tamarind Institute in Albuquerque and Preston Thayer, director of the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University. This is a wonderful opportunity for regional artists to show their highest quality work and receive museum level exposure. Past exhibitions have included installations, sculpture, large-scale drawings and a variety of other media.

Call 541-2221 or email jmliller@las-cruces.org for more information.

© PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

This is a call for all media artists over the age of 18, who submit works that use nylon as the medium or as the content. The exhibition entitled "The Nylon Show," will be held at the Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla, from Friday, April 10, through Sunday, June 28, 2009. The deadline for submission is Saturday, Dec. 1. Artists can submit up to five entries on a CD or DVD; a \$30 submission fee is required. For a complete prospectus, visit the gallery or download from www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

"Nylon" as a word suggests a variety of connotations within the art world in terms of nylon as a medium or as content. It can be considered a textile with surface, weight and strength, while at the same time offering elements of sexuality or spirituality in content. Its uses are multiple and as diverse as providing a surface for art or a human protection from death (Kevlar is but one type of nylon). The exhibit is about both media and content. Call 523-8713 for more information.

© LA CASA BAZAAR

Artist applications are now available for booth space at the

2008 La Casa Bazaar. The Bazaar will be held Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at Dickerson's Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., in Las Cruces. All proceeds from the Bazaar benefit La Casa, the shelter for victims of Domestic Violence and their children. The bazaar, a juried show, focuses on handcrafted or handembellished products. Approximately 150 artists will be accepted to participate in the event that opens with a preview party from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, and continues from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Other attractions at the Bazaar include "The Cupboard," stocked with all sorts of handmade edibles and a silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind decorative mailboxes.

For more information or an artist application, contact La Casa Administration at 526-2819 or Sandy at 524-1222.

© MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre has immediate openings for local artists of all media and styles, including contemporary and abstract. For further information, call 522-2933, drop by the gallery or visit www.zianet.com/mvartgallery.

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Friday, NOVEMBER 21

☞ "COPENHAGEN" AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

No Strings Theatre Company presents the Tony Award-winning play "Copenhagen" written by Michael Frayn and directed by Zac Bannister. "Copenhagen" opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 7. In this play, Heisenberg meets Bohr in an electrifying exchange of ideas. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$9 for students and seniors. All tickets on Thursday are \$7. There is also a High School Rush ticket for \$7 available 10 minutes before each performance on a seat-available basis. Call 523-1223 or visit <http://www.no-strings.org> for tickets and more information.

☞ ARTIST'S DIALOGUE AT PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

Preston Contemporary Arts Center presents Artists Dialogues at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. There is no admission charge.

Artist Dana Kleinman of Albuquerque will speak, show photographs and answer questions about her recent experience exhibiting her work at the Beijing Biennale in conjunction with the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Kleinman and her sister, Ruth Avra Kleinman, collaborate on artworks that are a combination of metalwork and painting, with recent exhibitions in Washington, D.C., New York City, Miami Beach, and in Beverly Hills and Studio City, Calif. Their work can be seen in February 2009 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Call 523-8713 for more information.

☞ POTTERS' GUILD ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE



The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces will hold its annual festive holiday sale from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. The sale will be held at the Las Cruces Association of Realtors' Building, 150 E. Idaho Ave., located between Main Street and El Paseo Road. Sixteen local ceramic artists will be selling art and gift items, including clay jewelry, functional pottery, sculpture, beaded jewelry and wood walking sticks.

Participants include Joe Angelo, Michelle Arterburn, Pat Grace, Beth Landers-Chidester, Rudy Lucero, Lesley and Richard Mausolf, Corry McKissack, Linda Reeder-Sanchez, Randy Summers, Dorothy Rising, Judy Thimesch, Cindy Waddell, Barbara Williams, Cally Williams and Jackie Zappa. Refreshments will be served. Call Williams at 526-5250 for more information.

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Through Sat., Nov. 22
Wed., Dec. 10-Fri., Dec. 12

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Las Cruces Museum of Art
Mesilla Plaza

☞ THE POTTERIES OF OLD MESILLA FALL EXHIBITION

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☞ HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT ENCHANTED GARDENS

Twinkle lights, decorated trees and holiday melodies set the mood for the holidays at the Enchanted Gardens Holiday Open House from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Call 524-1886 for more information.

☞ COMMUNITY CONTRA DANCE

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a non-profit organization that sponsors dances, will host a community contra dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Lonnie Ludeman and Lewis Land will teach and call all dances to the live old-time music of the SNMMDS Band. Beginner dance lessons are at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5.

Contact Julie Schmitt at juliedance@yahoo.com or 522-1691 for more information.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 22

☞ EL PASO SADDLEBLANKET ARTISTS AND WRITERS SHOWCASE

El Paso Saddleblanket, 6926 Gateway East, presents the Artists and Writers Showcase from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. Participants include David Hoekenga, John Flores, Jesse Lujan, Bob Snead, Sabino Gomez, Virginia Steely, Albert Alvidrez, Corinne Abeyta-Spinnler and Christopher Lance Habermeyer.

☞ WEM CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

The Women Enrichment Ministry (WEM) of First Baptist Church will host their first annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St.

Vendors will offer handmade items as well as products to be

handmade, including scrapbooking, cooking, gifts, kits, etc., for Christmas and all occasions. This family affair will have something for every member of the family, including face painting and goodies galore for the kids.

WEM is an organization of women created to meet the needs of women in the church and community. Their mission is to equip women to serve their Lord, families, church and community through team building and leadership training and opportunities to enrich the spiritual lives of other women through Bible study, outreach, mentoring programs and much more.

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☞ NEW HORIZONS BAND IN CONCERT

The New Horizons Band will perform its free concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall.

The band is led by John Schutz and Judy Bethmann, associate director. The concert will include Ave Verum Corpus, Sonatina for band, Hill Country Ballad, the Black Knight, Dos Canciones, Symphonic Overture and the Girl from Ipanema.

The New Horizons Band is a group founded for musicians over 55 years of age who are interested in continuing their musical interests.

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For more information regarding the New Horizons Band, visit rehearsal on Tuesday nights in the band rehearsal room at the NMSU concert hall from 6 to 7:30 p.m. or call William Clark at 646-1582.

LA CATRINA STRING QUARTET IN CONCERT



Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music presents the La Catrina String Quartet, featuring a varied program, juxtaposing Latin American composers with traditional classical repertoire. A portion of the concert will include students from Mayfield High School.

The Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music, along with New Mexico State University will bring La Catrina String Quartet in for a week-long residency, which will include master classes and workshops for the Las Cruces Public Schools and NMSU students.

The week will end with La Catrina in concert along with select students at the NMSU Music Center Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

Tickets will be \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. They can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

Proceeds will help Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music to provide continued high-quality musical performances and educational opportunities to our community.

For more information regarding this organization, visit www.lascrucesfriendsofchambermusic.org.

SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR

The Valley View Parents Committee for Children with Multiple Disabilities will host the second annual Holiday Gift and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Valley View Elementary, 915 California Ave. (across the street from Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral). Local vendors will be selling crafts, jewelry, baked goods and gift baskets. Unique holiday gift ideas will be in abundance. There is no admission charge and local schools/organizations will provide entertainment throughout the fair. Call Emily Viramontes at 635-0377 for more information.

STORYTELLERS AT COAS BOOKSTORES

COAS Bookstores will present family storytelling by the Storytellers of Las Cruces from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Sarah Addison, "Juba," and for the Solano location, the storyteller will be Judith Ames. A free book is given to all children who attend.

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.

FESTIVAL OF THE CRANES

The sandhill cranes are beginning to arrive at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge south of Socorro, but it isn't too early to start signing up to attend this year's festival.

This year's festival runs through Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, with events at a variety of venues, from the Bosque to Elephant Butte Reservoir, the VLA to Trinity Site, the Quebradas and Sevilleta, and in Socorro itself.

There are workshops, tours and activities for those interested in the birds: seeing them, identifying them by sight and sound, attracting them, studying their habits and their habitats, learning their evolutionary history. There will be activities for non-birders: photography, painting, writing, gardening, as well as tours and lectures on geology, Native American and early New Mexico history, geocaching and Tai Chi.

There will be guided hikes, family activities and weekend experiences with kids in mind. Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge will be featured in three tours and the Gordon S. Ladd Waterfowl Complex near Bernardo will have volunteers on hand Saturday to show visitors the new decks and viewing areas available at the Complex.

Schedule brochures can be picked up at the Socorro Chamber of Commerce, the Heritage and Visitors Center, Socorro Public Library and the Skeen Library on the New Mexico Tech Campus. Visit <http://friendsofthebosque.org/crane> or call 575-835-2077 for more information.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY MOVIE

The City of Las Cruces Branigan Library invites the public to Fourth Sunday Movies, held the fourth Sunday of every month. The program is free and begins at 2 p.m. inside the Dresp Room of the library at 200 E. Picacho Ave. On Sunday, Nov. 23, the library will show the Festival Shorts Collection (80 minutes). This is a compilation of eight short films. They represent some of the best short films from around the world and include "El Gran Zambini," also known as "The Great Zambini," "Mann Im Mond," also known as "Man In The Moon," "La Lecon De Danse," also known as "The Dance Lesson," "The Stickie," "Diamonds in a Bucket," "Migration Assitee" also known as "Aided Migration," "No Bikini" and "A Half Man."

For more information contact Elise Vidal at 528-4014. The TTY number is 541-2182.

TOYS FOR KIDS PARADE

The Las Cruces Motorcyclists' 28th annual toy drive parade begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Mesilla Valley Mall, then goes south on Telshor Boulevard to University Avenue, west to Valley Drive and concludes at Dickerson's Event Center on Picacho Avenue. Toys will be given to children in the Tresco Tots Program. Registration fee is \$10, plus \$5 or a new toy donation. Call 523-1061 for more information.

JAY PEREZ AT INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS

Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino presents a concert from world-renowned Latin music sensation Jay Perez at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in Ruidoso.

Perez began his career singing in a number of popular Latin bands, including Latin Breed and Lee Garza y los Musicales. In the mid-1990s, Perez recruited some of the industry's most talented musicians to form his own band. The group, which became known as The Band, has won numerous awards for their studio work. Their most recent album, "All of Me," was released in 2006.

Tickets are \$25 and guests must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or calling the Inn of the Mountain Gods box office at 888-324-0348.

MESILLA VALLEY CONCERT BAND

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band will give a free

Looking Forward

2008 FALL OPEN STUDIO TOUR

A group of Las Cruces artists invite you to see their art in its natural habitat the weekend after Thanksgiving. The second annual Fall Open Studio Tour is coming to town.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and 30, a cluster of studios along the Picacho Corridor will be open to the public. Exhibiting artists include award-winning painters, art educators, boundary breakers and at least one obsessive paintomaniac.

This year's participants – all women by sheer chance – include Ouida Touchon, Old Quesenberry Farm Studio (Bonnie Mandoe), Mesquite Street Studios (Diana Ayres, Marie Siegrist, Pat Walke,



Sylvia Bowers, Susan Long, Toby de Voss, Terry Wolfe), The Maggie Cat, Linda Sundell Gendall, Penny Duncklee and Tauna Cole.

The cluster concept – all the studios are within a 10-minute range – keeps driv-

ing to a minimum. Each location will offer snacks, beverages and one-on-one conversation with the artist. Request a map to all studios at fallstudiotour@gmail.com or call 635-7899.

concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Music Center Recital Hall at New Mexico State University. The 100-member wind ensemble will be directed by William Clark, retired head of music at New Mexico State University. Music varies from classical and jazz to marches and contemporary compositions. Call 646-2421 for more information.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 26

STITCH 'N' VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. To participate bring a portable craft, such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. The focus of the groups is good conversation and sharing creative ideas. There are two separate meetings on Wednesday – one in the morning and one in the evening. The Wednesday morning group meets at 10 a.m. at Ocotillo Coffeehouse, 315 N. Main St. (behind Coas Bookstore), and the Wednesday evening group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or meadows@zianet.com.

Friday, NOVEMBER 28

RUIDOSO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The mountain village of Ruidoso will host several Christmas and holiday events through the Christmas season, beginning with the annual Lighting of the Village at dusk Friday, Nov. 28, in midtown. Call 888-71-LIGHTS or visit www.RuidosoFOL.org for more information.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 29

BOBBY PULIDO AT INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS

Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino presents a concert from world-renowned Latin music sensation Bobby Pulido at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in Ruidoso.

Pulido has enjoyed great success throughout the United States, Mexico, Latin America and

Puerto Rico. As a singer very connected to his Mexican heritage, Pulido released his first CD on Sept. 15, 2005, to commemorate Mexico's Day of Independence. He has since released four albums and won numerous awards for his work. Pulido's current hit is a remake of one of his father's songs, "Obsesión."

Tickets are \$25 and guests must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or calling the Inn of the Mountain Gods box office at 888-324-0348.

STORYTELLERS AT COAS BOOKSTORES

COAS Bookstores will present family storytelling by the Storytellers of Las Cruces from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Pat Gill and for the Solano location, the storyteller will be Lucas the Bookseller. A free book is given to all children who attend.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 30

LAS CRUCES FLUTE ORCHESTRA PERFORMS

The Las Cruces Flute Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Black Box Theatre. Formed in 2000, the Las Cruces Flute Orchestra has performed several times as guest artists with the Mesilla Valley Concert Band, as part of the St. Paul's Methodist Church concert series, at the New Mexico State University President's Reception and at various other benefits, churches and retirement homes. The group recently performed at the National Flute Convention in Albuquerque and at the Rio Grande Theatre.

The membership draws from many varied fields of endeavor such as teachers, a librarian, a civil engineer, NMSU college students and graduate assistants. The types of instruments used are piccolo, flute, alto flute, bass flute and string bass. The performance at the Black Box Theatre will add the harp in the Mother Goose Suite by Ravel. Guest artist-harpist is Mardi Mahaffy. The members are Alexandra Aguirre, Nathaniel Berman, Nancy Christmore, Sana Clason, Phyllis Leetsch, Ross Palmer, Molly Molloy, Elsie Stott, Melanie Williams, Isaac Medina, Susan Raby and David DeWitt, conductor and music director.

Tickets for the concert are \$10. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating and can be made by calling the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

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RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The spirit of living in the rural Southwest is reflected in the Western Heritage art show presented at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through March 28, 2009. Paintings, sculpture, wood crafting, gourd art and photography created by the members of the City of Artists Promotional Association inspire a deeper appreciation of New Mexico's rich heritage and can be viewed during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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AND GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will host an opening for Susi and Richard Bergquist, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. The Bergquists are well-known ceramic artists from San Simon, Ariz. Susi Bergquist does figures based on Inidan Folklore made of ceramic. There are coyotes, wolves, birds, ravens, owls, deer and many other animals. She also does ledger drawing depicting Indian history. Her wall pieces are called mojaves and are hummingbirds, bears, rabbits, porcupines and other creatures. She will also have some etchings, engraving and reduction linocuts.

Richard Bergquist does Santos, or saints, clay creations that sit on a shelf with objects representing the miracles of the saints at the base. Each saint has the professed blessing on the back of the pieces. He also does clay wall angels and nativity sets.

The two make all of their own ceramic clays from scratch. She makes figures from stories she draws of her own unique style. The figures are embellished with beads, fabric and hair the way the original Mojave Indian figures were.

The show continues through Dec. 31.

Continuing
this Week

© BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Photos and Fibers," an exhibit by John Gustinis and Joan Jensen, is currently on display

at the theatre gallery at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. John Gustinis studied physics in Rochester, NY, then worked as a technician and engineer at several universities. Jensen studied art in Pasadena and then history at the University of California at Los Angeles. They met in 1971 in San Francisco while both were involved in the anti-war movement. This is their first exhibit together.

After moving to Las Cruces in 1976, they studied art at New Mexico State University off and on. Gustinis branched out into photography and Jensen into fiber arts. They claim to be modernists at heart, growing up during the era of abstract expressionism, but have ventured on to include more representational objects in their work as well, including landscapes, insects and plants. They spend much time outdoors. Jensen hikes while Gustinis kayaks. These experiences find a way into their art in many ways: colors, textures, images, forms, light and shadow.

The gallery is open one hour before all performances at the Black Box Theatre and by appointment by calling 523-1223.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

LCPS annual Middle School Art Show will continue through Jan. 31, 2009, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The show includes art by students from LCPS middle schools, using a variety of media.

For more information, contact LCPS Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts Bonnie Hosie at 527-5860 or bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us.

© LINDA LUNDEEN GALLERY

Kathy Morrow will be the featured artist, through Nov. 28, at the Linda Lundeen Gallery, 618 S. Alameda Blvd., showing her large scale acrylics and paintings on clay board. Parking is available across the street. Call 526-3326 or 888-526-3326 for more information.

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UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery will exhibit a selection of 28 Warhol photographs through Dec. 23. Original photographs taken by Andy Warhol between 1970 and 1987 capture artists, celebrities and socialites as color Polaroid images, while the streets of New York were the

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AND GALLERY

Amy Rankin, a graduate of New Mexico State University, and Potter Russell Mott team up for an art show at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery which will run through Friday, Nov. 21.

Rankin received her BA and MFA from the art department at NMSU in 1998. While working toward her MFA in painting and drawing she developed a strong interest in printmaking. Since completing her degree, she has focused on all three disciplines of painting, drawing and printmaking. Currently, she teaches all three areas at the University of New Mexico Taos Branch, where she lives. The show will contain some new samples of her printmaking as well as florals, limited-edition copperplate etchings of women with snakes and other charcoal still life works and oil paintings.

Mott came to ceramics late in his life. He woke up one day and decided he wanted to be a potter. He decided to learn to throw pottery first and let the other techniques in pottery come to him later. He works in his studio every day and he finds that Raku is his first love, which includes throwing, trimming, drying, glazing, firing and torching. Mott has learned from and apprenticed with Steve Hemingway, Claude W. Smith III and Alex Williams early in his career.

© LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Don't miss the opportunity to see "Rodin: In His Own Words; Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The last day to see the exhibit is Saturday, Nov. 22. The show features 42 sculptures and related works by French artist Auguste Rodin (1840 - 1917). There is no charge for admission.

This comprehensive exhibit includes bronzes of various sizes, a selection of photographs and portraits of Rodin, as well as journal entries and letters by the artist. Accompanying the show is an educational exhibit on the traditional lost-wax casting process, used to create bronze sculptures.

Auguste Rodin was a pioneer in sculpture, creating bold impressionistic pieces that have been exhibited at museums worldwide. Sculptures on exhibit include such well-known works as "The Thinker," "Head of Balzac" and "The Burghers of Calais, First Maquette."

The gallery hours for "Rodin: In His Own Words" are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St., on the north end of the Downtown Mall. For more information on exhibits, call 541-2137 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

subject of many of the black and white silver gelatin prints.

Warhol used photographs as the basis for his paintings, and so there are multiple, often repetitious images of any given subject. This, in turn, fed into the repetition seen in his silkscreened images - multiples of Jackie Kennedy or Elvis being among Warhol's most iconic works.

The gallery is located at 100 Williams Hall, Solano Drive at University Avenue. Call 646-2545 for more information.

© BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

What do Maori warriors, Popeye, Angela Jolie and the Branigan Cultural Center have in common? Tattoos!

Tattoos have become increasingly common in today's visual landscape. This exhibition focuses on the art form, the technology and science behind tattooing, local expressions and the reasons people choose to mark their bodies with ink. "INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression" runs through Jan. 24, 2009.

Tattoos are found throughout Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley, around the world and in virtually every culture. With the help of tattoo artists, historians and artists, visitors can investigate the

fascinating world of tattoos. Interviews with local tattooists, images, historical artifacts, a photo essay by local photographer Chris Mortenson and a recreation of a modern tattoo parlor are included in the exhibition.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Galleries are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org> for more information.

© MILAGRO COFFEE

Kurt Van Wagner of Las Cruces, will be displaying his digital figurative creations at Milagro Coffee, 1733 E. University Drive, through Dec. 31. Van Wagner has emerged as an accomplished self-taught photo-based digital artist. He uses his computer to digitally create figurative nude collages as well as digitally painted photographs of local landscapes. The past several years, Van Wagner's art has been published in more than 20 international magazines and books. These recent works of the human figure are Kurt's interpretation of man's purpose and meaningful existence

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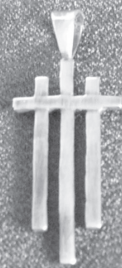
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in the world. Van Wagner is a member of the Las Cruces Arts Association, City of Artists Promotional Association, Art Forms and the El Paso Arts Association, and has won numerous awards the past eight years of his arts career. Visit www.digitalartbykurt.com for more information.

☉ UNSETTLED GALLERY

Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St., will present work from local fiber and water media artists Lynn Unangst, Phil Yost and Laurel Weathersbee, in their show "Twilight on the Apacheria" showcasing their visions of southern New Mexican landscape and culture. The show continues until Dec. 6. Call 647-8053 for more information.

☉ JUSTUS WRIGHT GALERIA

The Society of Layerists in Multi Media present a show at the Justus Wright Galeria (Del Valle Printing), 925 S. Walnut St. The show, "Deck the Walls," consists of a variety of art inspired from artistic creations on playing cards. There will be a group project as well as individual art pieces. The show will hang through Dec. 8. Contact mjeanne@zianet.com or 522-4667 for more information.

☉ M. PHILLIPS FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery announces a new show entitled "Works on Paper – Take 2." It will consist of several new works on paper (woodblock print, drawings and etchings). The artists represented are New Mexico artist Albert Lorey Groll (associate member of the Taos Society of Artists and member of the National Academy), F. Luis Mora (America's first Hispanic master; also a member of the National Academy), Edward Borein and several European artists. The scenes depicted are in New Mexico, Arizona, California and elsewhere. The show will run through November.

☉ TERRACE GALLERY

New works by members of the Las Cruces Art Association can be seen in the exhibit, "Still Life" at the Terrace Gallery, which will run through Nov. 29.

The artwork is priced \$200 and less, in keeping with Las Cruces Art Association's mission to offer affordable art. Terrace Gallery is located on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. There is no fee for admission. Call 528-4000 for more information.

☉ IN EFFECT GALLERY

Spitting Image: Art of Democracy "In the Land of the Blind" exhibit of political art and featuring new works from Las Cruces and around the nation will run through Nov. 29.

The Spitting Image is part of the Art of Democracy national coalition featuring exhibits in more than 40 cities nationwide this fall. In Effect is featuring works by 15 local artists as well as 30 artists from around the country, including Texas, California, Puerto Rico, New York and Massachusetts.

Visit www.artofdemocracy.org/exhibitions for more information. Click the state of New Mexico and then on Spitting Image for details. Contact posterartnm@gmail.com for more information.

Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

☉ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, will exhibit the works of 23 local watercolorists at its 2008 Fall Membership Show through Nov. 30, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. The show will feature large and small works in a wide variety of subjects and techniques. Contributors include both new and longtime members, artists with local, regional and even national reputations, accomplished and aspiring artists. The exhibit continues through November.

The Rio Grande Theatre galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 523-6403 for more information.

☉ LAUGHING AT THE SUN ART GALLERY

The featured artist at Laughing at the Sun Art Gallery during the month of November will be Rudy Lucero of Morning Star Pottery. Lucero was born in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado of Spanish, French and Native American ancestry. Lucero began his career in pottery at Rogue Community College in Grand Pass, Ore. After returning to Southern California, he attended Mount San Jacinto College to study under Gary Cominotto. Prior to moving to New Mexico, Rudy was an instructor at Perris Hill Pottery Studio in San Bernardino, Calif. Rudy likes to experiment with various glasses and firings, doing Raku and functional tableware. at Laughing at the Sun Art Gallery is located at 1910 Calle Principal. Call 523-1890 for more information.

☉ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery will feature two artists during the month of November. Rayma Claessen describes the thought

GALLERIES & OPENINGS



"Trying to Hide" by Bob Ziessel, at the Rio Grande Theatre



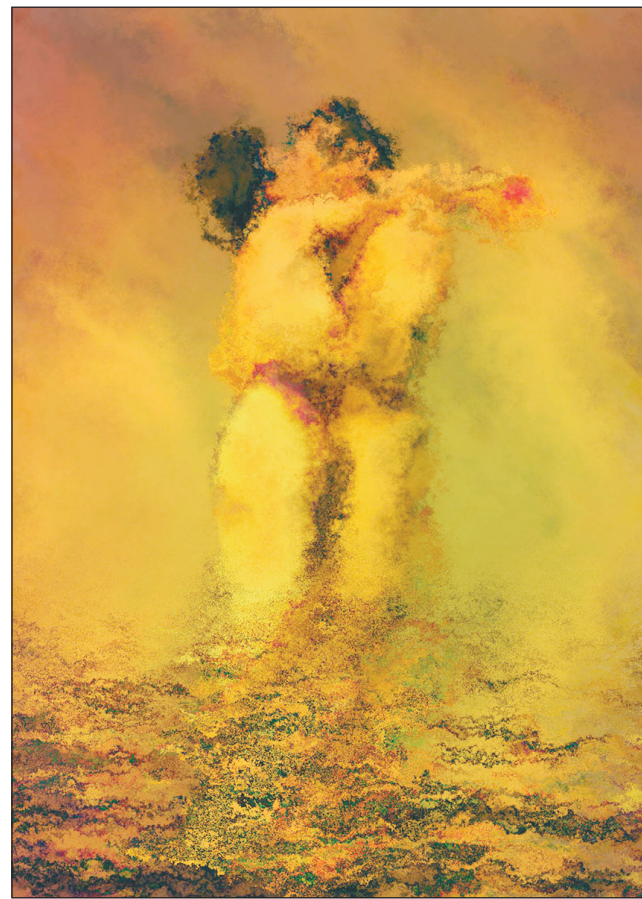
Clay sculptures by Richard Bergquist at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery

process as well as the painting process in depicting her subject matter primarily landscapes. Claessen is also noted for her beautiful Organ Mountains. Her exhibit includes award-winning paintings from recent shows as well as affordable miniatures.

Bobbie Widner prefers to express her talent in subject matter from abroad, mainly France and Italy, rendering in an old masters' style.

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Jan. 5, 2009, the gallery will hold a "Holiday Sale of Original works and New Photography." A reception will follow from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, with cookies and cider. They will feature original unframed art works, a bargain for holiday gifts by saving the price of a frame.

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, affordable prints and miniature paintings.



"Lovers" by Kurt Van Wagner, at Milagro Coffee

The gallery is located at 2470-A 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. Call 522-2933 or visit www.zianet.com/mvartgallery for more information.

☉ ABRAHAM'S BANK TOWER RESTAURANT

Take Tea and See, the Ten O'clock Club's new exhibit is now showing at Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant, fourth floor of the Wells Fargo Bank building at the intersection of Main Street and Lohman Avenue.

The Ten O'Clockers find hot tea a favorite beverage for the winter season and a solace for the shorter days and longer nights. Ten O'Clockers strive to stop whatever they are doing for a minimum of 10 minutes each day to hone their art skills.

Participants include Las Cruces artists Jean Smith, June Decker, Jan Addy, Penny Dunklee, Alice Dressler, Susan Rivera and Margaret Bernstein.

Take Tea and See runs through January. The gallery hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-5911 for more information.

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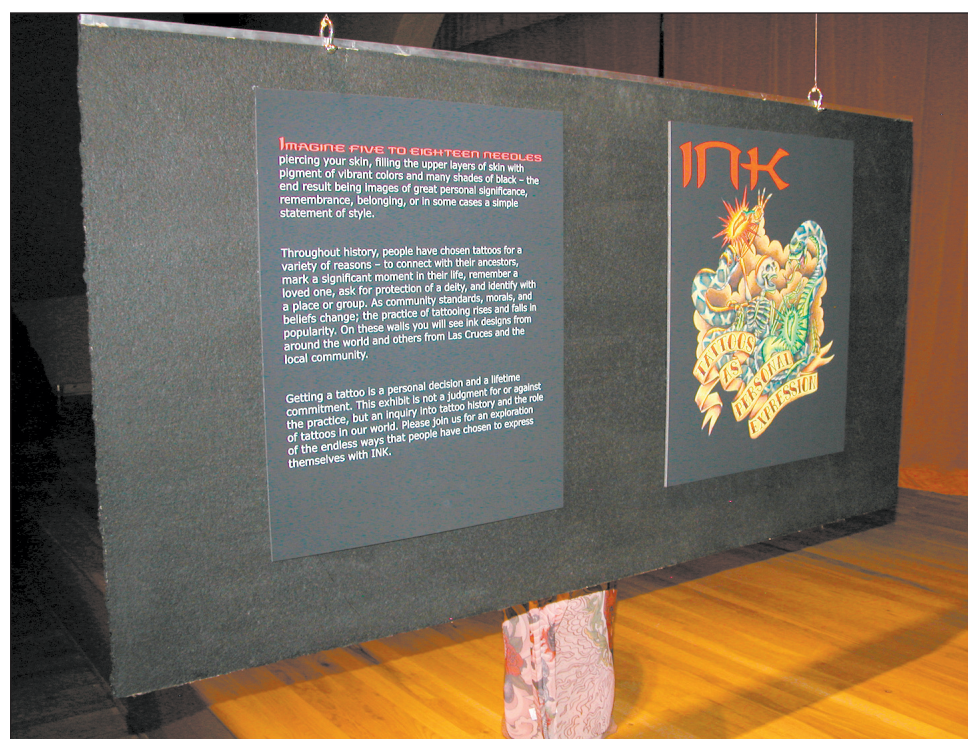
At INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression Opening

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Photographer Chris Mortenson shot more than 300 photos of tattoo artists at four Las Cruces tattoo parlors to be part of the INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. Mortenson was on hand at the opening of the exhibit on Nov. 14 to answer questions about his work.



Volunteers at the exhibit at Branigan Cultural Center hope to bring in an audience they don't normally see with their exhibit that focuses solely on the art and history of tattoos.



Jennifer Gomez and Gustav Verhulsdonck, with tattoos by artist Steve Gutierrez, look at a sample tattoo parlor on display.

Melanie Polanco looks at some examples of historic tattoos.



Ryan Ward and Gerald Rel view some historic artifacts related to early tattoo artistry.



Ryan Gaskins and Jacob Thornquist attended the opening of INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression.

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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Old-fashioned food and fun at Pancake Alley

Diner offers classic favorites

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

There aren't too many ills that a hearty stack of pancakes can't fix. Throw in some old-fashioned dishes, stellar service and a 1950s-style diner, and all the world's problems can melt away at Pancake Alley Diner, 2146 W. Picacho Ave.

The building where Pancake Alley is housed is more than 30 years old. In 2003, the former manager of the restaurant closed the place up, leaving Coral Wood to engage the property in a major remodel that took eight months. On April 1, 2004, Pancake Alley Diner reopened, featuring the diner feel, complete with the black, white and red color scheme, chrome detail and fountain favorites. Over the years, it has taken on more and more themes, including James Dean, Betty Boop, Elvis and Mickey Mouse.

The food, on the other hand, has remained the same, consistent with Wood's idea of making everything on-site and from scratch.

Wood recommends breakfast, which is served all day, including The Elvis, diced potatoes, green chile, onion and tomato with a choice of sausage, bacon or ham, all piled and covered with cheese, country gravy and two eggs. The dish is served with a choice of toast or hotcakes. The hotcakes are a local favorite and patrons can choose from The "Mickey," a full stack of four large buttermilk pancakes, or The "Minnie," a short stack of two large buttermilk pancakes. The diner also offers omelets and Southwestern dishes, such as the Huevos Rancheros, corn tortillas topped with two eggs, cheese and homemade sauce, served with refried beans or hash browns and garnish.

Wood says there will be some menu changes coming up later this month, with a few new menu items being offered. The new items include the Fonzie Salad, which is a taco salad, the Wrapper's Delight, which is a chicken wrap, and the Daddy-O, a half-pound burger dinner.

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Pancake Alley serves up a different kind of food in a diner-style restaurant.

Pancake Alley will mainly add dinner items since dinner hours are a new development. As of Aug. 1, Pancake Alley has stayed open until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Dinner options at the diner include the popular The Mamma's, a chicken friend steak with creamy country gravy served with salad or soup, a choice of mashed potatoes, fries, coleslaw or applesauce, along with the vegetable of the day.

"A big part of what makes us unique in Las Cruces is that we make everything here, in-house," Wood says. "Even our salsa is made fresh and we have a baker that makes all the pies, cinnamon rolls and brownies."

Wood says her customer have been receptive to the idea, as well as the friendly staff that she boasts.

"Customers appreciate a restaurant that cares about them," Wood says. "We get lots of compliments about the staff. The customers are what keeps me going in the restaurant business."

Pancake Alley doesn't offer catering options, but Wood says they enjoy hosting special occasions, such as birthday parties or theme parties.

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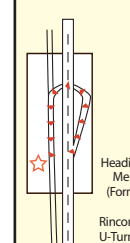
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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal		Minding	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer (N)		The Mentalist		NUMB3RS		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil (N)		News (N)	Two Men	You Smarter?		Don't Forget		News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal (N)		Crusoe (N)		Lipstick Jungle (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	The	Next Top Model		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven		★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler. (In Stereo)					Scrubs	Scrubs		Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	(26)	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Wizards					NBA Basketball: Hornets at Thunder					SportsCenter		NFL Live	Fast
ESPN2	(27)	College Basketball: Coaches vs. Cancer					College Football Fresno State at San Jose State. (Live)					NBA Basketball			
USA	(31)	NCIS		House		House "Sex Kills"		The Starter Wife (N)		House "The Itch"		House		The Starter Wife	
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		★★ "Walking Tall" (2004)			★★ "Walking Tall" (2004)			★★ "Doom" (2005) The Rock.			★ "Soldier" (1998)		
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "The Wedding Date" (2005)				Sex &	Sex &	"Phenomenon"	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: NY		CSI: Crime Scn		The Ultimate Fighter (In Stereo)						MAN	MAN	Game	Game
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	The Payaso Comedy Slam			Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Raising Waylon" (2004) Thomas Gibson.					Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden
FOOD	(40)	Cooking	Ultimate	Good	Good	Thanksgiving		Road Tasted-Neelys		Cooking	Ultimate	Thanksgiving		Road Tasted-Neelys	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Myles	Yard Sale '08		House	House	Get Sold	To Sell	To Sell	Myles	Yard Sale '08	
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland (N)		Shadow Force (N)		Alaska Triangle		Modern Marvels		Gangland	
TLC	(45)	What Not to Wear		Real Simple		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Real Simple	
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	Race: Iditarod		Survivorman (N)		Survivorman		Made	Made	Race: Iditarod		Survivorman	
ANPL	(50)	Polar Bears		Whale Wars		Whale Wars (N)		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	(51)	"Christmas in Boston" (2005)					★★ "Three Days" (2001) Kristin Davis.			The 700 Club		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Trainer
DISN	(52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Phineas	★★★ "Holes" (2003)		Sigourney Weaver.	
NICK	(54)	Drake	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	★★ "Road House"		★ "House on Haunted Hill" (1999)			"Return to House"			(:45) ★ "House on Haunted Hill" (1999)					
SCI FI	(59)	Star Trek Gen.		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Sanctuary "Edward"		Stargate Atlantis		Sanctuary "Edward"		Stargate SG-1	
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		Michael Eisner		Mad Money		Fast Money		Michael Eisner	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw	


SATURDAY MORNING												NOVEMBER 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		
PBS	(2) 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime		
CBS	(3) 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) [cc]				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Strawberry	Care Bears		
ABC	(7) 7	Paid Prog.	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	College Football			
FOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Di Gata	Biker Mice	Sonic X	Sonic X	Chaotic	Turtles	Kirby	Winx Club		
NBC	(9) 9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) (In Stereo) [cc]				Dragon	Zula Patrol	Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend		
CW	(14)	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Turtles	Turtles	GoGoRiki	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Teenage	Dinosaur		
WGN	(15)	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bewitched	Bewitched		
ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter [cc]		SportsCenter [cc]		SportsCenter [cc]		College Gameday (Live) [cc]			College Football				
ESPN2	(27)	Chronicles	Get Wild	Journal	Driven	Bassmasters (N) [cc]		SportsCenter (Live) [cc]			College Football				
USA	(31)	P90X	Paid Prog.	Houses For		Paid Prog.	The Starter Wife [cc]	The Starter Wife [cc]		NCIS (In Stereo) [cc]		NCIS "Bikini Wax"			
TNT	(32)	Angel (In Stereo) [cc]		Charmed [cc]		Charmed "House Call"		Law & Order "Agony"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		★ "Soldier" (1998)			
TBS	(33)	(:40) ★★ "The Out-of-Towners"			(:40) "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion"			(:25) ★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) [cc]							
SPIKE	(34)	KODAK	Houses For	P90X	Paid Prog.	TNA IMPACT! (In Stereo) [cc]			Hrseperw		MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4		
COM	(35)	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	MADtv (In Stereo) [cc]		MADtv	★★ "Stuck on You" (2003) Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear. [cc]						
LIFE	(39)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "A Father's Choice" (2000) Peter Strauss.					
FOOD	(40)	Rachael Ray		Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Cook Loft	Minute	Chef	Home	Cooking	Cooking	Ask Aida		
HGTV	(41)	Dream	Sweat	House	Spaces	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb		
A&E	(43)	Bio.: Russell		Sell House	Business	Sell House	Sell House	Rocco-Real	Rocco-Real	Flip This House [cc]		Flip This House (N)			
HIST	(44)	Heavy Metal [cc]		American Eats [cc]		Wild West Tech [cc]		UFO Files [cc]		True Crime [cc]		Paradise Lost			
TLC	(45)	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Designing	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder [cc]		Property Ladder [cc]		Property Ladder [cc]		Home Made Simple			
DISC	(47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Survivorman		Dirty Jobs New Orleans.		Toughest Race: Iditarod		Storm Chasers			
ANPL	(50)	(:40:00) Dog Show From Houston. [cc]				Faithful	Breed	Pet Star [cc]		Profiles of Nature		Profiles of Nature			
FAM	(51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	★★ "A Christmas Romance" (1994) [cc]			★★ "The Christmas Box" (1995, Drama) [cc]			"A Chance of Snow"					
DISN	(52)	Rip Girls	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Bunnytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Einsteins	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey		
NICK	(54)	Neutron	Tak	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
AMC	(57)	(:40:00) "Lonely Are the Brave" (1962)				★★★ "North to Alaska" (1960, Western) John Wayne. [cc]			(:15) ★★★ "The Magnificent Seven" (1960)						
SCI FI	(59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	"The Beast of Bray Road" (2005) Jeff Denton.			"Hybrid" (2007, Suspense)		Justine Bateman. [cc]				
CNN	(62)	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom			
CNBC	(63)	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	Houses For	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Bootcamp	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	(64)	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live			

SATURDAY AFTERNOON												NOVEMBER 22, 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	Workshop	MotorWeek	NMSU	Old House	Ask This	Primal Grill	Pepin	Cook	Food	Cooking	Lawrence Welk Show				
CBS (3) 3	To Be Announced		Varsity Rivals (N) [cc]		Football	College Football Mississippi at LSU. (Live) [cc]									
ABC (7) 7	(10:00) College Football		Michigan at Ohio State.		Football	College Football: BC at Wake Forest, Mich. St. at Penn St. or Stanford at Cal									
FOX (8) 14	Ski Show	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	★★★★ "American Beauty" (1999) Thora Birch				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Luke Wilson						
NBC (9) 9	Detox	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	College Football	Syracuse at Notre Dame. (In Stereo Live) [cc]				Paid Prog.		Raymond				
CW (14)	Chaotic (N)	Yu Gi Oh	J Hanna	Wild Amer	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADDYA	Exploration			
WGN (15)	Four Plus Two		★★ "Mystery Men" (1999) Hank Azaria. [cc]		Legend of the Seeker			Legend of the Seeker		Becker	Becker				
ESPN (26)	College Football West Virginia at Louisville. (Live)			Scoreboard	College Football Overdrive (Live) [cc]			SportsCenter (Live) [cc]							
ESPN2 (27)	(10:00) College Football Indiana at Purdue. (Live)			Scoreboard	College Football: BC at Wake Forest or Mich. St. at Penn St.								Scoreboard		
USA (31)	NCIS (In Stereo) [cc]		NCIS "Red Cell" [cc]		NCIS "Hometown Hero"		NCIS "SWAK" [cc]		NCIS "Twilight" [cc]		NCIS "Kill Ari" [cc]				
TNT (32)	(10:00) ★ "Soldier"		★★ "Doom" (2005) The Rock, Karl Urban.			★★★ "Air Force One" (1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford. [cc]			Con Air						
TBS (33)	★★ "The Wedding Date" (2005) Debra Messing.			Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Frank TV	Raymond				
SPIKE (34)	The Ultimate Fighter		"Sharpshooter" (2007) James Remar. (In Stereo)			"Sniper 3" (2004) Tom Berenger. (In Stereo) [cc]			★ "Sniper 2" (2002)						
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★★ "Shaun of the Dead" (2004) Simon Pegg.			★★★ "Bad Santa" (2003) Billy Bob Thornton.			"Not Teen Mv"						
LIFE (39)	"Mom, Dad and Her" (2008) Melora Hardin. [cc]		"Raising Wylton" (2004) Thomas Gibson. [cc]			"Straight From the Heart" (2003) Teri Polo. [cc]									
FOOD (40)	Giada	Contessa	Dear Food Network			Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving Desserts		Thanksgiving Leftovers		Chef Jeff Project				
HGTV (41)	Save Bath	Red Hot	Dime	Myles	Find Style	Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold My House				
A&E (43)	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	★★★ "Working Girl" (1988) Melanie Griffith. [cc]			★★ "Overboard" (1987) [cc]							
HIST (44)	Paradise Lost		Shadow Force [cc]		Shadow Force [cc]		Shadow Force [cc]		Street Gangs: A Secret History [cc]						
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Frst Home	Frst Home	Home	Home	Jon & Kate Plus 8				
DISC (47)	Time Warp	Time Warp	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild [cc]		Man vs. Wild "Iceland"		MythBusters [cc]		Dirty Jobs				
ANPL (50)	Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Weird, True & Freaky			Living-Wolfman		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit			
FAM (51)	"A Chance of Snow"		"Stealing Christmas" (2003) Tony Danza. [cc]			"Must Be Santa" (1999) Dabney Coleman.			★★ "Santa Who?"						
DISN (52)	Movers	Handy	Higglytown Charlie		★★★ "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver. [cc]			Suite Life		Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life			
NICK (54)	The Fairly OddParents [cc]		Mighty B		Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			
AMC (57)	"Magnificent 7"		★★ "The Alamo" (2004, War) Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton. [cc]			★★★ "Midway" (1976, Drama) Charlton Heston.									
SCIFI (59)	"Kaw" (2007) Sean Patrick Flanery, Kristin Booth.		"Cerberus" (2005) Greg Evigan, Garret Sato.			"Monster Ark" (2008, Science Fiction)									
CNN (62)	Your Money		Special Investigations		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		This Week in Politics				
CNBC (63)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC (64)	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Lockup: Raw				

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PBS	(2) 22	Aggie	Ameri	Farmers	BBC	Monarch of the Glen	Stress	Red	Chihuly in the Hotshop	Remem	Soundstage				
CBS	(3) 3	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: Crime Scn	Criminal Minds	48 Hours	Mystery	News (N)	CSI: NY				Cold
ABC	(7) 7	News	Movies	College Football	Texas Tech at Oklahoma.	(In Stereo Live)			Insider		Cheaters (N)				Wired
FOX	(8) 14	Legend of		House		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted	News (N)	TBA	MADtv (N)			Talkshow	King
NBC	(9) 9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Knight Rider		Office	Saturday Night Live		News (N)	(29) Saturday Night Live (N)			
CW	(14)	** "Easy Money" (1983) Joe Pesci				Bananas		UFC Wired	Scrub	My Wife	Access Hollywood	Eye Eye	Eye Eye		
WGN	(15)	Boston Legal		** "Legally Blonde" (2001) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine	Scrub	Scrub	Honeym	* "Armageddon" (1998)			
ESPN	(26)	Score	(45) College Football	Florida State at Maryland.	(Live)			(45) SportsCenter	(Live)		Football Final			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	(27)	(15) College Football	Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.	(Live)			Scoreboard	Madden	Madden	Fast	Series of Poker			Poker	
USA	(31)	NCIS "Kill Ari"		** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006)				Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
TNT	(32)	(4:30) ** "Con Air"	(1997, Action)		*** "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt.			*** "Air Force One"	(1997) Harrison Ford.					Last	
TBS	(33)	King	King	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (45) ** "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005)				(15) *** "My Best Friend's Wedding"							
SPIKE	(34)	(4:00) * "Sniper 2"		** "Sniper" (1993) Tom Berenger.				*** "Kung Fu Hustle" (2004, Action)			"Kung Fu Killer" (2008) David Carradine.				
COM	(35)	"Not Teen Mv"		** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"				"Jackass 2.5"		*** "Jackass: The Movie" (2002)	"Jackass 2.5" (PA)				
LIFE	(39)	** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)				*** "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006)		Medium		*** "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006)					
FOOD	(40)	Sandra Lee		Thanksgiving		Iron Chef America		Moments	Sandra Lee		Iron Chef America			Moments	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine	House	House	Rate	Color	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine
A&E	(43)	(3:30) "Overboard"		*** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) Joe Pesci.				The Sopranos		Parking	*** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992)				
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		The Kennedy Assassination: Conspiracy				Kennedys: The Curse of Power			The Kennedy Assassination: Conspiracy				
TLC	(45)	Little	Little	17 Kids	17 Kids	Property Ladder		Trading Spaces (N)	17 Kids	17 Kids	Property Ladder			Trading Spaces	
DISC	(47)	De	De	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		First Nations	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs			Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	(50)	Dogs 101		Dogs 101 (N)		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog	Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog			It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	(51)	(4:00) "Santa Who?"		"Once Upon a Christmas" (2000)				"Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001)			My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	Fresh Pr.	
DISN	(52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)				Suite Life	
NICK	(54)	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	Naked Brothers		Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im
AMC	(57)	(3:00) "Midway"		*** "JFK" (1991, Drama) Kevin Costner, Sissy Spacek, Joe Pesci. Premiere.				*** "JFK" (1991) Kevin Costner.							
SCI FI	(59)	"100 Million BC" (2008) Michael Gross.		"Lost City Raiders" (2008) James Brolin.				"King of the Lost World" (2005)			"Caved In: Terror"				
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News			Larry King Live			D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC	(63)	Deal or No Deal		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman			Suze Orman			Suze Orman	
MSNBC	(64)	Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw			Lockup: Raw			Lockup: Raw	

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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)				Wonder	Mr Rogers	Sid	Zoboo	Martha	NOW	Religion	Minding		
CBS	(3) 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)				Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	NFL Today (Live)		
ABC	(7) 7	Paid Prog.	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America				News (N)	This Week With George	Montana	Suite Life		
FOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday			
NBC	(9) 9	Strikeforce	Old House	Today (N)		Paid Prog.	Detox	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Reel Talk			
CW	(14)	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Enchant	NASCAR		
WGN	(15)	Paid Prog.	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart		Feed	Paid Prog.	Sports	Sports	Boston Legal			
ESPN	(26)	Foot Final	NFL	SportsCenter		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter		NFL Countdown (Live)					
ESPN2	(27)	Driven	Wild Skies	Whitetail	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	Russo & Steele		NHRA Drag Racing					
USA	(31)	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	** "The Fast and the Furious" (2001) Vin Diesel.				*** "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003)					
TNT	(32)	(4:30) ** "Next of Kin" (1989)		*** "The Long Kiss Goodnight" (1996) Geena Davis.				*** "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker.							
TBS	(33)	"Romy and Michele's"	(5:50) ** "The Perfect Man" (2005) Hilary Duff.			(7:50) *** "My Best Friend's Wedding"				"The Prince & Me"					
SPIKE	(34)	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married...	Married...	Married...	Hrsepower	Hrsepower	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4		
COM	(35)	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert	MADtv (In Stereo)		MADtv Anna Faris.		*** "Shaun of the Dead" (2004) Simon Pegg.					
LIFE	(39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"Above Suspicion" (2000) Scott Bakula.					
FOOD	(40)	Paula's Party		Emeril	Simply	Grill It-Play	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Paula		
HGTV	(41)	Ground	Yard	Yard	Landscape	Landscap	Landscap	Curb	Amazing	Secrets	Get It Sold	My House	Potential		
A&E	(43)	Bio.: Downey		Biography		Private Sessions		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		*** "Overboard"			
HIST	(44)	Weapon-Britain		Modern Marvels		The States		The States		The States		The States			
TLC	(45)	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	P90X	Real Simple.	Real Life	Moving Up		Moving Up		Moving Up			
DISC	(47)	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Time Warp	Time Warp	MythBusters		Prototype This!		Dirty Jobs			
ANPL	(50)	Me or Dog	Good Dog	Barking Mad		K-9 to 5	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Funniest Animals		Growing Up... "Baboon"			
FAM	(51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	** "Picking Up and Dropping Off" (2003)				"Christmas Caper" (2007) Shannen Doherty.		"A Carol Christmas"					
DISN	(52)	Miracle	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Bunnytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Einsteins	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey		
NICK	(54)	Neutron	Tak	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	Tak	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
AMC	(57)	"Bend of the River"		** "The Alamo" (2004, War) Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton.				Shootout	Movies	Movies	Karate II				
SCI FI	(59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Ab Secrets	"Scorcher" (2002) Mark Dacascos, Rutger Hauer.		** "10.5" (2004) Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges.							
CNN	(62)	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer					
CNBC	(63)	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Profits	Debt Cures	Paid Prog.	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meals	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live			

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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	Santa Fe	Foreign	Aggie Alm	Health	Healthy	Lassie	Cultivating	Travel	Rudy Maxa	Yachting	Antiques Roadshow			
CBS	(3) 3	NFL Football	Houston Texans at Cleveland Browns.	(Live)				Rodeo		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
ABC	(7) 7	So Raven	So Raven	Houses For	Paid Prog.	DTV Edu	MLS Soccer	MLS Cup 2008 -- Teams TBA.	(Live)			Entertainment Tonight			
FOX	(8) 14	NFL Football	San Francisco 49ers at Dallas Cowboys.					NFL Football	New York Giants at Arizona Cardinals.	(In Stereo Live)					
NBC	(9) 9	*** "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan.		LPGA Tour Golf ADT Championship -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live)						Paid Prog.	NBC News				
CW	(14)	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	* "Glitter" (2001) Mariah Carey, Max Beesley.		Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatNation	4REAL	4REAL (N)				
WGN	(15)	** "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey. (In Stereo)		** "Legally Blonde" (2001) (In Stereo)				Coach	Coach	ALF	ALF				
ESPN	(26)	PBA Bowling		College Football Final				Series of Poker		2008 World Series of Poker					
ESPN2	(27)	Review	Review	Bassmasters		Bull Riding		Dog Challenge		E:60		Tape Tour	Tape Tour		
USA	(31)	2 Fast	*** "Inside Man" (2006) Denzel Washington.					** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) Johnny Depp.							
TNT	(32)	** "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack.		** "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey.				*** "Twister" (1996)							
TBS	(33)	"The Prince & Me"		"The Prince & Me 2: The Royal Wedding" (2006)				*** "Clueless" (1995) Alicia Silverstone.		*** "My Big Fat"					
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		"Kung Fu Hustle"			
COM	(35)	Scrub	Scrub	* "Not Another Teen Movie" (2001)				** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002)				*** "Bad Santa"			
LIFE	(39)	* "Devil in the Flesh" (1997) Rose McGowan.		"Student Seduction" (2003) Elizabeth Berkley.				"Identity Theft: The Michelle Brown Story" (2008)							
FOOD	(40)	Home	Big Bite	Thanksgiving Recipes		Road Tasted-Neelys		Paula's Thanksgiving		Chef Jeff Project		Moments	Iron Chef		
HGTV	(41)	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Desperate	Dime	Color	Divine	First Place	Deserving	Ext Living	Sleep on It	Property		
A&E	(43)	(10:00) ** "Overboard" (1987)		*** "Good Morning, Vietnam" (1987)				Robin Williams.		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files			
HIST	(44)	The States		The States		The States		The States Jamestown.		The States		The States			
TLC	(45)	Lottery Changed Life		Lottery Changed, Life		Lottery Changed, Life		World's Tallest Man		The 750-Pound Man					
DISC	(47)	Time Warp	Time Warp	Survivorman		Storm Chasers		Man vs. Wild		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs			
ANPL	(50)	Animal Cops Houston		K-9 Cops		K-9 Cops		K-9 Cops "Gangs"		K-9 Cops "Rookies"		K-9 Cops "Teamwork"			
FAM	(51)	"A Carol Christmas"		"Christmas Do-Over" (2006) Jay Mohr.				"Chasing Christmas" (2005) Tom Arnold.				"Santa Baby" (2006)			
DISN	(52)	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen.				Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory		
NICK	(54)	Jimmy Neutron: Gen.		Barnyard	Barnyard	Zoey 101		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Naked Brothers			
AMC	(57)	(10:30) ** "The Karate Kid, Part Two" (1986)		**** "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire.				*** "Rocky II" (1979) Talia Shire							
SCI FI	(59)	(9:00) ** "10.5" (2004, Suspense) Kim Delaney.		** "10.5: Apocalypse" (2006) Kim Delaney. A scientist assesses the threat of seismic activity.											
CNN	(62)	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Special Investigations		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week			
CNBC	(63)	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Houses For		
MSNBC	(64)	MSNBC News Live													

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PBS	(2) 22	Globe Trekker		Nova (DVS)		Nature (N)		Alistair Cooke		Digital	From	Keeping Score		Short List	(Off Air)	
CBS	(3) 3	CBS	News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		Amaz. Race 13		Cold Case (N) (C)		The Unit (N) (C)		News (N)	CSI: NY (C)		Cold	
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	Music Awards		2008 American Music Awards (Same-day Tape) (C)							News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	(8) 14	Football	The OT	King-Hill	King-Hill	"24: Redemption" (2008, Action) (C)					News (N) (C)		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex & Chap	
NBC	(9) 9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at San Diego Chargers. (C)							Sports		News (N)	Lopez	Outdrsmn	CSI Mi
CW	(14)	Valentine (C)		In Harm's Way		Valentine (C)		Easy Money (C)		Housewives		Bananas	Jeff Allen.	Star Trek (C)		
WGN	(15)	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	Honeym	Honeym	News	Replay	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	
ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter (C)		(:15) College Football Connecticut at South Florida. (Live)							(:15) SportsCenter (Live) (C)			(:45) SportsCenter (Live) (C)		
ESPN2	(27)	Tape	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Tip-Off	Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		2008 World Series of Poker						
USA	(31)	House "The Jerk"		House (C)		House "Alone"		House (C)		The Starter Wife		** "The Fast and the Furious" (2001)				
TNT	(32)	(4:00) "Twister"		** "The Guardian" (2006) Kevin Costner. (C)							** "The Guardian" (2006) Kevin Costner. (C)			** "The Recruit"		
TBS	(33)	"My Big Fat"		** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) (C)						(7:50) ** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) (C)		(9:50) ** "The Perfect Man" (2005) (C)				
SPIKE	(34)	"Kung Fu Hustle"		** "Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace" (1999)							CSI: Crime Scn		*** "You Only Live Twice" (1967) (C)			
COM	(35)	(4:00) "Bad Santa"		Bill Engvall		Jeff Dunham		Colbert Cmas		S. Park	Choco	Colbert Cmas		Silverman	Futurama	
LIFE	(39)	"A Teacher's Crime"		(2008) Ashley Jones.		** "Wisegal" (2008)		Alyssa Milano.		Grey's Anatomy		Wife Swap (C)		Blush: Artist		
FOOD	(40)	Iron Chef America		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Diner, Drive-In		Dinner	Dinner	Iron Chef America		Diner, Drive-In		
HGTV	(41)	My	To Sell	Extreme Home		House	House	Property	First	Stagers	House	Extreme Home		House	House	
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		
HIST	(44)	Gangland (C)		Gangland Boston.		Underworld		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Gangland Boston.		Underworld		
TLC	(45)	Joined for Life		Never Grew		Small People		Love-Geisha		Never Grew		Small People		Love-Geisha		
DISC	(47)	De	De	I Was Bitten (N)		Squid Invasion (N)		Storm Chasers (N)		De	De	I Was Bitten		Squid Invasion		
ANPL	(50)	Orangutan Island		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		
FAM	(51)	(4:00) "Santa Baby"		"Holiday in Handcuffs" (2007) (C)				"Snowglobe" (2007)		Christina Milian. (C)		J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid	
DISN	(52)	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Wizards	"Hannah Montana"			Suite Life	
NICK	(54)	Drake	iCarly	Zoey 101	Zoey 101	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Cosby	Cosby	
AMC	(57)	(3:30) "Rocky II"		*** "Rocky III" (1982, Drama) Mr. T				** "Rocky IV" (1985)		Sylvester Stallone.		** "Rocky V" (1990)		Sylvester Stallone.		
SCIFI	(59)	"Lost City Raiders"		(2008) James Brolin.		"NYC: Tornado Terror" (2008, Suspense)				Estate of Panic		ChaSe (C)		Darkside	Darkside	
CNN	(62)	Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		
CNBC	(63)	Diabetes	Wall St	eBay Effect		Video Games		Untold Wealth		Originals: Bud		Prostitution		Michael Eisner		
MSNBC	(64)	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		AI Roker Reporting		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		AI Roker Reporting		

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PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Antiques Roadshow	*** "The Rape of Europa" (2006) ^{CC}				Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	Two Men	Worst	CSI: Miami (N)		News (N)	Late Show	Late Late		
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Dancing With the Stars ^{CC}			Saman	(:02) Boston Legal		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil ^{CC}		News (N)	Two Men	Sarah Connor		Prison Break (N)		News (N) ^{CC}		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) ^{CC}		Heroes (N) ^{CC}		Worst Enemy		News (N)	Tonight Show	Late		
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	One Tree Hill ^{CC}		One Tree Hill (N)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven	"Are"	Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner	
ESPN	(26)	Monday Night Countdown			NFL Football			Green Bay Packers at New Orleans Saints. (Live)			SportsCenter (Live) ^{CC}		NFL Primetime (N)			
ESPN2	(27)	Basket	College Basketball: CBE Classic			Score			College Basketball: CBE Classic			College Basketball: Maui Invitational				
USA	(31)	NCIS "Chained"		House ^{CC}		WWE Monday Night Raw ^{CC}				Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		(:06) Monk ^{CC}		
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order				Bones ^{CC}		The Closer ^{CC}		Without a Trace		
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	*** "Cool	Runnings" (1993)		
SPIKE	(34)	"Star Wars Ep. I"		** "Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones" (2002)								CSI: NY ^{CC}		CSI: NY ^{CC}	Star Trek: Voyager	
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Choco	Silverman	Steve Byrne		
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The Love of Her Life" (2008) ^{CC}					Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	(40)	Dear Food Network		Good	On Plate	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Thanksg'ing		Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Curb	Amazing	Potential	House	House	Buy Me	Beyond	To Sell	Curb	Amazing	Potential	
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami ^{CC}		Intervention ^{CC}		Intervention ^{CC}		The First 48 ^{CC}		The First 48 ^{CC}		Intervention ^{CC}		Intervention ^{CC}		
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		High Hitler		Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler (N) ^{CC}		Kill Hitler (N) ^{CC}		Modern Marvels		High Hitler ^{CC}		
TLC	(45)	Little	Little	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	17 Kids	17 Kids	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	17 Kids	17 Kids	
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	De	De	UFOs Over Earth (N)			UFOs Over Earth (N)			Made	Made	De	De	
ANPL	(50)	Prehistoric Park		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		
FAM	(51)	"A Holiday to Remember" (1995) ^{CC}				** "Unlikely Angel" (1996) Dolly Parton.				The 700 Club ^{CC}		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid	
DISN	(52)	Montana	Montana	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	
NICK	(54)	Zoey 101	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC	(57)	(3:30) "Rocky V"		**** "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) Clint Eastwood. ^{CC}						*** "The Hunt for Red October" (1990) Sean Connery. ^{CC}						
SCIFI	(59)	Lost ^{CC}		Lost "Lockdown"		Lost "Dave" ^{CC}		Lost "S.O.S." ^{CC}		Gundam	Gundam	Darkness	Darkness	Ripley-Believe		
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Mad Money		Larry King Live		Cooper 360		
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports						On the Money		The Big Idea		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball ^{CC}		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball ^{CC}		Countdown		

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PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Monarchy: The Royal	Family at Work (N)	Retirement Rev		Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Christine Gary	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: NY "The Box"		News (N)	Late Show			Late Late	
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Pushing Daisies (N)	Private Practice (N)	Dirty Sexy Money		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Two Men	Bones (N)		House		News (N)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Rosie Live		Deal or No Deal		News (N)	Tonight Show			Late	
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Stylista	"Clip Show"	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters	Eye Eye			
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven		That Moment!		Legend of		News	Newhart	That Moment!	Bob & Tom	RENO	Corner		
ESPN	(26)	NBA	NBA Basketball	Orlando Magic at Philadelphia 76ers.		College Basketball: Maui Invitational					SportsCenter	NFL Live	Fast		
ESPN2	(27)	College Basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off		Score	College Basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off		Series of Poker		Series of Poker						
USA	(31)	NCIS "Untouchable"		*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell.						*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell.					
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	Trial by Jury	Law & Order		Cold Case		Cold Case			
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	*** "Bad News Bears" (2005)				
SPIKE	(34)	"Star Wars: Ep. III"		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: NY		Star Trek: Voyager			
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama S. Park	S. Park	Choco		Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Choco	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The Interrogation of Michael Crowe"		Will		Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	
FOOD	(40)	Leftovers		Road Tasted-Neelys		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Moments	Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Get Sold	First	First	House	House	Amazing	Haulin	To Sell	Get Sold	First	First
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Air Force One		White House: Behind		Home-Holiday		Marvels	Air Force One	White House			
TLC	(45)	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little	Little
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters		Prototype This!	(N)	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters	
ANPL	(50)	Prehistoric Park		Maneaters		Animal Precinct	Animal Cops Detroit	Animal Precinct		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Maneaters	
FAM	(51)	"The Sons of Mistletoe" (2001)				"The Christmas List" (1997) Mimi Rogers.		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid		
DISN	(52)	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	"Minutemen" (2008)	(In Stereo)	Phineas	Wizards	Life De	
NICK	(54)	iCarly "Go to Japan"		Naked		Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	"The Enforcer"		*** "Commando" (1985, Action)				*** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller.				★ "House on Haunted Hill" (1999)			
SCIFI	(59)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Estate of Panic (N)	Ghost Hunters	Estate of Panic		Chase					
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown	

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PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Aggie	New Mex	Globe Trekker		Travels	Moment	Aggie	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Gabon	CSI: Crime Scn	(:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)	Late Show			Late Late	
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Charlie Brown	(:02) Grey's Anatomy	(In Stereo)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	(8) 14	NFL Football		News (N)	Two Men	*** "Click" (2006) Adam Sandler.		News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &		
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	*** "The Incredibles" (2004) (In Stereo)		Office		News (N)	Tonight Show			Late	
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville	Supernatural	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)	Cheaters	Eye Eye			
WGN	(15)	Newhart	Newhart	Newhart	Newhart	Newhart	Newhart	Newhart			Newhart	Newhart			
ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter		College Football Texas A&M at Texas. (Live)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	(27)	College Basketball: Old Spice Classic		Score	College Basketball: Old Spice Classic		College Basketball: 76 Classic							Poker	
USA	(31)	House "Love Hurts"		House		House		House	"Games"	House		House			
TNT	(32)	The Closer		NBA Basketball: Magic at Wizards			NBA Basketball: Hornets at Nuggets							Inside the NBA	
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** "Austin Powers in Goldmember"		Sex &	Sex &	(:10) ★ "Joe Dirt"			
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA IMPACT! (N) (In Stereo)		Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	MAN	MAN		
COM	(35)	Larry, Cable		Jeff Dunham		Ron White: Fix	South Park			Colbert Cmas		S. Park	Ron White: Fix		
LIFE	(39)	"Fantasia Barrino: Life Is Not Fairy Tale"				*** "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006)		Will		Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	
FOOD	(40)	Thanksgiving		Good	Food	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes	Challenge		Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes		
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Myles	Rate	Ext Liv	House	House	Property	First	To Sell	Myles	Rate	Ext Liv
A&E	(43)	Cold Case Files		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Life After People			Nostradamus: 500 Years Later			Life After People					
TLC	(45)	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8	Twins, Twins	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Twins, Twins			
DISC	(47)	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs			
ANPL	(50)	Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet			
FAM	(51)	(4:00) "Santa Jr"		*** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling.				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid		
DISN	(52)	Suite Life Suite Life		Suite Life Suite Life		Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life	Wizards	Life De		
NICK	(54)	"The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"		Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.		Lopez	Lopez		
AMC	(57)	"Godfather Pt 2"		**** "The Godfather" (1972, Crime Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino.				**** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974)							
SCIFI	(59)	(4:30) *** "Tomorrow Never Dies"		*** "The World Is Not Enough" (1999) Premiere.		*** "Tomorrow Never Dies" (1997, Action)									
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute (N)		Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Cooper 360			
CNBC	(63)	Deal or No Deal (In Stereo)				On the Money		Deal or No Deal		Prostitution		Deal or No Deal		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown	

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER


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

EXPERT

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

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BRAIN GAMES

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.

THE RACE IS ON

ENGLISH

CAMPAIGN

CANDIDATE

DEBATE

DELEGATE

DELEGATION

DEMOCRAT

FEDERAL

LIBERAL

PROMISE

REPUBLICAN

SUPPORT

TRUST

SPANISH

CAMPAÑA

CANDIDATO

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FEDERAL

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PROMESA

REPUBLICANO

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R E P U D N O I T A G E L E D

O M L A A G T A R O Y O P A E

P P G L G I A Ñ U M Ó U D I L

P H A A E A D A S Z B Z E Ó E

U N Ñ T L P I P T L A P B N G

S E A A E M D L I B E R A L A

A D P R D A N C L E D O T R C

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M O C M L A R E D E F S F U N

O C F E D E R A L A R E B I L

R R A D E L E G A T E M O R P

P A Ñ M I S E T A D I D N A C

E T A B E D A Z N A I F N O C

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 Flag color

4 Spoon bender

5 Trunk substance

6 Bread type

9 Wireless communication was ____ invention

12 Ring place

13 Vientiane native

15 Musical piece

16 Lanka lead-in

17 Box

18 They don't have any breeding!

21 Dig for relevant data

22 Legendary Nascar driver, first name

23 USA visionary

26 Centers for customer service

27 One of an ancient people of Great Britain

28 Juvenile dragonfly

29 Arrange hair

30 Openly oppose

31 Like some cornflakes

35 Setback

36 Shave down

37 Small lizards

38 Vanity

39 A thing

40 Note designator

41 Hole piercers

42 Electron tube, abbr.

43 Woman's secret

44 Reporter's query

45 Everyone should plant one

46 Old world 'you'

47 USA supporter

49 Buzzing sound

50 Litter's littlest

51 Military groups

53 Unwanted growth in the garden

54 Argentina monetary unit

55 In detail

57 Covertly divulge information

58 ____ after

60 Pitfall

61 Make the first move

62 Demographic segment

63 Robot banker

64 Shaggy-haired ox

65 Helped draft 1889 Japanese constitution

66 Weak
- 69 Weight measurement

70 Ice cream add-on, with mode

71 Pea or brazil?

72 Classic starting location
- DOWN
- 1 Curveball is one

2 Roger Clemens' statistics

3 Heads of state engage in it

6 Varnish component

7 Synthetic thread

8 Native Americans on a lake

9 ____ the line!

10 Scorched

11 Adam's son

13 Put to sleep by soothing

14 Honest Pres.

17 Elephant young

19 OZ man

20 Type of bit

21 '60s Brit rebels

22 Speaker's spot

23 Laura for George

24 Hems in

25 New Mexico town

26 Pamper

27 Ill-gotten gains

29 Dance

30 Food plan

32 Synthesized music

33 Showy heron

34 Show a lot of love for

35 Kid's game, with frog

36 Hairstyle

37 Cruet

40 Gospel group

41 Bone-dry

44 AA candidate

45 Poem by Siegfried Sassoon

46 Poacher's target

48 German industrial area

49 Decipher a mystery

52 ____ the Dinosaur: largest ever found

53 Flag color

54 Hit a high spot

55 Half a joint

56 Tennis great of 22 Grand Slam singles titles

57 Green field

58 Expel, in a way

59 Thumbs down

61 Potassium hydroxide

67 Flag color

68 Past due

LEGAL-EASY

- ACROSS
- 1 Waggle appendage

5 Leggy legs

9 James and Tommie

14 Red beginning?

19 Arm bone

20 Race in "The Time Machine"

21 Hold tight

22 More achy

23 Start of Arthur Baer quote

26 Reverie

27 Police officer, at times

28 McEwan or McKellen

29 With savvy

31 Yet

32 Collides intentionally

34 Tummy muscles

36 Victory signs

37 Greenish blue

39 Musical practice piece

41 Army NCO

42 Recipe abbr.

45 No. cruncher

47 Part 2 of quote

52 Scott of the PGA

54 Possible to accomplish

55 602 in letters

56 ____-Ude, Russia

57 Home port in the War of 1812

58 Sicilian resort

59 Money managers of a sort

61 Enters quietly

63 Islamic prayer leader

65 Writer LeShan

66 Kernel's coat

67 Part 3 of quote

71 Most-wanted group

75 Dryly humorous

77 Scottish Gaelic

78 "Exodus" co-star

80 Unblemished

85 Kemo ____

86 Rile up

87 Croat or Serb

88 Mountain passes

89 Teton Sioux tribe

91 ____ Blanc (highest Alp)

92 Part 4 of quote

96 Peg with a concave top

97 Fix firmly

98 Ocean off Mass.

99 Former deejay Casey
- 100 Pageant band

102 ____ avis

104 D.C. legislator

105 Train to box

108 Some Highlanders

111 Accelerate!

114 Young ladies' org.

116 Part of D.C.

118 Get into one's head

119 End of quote

122 Illinois city near St. Louis

123 Emissary

124 Abound

125 Continental currency

126 Feudal lord

127 Pennies

128 Icelandic literary work

129 Fewer
- DOWN
- 1 Big brass

2 Tip off

3 Technical details

4 Since last time

5 Decent chap

6 Infamous Hiss

7 Actress Shearer

8 Informal family member

9 Taj Mahal site

10 Lobbed missile

11 Have a bite

12 Those, south of the border

13 Sutherland movie

14 Will, by all expectations (3 wds.)

15 North of Mexico

16 Improvisational performance

17 Genuine

18 Service branch

24 Muslim religion

25 Flower part

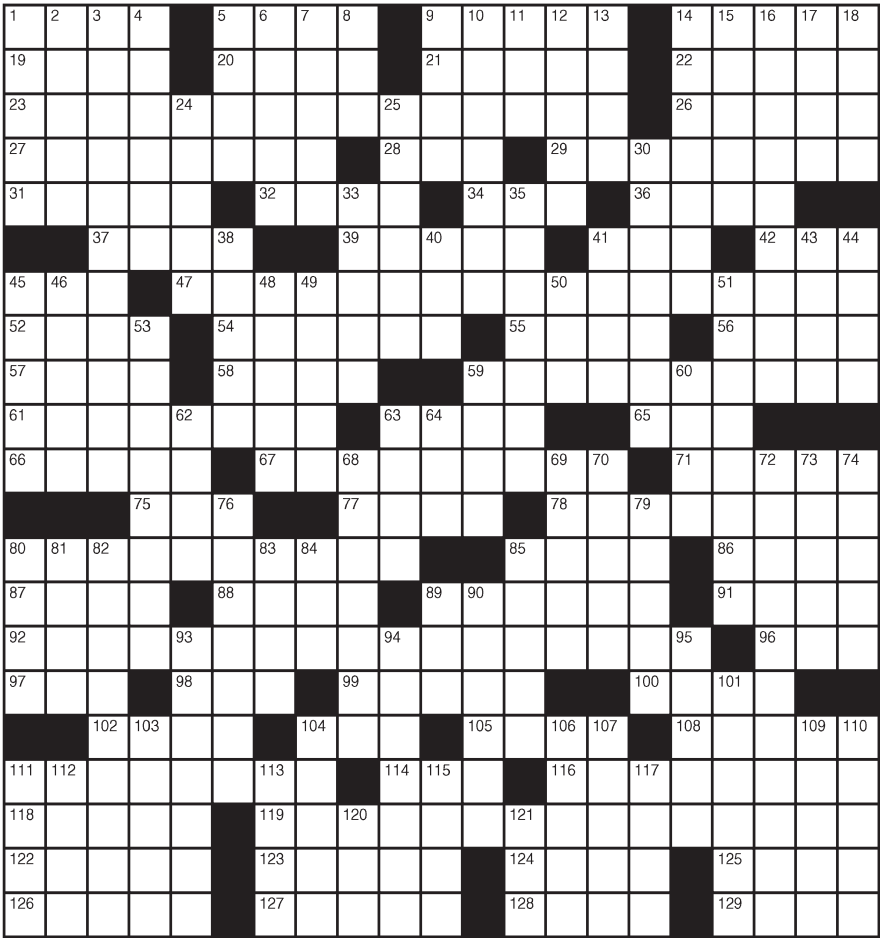
30 Viewer's magazine

33 Type of toast

35 Old, ugly woman

38 Life-drawing subjects

40 A. Godfrey's instrument



- 41 Area meas.

43 Fly high

44 Plays on words

45 Storage box

46 ____-cochere (sheltered entrance)

48 Like dunce caps

49 Barbera's partner in cartoons

50 Hosp. area

51 Country characteristic

53 Hot period

59 Dam's creation

60 Mild yellow cheese

62 ____ de Triomphe

63 Nagy of Hungary

64 Graduate degs.

68 Japanese collectible
- 69 Hayes or Newton

70 Indian drum

72 2005 Jessica Alba film

73 Cast net

74 Tasty dessert

76 Mexican peninsula

79 Is inclined

80 Mother of Horus

81 Miss: Fr.

82 Abuses

83 Droop

84 Clerical vestment

85 Losing streak

89 Distressed exclamations

90 Attacks

93 French river

94 Sudden digression
- 95 Prepare to advance on a fly

101 ____ L. Jackson

103 Sort of strings?

104 Perish in a process

106 Blemished

107 Lassoed

109 Truth twisters

110 Turkish gulf

111 Body toss

112 TV part?

113 Apple offering

115 Poses

117 ____ Linda, CA

120 Author Follett

121 Shoshone

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

NOITAMINANDSHPNC

OBNOOTARTERSAÓA

IRESCULTURAUUIR

CARICATUREWRNCI

IMUEIFIAPDIBTAM

BATXHDSEIGNTIIA

IEPHTCOBNGGNFIS

SLIOBUECODIAGRE

XTUBGJJCNETIACRE

ERCIOIOLISPOGR

MAISTERPIECEATOP

NOICAMINAOFNFTI

CARICATURAÓIROE

YHPARGOTOHPAYFC

PINTURATIARTROP

Diagramless

HEATSUPREFRIES

INFANTA COOKS APRIORI

METTIERS AURIC THINNER

LEIT STENO RES

ORCHIS OCTANE

RELINE PLAIDS

RECUR FORMS

ITS LUG

TEASELS

MAS

UFO

RET

SLASHED

III ONE

PRANK TWANG

COERCE HARARE

HASTEN URCHIN

ACT ELVES ULT

GEISHAS SIEVE CALICOS

AMREETA SEXED ITERATE

GUARDED ALDENTE

Watch the Finish

PAPAYA PICS LILT CASH

CRAVEN LOCH TREE ALOE

BOXINGMATCH GAMA ECUA

TOEGAP DONOR SORT

NORMARAE DIVINGCATCH

ASEA ANDSOON LAERTES

THEDEA ECTOPLASM

SAFETYLATCH RAW EELER

MOOCH OED ANGELO

IMPLODED UDOS ESTRADA

SOHO ESCAPEHATCH EVER

ANNUALS ATMS HOISTERS

ADOPTS ORO PALEA

COMET ELO FLOWERPATCH

INVENTION SCHMO

AUTOCUE ESTEEMS HOLM

FROMSCRATCH VALKYRIE

LANE LENIS DOOGIE

ANIL EASE COOKIEBATCH

MICE ADAR DOZE SALAAM

EAST RYES TRES TBILLS

CRYPTOGRAM

K CKW BXWQ NWQL K GOLX DXIKND

GOLI BNQO GLCX FLLGX ZDMNQ NW K

VKE. OX QOLMEOQ OX OKU ZLMWU K

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

A refined oenologist led a tasting of some pinot noir. He stressed that no whining was permitted.

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'Copenhagen' opens at BBT

Tony Award-winning play brings back WWII

No Strings Theatre Company presents the Tony Award-winning play "Copenhagen" written by Michael Frayn and directed by Zac Bannister. Copenhagen opens Friday, Nov. 21, and runs through Sunday, December 7 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

What if the Germans had succeeded in building an atomic bomb in World War II? They didn't, but it wasn't for lack of trying. Even after most of Germany's top Jewish theoretical physicists fled to America and Britain, there were still numerous competent scientists in Germany working on nuclear fission. They included several Nobel Prize laureates, including pioneers in the very science on which nuclear weapons were based.

"Copenhagen" is a play of ideas which features the Danish physicist Niels Bohr, played by Richard Rundell, the German physicist and Bohr's erstwhile protégé Werner Heisenberg, played by Josh Shakra, and Bohr's wife Margrethe, played by Claudia Billings. Bohr and Heisenberg had done some of the most important physics of the 20th century while they worked together from 1924 to 1927. But when the Nazis came to power in 1933, collaborative projects became more difficult and when war broke out in 1939, impossible.

Heisenberg traveled to Copenhagen in 1941 to meet with Bohr, and what they talked about is central to the play – rather, their inability to agree on what they had discussed. Heisenberg's project in Berlin was to build a German atomic bomb, which failed. Bohr was smuggled out of occupied Denmark in 1943, from whence he went to Los Alamos and participated in the Manhattan Project, which succeeded.

In Michael Frayn's recent award-winning play, an ambitious, fiercely intelligent and daring dramatic sensation, Heisenberg meets Bohr and his wife once again to look for the answers and to work out – just as they had worked out the internal functioning of the atom – how we can ever know why we do what we do.

Although the thoughts and events depicted in "Copenhagen" reach back as far as 85 years to the heady explorations of nuclear science in the 1920s and 65 years to the middle of World War II, the conflicts and dialogue of the play remain remarkably current.

Historians to this day are divided on the key question of whether the Germans failed to build a bomb because they couldn't – or didn't really want to. As one reflects on the much-expanded nuclear community today, it is illuminating to revisit the passionate conversations of the pre-atomic era.

The director, Zac Bannister, is a recent graduate of New Mexico State University where he received an



Richard Rundell (Niels Bohr), Josh Shakra (Werner Heisenberg) and Claudia Billings (Margrethe Bohr) star in "Copenhagen," opening Friday, Nov. 21, at the Black Box Theatre.

undergraduate degree in theater arts. He directed "Vincent in Brixton" and "A Christmas Carol" for the American Southwest Theatre Company, OCTS's "Betrayal" and Las Cruces Community Theatre's "Suicide in B Flat." He also assistant directed "The Good Doctor" and "Dracula" for ASTC and "Hotel" for OCTS.

Richard Rundell has been active on Las Cruces area stages for 30 years. By day, Rundell is a professor at NMSU teaching German, honors and film studies and is head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics.

Josh Shakra has a bachelor's in psychology from NMSU. He was seen in ASTC's "Vincent in Brixton" and "A Christmas Carol" and NSTC's "Vincent," "Baby with the Bathwater" and "Big Love."

Claudia Billings is the producing director for ASTC, faculty of the NMSU Department of Theatre Arts. She teaches introduction to theatre and acting. She has directed ASTC's "The Laramie Project" and the staged reading of "Pixie," as well as "A Place with the Pigs" at the Black Box Theatre. She played Grace in "Bus Stop" and Ursula in "Vincent in Brixton."

"Copenhagen" performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10 regular admission, \$9 students and seniors over 65, and all seats on Thursdays are \$7. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 523-1223 or visiting <http://www.no-strings.org>.

'Cactus Carolers: Season of Love'

Music for the holidays lunch performance at Lemongrass

On Sunday, Nov. 23, Lemongrass Restaurant will offer "Cactus Carolers: Season of Love," a lunch with a variety of seasonal music.

The Cactus Carolers are a quartet specializing in music for the holidays. They will sing traditional a cappella carols and contemporary arrangements of holiday favorites, such as "Deck the Halls" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." In addition to group numbers, they will each take solo turns, accompanied on piano or guitar. The performance will include themes of wishes of joy and prosperity for all, including uplifting songs atypical of Christmas programs.

Soprano Carrie Oliver is a full-time voice teacher with vast theatrical experience. She has appeared in "Seussical" for American Southwest Theater Company, "The Last Five Years" and "Songs for a New World" for No Strings Theater Company (NSTC) and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT). She will offer the humorous "Taylor, the Latte Boy" and "The Christmas Song."

Megan McQueen, the alto of the quartet, has recently performed in the Richard Rodgers and Frederick Loewe

revues at Boba Cabaret. Her local performances include "Into the Woods" and "Man of La Mancha," but recently she's been spending more time directing. Her biggest project was this spring's "We are Enron." She teaches musical theater at Alma d'arte Charter High School. She will perform the humorous rant, "Surabaya Santa."

Anthony Kumpf, vocalist and guitar player, is a familiar musician to open mic attendees. He has a repertoire of popular acoustic songs, including "Angel Baby" which will be included in the show. He's recently appeared in "Dreamcatcher" and "RazzaMaJazz" at Boba Café, and past shows include "Kiss Me, Kate" and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

Rounding out the group, Robby Randall will play piano and sing bass for the performance. He serves as assistant choral director at Las Cruces High School. A graduate of New Mexico State University's music program, Robby has performed a great deal both behind and in front of the keyboard. He's performed in LCCT's "West Side Story" and played piano for "The Last 5 Years" and "Songs for a New World" for NSTC. He'll usher in the season with "Blue Christmas."

Lemongrass will provide soup, a choice of entrees and beverages, and a dessert for \$25. The price includes the performance and tax. Seating will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch served before the show. Call 523-8778 for reservations.



Film 'Grocer's Son' delivers a plate full of food and fun

Fountain Theatre movie set in French countryside

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Grocer's Son" is a fun and interesting film, and like many others that don't have big names or budgets, will go unseen by far too many people. It is a warm and delicious little tale of family and love relationships, thoroughly enhanced by a supporting story of how most of us won't go beyond our personal "safety zone."

Some years before, Antoine left his provincial village for the big city. The days of his youth were spent in the rural countryside of France, where his family ran a small grocery. Daily runs by his father in the family grocery delivery truck, which is kind of like one of those mobile burrito wagons that circulate around Las Cruces, were a way of life, were something he wanted to be shed of. The sharp camera work clearly shows some of the advantages that the rural people find in village life – a bucolic lifestyle that is great in beauty and safe from change.

However, his father has fallen ill, and is unable to tend to the day-to-day work that needs to be done, the work that the community relies upon.

Grudgingly, Antoine returns to the town to temporarily assume that business. Traveling with him is a woman friend – the lively, vivacious and clever Claire. Although they have a platonic relationship, it is no secret that Antoine harbors feelings of love and lust for Claire, who gently puts his advances aside, thus preserving their friendship.

Antoine's adventures in the grocery van start off horrendously and only get worse. The elderly people of the area are used to seeing his father. They dare not even think of purchasing any food other than what they have been buying and eating for years, and resent Antoine for the minor inconveniences he subjects them to by his lack of experience and surly attitude. Minor mishaps with the foldout window of the van endear him to no one, and soon, Claire notes that she will need to come to his rescue.

Her chirpy smile attracts the women, her mild flirting and quietly seductive body form makes the old men long for their lust-filled youth, and soon, Claire,



after painting the van, has helped Antoine turn the business around, somewhat to Antoine's chagrin.

All is not well, however, as Antoine makes it clear that Paris is still the place for him, and his father, who has harbored a distaste for his son for many years, makes it clear that he doesn't want him around a second longer than he needs to be there.

The film turns episodic with each new day and each trip that Antoine makes with the van, through the lush French countryside.

As Antoine and his customers learn more about each other, they slowly come to a better understanding of their lives and needs. The elderly French villagers learn to appreciate that some of the change that Antoine offers is good, and at the same time, Antoine learns that tradition and "the way it has always been" does, at times have purpose, too.

This is a delightful little film, tinged with joy and lessons, with a side order of humor.

Jeff Berg likes going over the river and through the woods. Find out why at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only, and not of anyone else connected with the film society.

'What's Cooking?' at the Fountain Theatre

Movie looks at relationships

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for Saturday, Nov. 22, is "What's Cooking?" (2000, PG-13, 109 minutes). Writer and director Gurinder Chadha has created an entertaining film that unfolds as four families (African American, Latino, Jewish and Asian) on the same block in Los Angeles celebrate Thanksgiving.

Ronald Williams is a successful African American spin-doctor for a racist governor; he has little time for Audrey (Alfre Woodard), his traditional wife, and too high expectations for his son.

There is a lot of tension in the air at the Avila's where Elizabeth (Mercedes Ruehl), the family matriarch, tries to compose herself when she learns that her son has invited her philandering ex-husband to dinner. Meanwhile, she hopes that the family will be kind to her new boyfriend (A. Martinez) when he arrives.

Herb and Ruth Seelig (Lainie Kazan) are very uncomfortable around their daughter Rachel's "roommate" Carla. Other relatives in this Jewish family are even more shocked when the truth about their relationship comes out.

Trinh Nguyen is cooking two separate dinners for her large Vietnamese family and she's upset because she has found condoms in her daughter Jenny's jacket, with more problems mixed in.

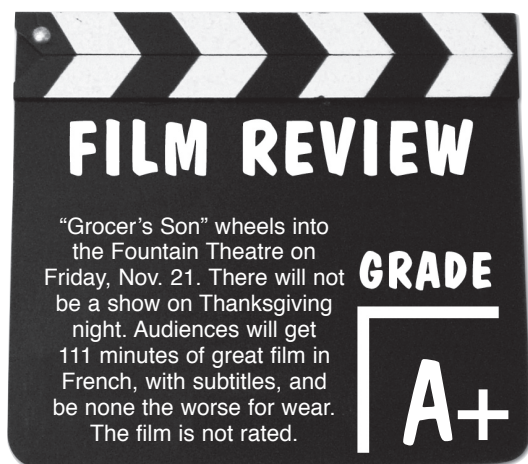
A warm, funny and settling tale that hits home on many levels, "What's Cooking?" allows us to see how much these diverse families have in common as they struggle with the internal and external forces that challenge family solidarity.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is at 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members, who are admitted for \$1. The Fountain Theatre is at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Call 524-8287 or 522-0286 for more information.

POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST



The back of this postcard reads, "Las Cruces, New Mexico. This city is the seat of Doña Ana County. It became known as the City of the Crosses when a caravan was attacked and destroyed by Indians where the city now stands. A freight party from Doña Ana found the bodies and buried them erecting crosses."





AT THE MOVIES

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Appaloosa

Rated: R
Critics' Consensus: A traditional genre western, Appaloosa sets itself apart with smart psychology, an intriguing love triangle, and good chemistry between the leads.
Starring: Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Renée Zellweger, Jeremy Irons
Director: Ed Harris



Beverly Hills Chihuahua

Rated: PG
Critics' Consensus: Despite hitting some sweet notes, Beverly Hills Chihuahua is little more than disposable family entertainment.
Starring: Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia, Jamie Lee Curtis
Director: Raja Gosnell



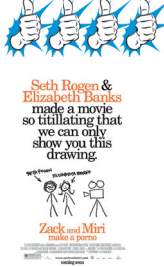
Changeling

Rated: R
Critics Consensus: Beautifully shot and well-acted, Changeling is a compelling story that unfortunately gives in to convention too often.
Starring: Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith, Jeffrey Donovan, John Malkovich, Jason Butler Harner
Director: Clint Eastwood



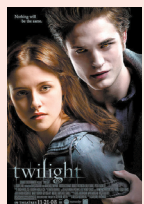
Zac & Miri Make a Porno

Rated: PG-13
Critics Consensus: A modest success for Kevin Smith, due in large part to the charm of Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks.
Starring: Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks
Director: Kevin Smith



Twilight

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Billy Burke, Peter Facinelli
Director: Catherine Hardwicke



Starting Nov. 21

Saw V

Rated: R
Critics Consensus: If its plot were as interesting as its torture devices, or its violence less painful than its performances, perhaps Saw V might not feel like it was running on fumes.
Starring: Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor, Scott Patterson
Director: David Hackl



Eagle Eye

Rated: PG-13
Critics' Consensus: Eagle Eye is a preposterously plotted thriller that borrows heavily from other superior films.
Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Michael Chiklis
Director: D.J. Caruso



Rock-N-Rolla

Rated: R
Critics Consensus: Mixed reviews for Guy Ritchie's return to his London-based cockney wideboy gangster movie roots, but most agree, it's a step in the right direction following two major turkeys.
Starring: Gerard Butler, Thandie Newton
Director: Guy Ritchie



Role Models

Rated: R
Critics Consensus: Role Models is a frequently crude, always funny comedy with the cast providing solid work throughout.
Starring: Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Jane Lynch
Director: David Wain



Bolt (2D & 3D)

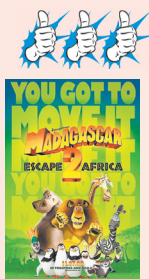
Rated: PG
Starring: The voices of John Travolta, Miley Cyrus, Susie Essman, Malcolm McDowell
Director: Chris Williams



Starting Nov. 21

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Rated: PG
Critics Consensus: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa is an improvement on the original, with more fleshed-out characters, crisper animation and more consistent humor.
Starring: The Voices of Ben Stiller
Director: Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath



Quantum of Solace

Rated: PG-13
Consensus: Brutal and breathless, Quantum of Solace delivers tender emotions along with frenetic action. Not as good as franchise reboot Casino Royale, but still an impressive entry to the Bond canon.
Starring: Daniel Craig
Director: Marc Forster



The House Bunny

Rated: PG-13
Critics' Consensus: Anna Faris is game, but she can't salvage this middling, formulaic comedy.
Starring: Anna Faris, Colin Hanks, Emma Stone, Katharine McPhee, Rumer Willis
Director: Fred Wolf



Fireproof

Rated: PG
Critics Consensus: Not available
Starring: Kirk Cameron, Erin Bethea, Ken Bevel, Jason McLeod
Director: Alex Kendrick



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Hancock

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, Comedy
Starring: Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron, Eddie Marsan, Jae Head, Johnny Galecki, Thomas Lennon, David Matthey
Director: Peter Berg

Fred Claus

Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Miranda Richardson, Kevin Spacey, Rachel Weisz
Director: David Dobkin

Space Chimps

Rated: G
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: The voices of Andy Samberg, Cheryl Hines, Patrick Warburton, Jeff Daniels
Director: Kirk De Micco

Meet Dave

Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy, Science Fiction
Starring: Eddie Murphy, Gabrielle Union, Elizabeth Banks, Ed Helms, Kevin Hart
Director: Brian Robbins

TOP GROSSING

• November 14-16 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.)	Weekend Gross
1	Quantum of Solace (1)	\$67,528,882
2	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2)	\$35,017,301
3	Role Models (2)	\$11,150,303
4	High School Musical 3: Senior Year (4)	\$5,656,162
5	Changeling (4)	\$4,254,080
6	Zack and Miri Make a Porno (3)	\$3,146,312
7	Soul Men (2)	\$2,350,141
8	The Secret Life of Bees (5)	\$2,338,279
9	Saw V (4)	\$1,767,405
10	Beverly Hills Chihuahua (8)	\$1,579,080

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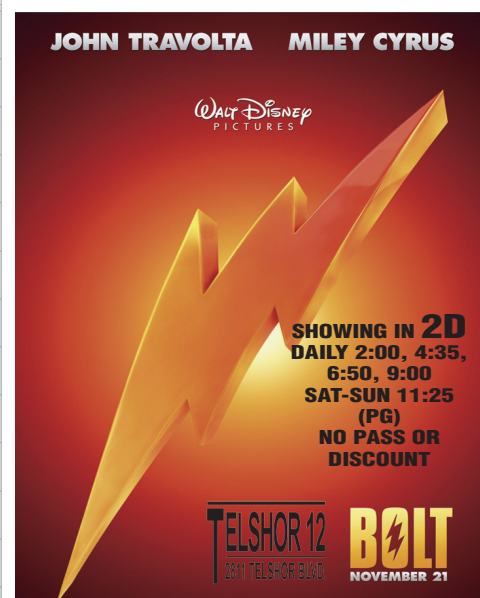
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Sports Editor



The NCAA has never been known for its sense of humor, especially when it comes to academic performance.

The ruling body of college athletics is dead serious about student athletes marching steadily toward graduation. It's up to member institutions to make sure they get there.

Failure to comply, and schools risk possible sanctions and a loss of scholarships, probably. Maybe worse.

Consequently, college coaches and sports administrators ride herd on their athletes, to the extent of sometimes walking them to class.

At New Mexico State University, James Hall and his staff of 18 man the school's academic support program. It's a challenging responsibility.

McKinley Boston, NMSU's athletic director, focused heavily on this area of his department, and has established rules for all Aggie student athletes. If you want to compete here, you go to class. Cut the same class four times without permission, you sit out one game. Five times, you sit out a game and stand before Boston, plead your case and probably lose.

There is really no excuse for athletes to fail here. They are tutored if they need it, monitored and academically advised. There's study hall, mandatory in some cases. Writing and reading comprehension programs. Testing. Hall's department apparently leaves no stone unturned.

"Our coaches have bought into our program," Hall said. "They've been very supportive."

There's also the faculty to consider. Professors can sometimes be hostile toward athletes. There's a strong feeling against the often-higher salaries paid to coaches and athletic department personnel. Consequently, athletes can sometimes find their instructors more favorable toward regular students than to them.

Not at NMSU, Hall says. "I've found that our faculty is wonderful to work with," he said. "They're very cooperative and understanding toward our department. I've worked at Ohio State and Iowa State, and this is probably the most cooperative faculty we've worked with."

Hall, his staff and Boston are apparently on the right track. "Fifty percent of all of our student athletes have made a 3.0 GPA or better," Hall said. "That's in all 16 sports we offer."

By NCAA rules, after the athlete has completed four of the five years most take to graduate, 80 percent of his or her required classwork must have been successfully completed.

"We make sure each athlete stays on track," Hall said. "We're very proud of the fact that 85 percent of our athletes graduate."

Mayfield, LCHS gird for playoffs

No strangers in post-season games

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin



NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Quarterback Dante Caro will lead the Las Cruces High Bulldawgs against Manzano in the state 5-A playoffs at Aggie Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21.

There's never a lot of mystery about opponents when the high school football playoffs roll around in New Mexico. The teams always know each other well.

A small state (population-wise) with a handful of consistently good teams leads to matchups each fall that might as well be family reunions. The get-reacquainted affairs in Class 5A routinely feature Mayfield, Las Cruces, La Cueva and Clovis, as well as a few others that pop in and out of the playoffs.

After a week off, the playoffs get under way Friday night for top-seeded Las Cruces and fourth-seeded Mayfield. The Bulldawgs play host to the No. 8 Manzano Monarchs at 7 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium, while Mayfield takes on the No. 5 La Cueva Bears at 7 p.m. at the Field of Dreams. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

In the two other quarterfinal games Friday, No. 6 Sandia is at No. 3 Clovis and No. 7 Rio Rancho is at No. 2 Eldorado. If Mayfield and Las Cruces both win Friday, they would play each other on Nov. 28 or Nov. 29 in the state semifinals.

While the temptation to look ahead to a possible rematch next week exists, the coaching staffs at MHS and LCHS are confident that their respective teams will be focused on their quarterfinal opponents from Albuquerque. The three-time defending champion Trojans will face a stiff test in a La Cueva team that has a great tradition of its own.

"They have good athletes and they're a big-time run-pass threat," Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said of La Cueva. "They've improved a lot and are really coming around on offense."



NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Austin Hooker will quarterback the Mayfield Trojans against La Cueva in the 5-A quarterfinals Friday at the Field of Dreams. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

La Cueva is led by a pair of outstanding running backs in Gus Bowe, whom Bradley calls "the heart and soul of their team," and super sophomore Ronnie Daniels, a do-it-all athlete who started last year as a freshman.

See **Playoff** on PAGE D6

Torres anchors Ag volleyball team

NMSU No. 1 seed at WAC tournament in Hawaii



NMSU

The Aggies' Krystal Torres is expected to play a major role for her team at the WAC Volleyball Tournament at Hawaii this weekend.

By JOHN KEITH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

She has speed. Quickness. Vision. Good reaction time.

Moreover, Krystal Torres is short. The New Mexico State press guide lists her at 5-foot-10. Perfect height to play libero, Torres' position on the Aggies volleyball team.

The same Aggies proudly carrying a 13-game winning streak and a share of the Western Athletic Conference title into the league tournament that began Thursday at Hawaii. NMSU and the Rainbow Wahine both finished with 15-1 regular season records.

Torres played a huge role in this deal. Her regular season stats totaled 437 digs, 97 assists and 23 service aces.

She was named the WAC Player of the Week Monday for her performance during the

Aggies' recent 3-game sweeps over Utah State and San Jose State. Against the Utags, Torres made 11 digs, four assists and one service ace. In the victory over San Jose State, Torres had 16 digs, three assists and one service ace.

She anchored NMSU's top-seeded squad against the winner of the Idaho-Nevada match in the first round of the WAC tournament Thursday. Should the Ags prevail, they will face the winner of the Utah State-San Jose State match at 11 p.m. (MST) Friday.

For Torres, Honolulu is home. One of two, actually. She currently lives in Las Cruces with her mother. Her father and close relatives are headquartered in Hawaii. "I'm looking forward to seeing everybody," she said before leaving Las Cruces on Tuesday. "I like

See **Torres** on PAGE D5

High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

5-A Football Quarterfinals, Friday, Nov. 21

#1 Las Cruces vs. #8 Manzano..... Aggie Memorial Stadium..... 7 p.m.
#4 Mayfield vs. #5 La Cueva..... Field of Dreams Stadium..... 7 p.m.

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball.....Friday, Nov. 21..... Carlsbad..... 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22..... Santa Teresa..... 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... Canutillo..... 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball.....Saturday, Nov. 22..... at Carlsbad..... 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... at Austin..... 7:30 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball.....Fri.-Sat., Nov. 21-22..... at El Paso High Tourn. TBA
Girls Basketball.....Saturday, Nov. 22..... at Roswell..... 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... Chapin..... 7 p.m.

Oñate High School

Boys Basketball.....Saturday, Nov. 22..... Carlsbad..... 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... at Socorro, Texas..... 7:15 p.m.
Girls Basketball.....Fri.-Sat., Nov. 21-22..... at Irvin HS Tourn..... TBA
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... Hobbs..... 7 p.m.

MV Christian Schools

Boys Basketball.....Friday, Nov. 21..... at Santa Fe Prep..... 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22..... at Bosque..... 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... Hatch..... 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 28..... Cobre..... 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball.....Saturday, Nov. 22..... at Dexter..... 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25..... at Hatch..... 7 p.m.



LCHS, MHS ready for battle

Both teams face tough opponents

Two local quarterfinal matchups for the New Mexico High School football championship will be at the same time Friday, Nov. 21, in the City of the Crosses. Local fans have been forced to choose as three-time defending champion Mayfield plays Albuquerque La Cueva and the Las Cruces takes on Albuquerque Manzano.

The Bulldawg/Monarch game kicks off at 7 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium. The game is a rematch. These teams met back in late September, and in that contest Jim Miller's Bulldawg squad blew out the Monarchs at the Field of Dreams. Racking up a gaudy 62 points in the win, the Dawgs scored both early and often on the Manzano defense. Dante Caro ran and threw the ball at will on the Monarchs. The Bulldawg signal caller racked up 143 yards rushing and also went 10 for 12 through the air including a pair of touchdown tosses. James Hall also had a big night in the first game with 16 carries for 180 yards.

The Bulldawgs would do well to ignore the ease with which they dispensed with Manzano a couple of months ago and bring a fresh sense of intensity to this playoff game. Fortunately for LCHS, the Dawgs have had two weeks to heal and recover from their battle with Mayfield. We look for the Bulldawgs to take care of business tonight.

Mayfield has drawn the toughest foe of all the teams that advanced last week. We saw La Cueva earlier this year at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque when the banged up Bears were beaten convincingly by Las Cruces. It is particularly noteworthy that La Cueva has gotten very healthy at quarterback since their loss to

JIM SPENCE
*From the
Radio Booth*



the explosive Bulldawgs. The Bears most surely pose a dangerous threat to the Trojans. La Cueva is traditionally a big, physical, and confident team.

On the other hand, the Trojans have won the last three state championship games. Still, for the first time in several years, the Trojans will play in the quarterfinals without the benefit of a district title. Like LCHS, MHS spent considerable energy and emotion two weeks ago in their tough one-point loss in the district championship game. However, as far as the rest of the state is concerned, especially La Cueva, it is the Trojans that continue to have the biggest target on their backs. While Mayfield is just a few inches away from a perfect 10-0 regular season record, like all remaining playoff teams, the Trojans must win tonight or their season will end.

Typically, both local programs face a real mental challenge after their district championship battle. Historically these first-round playoff games tend to be struggles. Fans who are used to seeing easy victories against outside opponents should take nothing for granted in either one tonight's matchups.

Brad Beasley and I will have the call of the La Cueva vs. Mayfield game Friday, Nov. 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. on KSNM AM-570. Mike Mitchell will have the live call of the Bulldawg vs. Manzano contest on Hot 103.1 FM.

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Krystal Torres

Senior, Volleyball

Senior Krystal Torres led the NMSU volleyball team to its first WAC championship after a pair of sweeps over Utah State and San Jose State. She averaged 4.50 digs per set en route to earning WAC Player of the Week honors. Torres tallied 11 digs and one service ace against Utah State before the title-clinching sweep over San Jose State, where she marked a match-high 16 digs. Torres has led the WAC all season with 4.60 digs per set. Torres broke the school record for career digs earlier this season.



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On the green

The famous Japanese pro returns from sabbatical

More gems of wisdom from our friend from the East

A lot of golfers who read this column have been wondering if I have been in touch with the famous Japanese pro. A few months ago, I indicated that our esteemed golf sage from the East would be away for awhile, secluding himself in his isolated mountain retreat, in order to ponder golf's unanswerable questions (like, how can a putt break uphill?). Indeed, I was able to reach FJ Pro by satellite phone and chatted with him about some real dilemmas along with some things folks have asked me about. Here is our conversation.

Doc: One of the most interesting episodes of the year in professional golf has been the flap over the commissioner of the LPGA threatening to punish some Asian players on the tour if they didn't learn to speak adequate English. Carolyn Bivens, the commissioner, said that the LPGA depends on considerable money made from the pro-am events. She asserted that many businessmen had complained about these Asian players because these guys had payed a lot of money (like \$10,000) to play with the lady pros, and couldn't even get into a conversation with them.

After considerable pressure, Ms. Bivens soon rescinded the policy and is reconsidering how to handle the whole matter. I'm sure it will prompt heated discussion during the off season.

FJ Pro: Businessmen should get a life. Better for golfers to let clubs do talking.

Doc: Tiger Woods, of course, had knee surgery in the middle of this past summer, just after his stunning U.S. Open victory. Some say the time off will set him back and maybe ruin his chances of eclipsing Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors. A few pundits think he won't be as feared or even as good as he was before the surgery. What do you think?

FJ Pro: Suffering makes one stronger.

Doc: Now that the head size of drivers has been capped at 460cc, and there are strict limits of face rebounding, shaft length and other parameters, golfers seem to be even more compulsively in search of golf's Holy Grail – 20 more yards off the tee. I've seen more new golf-tee designs than ever before. Launch monitors, computer swing models, lead tape, handle weighting, all sorts of things. What's your take on the elusive 20 yards.

FJ Pro: Perhaps try working out.

Doc: Good point. But back to the 20 yards. One of my students told me recently that he is working on trying to be more aggressive with his full swing. I've looked at his swing, and it appears that he is doing something more like trying to kill a snake than hit a golf ball. In his words: "I am really getting frustrated because the

harder I swing the shorter my ball goes." Any thoughts?

FJ Pro: Swing easy, play hard.

Doc: I like it. The same guy came to me during a golf school and complained that he is hitting his iron shots way too low. A lot of his shots came out "hot" and just run through the green. He says he can't get any elevation with his wedge or short irons.

FJ Pro: Hit down. Ball goes up.

Doc: In just a matter of weeks, I'll be heading to Orlando to the PGA Merchandise Show, and I know there will be dozens of new golf club concepts and club shapes and designs. Last year, interchangeable shafts were hot and the year before square driver heads were all the rage. Frankly the clubs look better than ever, and I think the technology is better each year.

FJ Pro: So many clubs, so little time.

Doc: As you know, I'm a psychologist. I follow trends in performance enhancement, as well as work with some golfers who seek my professional assistance. One of the most significant developments in sport psychology concerns the critical role that emotions play in performance. It seems that how we help performers control their emotions means more than how we coach their physical talent or how we influence their thinking.

FJ Pro: Body and mind become one.

Doc: You're right, I know, but I don't know how to put it to practical application. For myself, I sometimes find that I have been sabotaged by my emotions while not even being mindful that it's happening. After a competitive round, as I look back, I see that nervous tension had crept in and I wasn't swinging freely. In retrospect, I wish I had been able to notice what was going on while it was happening.

FJ Pro: Awareness of self most critical.

Doc: A couple of weeks ago we had a group at our Performance Golf School, and one of the golfers, a 15-handicap, hit the ball splendidly on the practice range. His swing was beautiful, and he had plenty of distance. He sarcastically remarked, "Yeah, you should see me on the golf course." He was right. He played miserably on the golf course that afternoon. I notice that a lot.

FJ Pro: Golf not played on range.



DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Doc: One of my performance coaching clients tends to spend excessive time fiddling with this and that before he gets set for a shot. Then he's frozen over the ball. We finally established that this fella overthinks each shot, causing him to get nervous and then tense. He usually hits it badly. I know this is a complicated situation, but is there any brief advice I can give him?

FJ Pro: Stop it!

Doc: Here is an issue that is more difficult. One of my friends confided in me that a golfer in his group cheats. He says the guy's a decent player, but is wild and winds up in mesquite thickets where he always "finds" his ball and then amazingly has a swing. He hits it longer than us so we aren't there to monitor. My friend says "I've found more of Randy's balls than he's lost." He wonders what's up with that.

FJ Pro: Punishment comes in next life.

Doc: I have played golf now for over 50 years. I'm pleased that, over the last 10 years, I've gotten a little better each year. What I've learned is that judgement and decisions are just about the two most important things in golf.

FJ Pro: Golf and life similar.

Doc: There were rumors that you were working behind the scenes at Valhalla, helping the victorious U.S. Ryder Cup Team overcome the odds. I mean those guys were intense, focused and played fearlessly. They were the predators, not the hunted. It was an awesome performance that seemed to be inspired by some mystical force. What did you tell them?

FJ Pro: Ball in hole important.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Through his seminars, motivational speaking and individual coaching, he assists executives and organizations to strengthen leadership effectiveness. He can be contacted at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Breanna Diaz is a 17-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She plays libero on the varsity volleyball team. Of the four matches in the state tournament, Diaz had 47 digs and eight aces from the service line. She is second on the team in aces with 51 and second on the team with 244 digs for the season.

Diaz is a great anchor for the Trojan defense, is a fierce competitor and a leader on the court. She maintains a 3.0 GPA and when not on the court, she enjoys listening to music.



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Saturday, all Aggie fans are equal

Ole Pete has the reputation of being a shrewd horse trader, but the football game Saturday, Nov. 22, has a deal that no one should pass up. You don't need to be Monty Hall to make a great deal at Aggie Memorial Stadium. I'll yield to another old trail rider, Clint Eastwood, who made his name riding the range and hunting down bad guys for a "Fist full of Dollars."

Bring that silver or green back to the Aggie ticket window and you can buy any seat in the house for just \$2. That includes those comfortable chair back seats on the 50, if there are any available on down to the goal line. From row one to the goal line to up near the press box, \$2 is all you need to see the Aggies in their final home game. For a few dollars more, as Clint used to say, you can get any concession stand item for \$2 each, too. Except those grilled burgers, everything else is just \$2.

The NMSU economic relief effort is hittin' the Mesilla Valley at the right time to see one last game with the greatest passing quarterback and receiver corps NMSU has ever had. Senior quarterback Chase Holbrook has given Aggie fans hundreds of thrills hitting senior wide receivers Chris Williams and A.J. Harris on the fly and taking them down field through the air. The men inside who do the heavy work for Holbrook will be playing their last game at



PETE

Pete's Ponderings

Aggie Memorial, too. Richie Bolin and Polo Gutierrez had given their all along with defenders, Derrick Richardson, Lauli Fonoti, Rhyen Anderson, Jamar Cotton, Sam King and Las Cruces Ross Connor.

So you are sitting there thinking you are as shrewd a horse trader as ole Pete? I haven't told you the half of it. It's not only an economic relief package, it's a fan appreciation day as well. More than \$15,000 in fan prizes will be distributed including a hot tub that will relax those sore muscles after a ride on the prairie or a jaunt down Solano Drive. That is just one of the prizes the NMSU Athletics Department is handing out come Saturday.

It's the Aggies way of saying thanks to the people who have been supporting the squad all year. A big crowd is only right if you ask ole Pete. These men have put their back into every play of every game. If the score wasn't always in favor of the Aggies, it wasn't for lack of effort. So why don't you join ole Pete and make the effort as well to be in the stands at Aggie Memorial for this season finale.

PETE

West Coast Memories

Aggie basketball has a long history playing in California

The first four games of the men's basketball season are versus West Coast teams that the Aggies have some history with. The Nov. 18 game at USC was the second time the schools had met in the last decade. The previous meeting was in the Preseason National Invitational Tournament. NMSU was en route to the tournament finals and started the journey in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. USC was highly touted but couldn't handle the Aggie match-up zone, and the Trojans were one and done in that year's NIT.

The Nov. 21 opponent, Pepperdine also has NIT history with the Aggies, but this look back favors the Waves. It was Neil McCarthy's first postseason entrant at NMSU and it came the year before the arrival of Randy Brown, Reggie Jordan and Michael New. The Waves had the same coach as they do now, Tom Asbury, and were led by Tom Lewis, who has since gone on to a successful career as a high school coach in southern California. The Aggies were worn out from the Big West Championship game against the Runnin' Rebels from UNLV and simply didn't have enough gas left in the tank.

The year was 1989, and that team had the foundation of the Sweet 16 team of 1992. Chris Hickman and William Benjamin were freshmen and were given an opportunity to play out of scary circumstances. A mid-season trip to Fresno concluded with a traffic accident



JACK NIXON

Jack's Corner

in the heavy valley fog. The Aggies were creeping through city streets unable to clearly see streetlights. One van driver suddenly realized he was in the middle of a foggy intersection and the van was "t-boned" by another vehicle with the right of way. There were some minor injuries, and they forced McCarthy to insert James Anderson into the lineup and it paid an immediate dividend. The sports information director Steve Shutt gave emergency room personal a scare when he arrived, covered in a blood like substance. Shutt assured the medical staff that he was not split open, but just doused with chocolate milk.

The 2008 season then resumes with a visit to the Pyramid at Long Beach State, Nov. 30. NMSU played only a few games in the structure having to suffer through visits to the tiny men's gym known as the Mine Shaft. It seated about 1,500 comfortably but 1,900 usually showed up. One matchup with the 49ers even brought out "Mr. Clutch" Jerry West to look over the assembled talent. Los Angeles is a fertile recruiting ground for Marvin Menzies, so the links to the left coast should stay intact.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Nov. 21

Diving
Arizona Diving
Invitational
Tucson, Ariz.
All day

Men's Basketball
Pepperdine
Las Cruces
7:30 p.m.

Volleyball
WAC Tournament
Honolulu, Hawaii
TBA

Saturday, Nov. 22

Football
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Women's Basketball
Kent State
Kent, Ohio
1 p.m.

Volleyball
WAC Tournament
Honolulu, Hawaii
TBA

Thursday, Nov. 27

Volleyball
Virginia Commonwealth
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Did You Know ...

Friday's game will be the fifth meeting between NMSU and Pepperdine in Las Cruces, where the Aggies are 4-0. The home team is undefeated in the series.

Trivia Question

Q: The Aggie basketball team last played Pepperdine in the 1988-89 season. Who was the last Aggie coach to defeat the Waves?

A: Lou Henson coached the Aggies to an 89-82 win over Pepperdine on Dec. 28, 1971.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Danisha Corbett
Sophomore
Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Danisha Corbett scored a career-high 21 points for the New Mexico State women's basketball team in its season-opening victory over UC Irvine,

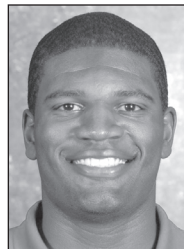
Friday, Nov. 14. She made five 3-pointers in the game and shot 6-for-10 from the floor. Corbett added four rebounds, three steals and two assists.



Troy Gillenwater
Freshman
Men's Basketball

In his collegiate debut, freshman forward Troy Gillenwater guided the Aggie basketball team to a 79-52 season-opening win over UC Riverside, Saturday, Nov. 15,

with a 17-point performance. The Boston native was 7-of-11 from the field with five rebounds. Gillenwater also had two blocks and a steal in only 26 minutes of play.



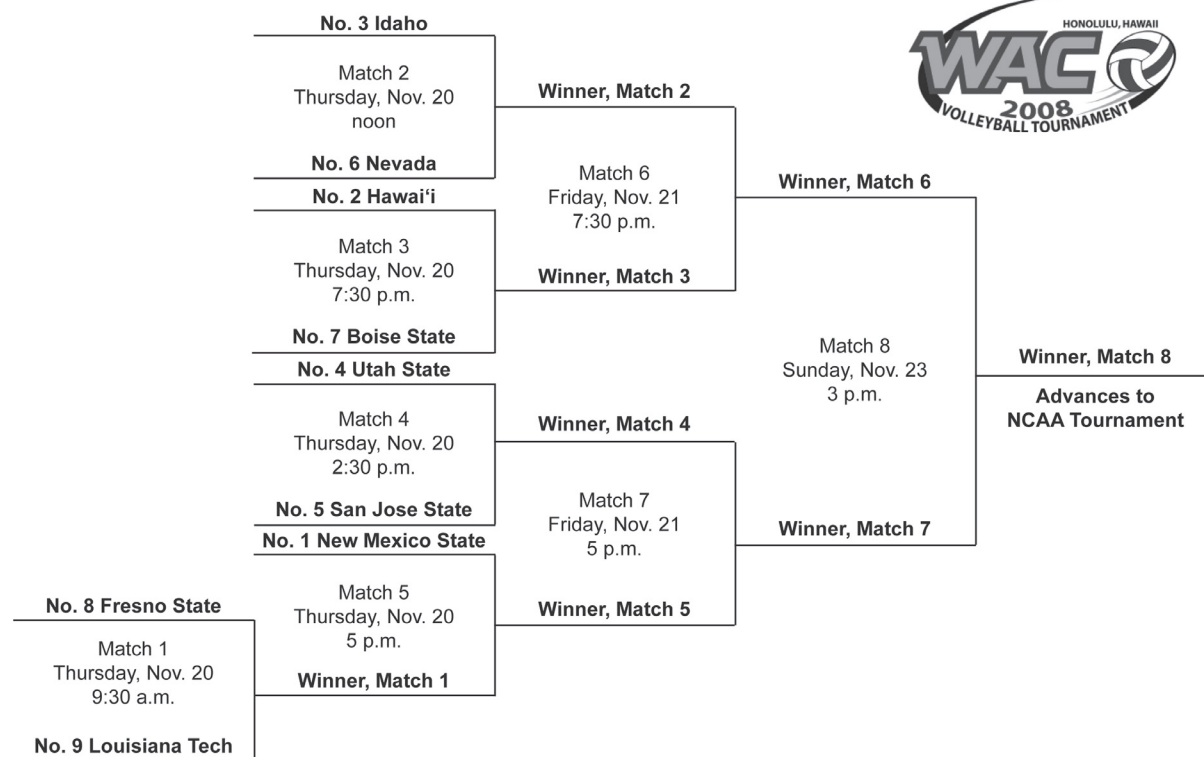
A.J. Harris
Senior
Football

Senior wide receiver A.J. Harris moved into the top 25 in NCAA history for receptions in a career with nine receptions for 97 yards at Fresno State, Nov. 15. He also moved

into fifth all-time on the WAC receptions list. Harris is the Aggies all-time leader in career receptions with 253, and he moved into fourth all-time in career receiving yards against Boise State with 2,433, surpassing Ryan Shaw (1996-99). Harris is fourth all-time in touchdown receptions with 16.

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Torres

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Hawaii," she said. "I miss it a lot. It's laid back. The pace is easy."

Mike Jordan, the Aggies' coach, cuts Torres plenty of slack when NMSU visits Honolulu. "He knows it's home for me," she said. "I get to visit my relatives and spend time with them. But when it's time for team meetings and curfew, I'm there with the team."

There is strong feelings that NMSU and Hawaii will meet in the tournament finals, scheduled for 6 p.m. (MST) Sunday. The two teams swept each other in two regular-season matches.

Torres is confident that, if the two schools should play each other again, NMSU can win. "We just have to play hard," she said. "Bring our best game. That's what it will take."

At Mayfield High School, Torres doubled in volleyball and basketball. She signed a volleyball scholarship with NMSU but doubled in both sports for the Aggies her sophomore year. "The basketball team needed guards and that was my position," she said. "I just decided to go for it. But after one year I decided to stick with volleyball."

"We (the volleyball team) were an up and coming program and I wanted to be a part of that."

Aggies host Bulldogs

NMSU hopes for healthy lineup Saturday

By **JOHN KEITH**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite rumors about his job security, coach Hal Mumme and the Aggies' football team continued preparations for Louisiana Tech, Saturday's 2 p.m. opponent at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

"We're just handling it with a sense of humor," Mumme said. "The players are, too. 'Where you going to coach next year?' They ask me. Then we all laugh. That's really the only way you can treat a deal like this."

La Tech, 6-4, is no laughing matter. The Bulldogs may be the surprise of the league this season. They are currently tied for second place at 4-2 with Nevada in conference standings.

Mumme's Aggies, 3-7, 1-5 in the WAC, played well last week in a 24-17 loss at Fresno State. Quarterback Chase Holbrook passed for 192 yards and one touchdown, wide receiver Chris Williams

returned a kickoff 96 yards for a TD that gave his team a 10-3 lead in the first quarter and NMSU's defense made a goal line stand late in the first half.

The Aggie-La Tech game will be designated as Senior Day.

The Bulldogs are quarterbacked by Tylor Bennett, who has averaged 124.7 yards passing and two touchdowns. La Tech has a healthy ground attack as well. Daniel Porter has rushed for 906 yards and six TDs. Wide receiver Phillip Livas has been Bennett's most productive target, making 50 receptions for 431 yards.

Despite a winning record, Louisiana Tech has not played well on the road this season. They are 1-4 away from home.

Mumme's team has battled injuries most of the season, especially in the offensive line and at running back.

"We're starting to get our injured players back," he said. "Maybe we can put a healthy lineup on the field Saturday."



Chase Holbrook, NMSU's quarterback, hopes for a productive day against Louisiana Tech here Saturday.

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Aggies hire soccer aide

Needham happy with hire

New Mexico State women's soccer coach Michael Needham announced the hiring of Stephanie Rigamat as an assistant coach on his staff on Wednesday.

"I am really excited for this opportunity," Rigamat said. "I have really enjoyed all the staff I have met at NMSU so far and I feel this is going to be a great fit."

Rigamat brings a solid coaching background to NMSU along with a highly impressive playing career. She will have a hand in every aspect of the inaugural program, including daily operations, recruiting, travel accommodations, budget, academics and on-field direction.

"I coached with her at UNLV, so I know our personalities mesh well," Needham said. "Not only does she have a good soccer mind, but she is a great balance for me."

Most recently, Rigamat was the head coach/head of college development for the Crescenta Valley Soccer Club and a physical education teacher at the Los Angeles Leadership Academy.

As a member of the CVCS Club, Rigamat's duties included the teaching of quality training for individuals and teams. She also focused on the development of the college-bound athletes, introducing them to the skills and techniques needed to play at the next level.

Prior to teaching and coaching in California, Rigamat was a women's assistant soccer coach for UNLV. During her two-year stint with the Rebels, Rigamat had a hand in all areas of the program. She conducted individual and team training sessions, assisted in recruiting, coordinated team travel and managed the academic services for student-athletes.

Rigamat got her start in collegiate coaching at her alma mater, UCLA. As a Bruin she helped in the organization of practice sessions and managed the league and tournament schedule.

Between her playing and coaching career at UCLA, Rigamat played professionally with the Washington Freedom in the Women's United Soccer Association and was a member of WUSA Founder's Cup II Championship team in 2002. She was also a member of the US National Soccer team where she made seven appearances in 2002 and was a member of the U-21 National Team.

Rigamat graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in sociology and was a vital member of the Bruins women's soccer squad. The all-America player guided UCLA to its first ever appearance at the College Cup Finals in 2000. Rigamat also led the team with 13 goals as a senior and broke UCLA's single season record for assists with 11.

Playoff

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"We have the toughest first round playoff game of the top four seeds," Bradley said. "La Cueva has the potential to go all the way. We're expecting a tough, hard-fought football game that will probably come down to the fourth quarter."

Bradley said his squad is the healthiest it has been all season, after enjoying a bye week.

"The kids are excited to play again," Bradley said. "We've been (to the championship game) the last three years, so hopefully that experience will be in our favor."

The Bulldogs' contest against Manzano is a rematch

from earlier this season when LCHS downed the Monarchs 62-21. Las Cruces also played Manzano last year in the quarterfinals.

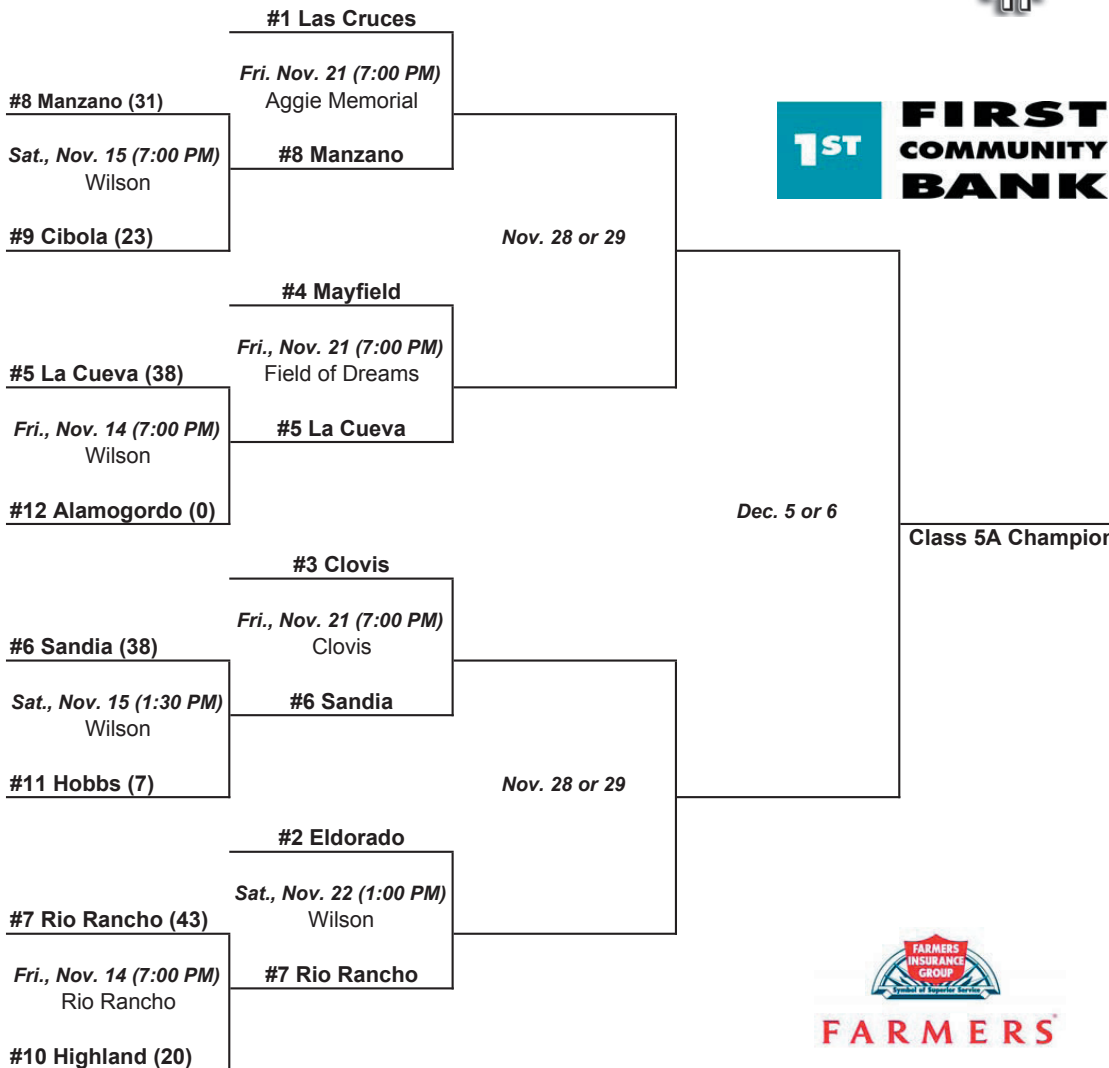
"We scored 62 on them this year and 50 last year in the playoffs, so I think they'll come after us with some different schemes," LCHS coach Jim Miller said of Manzano. "The playoffs are always a different story. We're expecting a good, physical game."

Like Mayfield, the Bulldogs are also hoping that experience pays off in the playoffs. LCHS beat Mayfield in the regular season finale, 22-21, two weeks ago, giving Las Cruces the District 3 5A title.

"We have 30 seniors," said Miller. "They have experience and they know what's at stake. The district championship was nice, but it's not our main goal."

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Aggies host Pepperdine Friday

NMSU falls to Southern Cal, 73-60

The New Mexico State men's basketball team, 1-1, following a 73-60 loss at Southern Cal Tuesday, will host Pepperdine at the Pan American Center Friday. Tipoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

Against No. 20 USC, guard Jahmar Young led the Aggies with 16 points.

Freshman forward Troy Gillenwater supplied 15 points while junior guard Jonathan Gibson

added 11 points.

"I'm very pleased with the effort," head coach Marvin Menzies said. "The guys played hard and fought. They battled and I thought did a great job on different little things."

After shooting only 26 percent from the field in the first half, the Aggies found a rhythm in the second half. NMSU then shot 39 percent in the second period and kept chipping away at USC's lead. The Aggies

pulled within five points, 51-46, after a Gillenwater free throw with 11:23 remaining.

At halftime, Gillenwater led all scorers with 11 points but the Aggies trailed the Trojans, 34-24. Young contributed to the NMSU offense with nine points on 2-of-3 shooting from the 3-point line.

The Aggies ended the first half with a 10-3 run that started with a Gillenwater jumper. The rally also included a 3-pointer and two free throws from Gillenwater along with a lay-up and free throw from Young.

Aggies top UC Irvine 78-55



Taylor Altenburg stands at the free-throw line during the Aggies' 78-55 victory over UC Irvine last Friday. The Aggies will play at Kent State on Sunday, then host their own Thanksgiving tournament Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28 and 29.



Sophomore guard Madison Spence played a large role in the Aggies' victory over UC Irvine. She scored 10 points, many of them coming at critical times.

PHOTOS BY BETHANY CONWAY

NMSU signs on golfing achiever

Reeve also good student

The New Mexico State women's golf team has signed Lindsay Reeve of Redmond, Ore. to a national letter of intent.

At Redmond High School, she holds a 3.70 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"I am very excited to bring in a student-athlete like Lindsay (Reeve)," said Aggie coach Paul Brilliant. "She has the potential to make an immediate impact on the team and will compete for a top-spot in the line-up."

Reeve was the 4A high school state individual medalist as a junior (2008) and is a two-time member of the 4A high school state championship team (2007 and 2008). As a freshman and sophomore, Reeve earned the High School Most Valuable Player Award (2006 and 2007).

"I am really excited to become a member of the Aggie family," Reeve said. "I looked at quite a few college golf programs, but when I met the coaches, the team and saw the facilities that NMSU had to offer, I instantly knew it was a perfect fit."

Reeve was named the Redmond High School Rookie of the Year in 2006 and was the Juniper Golf Club Jr. Club Champion in 2003, 2004, and 2005. She was also the medalist at the Central Oregon Junior Championships in 2007 and 2008.

"I am looking forward to four great years at New Mexico State and helping the Aggies go as far as they possibly can in golf," Reeve said.

Reeve not only won nine out of 12 high school tournaments during her junior year (2008), but she was also named one of "America's Most Improved Golfers" by Readers Digest in May of 2008. That year she helped her team win the district and state championships as well as winning the individual medals at the district and state tournaments.

Arenas, Ruybalid pace the Aggies

NMSU competes at NCAA regionals

For New Mexico State, Amy Arenas led the way for the women, while freshman Ian Ruybalid paced the men at the NCAA Mountain Regional Championship at Fort Collins, Colo. last Saturday.

Both recorded 65th-place finishes. Arenas finished with a time of 22:07.1 in the 6k races and Ruybalid stopped the clock at 32:13.1 in the 10k race.

"Amy and Ian are always ready to compete," said coach Paul Harkins. "They ran tough today," Harkins said. "As a group, I feel that we did not showcase our talent today. We have improved so much this year and we did show that improvement."

Five spots behind Arenas was sophomore Brandi Gutierrez, placing 70th with a time of 22:14, while junior Ingrid Flores was the third Aggie to finish. She recorded a time of 22:35.9 en route to an 87th-place finish.

Junior Brittany Hurtado placed 100th with a time of 23:01.4, while junior Christina Herrera was 108th overall in a time of 23:25.0.

For the men, senior Josh Sifuentes was the second Aggie to cross the line. He placed 89th with a time of 33:33.1.

Sophomore Patrick Hernandez was third for the Aggies and 95th overall. He ran a 33:56.7. Following Hernandez was freshman Anthony Ellis with a 96th-place finish in a time of 34:00.1. Sophomore Michael Hart was the fifth Aggie to come across. He placed 100th with a time of 34:05.1.

Williams wins WAC award

For special teams play

Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick, Boise State defensive end Byron Hout and New Mexico State kick returner Chris Williams were named the Western Athletic Conference offensive, defensive and special teams players of the week, respectively.

Kaepernick, a sophomore from Turlock, Calif. (Pittman HS), rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries and also completed 15-of-31 passes for 192 yards and another score in Nevada's 41-17 win over San Jose State. Kaepernick scored on touchdown runs of seven and six yards in the second and fourth quarters, respectively, and threw a 31-yard touchdown strike to Marko Mitchell in the third quarter. He went over the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season and currently has 1,017 to go along with 1,841 passing yards.

Hout, a freshman from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Lake City HS), made five tackles, including two sacks for a loss of 19 yards, and forced a fumble in the 45-10 win at Idaho. In the third quarter, Hout's quarterback sack knocked the ball loose and was picked up by a teammate who went 45 yards for the touchdown. He then got another sack in the fourth quarter forcing a long unsuccessful fourth-down attempt at Boise State's 18-yard line.

Williams, a senior from Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS), returned two kicks for 126 yards and a touchdown in the Aggies' game at Fresno State. Near the end of the first quarter, Williams broke free for a career-long 96-yard kick return for a touchdown to give New Mexico State a 10-3 lead. Williams also added another 30-yard kick return, a five-yard punt return and caught nine passes for 55 yards to rack up 186 all-purpose yards on the day.

Trojans win volleyball title

Mayfield stuns Rio Rancho

The Mayfield volleyball team saved the best for last.

The Trojans entered last week's Class 5A state volleyball tournament in Albuquerque as the No. 7 seed, behind two teams in its own district – Gadsden and Las Cruces.

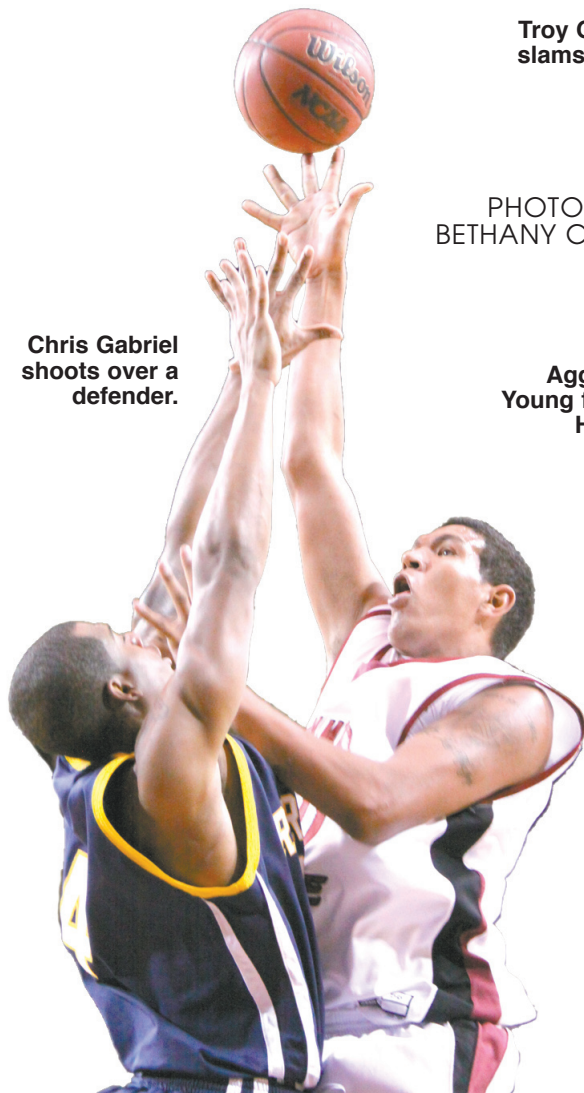
But the Trojans got hot when it counted the most and ran off a string of impressive wins in the tournament, capping it all off with a five-game thriller over top-seeded Rio Rancho in the championship match, 21-25, 26-24, 25-21, 14-25, 15-13.

To reach the title match, Mayfield beat Alamogordo, Clovis and Sandia. The Trojans had lost to Alamogordo and Rio Rancho earlier in the year.

It took a team effort for Mayfield to capture the championship. The Trojans got outstanding play from Jessica Groen, Katie Diaz, Kristen Romney, Jenna Franzoy and Callie Chambers.



At Aggies vs. UC Riverside



Chris Gabriel shoots over a defender.

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Troy Gillenwater slams home two points.



Aggie Jahmar Young fights off a Highlander.



Hernst Laroche started at the point guard spot in the Aggies' 79-52 victory over UC Riverside at the Pan American Center on Saturday, Nov. 15.



Wendell McKines tips in a missed shot.

Jonathan Gibson scores on a layup.



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NMSU inks three for swim team

Aggie coach likes all three

New Mexico State swimming and diving head coach Rick Pratt has signed Morgan Kimminau, Hannah Ferrin and Alexandra Fenton to national letters of intent during the early signing period, he announced Monday.

Kimminau, an Englewood, Colo., native, and Fenton, a Rio Rancho native, are backstroke specialists while Ferrin competes in the butterfly events and hails from Dallas, Texas.

As a member of the Colorado Stars club team, Kimminau has posted a 59.3 time in the 100 back, 2:08.3 in the 200 back and 2:10.1 in the 200 individual medley for head coach Todd Schmitz.

"Morgan (Kimminau) is the perfect fit for our program," Pratt said. "She is dedicated, hard working and has leadership qualities, which will help her succeed in this program. She is a versatile swimmer with the potential and talent to contribute immediately at the WAC level. She will help add depth to our backstroke and IM events and has the potential to help on relays with her freestyle as well. She fell in love with our team and environment we have at NMSU. She will bring much to the culture of the team and I am excited to have her on deck."

"We were looking for a flyer and we got a great one in Hannah Ferrin."

RICK PRATT,
NMSU swimming coach

Ferrin swims for the Dallas Mustangs and head coach Mook Rhodenbaugh. She has recorded performances of 1:04.9 in the 100 fly and 2:24.4 in the 200 fly, and both were long course meter pools. In the backstroke events, Ferrin has 59 and 2:08.4 showings in the 100 and 200, respectively. She also has a 24.8 in the 50 free and 53.7 in the 100 free.

"We were looking for a flyer and we got a great one in Hannah Ferrin," Pratt said. "She had a solid summer and impressed us with her versatility and progress. She has great strokes and comes from a team that is well coached and works hard. She will make an immediate impact in our conference and will help fill in a couple of the gaps we have in our lineup. She is a hard working individual and a great student, and we are very excited to have her at NMSU."

Fenton joins the Aggies after swimming for the Lobo Aquatic Club and head coach Doug Forbes. She has recorded performances of 53.7 in the 100 free, 1:01 in the 100 back and 2:13 in the 200 back.

"Alex (Fenton) is the top recruit in the state of New Mexico and we are very excited she has chosen NMSU," Pratt said. "She is very athletic, coachable and has lots of potential. She has been well coached and has the skills to take her swimming to the next level, and I am thrilled to have her do that at NMSU. She is another great student and will make a great teammate."

Aggies' Torres nabs WAC player award

Jordan says libero vital to the volleyball team

New Mexico State senior libero Krystal Torres earned Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors on Monday for her play in two sweeps last week that led NMSU to a share of the WAC title.

Torres (Las Cruces) helped the Aggies clinch a share of their first-ever WAC regular-season title and the top seed in the upcoming WAC Tournament with a pair of victories last week over Utah State and San Jose State. Head coach Mike Jordan said he knows how important Torres has been to his team.

"Krystal is a great libero and she is having a great season," Jordan said. "She is a vital part of the team and it's great that she got this because liberos don't ever get

enough recognition."

Against the Aggies from Utah, Torres led all players with 11 digs to go along with four assists and one service ace. In the win over the Spartans, she finished with a match-high 16 digs, while adding three assists and an ace. She averaged 4.50 digs and 1.17 assists per set last week.

"I feel really honored about this and never would have imagined getting this," Torres said. "I am very happy to receive this but at the same time I feel the need to stay focused on the week ahead."

This was Torres' first player of the week honor during her career and the fourth player of the week honor for an NMSU player this season.



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A) Sealed Bid:

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B) Description of the property to be leased:

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: AGAPITO GALLEGOS AND SOLEDAD GALLEGOS; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: AGAPITO GALLEGOS AND SOLEDAD GALLEGOS, ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM A LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, IF ANY.

GREETINGS:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that RAUL RANGEL and MARTHA RANGEL, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2008-2293, wherein you are named or designated as Defendants and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The general objects of said

action are the establishment of the Estate of the Plaintiffs in fee simple in and to the property described in the Complaint in said cause against the adverse claims of the Defendants, and each of the, and everyone claiming by, through, or under them, and that the Defendants, and each of the, and everyone claiming by, through, or under them, be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, or any right, title, or interest in or to the said real estate adverse to the estate of the Plaintiff, and that the title of the Plaintiff thereto in fee simple be forever quieted and set at rest, said property being that certain land situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

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

No. CV-2008-2173
Judge Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

DIANE ENRIQUEZ, MICHAEL L. APODACA, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS, AND 1995 GEO METRO, Blue; VIN: 2C1MR5291S6729051; New Mexico License Plate No. HDJ 962, Respondents.

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By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D0307CV200800901

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTONIO HERNANDEZ; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF FRED M. WARREN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF MARN A. WARREN, DECEASED, Defendant(s) AMENDED

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Antonio Hernandez.

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 193 Yucca Road, San Miguel, NM 88058, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 2A, U.S.R.S. TRACT 15-80A & 81, REPLAT NO. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 20, 1988, in Book 16 Page 2 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before December 22, 2008, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
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Attorney for Plaintiff
JERALD A. VALENTINE,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of November 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Joe Martinez
Deputy
08-0356/Hernandez, Antonio;
P491218

Pub #8298
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 2008

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TAOS STATE OF NEW MEXICO

LEON TAYLOR Plaintiff,

vs. No. 2008-399 CV

PARAGRAPH A: APRIL GRIEGO MONDRAGON a/k/a APRIL MONDRAGON, JOSE MONDRAGON a/k/a JOSE L. MONDRAGON; a/k/a JOSE LARRY MONDRAGON, PABLO MONDRAGON, a/k/a

PAUL MONDRAGON, SHARON MONDRAGON, a/k/a SHARON QUINTANA, STEVEN MONDRAGON a/k/a STEVE T. MONDRAGON, TERESA MONDRAGON a/k/a THERESA MONDRAGON, VICTOR MONDRAGON.

PARAGRAPH B:

The following Defendant, by name if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs: VICTOR MONDRAGON, Defendants.

PARAGRAPH C: All

unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

GREETINGS: YOU AND EACH OF YOU are hereby notified that Leon Taylor, as Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Taos County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. 2008-399 CV, wherein you are named or designated as Defendant and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The general objects of said action are the establishment of the estate of the Plaintiff in fee simple in and to the properties described in the Complaint in said cause against the adverse claims of the Defendants, and each of them, and everyone claiming by, through or under them, be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, or any right, title or interest in or to the said real estate adverse to the estate of the Plaintiff, and that the title of Plaintiff thereto in fee simple be forever quieted and set at rest:

Parcel No. 3: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in that Warranty Deed from Teresa Mondragon to Leon Taylor Professional Association Pension Trust, executed on February 23, 1995 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on February 23, 1995 in Book A-224 at Page 601;

Parcel No. 4: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in that Warranty Deed from Teresa Mondragon to Leon Taylor, executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222 at Page 408 and in Warranty Deed from Sharon Mondragon to Leon Taylor executed on March 1, 1995 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on March 1, 1995 in Book A-224, Page 717;

Parcel No. 5: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in that Quitclaim Deed from Jose L. Mondragon and Carla D. Mondragon to Leon Taylor, executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222 at Page 412; and

Parcel No. 6: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in that Quitclaim Deed from Jose L. Mondragon and Carla D. Mondragon to Leon Taylor, executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property

records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222 at Page 407; and in that Quitclaim Deed executed on November 3, 1994 from Steven Mondragon and April Griego Mondragon to Leon Taylor and recorded in Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222, Page 409; and in that Quitclaim Deed from Teresa Mondragon to Leon Taylor executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222, Page 410; and in that Quitclaim Deed from Pablo Mondragon to Leon Taylor recorded in Taos County real property records on March 1, 1995 in Book A-224, Page 716; and in that Quitclaim Deed from Victor Mondragon to Leon Taylor executed on November 7, 1994 and recorded in Taos County real property records on November 7, 1994 in Book A-222, Page 467;

Parcels are located at the end of Witt's End Road, a one lane, dead end dirt road bearing to the center off of Hernandez Road at end of Cruz Alta Road off of State Highway 68, Taos, NM. Parcel 3 begins at electric transformer number 124410 at dead end. Parcels 4, 5 and 6 are contiguous to Parcel 3; said properties being those certain tracts of land in Taos County, New Mexico.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in the said case on or before 31st day, of December, 2008, judgment will be rendered against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows: Carol A. Neelley, Carol A. Neelley, P.C., 705A Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Eighth Judicial District Court of the County of Taos, State of New Mexico, on this 4 day of November, 2008.

BERNABE P. STRUCK
CLERK OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BY: Martikili Trujillo

(SEAL)

Pub #8301
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ADELA C. BUSTAMANTE, DECEASED.

No. PB 2008-100
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Adela C. Bustamante, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: Rosella B. Morales, P. O. Box 526, Hatch, NM 87937, or filed with the Clerk of the above

entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/Rosella B. Morales
Rosella B. Morales
P. O. Box 526
Hatch, NM 87937

Pub #8302
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2164
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

NANCY CASILLAS, RUBEN CASILLAS, AND 1995 FORD WINDSTAR, Blue; VIN: 2FMDA5149SBA82580; New Mexico License Plate No. JSN 265, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Nancy Casillas, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1995 Ford Windstar, Blue; VIN: 2FMDA5149SBA82580; New Mexico License Plate No. JSN 265.
2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows: Carol A. Neelley, Carol A. Neelley, P.C., 705A Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571.

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8304
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

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

No. CV-2008-1782
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

GEORGE GAMBOA, N.M. CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE FCU, AND 2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, Gold; VIN: 1GCFC29T9Y2115732; New Mexico License Plate No. FHC 613, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: George Gamboa and NM Corrections Employee FCU, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 Chevrolet Silverado, Gold; VIN: 1GCFC29T9Y2115732; New Mexico License Plate No. FHC 613.
2. You are the named

Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8305
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-1644

INDYMAC MORTGAGE, F.S.B., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT PRICE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 10, 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 4723 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 163 in Block D of Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 07/27/2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$153,687.22 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from October 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,354.26. 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,

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the valuation of the prop-erty 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 #8306
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28,
12/5, 2008

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

No. CV-2008-2095

**TAYLOR, BEAN &
WHITAKER MORTGAGE
CORP., Plaintiff,**

vs.

DAVID R. MUNOZ,

**and if married, JANE
DOE MUNOZ (true
name unknown), his
spouse; TAXATION
AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO;
and JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on December 10, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at 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 1222 Onate Street, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 32, DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, 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. 3734 on 03/20/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 289-90 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 November 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$250,660.86 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 11, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,880.02. 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 sub-

ject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

Pub #8307
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28,
12/5, 2008

**El Paseo Self Storage
1585 El Paseo
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**To
Leslie Ramirez
P.O. Box 1735**

be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$208.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Bicycles & Several Boxes

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
El Paseo Self Storage
1585 El Paseo
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8309
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**El Paseo Self Storage
1585 El Paseo
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**To
Tobiegh S. Herd
P.O. Box 281
Capitan NM 88316**

**P.O. Box 193
Capitan NM 88316**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that all the contents of your storage unit #178 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$440.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Couch & Love Seat, Table & Chairs

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8313
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Joseph Aberle
100 Turquoise
Las Cruces NM 88011**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that all the contents of your storage unit #56 at El Paseo Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$260.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Shelf, Dresser, Clothing & Misc. Boxes

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
El Paseo Self Storage
1585 El Paseo
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8310
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**Idaho B Self Storage
127 E. Idaho
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**To
Miguel De La Cruz
213 Bronco Way
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that all the contents of your storage unit #110 at Idaho B Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$312.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(4) Chairs, Table, Couch, Headboard, Microwave, Bed Frame, Dresser

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION: 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Idaho B Self Storage
127 E. Idaho
Las Cruces, NM 88001

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8311
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Don Lesueur
P.O. Box 2265
Las Cruces NM 88004**

**P.O. Box 2791
Mesilla Park NM 88047**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that all the contents of your storage unit #G-16 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$485.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Golf Clubs, Guitar, Paintings, Recliner, Mattress & Box Spring, Bed Frame, Tool Box

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 7, 2008, the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, 301 South Church St., Ste. G, Las Cruces, NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-14511 with the State Engineer for Permit to Appropriate Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Sierra County by using the following existing exploratory wells located on land leased from the New Mexico State Land Office:

OSE Well No	Subdivision	Sec	Twp	Rng	Latitude	Longitude
LRG-14278-POD 1	SW1/4SE1/4NW1/4	5	16S	1W	N32deg 56'48.31"	W106deg 58'5.15"
LRG-14148-POD 1	SE1/4NW1/4NW1/4	4	16S	1W	N32deg 57'1.39"	W106deg 57'19.40"
LRG-14149-POD 1	SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	31	15S	1W	N32deg 57'13.14"	W106deg 58'56.04"
LRG-14359-POD 1	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	5	16S	1W	N32deg 57'9.01"	W106deg 57'34.02"
LRG-14277-POD 1	NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4	6	16S	1W	N32deg 57'9.00"	W106deg 58'35.50"
LRG-14358-POD 1	NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	5	16S	1W	N32deg 57'7.40"	W106deg 58'3.80"

and drilling the following wells with 6-inch casing to an approximate depth of 500 feet on land leased from the New Mexico State Land Office:

OSE Well No	Subdivision	Sec	Twp	Rng	Latitude	Longitude
LRG-14146-POD 1	NE1/4NW1/4NE1/4	30	15S	1W	N32deg 58' 49.87"	W106deg 58' 48.21"
LRG-14511-POD 1	NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4	31	15S	1W	N32deg 57' 24.90"	W106deg 59' 14.70"
LRG-14511-POD 2	SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4	5	16S	1W	N32deg 56' 35.07"	W106deg 57' 39.85"
LRG-14511-POD 3	NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4	31	15S	1W	N32deg 57' 35.48"	W106deg 58' 42.32"

for the diversion of 200 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for use in Spaceport America operations, to include domestic, livestock, irrigation, industrial, commercial, and dust control purposes, within 18,301.45 acres of land that is administered by the New Mexico State Land Office and located within the following described location:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
All	16	T15S	R1W
All	17	T15S	R1W
All	18	T15S	R1W
All	19	T15S	R1W
All	20	T15S	R1W
All but SW1/4SW1/4	21	T15S	R1W
All but N1/2NW1/4	28	T15S	R1W
All	29	T15S	R1W
All	30	T15S	R1W
All	31	T15S	R1W
All	32	T15S	R1W
All	33	T15S	R1W
All but SW1/4SW1/4	13	T15S	R2W
All but W1/2NE1/4,E1/2NW1/4	24	T15S	R2W
All	25	T15S	R2W
All	36	T15S	R2W
All	2	T16S	R1W
All	3	T16S	R1W
All	4	T16S	R1W
All	5	T16S	R1W
Lots 1and 2	6	T16S	R1W
N1/2	8	T16S	R1W
All but NE1/4SE1/4	9	T16S	R1W
SW1/4NW1/4	10	T16S	R1W
All	16	T16S	R1W
NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4	21	T16S	R1W
S1/2	22	T16S	R1W
SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4	26	T16S	R1W
All	27	T16S	R1W
NE1/4	28	T16S	R1W
All	16	T16S	R2W
All	21	T16S	R2W
All	22	T16S	R2W
All	23	T16S	R2W

and, if necessary and in accordance with agreements between the Applicant and the Bar Cross Ranch, Inc., and the Lewis Cain Ranch, Inc., up to 51 acre-feet per annum of the requested 200 acre-feet per annum could be used for livestock and/or domestic water supplies as replacement to that which has been historically exercised from the following wells:

Owner/Lessee	OSE Well No.
Bar Cross Ranch	LR006-0003
	LRG-4648
	LR008-0002
	LR010-0003
	LR010-0002
	LRG-6228
	LRG-6227
	LR010-0006
	LRG-7291
	LR010-0009
	LR011-0001
	LRG-6224
	LRG-7299
	LRG-7301
Lewis Cain Ranch	LR010-0008
	LRG-7298
	LRG-7303

The existing exploratory wells and proposed new well sites are located at the anticipated Spaceport America site, north of Point of Rocks, between Upham and Aleman in Sierra County. From the north, the area can be reached from Hwy 51 at Engle by going south on County Rd A-13 for approximately 15 miles. From the south, the area can be reached from exit 32 (Upham) on I-25 by going north on County Roads E-71, E-72, E-70 and A-13 for about 23 miles.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity hav-

ing standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days

Sections	Township	Range
7 through 36	T15S	R1E
7, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32	T15S	R2E
13 through 36	T15S	R1W
13, 24,25,36	T15S	R2W
1 through 36	T16S	R1E
6	T16S	R2E
1 through 36	T16S	R1W
1, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 36	T16S	R2W
1 through 18	T17S	R1E
1 through 18	T17S	R1W
1, 2, 11,12, 13, 14	T17S	R2W

after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

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Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8315
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Sophia Perez
5269 Morganite Ct.
Las Cruces NM 88012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #H-12 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$407.61. The contents of the unit consist of:

Table & Chairs, Kids Toys, Clothes, Dresser, Mattress & Box Spring & Misc. Household Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8316
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Sunny Sampson
501 N. Central Apt. 418
Chicago, IL 60644**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #K-4 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$460.95. The contents of the unit consist of:

T.V., Vacuum Cleaner, Bicycle, Air Cleaner, Clothing & Misc. Boxes

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8317
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Julieta Salas
1151 San Felipe Ave.
Las Cruces NM 88001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #L20 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$288.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Hydraulic Engine Lifts,

Lamp, Wood Cabinet, Entertainment Center, Dresser, Wood Trunk, T.V., Misc. Boxes & Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8318
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Michelle A. Barrientos
4801 S. Main #163
Mesilla Park NM 88047**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #M24 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$676.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Couch & Love Seat, T.V., Foosball Table, Cabinet, Misc. Boxes

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8319
Dates 11/14, 11/21/08

**South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn
Attention:
Roxanne Croom
901 Avenida de Mesilla
Las Cruces NM 88005**

**Columbus Properties, LLC
Attention: Gaynelle
909 Poydras Street,
Suite 1700
New Orleans LA 70112**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #Q-2 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$344.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Boxes of Business Records

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
South Main Self Storage
1910 S. Main /
150 W. Farney Rd.
Las Cruces NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8320
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**Westside Self Storage
1712 W. Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Eva E. Ontiveros
715 W. Las Cruces Ave. #5
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #84 at Westside Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$220.50. The contents of the unit consist of:

(2) Stuffed Chairs, Couch, Mattress & Box Spring

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Westside Self Storage
1712 W. Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8321
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

**Westside Self Storage
1712 W. Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**To
Orlando Carrillo
765 S. Esperanza
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #113 at Westside Self Storage will be sold at SEALED BID AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$940.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

Misc. Yard Tools, Tires, Lights, Lawnmower, (2) Mop Buckets, Boxes & Various Items

DATE OF AUCTION:
December 6, 2008

TIME OF AUCTION:
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION:
Westside Self Storage
1712 W. Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005

LEASING SERVICES, INC.
Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Pub #8322
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 4, 2008, Jayson Morrison, PO Box 424, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered LRG-14530-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14530-POD2, as recorded and on file with the State Engineer, and located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, and drilling a new well at approximately X=1,425,510 Y=546,232 on the New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, 1983 N.A.D., for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum combined from LRG-14530-POD1 and LRG-14530-POD3 for domestic purposes in the NE1/4 of said Section 9, all occurring on land owned by the applicant. Existing well LRG-14530-POD2 will be plugged. Well and land will be located at the physical location of 13882 N.

Highway 185.

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 facsimile. Mailing post-mark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Pub #8323
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF PATRICK
STEPHEN BIANCHI,
Deceased.**

No. PB-2008- 107 (Robles)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court. 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: November 12, 2008

/s/Edward M Bianchi
Edward M. Bianchi
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Patrick
Stephen Bianchi, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY:
BATES LAW FIRM
PO Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Telefax)

/s/Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8324
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 2008

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT OF
HELSE S. URQUIDEZ,
Deceased**

PB-2007-29
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All Unknown Heirs of Helse S. Urquidez, Deceased; and All Unknown Persons Having Any Interest in the Estate of Helse S. Urquidez, Deceased or in the matters being litigated.

Ruth Chavez has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirship and Complete Settlement of Estate requesting the Court to enter an Order which (1) formally probates the Decedent's Last Will and Testament; (2) confirms the previous appointment of Petitioner as Personal Representative;(3)determines the heirs of the Decedent;(4) approves the proposed distribution of the estate of the Decedent;(5) issues Formal Letters of Administration to Petitioner;(6) declares this estate fully settled and discharges Petitioner from further claim or demand of any interested person; and (7) grants such other and further relief as may be proper.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that hearing on such petition will be held in the District Court of Doña Ana County in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Dec 18, 2008 at

8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
HUBERT & HERNANDEZ,
P.A.
/s/Dean B. Cross
Dean B. Cross, Esq.
P. O. Box 2857
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004
(575) 526-2101
Attorneys for Personal
Representative

Pub #8325
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

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

**In the Matter of the
Estate of MARY K. RUFF,
Deceased.**

No. PB 2008-96
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patricia Reichel has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the 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 the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 6 day of
November, 2008.

/s/ Patricia Reichel
PATRICIA REICHEL
Personal Representative
PO Box 82472
Phoenix, AZ 85071-2472

Pub #8326
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

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

No. CV-08-2175

**INDYMAC MORTGAGE
F.S.B., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**NANCY QUIMSON-
BOOTH and, if married,
JOHN DOE A, (True
Name Unknown), her
spouse; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC. as
nominee; JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), Tenants,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and/ or John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little &
Associates, P.A.
4501 Indian School Road
NE, Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM
87190-3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

Date October 23, 2008

By Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
JERALD A. VALENTINE,
District Judge of the Third
Judicial District Court of the
State of New Mexico, and the

Seal of the District Court of
Doña Ana County, this 6 day
of November, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By Melissa A. Lundien
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #8327
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
2008

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
ALBERT A. FRENCH, SR.,
DECEASED.**

No. PB 2007-58
Judge Valentine

**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT OF
ESTATE BY PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

**Gloria A. Veneziano,
Personal Representative
of the estate of Albert
A. French, Sr., deceased,
gives the following
Notice:**

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Gloria A. Veneziano
1520 Ray Dr.
Burlingame, CA 94010

Rose Ruby Smith
437 Suffolk Lane Castle
Rock, CO 80108

William French
5228 Cribari Dale
San Jose, CA 95135

Richard Ralph French
26 Midwood Rd.
Victoria, B.C. Canada
V9B1L6

Albert French, Jr.
128 Roosevelt, Apt. 5
Redwood City, CA 94061

John D. French
1672 Regal Ridge
Las Cruces, NM 88011

2. Gloria A. Veneziano, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Albert A. French, Sr.,

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deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Gloria A. Veneziano has been set for December 12 , 2008, at 9: 45 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

/s/Gloria A. Veneziano
Gloria A. Veneziano
Personal Representative
1520 Ray Dr.
Burlingame, CA 94010

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511
/s/Kenneth L. Beal
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Personal Representative

Pub #8328
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 2008-901
Judge Valentine

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION Plaintiff,

vs.

**ANTONIO HERNANDEZ;
THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR
LEGATEES OF FRED M.
WARREN, DECEASED;
THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISEES OR
LEGATEES OF MARNA
A. WARREN, DECEASED;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN;
Defendants,**

SHARON LOPEZ and GARY WARREN, Cross Plaintiffs,

vs.

**ANTONIO HERNANDEZ,
Cross Defendant.**

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO RECOVER ON PROMISSORY NOTE AND FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ANTONIO
HERNANDEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Cross Plaintiffs have brought suit by Cross-Claim in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, against you in Cause No. CV-2008-901 on the Civil Docket of said Court, the general object of which is to recover on their promissory note on which you are the maker, and foreclose their mortgage securing payment of the above note which mortgage covers the following described real estate, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to-wit: Lot 2A of U.S.R.S. Tract 1S-80A and 81, Replat No.1, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 20, 1988 in Book 16, Page 2, Plat Records. The above described real property is generally known as 193 Yucca Road, San Miguel, New Mexico 88058.

The above described real property is generally known as 193 Yucca Road, San Miguel, New Mexico 88058.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead to

the Complaint on or before the 5th day of January, 2009, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause.

Cross 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 17 day of November, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
Court Administrator

By:/s/Joe M. Martinez
Deputy
Joe M. Martinez

Pub #8329
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1772

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2006, GSAMP Trust 2006-HE4, Plaintiff,

vs.

**JESUS D. ORTEGA, aka
JESUS DANIEL ORTEGA;
GLORIA V. ORTEGA;
LAURA VILLA; JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
Tenants, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 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 1683 Joshua Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 23, BLOCK 5, MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 6, 1976, IN BOOK 12 PAGE(S) 39-40 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$134,773.31 and the same bears interest at 8% per annum from October 4, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,215.45. 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 #8330

Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILL ROBERTSON, ALSO KNOWN AS, WILLIAM HEARD ROBERTSON, JR., deceased.

No. PB-08-87

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of Scott, Hulse, Marshall, Feuille, Finger & Thurmond, P. C., 201 East Main Drive, E1 Paso, Texas, 79901, Phone: (915) 533-2493 FAX: (915) 546-8333 or filed with the Court at Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 7th day of
November, 2008.

/s/Robyn Robertson
ROBYN ROBERTSON
Personal Representative
of the Estate of BILL
ROBERTSON, also known
as WILLIAM HEARD
ROBERTSON, JR., Deceased
P.O. Box 2365
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

Pub #8331

Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2161

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., for the Benefit of NB Holdings

Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

**ERNEST WILLIAMS,
JR., and if married,
JANE DOE WILLIAMS,
(true name unknown),
spouse; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., as
nominee; JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 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 4511 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 38, Block M, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, 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. 4230 on 09/28/2005 in Book 21 Page(s) 352-57 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 November 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$188,267.34 and the same bears interest at 8.75% per annum from October 17, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,198.60. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law

P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8332

Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1771

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

**MATTHEW A. MOZIEJKO,
aka MATTHEW ALAN
MOZIEJKO; LESLIE A.
MOZIEJKO; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., as
nominee; JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 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 2812 Carretas Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot numbered 6 in Block numbered A of Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 11, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 105-106.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$152,030.17 and the same bears interest at 10.20% per annum from October 16, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,676.56. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to

a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8333

Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STAN B. HANSEN, deceased

No.PB-08-0024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of Scott, Hulse, Marshall, Feuille, Finger & Thurmond, P. C., Post Office Box 2243 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2243, Phone: (575) 522-0765 FAX: (575) 522-0006 or filed with the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 13 day of October,
2008.

/s/Jeanne B. Hanssen
JEANNE B. HANSEN
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 829
Fair Acres, NM 88033

Pub #8334

Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1978

**LASALLE BANK
NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, as trustee
under the Pooling and
Servicing Agreement
dated as of June 1, 2006,
GSAMP Trust 2006-HE4,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RICHARD STANTON
and, if married, JANE
DOE STANTON, (True
Name Unknown), his
spouse; JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), Tenants,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 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 1033 Brownlee Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 3, PALMERS SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 12, 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 August 9, 2005, in Book 21 Pages 288-289 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 November 13, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$61,048.28 and the same bears interest at 8.75% per annum from October 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$922.00. 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 #8335

Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
12/12, 2008

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting on November 17, 2008:

1. Council Bill No. 09-014; Ordinance No. 2477: An Ordinance Amending Article II, Fire Prevention Code, of Chapter 11, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) by Enacting the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code as Amended with Certain

Related Appendices and Repealing the Adopted 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces.

2. Council Bill No. 09-015; Ordinance No. 2478: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 30, Buildings and Building Regulations of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) and Enacting the 2006 Edition of Certain International Building-Related Construction Codes. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces.

3. Council Bill No. 09-016; Ordinance No. 2479: An Ordinance Adopting an Addition to the Landscaping Ordinance Component of the Development Standards to Include Requirements for the Landscaping of Parkways and Medians.

4. Council Bill No. 09-022; Ordinances No. 2485: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 7-15, Nuisance, (Referring to Noise), for the Purpose of Establishing Mandatory Minimum Penalties.

5. Council Bill No. 09-023; Ordinance No. 2486: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 7-15, Nuisance, (Referring to Animals) for the Purposed of Establishing Mandatory Minimum Penalties.

6. Council Bill No. 09-024; Ordinance No. 2487: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement by and Between the City of Las Cruces (The "Governmental Unit") and the New Mexico Finance Authority in the Principal Amount of \$4,563,829 for the Purpose of Constructing a Detention Pond for Flood Control in the Governmental Unit, Funding a Loan Agreement Reserve Account and Paying a Loan Processing Fee and Evidencing the Special, Limited Obligation of the Governmental Unit to Repay the Principal Amount of \$4,563,829, Together with Interest Thereon; Providing for the Payment of the Principal and Interest Due Under the Loan Agreement Solely From the Distributions of the Revenues of the Fifth One-Quarter of One Percent Increment of the Governmental Unit's Municipal Local Option Gross Receipts Tax Revenues, Imposed Pursuant to Section 7-19D-9, NMSA 1978, and Distributed to the Governmental Unit by the State Taxation and Revenue Department; Providing for the Distribution of the Revenues of the Fifth One-Quarter of One Percent Increment of the Governmental Unit's Municipal Local Option Gross Receipts Tax to be Redirected by the State Taxation and Revenue Department to the New Mexico Finance Authority or Its Assigns Pursuant to the Intercept Agreement for the Payment of Principal and Interest Due on the Loan Agreement; Approving the Forms of the Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement; Ratifying Actions Heretofore Taken; Repealing All Action Inconsistent With This Ordinance; and Authorizing the Taking of Other Actions in Connection With the Execution and Delivery of The Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 18th day of November, 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8336
Dates 11/21, 2008

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:
SIFRA JACQUELINE
HERNANDEZ (a/k/a
DALILA JACQUELINE
HERNANDEZ), A Minor.**

Case No. CV-2007-2207
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF NAME CHANGE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:

This action is brought to legally change the name of SIFRA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ to DALILA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Hearing on the petition filed by the undersigned will be held at the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on the 15th day of December, 2008, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
WATSON LAW OFFICE
/s/Matthew G. Watson
Matthew G. Watson
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2183
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
Tel. (575) 528-0500
Fax (575) 526-9800

Pub #8337
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-657
Judge Robert E. Robles

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

**RENEE GUILLIAMS,
ALEJANDRO MISQUEZ
AND CITIZENS BANK
OF LAS CRUCES,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 30, 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 10, Block L, COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK L, 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 June 13, 1956, in Book 7 Page(s) 68 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate

is 1829 Boston Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 4, 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 \$109,094.52 (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 November 13, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
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Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:
VOGEL CAMPBELL &
BLUEHER, P.C.
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Albuquerque, New Mexico
87110
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Pub #8338
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
12/12, 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 Issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine On-Premise Consumption Only) to J Squared Corporation d/b/a Red Mountain Café, located at 1120 Commerce, Suite A,

Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a Special Meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, December 8, 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, Alcohol and Gaming Division, may approve the issuance of the Restaurant Liquor License.

Witness my hand and seal of

the City of Las Cruces on this the 18th day of November 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #8339
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New

Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on December 15, 2008:

1. Council Bill No. 09-028; Ordinance No. 2491: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from UR (Urban Ranch 1981 Zoning Code) to EE-C (Single-Family Equestrian Estates & Agriculture-Conditional) for 2.26 ± Acres Located at 4841

Dunn Drive. The Property's Zoning Designation of UR (Urban Ranch 1981 Zoning Code) Has Been Eliminated from the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. The Zone Change Request Will Bring the Property into Zoning Compliance. Submitted by Joe Holguin for Andres and Francisca Armenta, Property Owners (Z2771).

2. Council Bill No. 09-029; Ordinance No. 2492: An Ordinance Approving a Zone

Change from R-2 (Multi-Dwelling Low Density) to O-2C (Office Professional-Limited Retail Service-Conditional) and R-2 (Multi-Dwelling Low Density) Overlapping for 0.611 ± Acres Located at 266 W. Court Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change Request Is to Facilitate Both Residential and Office Uses. Submitted by Sandra Stubblefield for David Stowe, Property Owner (Z2773).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 19th day of November 2008.


Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8340
Dates 11/21, 2008

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THE PAST



The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for postcards for our "Postcards from the Past" weekly feature. If you have any old postcards that feature Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, bring it to our office at 840 N. Telshor, Suite E Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or call Rachel at 524-8061. We will scan your postcard and return it to you immediately. We will record your name and recognize you for your contribution when the postcard appears in our paper.

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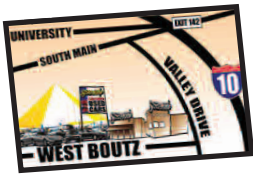
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Featured Home: 1895 Vista Sierra Court



Set in Mesilla's Raasaf Hills, this home built by Eddie Chavez showcases traditional pueblo style and has views of the entire Mesilla Valley.

Details

Address
1895 Vista Sierra Court

Square footage
2,874

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Two and a half

Fireplaces
Two

Price
\$419,000

Special Features: Built by Eddie Chavez, this home in Raasaf Hills features spectacular views from its beautifully designed brick patio.

For more information about this home, call D. Elaine Johnson at 644-5345.

The master bedroom includes views of the Organ Mountains through its rounded window, which can be enjoyed from its large banco, along with a kiva fireplace.



The great room includes several seating areas, including an area that could be used as a dining room or even a place for a pool table.



Below: Along with peeled wooden columns, which have only become more beautiful with age, the kitchen also includes hand-carved designs on every cabinet.



Large, rounded archways are one of builder Eddie Chavez's signature accents.

An eye-catching faux brick accent adds to the master bedroom's entrance.



Traditional pueblo style in Raasaf Hills

From its carpentry to its brickwork, this home screams Southwest

By BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Gail and Marilyn Stephenson came to New Mexico, they were looking for something different in a new home. Originally from Michigan, the couple was interested in the pueblo style and simply needed to be pointed in the right direction.

"The more we looked around and looked at the pueblo style, the more we liked it," Gail Stephenson said.

Of course, when it comes to the classic pueblo style, all arrows pointed to Eddie Chavez of Casa Fina Builders.

"We were introduced to him through a Realtor who was showing us around," Gail Stephenson said. "He mentioned Eddie as someone who has built in the Southwest style."

While he normally builds in the Las Alturas area, for the Stephensons, Chavez ventured out to the Raasaf Hills.

"I had roughly designed it, and we got directed to Eddie, and he refined it a lot," Gail Stephenson said. "We are extremely happy with the house."

Though they are happy with it to this day, the Stephensons will soon return to their home state and part with this classic Southwest abode.

Built in 1991, it features many of the accents that have become mainstream in today's market.

"He did a lot of things here that they weren't doing in houses when it was built, and it caught on," said D. Elaine Johnson of RE/MAX Classic Realty.

Accents that can be found in this and every Casa Fina Builders home include generous amounts of woodwork, large archways over doors, windows and hallways, bancos, kiva fireplaces and saltillo tile.

"It is one of the classic Eddie Chavez homes that has aged very well," Johnson said.

Walking into the home past a large archway that separates the foyer from the great room, one is first struck by the ceiling's vigas. The home also includes several wooden columns and accents.

"The peeled columns have gotten better with age," Johnson said. "The ceilings have aged too."

The great room is large enough to include three seating areas and is made light and bright by its large, east-facing window.

"This great room has so many seating areas. There is a lot of versatility," Johnson said.

Located between the game room and the great room, the kitchen is conveniently placed so the chef can entertain while cooking.

"If you are in the kitchen preparing food, you like to interact with people, and you can do that here," Johnson said.

Employing the skills of accomplished carver Manny Quintana, the couple had different Southwest-style pictures carved into the cabinets of the kitchen and the game room.

While the two spare bedrooms are located on the southwest side of the house, the master bedroom is found on the southeast side and

includes the same views of the Organ Mountains as those found in the great room. Faux brick surrounds the entrance to the master bedroom, which includes one of Marilyn Stephenson's favorite features – a kiva fireplace.

Throughout the home, Gail added many of his own accents, including the Mimbres tiles in the half bathroom and the backsplash from Mexico behind the sink in the game room.

"The thing that I wanted and added on was a workshop," Gail Stephenson said of

the shop located near the garage and laundry room. He included the half bathroom near the workshop for easy clean up.

Set on two acres, the home includes spectacular views of the city from the Raasaf Hills.

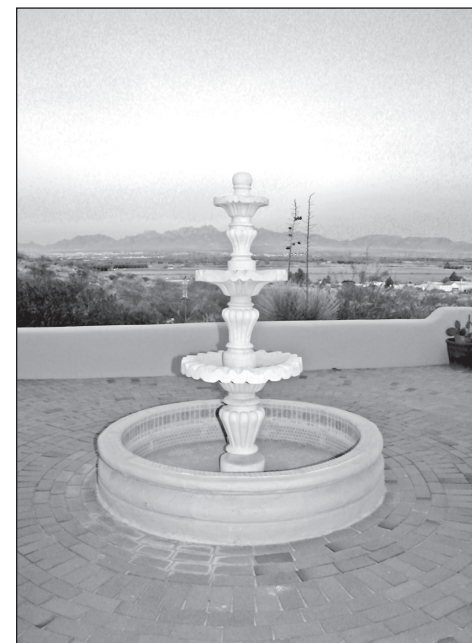
"They have a lot of greenery with the fields and the orchards," Johnson said. "It is really pretty with the fields and the colors in the summer."

The view can be enjoyed from the home's patio, which includes beautifully placed brick that comes to a culmination around a large fountain, which adds to the tranquility of the scene with its cascading water.

"It is a great entertaining home. All of the doors open up to the patio," Johnson said.

While the area has seen increased development since the Stephensons first moved there, it still offers a tranquil setting.

"Anyone who moves here is going to be looking for privacy and seclusion," Johnson said.



Sitting on the home's back patio, which is made of beautifully laid brick, one can enjoy the mountains as they change color during the sunset while listening to the sound of the fountain's cascading water.



Glass block brings light to the master bathroom.

With heavy vigas, saltillo tile, bancos and a large kiva fireplace, the great room has all of the classic characteristics that come with a home by Casa Fina Builders.



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At the table with family and friends

Take inspiration from nature when decorating for the fall



MARIANN NOVACK
Design Styles

Gathering for a meal is a big deal during the month of November, but Thanksgiving isn't the only chance to dine with a crowd. Christmas also is just around the corner. Holiday dinners are memories in the making, and it all starts with being creative in decorating the dining room table.

Getting everything ready for this big occasion is easier if you have a plan made several days ahead. It all starts with a sketch and a list noting how you would like to decorate the table.

The color scheme, plates, silverware and napkins are the main focal points used to establish your theme. Thanksgiving tables are all about color and texture. Pinecones, twigs and leaves bring inspiration from nature. The secret is to use repeated shapes, add color and pay attention to the spacing of objects, creating a long but simple design.

When starting the arrangement, collect the materials selectively, combining colors and textures that are harmonious, maybe matching the colors in your dishes. If you have no idea where to begin, select an arrangement from a magazine

or flower catalog or go through your home and look for items that might look good on the dining room table. If all else fails, go shopping. Craft and hobby stores are a good source of ideas. This week, I was at a craft store, and fall décor was 50 percent off. Even fall leaves are now available and sold by the stems.

The arrangement on the table should set the spirit or mood. Select a container suitable in size, shape and character, formal or informal, according to your theme for the meal. For a seated meal, the size of the table and number of table settings determine the proportion and scale of the arrangement. The arrangement should measure one-third the length of the table. Flowers or greenery should never sprawl over into glasses or place settings. Make the arrangement no taller than the length of your elbow to your wrist. Candlesticks should either stand well above or below eye level to avoid flickering flames in the line of vision.

For a fresh fall arrangement, use a

Style Tip OF THE WEEK

Place gourd vases on pretty trays or plates to protect tabletops from leaks.



When gathering with family this holiday season, blow them away with a stunning table setting.

collection of gourds either by themselves or with richly hued flowers. If using flowers, put a few dainty mums into the top of the tiny gourd or squash for each guest at the table. Cut a small opening in the top of the gourd, add a small count of water to extend the life of the flowers and fill with a few stems. Scattered leaves will finish the décor.

For the center of the table, take a squash and create a vase with a gourd that stands upright on its own. Slice off the stem and use a long, slender knife to widen the opening and add a handful of mums. Place the gourd on a round placemat in the center of the table. To add interest, use three gourds and three round placemats. Arrange all three placemats overlapping each other with a gourd vase full of flowers on each placemat.

Another idea is to use three large 8-inch to 10-inch clear square vases. Insert the gourds and leaves inside the vase and arrange in the center of the table. Using a repeat design, select three vases all of the same height or different heights and repeat the same design in each vase.

Now set the table. Double-check your table to make sure that every place setting has the right amount of flatware and glassware. Unfold each napkin to check for spots and holes. Hold glasses up to the light for a smudge and dust check. If

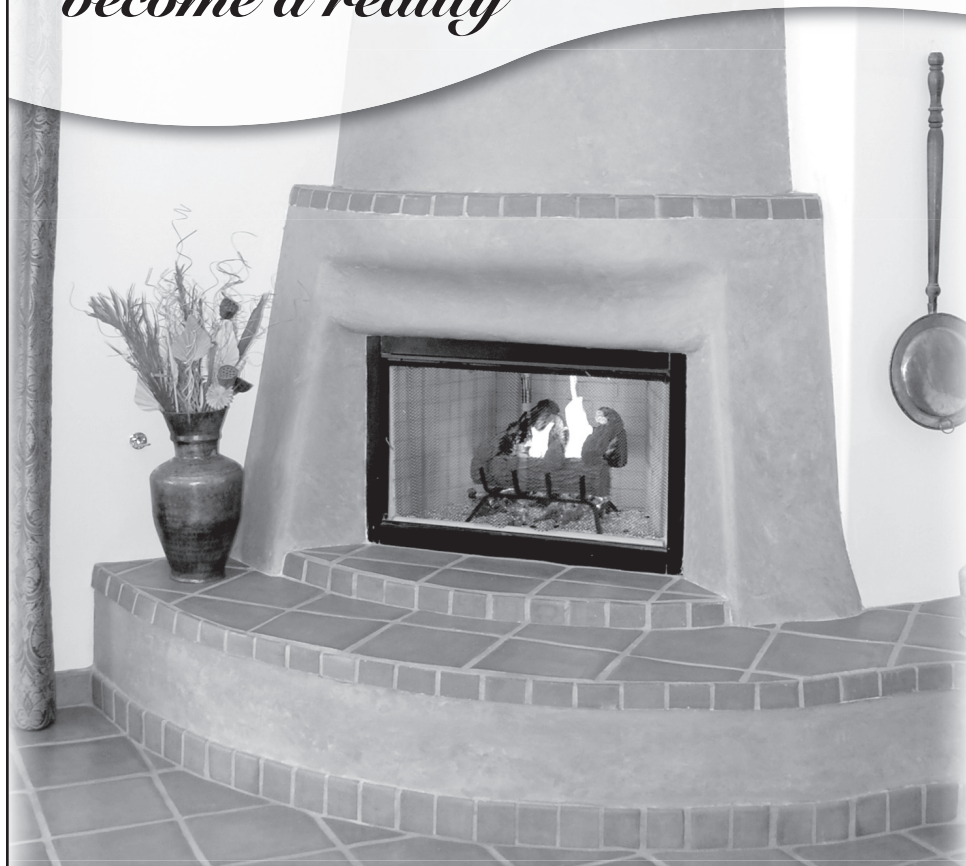
you want to add dinner-party dress-ups, make monogrammed napkin rings with each guest's name on the paper wrap. This is easily done on the computer or by hand if you have writing skills with color pens. Regular napkin rings can also be used with a sprig of natural plant material or leaves placed in the ring.

For the latest look of fashion, use chargers under the dinner plate. They come in all sorts of colors, prints and textures and are available in craft stores. To layer a table, start with the table cloth, add that layered look of place mats such as bamboo or colorful print place mats on top of the table cloth. Then place the charger and the dinner plate on top of the place mat. This is a good time to use those table runners to add the finishing touches and create a colorful base for the centerpiece.

As you prepare for the holidays, take time to enjoy the creative process of setting that beautiful, memorable table. Don't say you are not artistic – trust your instincts. Try something different – the holidays are the best time to express your creative spirit.

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Fun with fall foliage

Don't let fallen leaves go to waste

By BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The leaves in the Mesilla Valley are changing color, bringing bright yellow, orange and red hues to the Southwest landscape. And while the fall is perhaps the most beautiful time of year, just like every season, it comes with its own chore.

With spring comes the pulling of weeds, with summer comes the mowing of the lawn and with fall comes the raking of the leaves.

For the majority of homeowners, this fallen foliage will be gathered, put in plastic bags and left at the curb. If this sounds familiar, then you might be missing out on a precious resource.

In actuality, fallen leaves are worth their weight in gold when it comes to a homeowner's landscape and garden, protecting soil from crusting, erosion, temperature extremes, drying out and compaction. They are full of the nutrients trees absorb all season and are the perfect form of free fertilizer. Over time they decompose, slowly releasing nutrients for growing plants.

For those who have a xeriscaped lawn and don't have to worry about raking up

leaves in their yard, it might still be fun to venture out and find leaves that can be used in art projects and decorating.

Some of the fun that comes with fall art projects is the gathering of natural resources. Take a walk on a crisp fall day to take in all of the colors of the season.

Whether it is a big pile or a small collection, put leaves to use in one of these interesting ways.

1. Decorate for the season: Perhaps the easiest way to put leaves to work is in decorating. Leaves and other fall finds cannot only be used to decorate the home, but teachers can also use them to decorate the classroom and they can also be displayed around the workplace.

2. Create a wax-paper project: After selecting the finest leaves from the yard or nearby park, get out the ironing board and create a stunning art project. Cover the board with an old towel and a place a sheet of waxed paper on top. Arrange the leaves on the paper and then top with another sheet of waxed paper. Place a cloth on the top layer of wax paper and slowly and lightly run a hot iron across the cloth. Once the waxed paper has begun to seal together, press the iron down with more force and hold for five seconds on each leaf.

The wax paper will melt together and seal the leaves inside. Once the paper has completely cooled, cut out the leaves and be careful to leave a small margin around the edges. Use your preserved leaves to create Thanksgiving placemats, festive wall art or string together for a fall garland.

3. Frame a fall-style picture: Place fall leaves in the pages of a heavy book so they will dry flat. Once they are dry, arrange them artistically on any type of paper and frame them.

4. Make foliage flowers: Make "flowers" with pressed tree leaves by stacking eight to 10 leaves and rolling them into a rose shape. Pinch one end of the roll and tie with wire to hold the rose shape. A bouquet of these will last all year.

5. Add to a bouquet: Whether it is a wedding bouquet or simply a bouquet for a special occasion, a leaf or two can make a nice touch during the fall season.

6. Decorate for a wedding ceremony: The colors of fall provide a great



Make this piece of artwork by placing changing leaves in the pages of a book. Once they are dry and flat, arrange them in a frame. Experiment with using different types of paper as the background.

Around-the-house item: leaves



Fall leaves are not only a great decorating tool, but can also be used as a free, organic fertilizer.

opportunity only available for couples planning a wedding during the autumn months. Many couples use leaves to decorate their wedding ceremony. Place dried leaves on the altar or in the front of the chapel along with flowers.

7. Make mulch: Another method of leaf recycling is to collect them for garden mulch. Mulch flower and vegetable gardens with a 2-inch layer of leaves. Give shrubs and trees 3 to 4 inches. If there are any leaves left over, save them

to replenish mulched areas when the weather gets hot in June.

8. Fertilize the lawn: If the amount of leaves on the lawn is not too deep, it is simple to run them over with a mulching mower, creating a fertilizer for lawn. Make a few passes over the area in different directions going slowly and keeping the blade very sharp. This reduces leaves to small chips that will readily decompose into the lawn and act as an organic fertilizer.

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Chavez spreads his wings with Mesa View Homes

Longtime builder finds joy in helping someone move in to a home

By BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Growing up south of Las Cruces, builder Fred Chavez was instilled with his sense of work ethic early on. As a young boy, he always knew that whatever he did, he had to do it to the best of his ability.

"We were raised in La Mesa, and my grandfather was a farmer," he said. "My parents and grandparents taught me to always enjoy what I was doing."

He entered the construction business while he was still in high school and was soon well on his way to a lifelong career.

"I worked during the summers with a contractor," he said. "Electrical is what fascinated me."

After constructing his personal home in Anthony, N.M., in 1987, he found his niche in the market with residential construction.

He received his contractor's license in 1992 and went to work for Westbrook Homes shortly after.

"That's where I learned more of the track housing and how to organize it," he said.

Opening his own company in March 2008, Chavez named it Mesa View Homes, after the beautiful scenery in which he grew up.

"When you go all the way from El Paso to Albuquerque, there is a mesa all across the horizon," he said.

While many builders focus on the glamour and grandeur of upscale building, for Chavez, the most important thing is getting his clients into a home they can afford.

With prices ranging from \$137,000 to \$195,000 and floor plans from 1,080 to 2,470 square feet, several families have bought their first home with Mesa View.

"The most rewarding part of it is seeing people who

really enjoy their home and seeing a couple or a person who never thought they would get into a house move in," he said. "Once they get into it, they are so happy because they thought they were going to have to buy a trailer or live in an apartment for the rest of their lives."

According to Chavez, his homes are move-in ready and his newest projects can be found near the Field of Dreams and in Parkhill Estates.

"As far as our houses, it is more of a turn-key operation. You have ceramic tile throughout, two-toned paint, a circulating hot-water system, blinds – you are ready to move in," he said. "And what makes us stand out is we are willing to personalize a home to someone's needs."

"We have done some houses for people who have special needs, like ADA and elderly people who might need hand rails or higher toilets. We don't custom build at this price range, but we can personalize it."

Taking great pride in their customer service, Chavez's staff includes his daughter Crystal Chavez, who

handles the sales, marketing, advertising, interior decorating and oversees the work in their current subdivisions; Veronica Montoya, who runs the sales office at Parkhill Estates; Juan Sanchez, who works as the company's custom-

er service representative; and Judd Moore, who serves as their accountant.

"With us five, we are able to do a lot. That's what keeps our prices down," he said.

"Customer service is very important. You have to keep people happy and listen to them, even if it is the smallest thing. You have to always be on top of it and answer when they call."

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FRED CHAVEZ,
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Along with first-time homebuyers, Chavez said his client base is actually very broad and includes people who are downsizing, those coming from out of town and military personnel.

When it comes to the quality of construction, Crystal Chavez can attest to their abilities as someone who lives in a Mesa View Home.

"I live in one of these houses, and I honestly believe it is good quality, not just because it is my dad," she said.

Along with the quality of construction, Crystal Chavez also gave insight into their quality of customer service.

"We make it so that we know all of our customers, and if they have a problem, they can call me or they can call my dad. We have that connection with them," she said. "Especially since we are a local and family business, we try to keep that reputation where we know all our customers and they feel comfortable coming to talk to us."

After graduating from New Mexico State University with a degree in business administration and fashion merchandising, she is happy to help her dad with his company, and he is happy to have her on board.

"I have always liked to own my own business, and I wanted to keep it all in the family and hoped I could build a family business," he said.

After building more than 500 houses in his lifetime with Westbrook Homes and Mesa View, the challenge for Fred Chavez is no longer the construction side, but getting his potential clients into the home for which they are looking.

"The most challenging thing right now is the financing – trying to get people qualified. The building is great," he said.

In the future, when the market returns to a more stable place, Fred Chavez hopes to watch his business grow.

"Right now I am bored," he said. "I would like to expand a little more. Hopefully one of these days I will be able to do 100 homes a year."

Fred Chavez considers his business Mesa View Homes "a turn-key operation" because all of his homes are move-in ready and come in a variety of floor plans.



All of the homes by Mesa View come with the needed amenities, including attractive lighting and fixtures.



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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	5	3	10
Homes Sold Existing	11	6	24
Pending Home Sales (All)	146	133	237

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$152,950	\$189,950	\$175,750
Median Price Existing	\$150,000	\$189,850	\$195,500

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	162	146	124

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,461	1,467	1,745
Real Estate Agents	608	609	630

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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No more cutting board spills

'Chop Keeper' is a simple, useful gadget

By BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With the feeding frenzy that is the holidays beginning next week, things are going to get a little frantic in the kitchen. There will be spills, slips and, unfortunately, some dishes gone wrong, but in the end, hopefully everyone will sit down and enjoy a great meal with their loved ones.

Once the feasting is over, chefs are left not only with a pile of dishes, but also countertops covered in the day's

ingredients. While there is nothing one can do about the dishes, there is something that can be done about the mess on the countertops. It all begins with the cutting board – a gadget coming in numerous shapes, sizes and materials. While the most common design found in the kitchen is flat and unbendable, there is a design out there that can stand above the rest in terms of spills. In fact, it so simple, kitchen chefs will wish they had thought of it themselves.

What is it?

The bendable cutting board is a new idea in food preparation. Made of a durable, yet flexible FDA-approved plastic, the bendable cutting board is not only pliable, but also has 1/2-inch raised sides that catch everything from tomatoes to marinades.

According to Robert Goldman, president of Argee Corporation and creator of the bendable cutting board, which he has dubbed the "Chop Keeper," he was tired of having to spend so much time cleaning up countertops after using a cutting board. Imagine no more chicken or meat spills making their way to a clean kitchen counter.

How does it work?

In the shape of an 18- by 13-inch tray, the bendable cutting board's innovative design and shape allows it to flex and form an easy funnel guide so food will slide right into a bowl, plate or cooking pan. Along with this, its raised sides keep any food from making its way off the tray. It is easy to clean and dishwasher safe.

How much does it cost?

The bendable cutting board or "Chop Keeper" costs just about the same as a regular cutting board. A package of three goes for \$14.99 and comes in three colors: midnight, stainless and copper.

Where can it be found?

Visit any major grocery store or kitchen-supply store and chances are they will have it.

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A termite in need may eat your deed

Cellulose products among items serving as fuel for yearly termite damage

Although termites are known for their industriousness and can find a way into your home whether it is made of wood or concrete, homeowners need to be aware that they have more at stake than just their homes when it comes to these destructive insects. In fact, according to Phil Koehler, professor of entomology at the University of Florida, homeowners may not realize that their home isn't the only thing a termite will find satisfying.

"The deed to your home is just as vulnerable as your home itself," said Koehler. "Consumers should be aware that anything made of cellulose, a material found in all plant cells, is inviting to a termite."

"Whether it's photographs, a family Bible, a legal will or other important documents, these valuables can be safe-guarded against through continuous protection."

In terms of numbers, the National Pest Control Association estimates that termites are responsible for \$5 billion in damage every year.

Termites cause more damage in the United States than storms, fires and floods combined, and homeowner's insurance will not cover the cost of treatment. While you sleep, termites may literally be eating you out of house, home and even your business.

The rising cost of construction is a second trend Koehler said makes continuous protection of homes from termites important.

"The cost of construction has risen from \$140 to \$250 per square foot for a house over the last five years," said Koehler. "If a home isn't continuously protected from termites, the repair costs can be exorbitant because it is almost impossible to find people who can handle such a



Termites are after anything made of cellulose, a material found in plant cells, which includes paper. It is important to protect important documents from these unwanted pests.

repair."

Koehler said another potential issue with construction is the way pipes are wrapped during the building process.

"Termites are using the wraps around PVC pipes that come up into the slabs as their highway into a home," said Koehler. "While the wrap is imperative for copper pipes to help prevent corrosion, they are not necessary for PVC pipes. Therefore, many cities are trying to clarify the building code so builders are aware the wrap is unnecessary. Until these changes are made, continuous termite protection will help keep these intruders at bay."

Eastern subterranean termites are one of the types of termite that can cause problems in a home or personal belongings. Cellulose nourishment enables them to tunnel their way through solid wood such as house timber. Left undetected, they will tirelessly attack a home, causing dangerous and costly structural damage.



BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

"Although eastern subterranean termites generally swarm in spring and fall, they can also swarm anytime environmental conditions are right such as unseasonably warm weather," said Koehler.

Another termite that causes untold damage is the Arizona termite. Arizona termites are small but much more aggressive. In fact, in comparison to the standard eastern subterranean termites, these pesky critters congregate in more colonies per acre, causing more damage. Serious infestations or resistant termites require a professional.

A termite prevention program should include the following elements:

- A professional inspection done at least once a year because the potential damage is too great to rely on "do-it-yourself" methods.
- An ongoing preventive system including the newest sodium borate-based materials, which can be painted, sprayed or spread onto the wood, or injected into hollow spaces inside the walls of the home.
- Having your pest-control professional establish an "early warning system" that detects termites in the soil before they reach the home itself. The newest systems establish bait stations around the perimeter of the home to detect the approach of termites while they are still several feet away.
- Anytime termites are found within five feet of a structure, begin more aggressive control treatments.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Arizona-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.

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\$410,000 - Las Alturas - 5273 Redman Road, Very nice home in an area that is close to NMSU and I-25. New features include wood floors, granite throughout and new carpet. This home sits on a lot that is more than an acre and great mountain views. Palm trees greet you as you pull up to this beautiful home. MLS# 805212 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$299,900 - Jornada/Las Colinas - 3105 Rio Arriba Loop, 2,600 sq. ft., two-by-six frame construction, 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths; granite counters; custom wood cabinets; spacious pantry; stainless appliances; water softener; "antique bronze" plumbing and light fixtures; ceiling accents; walk-in closets; separate sinks with granite counters; jetted garden tub; spacious walk-in shower. Home should be completed by Thanksgiving. MLS# 805142 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$235,600 - San Andres - 2312 Isaacks Lane, one bedroom, one bath, kitchen, living room, office apt. attached with 1-car garage. Apt. rents for \$550 and house rents for \$825. MLS# 805254 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$219,900 - East Northrise - 4657 Mesa Rico Drive, This

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area for an upcoming season of the show.

According to their website, they are looking for "heroes of the community who, for whatever reason, need a new home." They realize that there are hundreds of

families in need all over the country, but want to "focus on people that have given back in some way despite their personal hardships."

A family may nominate themselves or others. The deadline to receive nominations is Nov. 21. To be eligible, a family must own their own single-family home or at least property on which a home can be built. They must also be able to show producers how a makeover will make a

huge difference in their lives.

Nominations must include the names and ages of each member of the household along with a description of the major challenges within the home, contact information for the family and pictures of the home and family.

Those interested in this amazing opportunity are encouraged to email a short description of their family story to: ExtremeLasCruces@gmail.com.

Those who do not have access to a computer or email are encouraged to bring their story and pictures by the LCHBA office by Nov. 21 at 2825 N. Main St. and the staff will send them.

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\$198,500 - Las Alturas - 5587 Charles Russell, This beautiful 5 acre home site is surrounded by natural desert beauty and lovely estate homes. Enjoy panoramic views of the Organ Mountains and fertile Mesilla Valley. Horses are allowed. There is electric, water and gas to the site. Septic tank must be put in. Restrictive covenants apply. MLS# 805018 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$189,500 - Four Hills - 2134 Wagonmound Trail, Large courtyard entrance invites you in to a clean, well cared for home with vaulted ceilings; upgraded fixtures, a gas fireplace and formal dining area. There is RV parking with an RV dump; and lots of storage in the garage. The back yard is nicely landscaped with

an automatic system. MLS# 805105 Shannon Dumais 575-649-2772 or Joelle Smith 575-523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 575-523-2850

\$179,900 - Elks Club - 638 Cielo Vista, This Southwest home is bright with an open, inviting floor plan and 3 spacious bedrooms. The property is impeccably landscaped with fruit trees in an oversized yard. This home is wonderfully maintained and ready to move in. There are lots of skylights, a kiva fireplace, security doors and upgraded fixtures. MLS# 805063 Shannon Dumais 649-2772 or Joelle Smith 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$174,900 - Four Hills - 4708 Rim Rock Drive, Nice open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, loft and 2-car garage. Beautiful views. Energy Star

certified with savings up to 40 percent on energy bills. Whirlpool appliances. Tiled entry way, utility room, bathrooms, kitchen and dining room. Ceiling fans. Synthetic stucco, tight two-by-six construction, covered porch. MLS# 805008 Tyler Morsbach 993-0317 or Kameron Johnson 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$172,900 - Downtown - 308 N. Mesquite Street, Apartments, live in one and have the others to help pay for your newly acquired property. Great Downtown location, just a few blocks from the new federal building and City Hall. MLS# 805166 Brenda Allen 644-8112 or Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$169,900 - High Range - 2155 Sagecrest Avenue, This

townhome is move-in ready and includes a refrigerator, washer and dryer. This well-maintained home features a great room floor plan and a sun room. The intimate covered back patio offers fabulous sunsets. Split bedrooms afford privacy and the office/study could easily be converted into a guest room. MLS# 805208 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$169,900 - Four Hills - 4683 Arabella Drive, Nice Open floor plan with split bedrooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 3-car garage, vaulted ceilings. Energy Star certified with savings up to 40 percent on energy bills. Whirlpool appliances. Tiled entry way, utility room, bathrooms, kitchen & dining room. Ceiling fans. Synthetic stucco, tight 2x6 construction, covered porch. MLS# 805009

Tyler Morsbach 993-0317 or Kameron Johnson 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$159,900 - Peachtree - 1015 Vista de Tierra Road, This brand new home is a great floor plan by Spirit View Homes. The kitchen offers a pantry, breakfast bar, over-the-range microwave, dishwasher and gas range. The spacious master bedroom is located upstairs for privacy, with the supplemental bedrooms located on the ground floor. LS# 805112 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$159,000 - Soledad Canyon - 5093 Black Quartz Road, Building your dream home in Las Cruces? This is a 2.5-acre lot in the foothills of the Organ Mountains with incredible views of the mountains, the fabulous New Mexico sunsets,

and Las Cruces city lights. MLS# 804866 Beth Marr 496-1848 or Patty O. Pereyra 522-7110, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$149,900 - Picacho Hills/Laqui - 7105 Justin Court, Fabulous one-acre lot with views of the valley, city lights and the Organ Mountains. This corner lot on a cul-de-

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Add some spice to Thanksgiving

Chile can find its way into gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes, punch

Thanksgiving is just days away, and hopefully you've put a bit of effort into planning the big feast. If not, it's not too late! I share recipes in today's column to help you get started.

Impress out-of-town guests by adding a punch of pepper to traditional Thanksgiving recipes. A pinch of cayenne pepper can perk up ho-hum gravy, for example. Add minced habanero to cranberry sauce, roasted green chile bits to potatoes au gratin and a sprinkle of New Mexico red powder to apple cider. A favorite recipe of mine is chorizo stuffing. If you plan to serve wine with dinner, sommelier Natalie MacLean offers tips below.

Happy Thanksgiving, Las Cruces.

Turkey Trot Rub

This spicy-sweet rub adds the necessary punch to perk up this year's Thanksgiving bird. Add more chili powder and cayenne pepper for more taste-bud tingle.

1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 large garlic clove, minced
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon coarse salt
1 teaspoon sugar
3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon allspice



Kick up spicy pumpkin pie an extra notch by adding cayenne pepper. It's the Cruces alternative to traditional pumpkin pie.

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Mash garlic and salt together to form a paste. Mix together chili powder, cumin, garlic paste, Worcestershire sauce, sugar,

pepper, allspice and oil. Massage the mix on the turkey. Let rub sit on meat for 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Enchanting Blue Cornmeal Chorizo Stuffing with Peppers

This is one of my favorite Thanksgiving Day recipes. The texture and flavor will wow guests.

1 pound bulk chorizo sausage or bulk Italian sausage
1 cup chopped celery
1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
1/2 cup chopped carrot
4 to 6 fresh serrano or jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
1/2 teaspoon dried sage, crushed
6 cups coarsely crumbled Blue Corn Bread (see recipe, below)
1/2 cup chicken broth

In a large skillet, cook sausage, celery, onion, carrot, peppers and garlic over medium heat about 10 minutes or until sausage is brown and vegetables are tender. Drain off fat. Stir in thyme and sage. In a large mixing bowl, stir together crumbled corn bread and sausage mixture. Add broth, tossing to moisten. Use to stuff one 8- to 10-pound turkey.

Spoon any stuffing that doesn't fit into the turkey into a casserole. Cover and chill. Bake covered, during the last 30 minutes of roasting.

Note: The internal temperature of the stuffing inside of the turkey should reach 165 degrees.

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sac offers many possibilities for home design and placement. Bring your architect and your imagination. MLS# 805122 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$144,900 - Jornada/Las Colinas - 4982 Wendall Road, Great three bedroom, two bath, 1400 sq. ft. home. Covered patio, covered porch; Low E windows. MLS# 805279 Tyler Morsbach 993-0317 or Kameron Johnson 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$134,990 - Jornada/Las Colinas - 4946 Sherwood Road, Completion date approx. Nov. 15, 2008. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1167 sq. ft. home. Hand-laid tile, solid-wood cabinets, Low E windows, plus a covered porch and patio. Great floor plan. MLS# 805261 Quint Lears 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$134,900 - Peachtree - 5038 Kenner Way, Nice open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage, vaulted ceilings. Energy Star certified with savings up to 40 percent on energy bills. Whirlpool appliances. Tiled entry way, utility room, bathrooms, kitchen and dining room. Ceiling fans. Synthetic stucco, tight two by six construction, cov-

ered porch. MLS# 805010 Tyler Morsbach 993-0317 or Kameron Johnson 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$134,040 - East Northrise - 5516 Kalahari Lane, Beautiful new home with easy access to Highway 70, White Sands and NASA. You will be amazed at the quality of the construction in this new home. The open floor plan is perfect for entertaining family and friends. MLS# 804871 Billie Haynie 635-8921 or Thelma Veloz 640-5621, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$110,000 - Picacho Hills/Laqui - 1574 Arco de Goya, Prime Picacho Hills lot on a cul-de-sac in Mansiones de Galicia subdivision. A large lot at .667 acres with incredible unobstructed views of the Organ Mountains. This lot was sold originally in 2007 and is now back on the market and priced to move quickly. MLS# 805182 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$99,999 and below

\$99,000 - High Range - 3650 Morning Star Drive #502, Move in ready one bedroom, one bath. All Association Docs can be found at www.thecasitas.net. Fitness centers, indoor

and outdoor pools, jacuzzis, community rooms for use to owners. Must see to appreciate. Open floor plan. MLS# 804927 Sarana Placker 642-6643, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$96,000 - High Range - 3650 Morning Star Drive, Incredible unobstructed views of the mountains. Must see to believe. Carpeted balcony (patio); Phase 2 Morningstar Condo. Second floor; one bedroom, one bath, with washer, dryer, refrigerator and dishwasher. MLS# 805233 Laurel A Coyle 575-650-3500 or Sarana Placker 642-6643, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$92,315 - Valley View - 520 Colorado Avenue, Corner lot. Price includes two lots deeded separately; house sits on .1165 acre Zoned R-3. Buyer to satisfy themselves as to what can be done to the property with planning/zoning. MLS# 805219 Ronald Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$69,500 - Mesilla Park South - 808 W. Conway Avenue, Owner is also a broker and will require an easement for a small directional sign on the southeast corner of the lot. MLS# 804880 Anna Emerick-Biad 644-8265, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Blue Corn Bread

In a small skillet sauté 1/4-cup margarine or butter and 2-cloves garlic, minced, until garlic is tender. In a medium mixing bowl stir together 1-1/2 cups of blue or yellow cornmeal, 1/2 cup of all-purpose flour, 2 tablespoons of sugar, 1 tablespoon of baking powder, and 1/2 teaspoon of salt.

In another medium mixing bowl, stir together 2 eggs, 1 cup of milk and margarine-garlic mixture. Add to cornmeal mixture. Stir just until batter is smooth. Pour into a greased 9- by 9-inch baking pan, two inches deep. Bake in a 425-degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center comes out

clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Makes 8 or 9 servings when served as a bread.

Mango Salsa

Sliced turkey ladled with fruit salsa underscored with chile pepper tastes especially delightful. This Thanksgiving, consider salsa rather than gravy. It's a healthy alternative.

3 green onions
4 mangos, fresh, peeled and finely diced
1 serrano pepper, finely diced
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
3 tablespoons cilantro, chopped

Preheat iron skillet on high heat. Brush green onions with 1 tablespoon of the oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill in iron skillet two minutes on each side. Remove, thinly slice and place in large bowl with mangos,

serrano, lime juice and 3 tablespoons of oil. Stir gently, yet thoroughly to blend. Season with salt and pepper and stir in cilantro. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside.

Beater Sweet Heat Pumpkin Pie

For this recipe, you'll need a flat beater and a 9-inch pie plate.

1 recipe Flaky Pastry (recipe below)
3 eggs, beaten
1 can pumpkin purée (not pie filling)
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/2 cup lightly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper or to taste
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch ground cloves
Sweetened whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with rack in lower-middle position. Roll out pastry and fit into pie plate. Trim and flute or crimp edge. Place in the refrigerator until ready to fill.

Place eggs, pumpkin puree, cream, brown sugar, cinnamon, cayenne pepper, ginger, salt and cloves in the mixer bowl. Attach the flat beater and mixer bowl to the mixer. Set to speed 4 and beat until blended. Pour into chilled crust.

Bake in preheated oven for 50 minutes, or until custard is set and crust is browned. Let cool on a wire rack. When no longer hot, refrigerate to further set the custard. Serve cold, with sweetened whipped cream. Serves 8.

Flaky Pastry

For this recipe, you'll need a flat beater and a 9-inch pie plate.

1-1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
1/3 cup ice water

Put flour, salt and butter in the mixer bowl. Attach the flat beater and mixer bowl to the mixer. Set to speed 2 and mix for 30 seconds. Increase to speed 4 and mix until only small lumps of butter remain.

Quickly add ice water and mix until dough comes together. Form dough into a disk, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes, or until chilled, to make it easier to roll out.

To roll pastry:

Place dough on a lightly floured work surface and lightly dust the top with flour. Roll out gently but firmly, picking dough up after each roll and rotating it from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock. (This keeps the dough from sticking and helps it stay round.) Add more flour to the work surface as necessary.

When you have rolled dough to desired thickness (usually about 1/8-inch thick) fold it in half and then in half again to prevent it from tearing while in transit from the work surface to the pie plate. Trim edge to 1-inch beyond pie plate, fold under and flute or crimp edges. Use as directed in the recipe. Makes one 10-inch shell.

To freeze rolled dough:

Wrap between sheets of parchment paper, place on a baking sheet and freeze for up to 6 weeks. To thaw, let stand at room temperature for about 30 minutes. It is ready to use when it becomes pliable and fits easily into the pie plate. (Recipes adapted from The Mixer Bible by Carla Snyder, and Meridith Deeds.)

Pairing turkey with wine

Accredited sommelier Natalie MacLean (www.nataliemaclean.com) recommends the following wines that pair well with turkey:

Red wine:

Bordeaux pomerol
 Pinot noir
 Shiraz/syrah
 Zinfandel

Sparkling wine:

Sparkling shiraz

White wine:

Gerwertztraminer
 Riesling
 Viognier

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunnyconley@earthlink.net.

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