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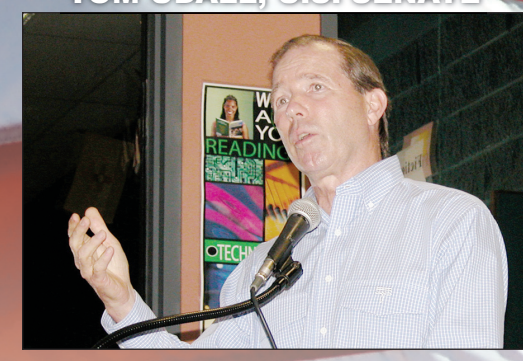

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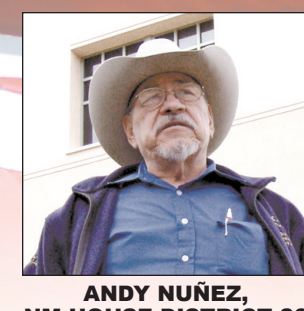

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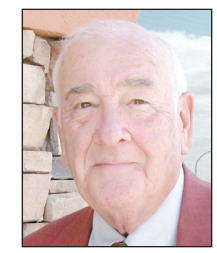

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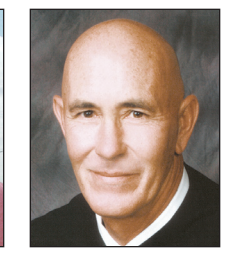

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Election 2008: On the wings of history

From White House to county courthouse, Democrats win most races

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

Barack Obama's intense winning campaign emphasizing early voting brought big coattails throughout Doña Ana County, resulting in a Democratic victory in every contested race.

As a result, the usual post-election analysis comparing the results against local campaign issues, strategies and developments is moot.

For example, in his run for county clerk, Republican Sid Goddard would say elections aren't being run as smoothly as was being touted by Bureau of Election Supervisor Lynn Ellins, the Democratic candidate for county clerk.

It wasn't until the last couple of weeks before the election that people began complaining about not getting their absentee ballots. Ellins, who by then was on leave from his Bureau of Elections job because he was running for office, contended that his staff had processed and mailed out all the absentee ballot requests.

Last week, it was discovered that the office was still processing a backlog of absentee ballots. (See related story on Page A9.) The issue was further muddied by an erroneous press release issued from the county on Monday, Nov. 3, saying all but 633 of 7,908 absentee ballots had been processed. By the following morning, the county had to issue a corrected press release saying that the backlog was in excess of 3,800 ballots.

This news could have shaken voter faith that the Bureau of Elections was performing better under Ellins. By then, however, many people had already voted

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Patsy Flores-Trejo and David Soriano on Monday, Nov. 3, sort through coats in the Community Action Agency warehouse that have been donated to the Coats for Kids program. More donations of coats are needed for distribution to poor children.

Coats for Kids short of coats

Less than half of 3,000 coats in hand

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In its 14th winter, the Las Cruces Coats for Kids Program has about 1,400 coats donated so far to distribute to children in need the first week of December.

But that's less than half of the estimated 3,000 coats that will be needed, said Karen Bailey of First Community Bank, the lead sponsor of the program.

With donations being this far behind, Bailey is asking the community to clean out their closets of "gently used" coats for children from infants to the fifth grade – up to size 14.

There are a number of locations to donate coats: at any of the three First Community Bank of Las Cruces branches, at the two Alameda Laundry and Cleaners locations, at Albertson's Grocery Stores on El Paseo Road and on Telshor Boulevard, at 101 Gold Radio at 101 Perkins St. and at the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, 320 E. Wyatt Drive.

Cash donations also can be made at First Community Bank or by mailing a check for Coats for Kids to First Community Bank, 277 E. Amador Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

For more information, call Bailey at First Community Bank at 636-6706.

Over the years, the Coats for Kids program has provided coats for more than 10,000 local children.

College of Health and Human Services dean finalists picked

Decision desired by end of semester

Four finalists have been chosen to possibly lead New Mexico State University's College of Health and Social Services (CHSS). The finalists will be on the NMSU campus to interview for the dean's position between Nov. 4 and 11.

"We are very excited about the pool of candidates we received. The past accomplishments of the finalists are truly impressive," said search committee chair, Greg Fant. "This bodes very well for the future of the college."

Santos Hernandez, a professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Texas-Arlington, interviewed Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Luis Vazquez, associate dean of the Graduate School at NMSU, was interviewed, Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Tilayhun Adera, senior associate dean for Public Health at Virginia Commonwealth's School of Medicine, interviewed Thursday, Nov. 6.

Cheryl Easley, dean of the College of Health and Social Welfare at the University of Alaska-Anchorage, will interview on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

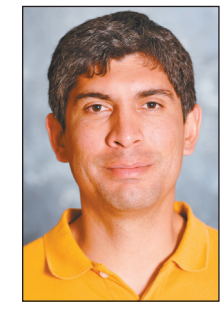
The schedule for each candidate included a meeting with academic deans and Interim Dean Virginia Higbie, as well as interviewing with the search committee, visiting the benefits office, touring the campus and answering questions in open forums with students, faculty and staff. The visits ended with a reception.

Those who participate in the interview process will have the opportunity to provide comments to the committee via the Internet at www.nmsu.edu/hire. Once all candidates have interviewed, the search committee will compile a report to the provost indicating the strengths of each candidate as well as a summary of the Internet comments. The goal is to give the provost an opportunity to make a final decision before the end of the semester.

NMSU names interim director

Vargas to assist NMSU vice president in lobbying legislators at Roundhouse

Vicente Vargas has recently been named the interim director of government relations at New Mexico State University.



VARGAS

Vargas will travel to Santa Fe with Ricardo Rel, the assistant vice president of government relations, to discuss the university with legislators.

"My job is like a two-way street," Vargas said. "I'll educate the Legislature about NMSU, its priorities and how it serves the state, and I'll educate the university on what the Legislature is looking for. I'm a voice for the university's faculty and administration to the Legislature."

Vargas previously worked in the Office of Governmental Affairs at the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and is a licensed lawyer. He was born and raised in Las Cruces and attended Mayfield High School.

"I'm excited to be back in Las Cruces, where I grew up," Vargas said.

After graduating high school, Vargas went to the University of New Mexico, where he received both his bachelor's and law degrees.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

It's finally over

After two years of campaign rhetoric, voters trust Democrats with our future

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

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Election 2008 has finally come to an end. The none-too-surprising result is that Republicans pretty much took it on the chin across the country. The No. 1 issue was the economy. When the economy is bad, voters blame the current leadership, especially the president. With the recent decline in consumer confidence and ensuing stock-market woes, John McCain and many of his fellow Republicans did not have a chance. Additionally, the eloquent, 47-year-old Barack Obama captured the hearts and minds of potential voters early. First, he surprised most political experts by ousting the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in the primaries. Then he moved ahead to his landslide victory on Election Day.

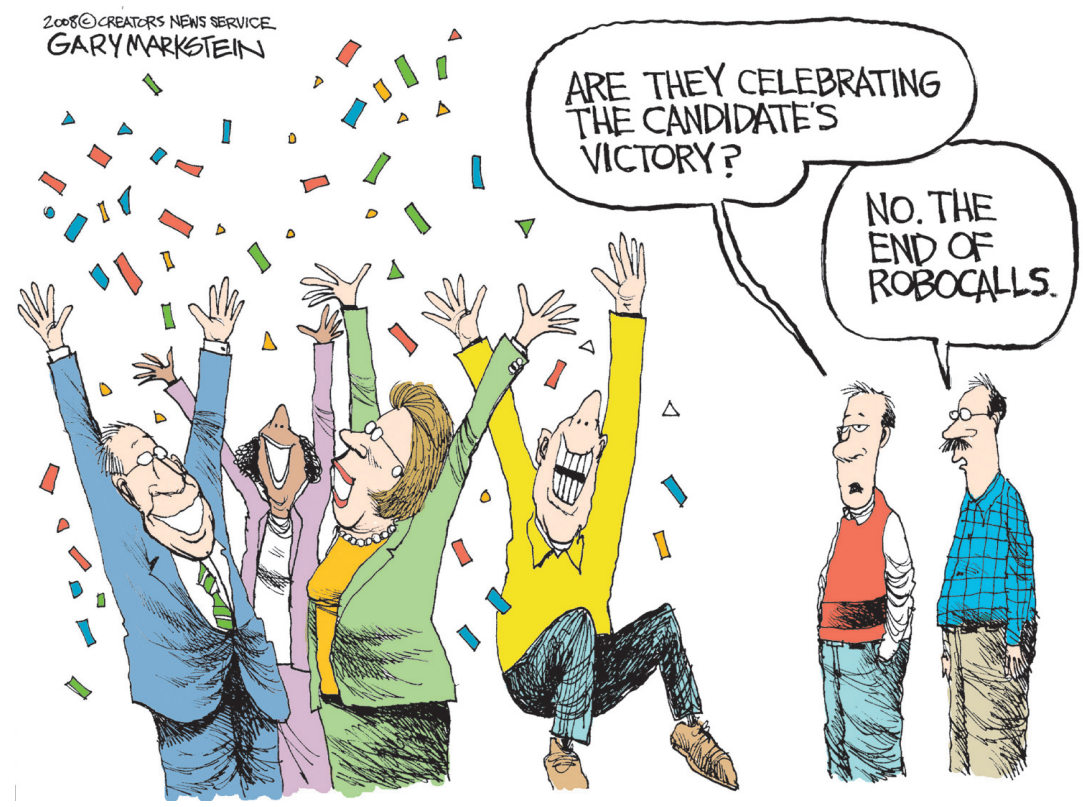
Obama's fundraising was so impressive that he was able to say "no" to $85 million in federal funds. By doing so, he avoided the spending limits tied to the taxpayer money. By Election Day, 3 million people had donated more than $650 million to Obama's campaign. To put this in perspective, the amount is more than double the donations raised by George Bush and Al Gore combined in 2000. This incredible amount of fundraising allowed Obama to invest $200 million in media advertising, outspending McCain by nearly three to one.

Obama will soon become the first incoming president to have to deal with both a recession and an ongoing war effort. The immediate challenge is to improve consumer confidence and to help the U.S. regain worldwide acceptance as a "good-guy" world power. President Obama will receive strong legislative support from the Democrat-controlled House and Senate. His biggest asset, however, is likely to be his persuasive oratorical skills, described by one television pundit as a cross between Ronald Reagan and John Kennedy.

Locally, the Democrats rode on the coattails of the national enthusiasm for Barack Obama and won every contested race on Election Day. Most races were not even close. Again, money appears to have played an important role as the Democrats outspent Republicans by a wide margin.

The tightest race, between Republican incumbent Sen. Lee Rawson and newcomer Steve Fischmann, resulted in a 505-vote margin by the Democrat. Rawson has represented southern New Mexico for 26 years, six as a state representative and 20 as a state senator. He currently is the Minority Whip of the state Senate and actively serves on numerous committees. Rawson is recognized as one of the hardest working members of the Senate and is respected as a fervent supporter of southern New Mexico and the business community. Rawson's apparent loss, pending the counting of about 2,500 provisional ballots, has stunned many of his state peers, both Republican and Democrat. His seniority will be sorely missed by our region. Meanwhile, in the Senate, we will be depending on veteran senators, Cynthia Nava (16 years), Mary K. Papen (eight years) and Mary Jane Garcia (20 years) to support our needs in southern New Mexico.

With new leadership in place, 2009 will be an interesting year. It is almost certain that Gov. Bill Richardson will be joining President Obama in some capacity. However, it is uncertain whether or not Richardson will turn over the reins to Lt. Gov. Diane Denish before or after the 2009 60-day legislative session. We'll just have to wait and see.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from the general

Thanks Team WSMR – what a wonderful party.

On behalf of the entire White Sands community and workforce, I want to thank the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, their many volunteers, and all the businesses who gave so liberally of their time, talents and wares. The food was delicious, the weather beautiful and the camaraderie was tremendous. It is clear that a great deal of work went into this well-organized event.

The Las Cruces community has been so generous in its support of White Sands, particularly in this time when we are experiencing so much change and growth. The soldiers who are new to White Sands and southern New Mexico definitely feel the warmth of your welcome. Thanks for all you do for us each and every day.

BRIG. GEN. DAVID L. MANN,
Commanding General
White Sands Missile Range

Flight a great experience

On Oct. 7 and 8, I had the honored privilege of participating in the first Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico. Our visit to the nation's capital and, most importantly, to the World War II Memorial was a time filled with bittersweet memories. The 40 WWII veterans, the Honor Flight volunteers, guardians and family members who attended were transported to 1945 when peace was declared.

Exhausted, jubilant, sad, ecstatic, but, above all, grateful that we're still alive to come home to our families and friends and the country for which we fought with honor and passion. These emotions, many of them hidden for years, came tumbling back and inspired many of us to reflect on memories that formed our personal lives, our nation and our world.

From the moment we were told of this great opportunity, I was filled with anticipation. This was to be my chance to gather with many of my friends and compatriots. A time to share memories – many of them filled with sorrow and fear – but above all, a humble gratitude that we had heard the call to arms, gave of our God-given talents and had been a part of the greatest unified mobilization of faith and courage ever experienced by our country.

Above all, I came away with a renewed sense of inner peace and commitment to share this awesome experience with everyone, especially my fellow WWII veterans. You, too, can be a part of Honor Flight and experience those passionate emotions that have contributed to our being named the greatest generation.

Thank you to all who made this possible. Those that contributed funds, time, energy, support and "The Wing and a Prayer."

I encouraged all WWII veterans of the greatest generation to participate in going on one of the Honor Flights to see the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

ANTONIO H. ENRIQUEZ
WWII veteran

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Letters to the Editor

'Premier Park' offer

Mr. Phillipou has offered to sell the property now known as the Las Cruces Country Club to the City of Las Cruces. He wants a down payment, with the balance to be paid "at a later date." The offer is on the agenda for the Monday, Nov. 10, meeting of the city council. I'm urging the many supporters of the "Premier Park" concept to write or call their councillor to make their wishes known. The mayor and all of the councillors can be reached at citycouncil@las-cruces.org. Please write, call and attend the Nov. 10 meeting.

We don't want to lose that green space in Downtown Las Cruces!

JOHN and MILLIE STEVENS
People For A Premier Park

La Piñon thank you

La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services would like to thank the community members who came by Citizens Bank to donate their loose change and help La Piñon give "Sexual Assault the Boot."

We would also like to thank Citizens Bank for allowing us to use their locations and Radio Las Cruces featuring Sheila Kirsch for doing a great radio remote.

Thank you to the Graduate Student Social Work Association, Steinborn Realtors, White Sands Federal Credit Union and the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office for their generosity. All proceeds will be used to purchase coloring/activity books to be distributed to students attending schools in our area. See you next year!

DONNA RICHMOND
executive director
La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services

Thanks from Young Life

Young Life Las Cruces would like to thank the sponsors who made the recent fundraising banquet possible. Sponsors for the banquet were: Able Signs, Atrium Fitness Center, Austin's Jewelry, Mike and Veronica Beckett, Big O Tires, Bishop Roofing, Central Alarm, Lurene and Jim Coles, Domino's Pizza, Jim and Angie Easley, Scott Yurcic Farmers Insurance, Gary and Pat Henderson, Hill Farms – Jim Hill, Iron City Equipment, Jaquess Construction, Johnston Hardware, Las Cruces Rexall Drug, Dr. James L. Margarit, DDS, Mike and Judy Rundle and Wheeler Juice Plus Ladies. Special thanks to Calvary Baptist Church for hosting the event.

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian ministry that brings caring adults into kids' lives to offer them unconditional friendship. Young Life offers kids exciting, safe and memorable experiences with their friends while they learn about what it means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information about Las Cruces Young Life, contact Clay King, 571-1364, or Greg Powe, 541-9090.

SANDY HODGIN
Young Life Las Cruces Committee

Don't blame the post office

I am a mail carrier in the city of Las Cruces. I just want to bring something to the public's attention.

The county got so far behind on getting the absentee ballots out in time that they actually had to have someone walk them into the post office so that they would be delivered in time.

Also, a lot of county mail is still being addressed to 251 W. Amador Ave. instead of 845 N. Motel Blvd., even though the county offices moved to Motel Boulevard almost three years ago.

So for a change, why don't you stop blaming the hard-working men and women of the U.S. Postal Service.

CINDY BROOKS

Singing the praise of elders

Reunion of pre-1950 graduates prompts reflection

By Michael Swickard
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When I was just a young sprout, I looked up to my old man. Way up, since he was 6 feet 7 inches tall. Even though most of my friends became taller than their fathers, I topped out 6 inches below him. But there was more to looking up than just the physical act. I always looked up to him and others who were the elders of my society.

That is one of the major changes in our world today; the old are not revered as they were when I was growing up. Now, those who are over forty are relegated by the young to "the abyss of ignorance" in this society. The old are the butt of the youngster's jokes. Us oldsters move slowly, groan when we sit down and are covered with old age spots. The young look at our loss of hair and sagging middles. They say confidently to each other, "It is impossible for them to know anything of value."

> "The old are not revered as they were when I was growing up."

While this is going on, us oldsters still see the young person we were hidden inside of us. It is waiting to come out with a short sprint up a couple of stairs or that fly ball into the stands that we lunge for and then reach for the aspirin. We know there is a young person inside of us.

I have watched this trend of denigrating old people with increasing alarm, principally because I am getting older, but secondarily because I was brought up to look to my elders for wisdom. They had run the race a few times and were worth tips on how to survive and thrive.

My grandfather would dispense nuggets of wisdom, every so often, as did my two uncles. They would give me things that were the "ah ha" moments for what until then had been a mystery. Like how to track animals and know what the animal was doing and how long ago.

I was thinking of all of the old timers in my life this last weekend because I went to a college reunion of students who graduated at least 50 years ago. I went with an uncle who graduated in Electrical Engineering in 1952.

The breakfast meeting was full of old people, most of whom walked slowly and a bit unsteadily. They were very seasoned citizens and the stories they told last Saturday morning about coming to college were priceless.

I was luckily seated near the oldest citizen who had graduated from college in 1936. Because I was not at the breakfast as a reporter, I will omit all details, but the long and short of the conversations I will repeat. He mentioned that in 1936 there was only one coach at the college for all sports. First this man coached football, then basketball, then track and finally baseball. I grinned appreciably when he said that there are now more coaches at the college than there were students when he graduated.

We heard from the first woman editor of the school newspaper. Then one man said, "Well, I sold my horse for $50 and went to college. I thought I was in the line for agriculture but it turned out to be for engineering, so that is what I took."

Likewise I came to college with one thing on my mind and very shortly went a different direction. Why was I at college? It was my elders who made it impossible to ignore getting a college degree.

All of the elders who have made me who I am are in my memory and I still hear their voices, long after they are physically gone from this earth. I hope the young of today somehow can find it in themselves to listen, even if they do not believe the old know anything worthwhile.

In years to come, those oldsters in their life will become more and more important.

Michael Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

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PUBLIC MEETING

EL PASO ELECTRIC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Las Cruces City Council will hold a work session regarding upcoming negotiations with the El Paso Electric Franchise Agreement. The current agreement expires April 2009. The public is invited to attend, comment and gather information regarding the upcoming negotiations.

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Breadbasket landscape

BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Every artist has to paint a landscape now and then.

Fall in the heartland is a season of ripening. As I negotiate my way across the canvas there is a feeling that the air is heavier. No breeze, a clear light-blue sky and nothing to stop the atmosphere from pressing down on the dark musky soil.

Elderberry bushes hang their purple fruit over fence wire. Giant hardwood trees thick with shadows cast black shade in creek bottoms. Kudzu covers corpses of trees, its smothering vines turning them into ominous figures wearing dark hoods and capes.

A raccoon dead on the highway, a wary whitetail, a skein of geese crossing my trajectory, all appear at the edge of my vision as I roll by. Ponds still as molten lead, algae claiming the fringes. The occasional tractor putts along as if farmers were sending players onto the field before the game starts. Grape-shaped political faces ripening on signs remind us of the season.

> "The farmer strips the corn cob, bites the kernal, looks at the sky, kicks the soil and says, 'It's time.'"

Then you pass through a tunnel of shady creek bottom and run up against an army of cornstalks en mass, a wall that towers over you. On top, you continue alongside mile after mile of battalions, divisions, plateaus of corn stalks, shoulder to shoulder, in tight formation. They stand at attention up against the road as precipitous as Manhattan skyscrapers at the edge of the water.

The landscape becomes patched with huge tracts of corn stubble as even as a boot-camp haircut. Interspersed are fields of the quiet elephant of the food chain, soybeans. Lush and penetrating green when growing, they do not age attractively. The yellow comes. Not the pretty yellow of aspen trees but a more sickly, banana-peel yellow. In this season of harvest they look like weeds. Yet one only has to peel the pod to see the small perfect light gold round seeds. Joined together by the trillions these seeds form the foundation for America's and much of the world's daily bread.

The rolling hills often limit the vast agricultural horizon until you pass through a glacial valley or river bottom, and the distance opens up and you see fields and trees, hazy through the heavy air. It could be the day before D Day. As soon as tomorrow the game will begin. Then the roar of trucks, combines, machinery, the buzz of activity and a sense of urgency will replace the gestational quietude. The smell of dust, chaff, rubber tires, diesel, oil and gas, even ethanol, will fill the air that zephyrs the roadside as grain bearing semis fly by.

Everything seems to be in anticipation of the moment the farmer strips the corn cob, bites a kernel, looks at the sky, kicks the soil and says, "It's time."

If you ever wonder where food comes from, one trip through the heart of the country when it's ripening will paint you a picture of America's pregnant horn of plenty. Think of us when you eat … we think of you when we farm.

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GUEST COLUMN

Urban renewal Renaissance?

By Eric Liefeld
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

This week, two more venerable and historic adobe homes in Las Cruces are poised to fall to the bulldozer and the back hoe, with more likely to follow. Demolition permits have been issued for the "Pink Houses" at the corner of Hagerty Road and University Avenue, and preparations for their destruction are under way. One of these homes represented a significant and excellent example of Arts and Crafts architecture and may have been designed by none other than important Southwestern architect Henry C. Trost. More than a famous architect, Trost was the architect for the New Mexico College of Mechanic Arts (now NMSU). Trost laid out the campus and designed many of its original buildings. Even if a Trost design has not yet been proven, the significance of the "Miller House" is undeniable, as it dated from the early days of the college and was the home to Austin Crile, college president from 1917 to 1920.

It is difficult to reconcile the destruction of such an historic and important building in a community that should have learned its lesson from the disastrous application of discredited urban renewal practices in the 1960s and 1970s. Unfortunately, urban renewal seemingly remains a basic tenant of this city's culture and policies. Demolition is somehow now a foregone conclusion for the Miller House and its neighbor, even with a city council elected on smart-growth platforms, an existing University Avenue Corridor (UAC) Plan that argues for preservation of that specific University Avenue neighborhood and a new NMSU Master Plan that speaks eloquently of historic preservation.

"In this disposable, unstable world, where only now and here is valued, and where performance is judged by return on margins, we need the dimension of time provided by historical buildings ... We need the sense of permanence that an old building, an old piece of art, an old book can give. A reassurance that generations struggled before us for the same goals and felt the same pain and joy." – *NMSU Master Plan*

While it is true that owners have the right to do whatever they like with their property, municipalities can have a large influence in helping to preserve historic architecture that benefits us all. Other successful communities have been able to nurture growth even as they value and preserve their past and its architecture, why not Las Cruces? Land owners will always want to derive the highest value from their properties. Developers likewise are in business to make the most of opportunities that present themselves. It is the responsibility of city government to determine how growth will happen and what should be saved.

The destruction of these two historic adobe homes illuminates several problems:

City policy favors demolition over historic preservation. In this case, these buildings were condemned by a simple demolition permit, issued administratively without a second thought or any oversight. City policy also apparently calls for "dilapidated structures" to be removed as quickly as possible. Both of these policies are completely indifferent to any notion of architectural or historic importance, allowing condemnation as convenience.

The city could also do much more to work with owners of historically important buildings to maintain them properly. Condemnation through neglect is all too common a practice in Las Cruces.

City staff could have done more to research the importance of these buildings, and may have dismissed them as unimportant simply because they weren't listed on historic registers. Not all important structures are listed on historic registers, and owners may not be sufficiently motivated to pursue recognition and listing for their buildings. A look through a publication entitled "The Las Cruces Historic Buildings Survey" could have informed staff as to the buildings' importance. A conversation with a NMSU historian would have told them of the building's historic ties to NMSU and its past.

City officials and the current UAC Committee were too quick to condemn the structures as "eyesores," and "dangerous" buildings that needed to be torn down "as soon as possible." Finding the right owners and uses for historic properties takes time and dedication, not expeditiousness. The focus should have been on finding new uses for the buildings that preserved the historic architecture, rather than destroying it.

The existing UAC Plan has seemingly become obsolete, with its arguments for neighborhood and historic preservation, and a revision process will start this week. It remains to be seen if historic preservation will play any role in the new UAC plan, or if there will be anything left behind to preserve. Anyone interested in seeing Las Cruces' remaining historic buildings preserved should attend and be heard. While there is considerable and justifiable excitement about addressing issues on University Avenue, it is important to remember that the Las Cruces Downtown Mall seemed like a great idea at the time. Let us take what we have learned and use it to make Las Cruces a city of which we can all be justifiably proud.

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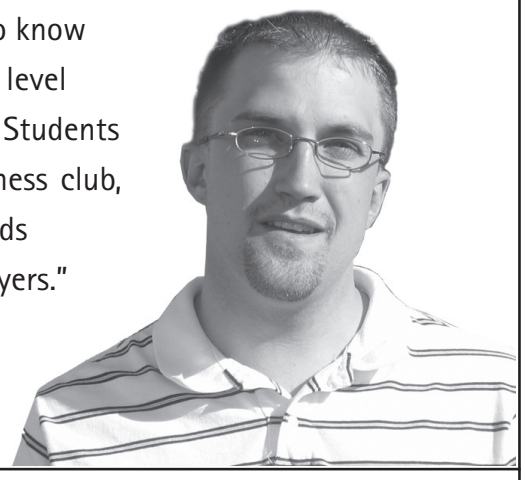
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Veterans Day Parade site shifted due to construction

Signing of covenant between Las Cruces and WSMR also takes place on Saturday

The 2008 Las Cruces Veterans Day Parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 beginning at 10 a.m.

Due to major Downtown construction projects, the parade will follow a new route. The parade will begin at the corner of Spruce Avenue and Walnut Street, travel west on Spruce Avenue to Solano Drive and north on Solano Drive to Apodaca Park on Madrid Avenue. The parade-review stand will be located at the corner of Spruce Avenue and Solano Drive.

"The parade takes on added significance this year because it will be held on the same day the Las Cruces community signs a Community Covenant with White Sands Missile Range," said Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta, member of the Veterans Day Parade and Community Covenant committees. "The covenant is a formal commitment of support for service members and their families at White Sands Missile Range."

The covenant signing will take place during halftime of the NMSU-Hawaii football game that begins at 2 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Participating in the Community Covenant signing are the U.S. Army, the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces Public Schools, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

Invited to sign the covenant are: U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici; U.S Rep. Steve Pearce; Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Mahlon Love; Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima; El Paso Mayor John Cook; Alamogordo Mayor Steve Brockett; Army Fort Bliss Commanding General Maj. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg; Col. Michael Schwartz, commander of the 111th MEB New Mexico Army National Guard; Doña Ana County Commission Chair D. Kent Evans; Army White Sands Missile Range Commanding General Brig. Gen. David L. Mann; Holloman Air Force Base 49th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Jeffrey L. Harrigian; WSMR Commander Detachment representative Lt. Shawn Mitchell of the Navy; Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces President Toby Rue; Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Chair David McCollum; New Mexico State University Interim President Waded Cruzado; and Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds. For more information on the Veterans Day Parade, contact Bill Hawkins at 621-7002.

For more information on the Community Covenant Signing Ceremony, contact Udell Vigil, director of communications for the City of Las Cruces at 541-2200. The TTY number is 541-2182.

State Land Office restructured

Renewable energy and water resources to be the domain of newly created divisions

New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands Patrick Lyons issued a press release announcing he is reorganizing two divisions within the State Land Office to include renewable energy and water resources and that he has appointed new management and staff to develop and facilitate respective policies and procedures.

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> "... we will further attract utility-scale renewable energy projects ..."
>
> PATRICK LYONS
> commissioner of public lands

Lyons appointed Land Office Assistant Commissioner Dallas Rippy to lead the new Renewable Energy and Commercial Leasing Division. Brian Bingham will continue managing the renewable energy program and Peggy Walton will oversee commercial leasing, the release stated. Assistant Commissioner Jerry King has been reassigned to manage special projects, including development at Mesa del Sol and Rio Rancho, as well as renewable energy projects.

According to the release, the Land Office has leased – or optioned for lease – 144,000 acres of trust lands for wind-energy development since 2003, when Lyons took office. The release said wind turbines are operational on nearly 6,800 acres of trust lands in Quay, Roosevelt, Chaves and Guadalupe counties and six additional developers have applied to lease another 240,000 acres of trust lands for future wind power plant development.

The potential combined earning power from the operating wind farms and optioned land will surpass $55 million in the course of their anticipated 35-year terms, the release said.

The Land Office also has executed option agreements for the development of utility-scale solar thermal projects on 30,500 acres, the release said, with an additional 115,000 acres in the pipeline for future solar energy development on the trust lands in the southwest quadrant of the state.

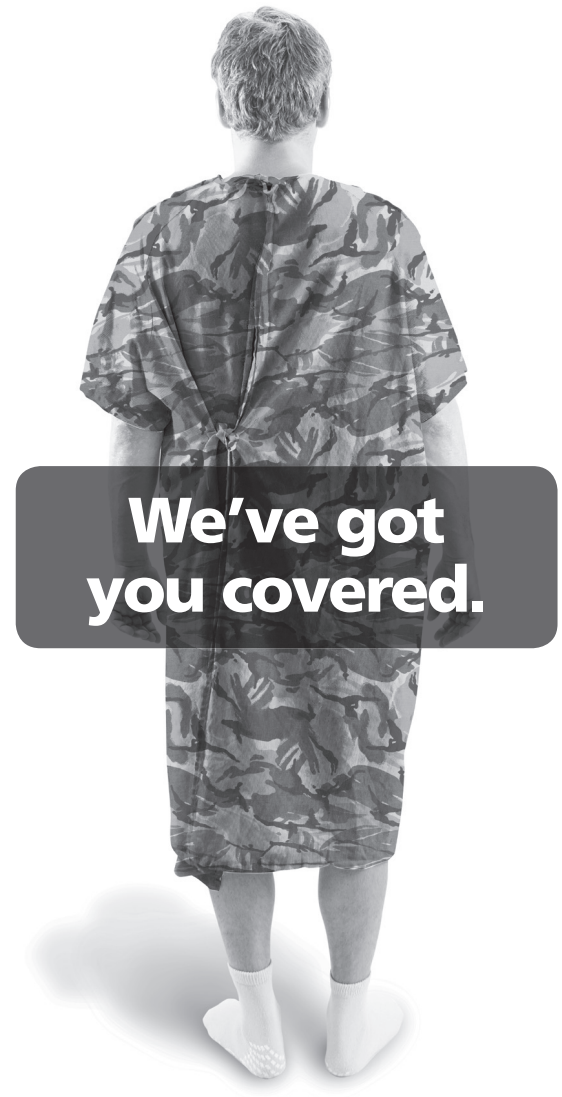
"The Land Office is playing a vital role in the development of clean energy supplies to power homes, schools and businesses, and by expanding our efforts within the agency we will further attract utility-scale renewable energy projects to trusts lands, which will result in more money for education," Lyons said.

According to the release, Lyons assigned Galen Garcia and Shawna Maloy to staff the renewable energy program.

The Rights-of-Way bureau has been expanded to include the Water Resources unit, which will be managed by Anna Villa and staffed by Michael Quintana, Nick Jaramillo and Patricia Esquibel, the release said.

The mission of the Water Resources unit is to protect the trust's natural resources while creating income for the trust beneficiaries, and staff will manage commercial water wells, water exploration, water monitoring wells and salt water disposal wells.

Lyons and the State Land Office manages 9 million acres of surface estate and 13 million mineral acres held in trust, primarily for public education, according to the release and evenues earned from energy development, agricultural leasing, and business and community development support public schools and universities, as well as the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the New Mexico School for the Deaf, the New Mexico Military Institute, hospitals, correctional facilities, water projects, and public building construction. In fiscal year 2008, the trust beneficiaries earned more than $527 million the release said.



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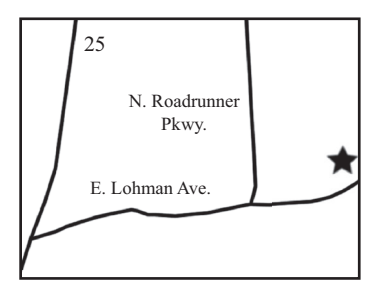

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At a post-election celebration in Downtown Las Cruces, campaign volunteers Kirk Chen and Cory Valencia smoke cigars after Barack Obama's election night victory speech.

TODD DICKSON
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Election

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either by absentee ballot or in early voting. Except for an early morning rush of voters, Election Day poll workers reported few long lines and described the pace of voting as manageable throughout the afternoon and early evening.

Also, the Obama campaign pushed to get more new and younger voters to cast their ballot, and many of these voters didn't care as much about the local races as they did about participating in a historic national vote. So, while a total of 66,676 votes were cast in Doña Ana County for the presidential candidates, a total of 63,186 votes were cast for county clerk candidates.

Because many of these new and younger voters were recruited by the Obama campaign and the Democrats, they were inclined to vote Democratic.

For these reasons, last-minute news – like Democrat state Senate President Pro Tempore Tim Jennings coming to the aid of Republican Senate Minority Whip Lee Rawson – apparently had no effect on the outcome. Jennings raised objections to "robocalls" in Rawson's district that he said amounted to "incorrect character assassinations." For his defense of Rawson, Jennings was promptly criticized by state Democratic Party leadership, including Gov. Bill Richardson.

Despite Jennings' critique of the campaign tactics used against Rawson, despite being a conservative who had successfully held for Senate District 37, which includes portions of both Doña Ana and Sierra counties, for four terms, and despite rising to an important leadership role in the Senate, Rawson appears to be losing to his Democratic opponent Steve Fischmann, best known in Las Cruces for his activism in energy and growth issues. As of Wednesday, the Secretary of State's election website had the count at 12,853 votes for Fischmann and 12,348 for Rawson. With a reported 2,500 provisional ballots still to be counted, that could tighten the margin, but it is seen as unlikely to change the final result.

In a press release Wednesday, Nov. 5, Majority Floor Leader Sen. Michael S. Sanchez welcomed the newest members of the New Mexico Senate, which included Fischmann.

If Rawson is defeated, it is expected to shake up the Senate leadership. Much of New Mexico's political landscape is changed by the Democratic tidal wave.

Congressman Tom Udall soundly beat Rep. Steve Pearce in the U.S. Senate race, despite late stumping for Pearce by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, who is retiring from the Senate.

Meanwhile, Pearce's Congressional 2nd District that had long been represented by a conservative Republican – thanks in large part to the nature of voters in the "Little Texas" eastern portion of New Mexico – went to a Democrat, Harry Teague of Hobbs, instead of Republican restaurateur-rancher Ed Tinsley. Democrats Martin Heinrich and Ben Lujan won their races for the state's other two congressional districts, making New Mexico represented only by Democrats in both the U.S. House and Senate.

In a telephone interview with the Bulletin, Pearce said he was disappointed and blamed the losses on the Democrats spending hundreds of millions in the state on the campaigns, as well as being overwhelmed by the organizational structure that spending supported.

"The pressure from the political forces was intense," Pearce said. "It didn't matter what we did, there was no effect. No matter what ads we ran – whether they were negative or on issues and values – they were not effective."

In conceding the 2nd Congressional District race, Tinsley's campaign press release stated: "Harry Teague and his liberal allies spent $3.3 million in the race compared to $1.3 million, but Tinsley hammered home consistent messages in televised debates, media interviews and advertising."

Teague and his supporters credit his victory to traveling all over the large district in which voters got to know the oil service business owner as a man from humble beginnings who takes care of his employees and brought jobs to Lea County.

Nationwide, Obama's coattails almost gave what Democrats wanted almost as bad as returning to the White House – a filibuster-proof U.S. Senate. In the Senate, Democrats captured six seats, giving them 55 overall – short of a filibuster-proof total of 60. Democrats added at least 14 seats in the House and may end up with several more once the counting is done, adding to their current 36-seat majority.

At the Doña Ana County Democratic Party campaign headquarters in Downtown Las Cruces, the reopened Main Street was closed off Tuesday night for supporters to watch results come in. It soon began to resemble a street party as word began coming in of Republican defeats – such as Sens. Elizabeth Dole and John Sununu – and Obama's capture of critical states, like Pennsylvania and Ohio.

By around 8 p.m., CNN was calling the election for Obama. An hour later, John McCain was giving his magnanimous concession speech. Another hour later, they were listening in rapt attention to Obama's stirring victory speech as he praised the people for having the faith "to put their hands on the arc of history and bend it once more toward the hope of a better day."

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Otero County rejects spaceport tax increase

Construction budget to be trimmed

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Although Doña Ana and Sierra counties approved a quarter-percent gross receipts tax increase to help build Spaceport America, Otero County residents rejected a chance to contribute an eighth-percent to the project.

With the rejection of the proposed spaceport tax in Otero County, New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) officials announced they will move forward with Spaceport America, the nation's first purpose-built commercial spaceport.

"This is a disappointment because this tax would have generated tremendous benefits for the people of Otero County," said NMSA Executive Director Steve Landeene in a press release. "However, we will move forward with the project as we have acquired almost 97 percent of the needed funding, and we will look for support from other local governments or New Mexico counties not currently in the district that have expressed interest in joining."

The election, which would have increased local gross receipts tax by one-eighth of 1 percent, drew a large turnout of voters. But 9,479 voted in support of the spaceport, compared to 10,412 votes against.

The spaceport tax district is currently made up of Doña Ana and Sierra counties.

In the press release, Landeene said other counties in the state have expressed interest in joining the spaceport tax district.

Aerospace companies interested in using Spaceport America include Virgin Galactic, Lockheed Martin, Rocket Racing Inc./Armadillo Aerospace, UP Aerospace, Microgravity Enterprises and Payload Specialties.

Construction of the spaceport is expected to begin early next year, but that is contingent upon the Federal Aviation Administration issuing a spaceport license by the end of this year. That process is in the final stages of getting a record of decision on its Environmental Impact Statement. A draft of the statement called for more formal protection assurances for the Camino Real trail that ran near the spaceport in the desert between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences.

Should the EIS and FAA approvals be achieved by the end of the year, NMSA anticipates holding vertical launches in the first quarter of 2009. Completion of Virgin Galactic's terminal hanger and runway for horizontal launches should be completed by late 2010.

Otero County's rejection will result in a loss of less than $7 million of the $198 million budget for the spaceport construction. Landeene said adjustments will be made to the budget unless other funding alternatives can be found.

Voters pass state bond proposals

Almost all constitutional amendments approved

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Voters approved all of the state bond issue questions and all of the state constitutional amendments except the one to allow county commissioners to approve raises for themselves that they would enjoy while still in office.

Despite the economic worries, voters approved the bond issues that will result in a slight property-tax increase. The bonds included $14.725 million for a senior citizen facilities, $11.019 million for libraries, $57.925 million for health facilities and $140.133 million for higher education and some school capital improvements.

Constitutional amendments that passed will allow larger school boards, require earlier confirmation of cabinet secretaries, allow school elections to be held with other elections and explain how to appoint a replacement for the lieutenant governor.

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Absentee ballot requests overwhelm Doña Ana County election officials

More than 3,800 ballots not processed

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Requests for absentee ballots so overwhelmed the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections that workers didn't meet a state-required turnaround time of 24 hours, and in the end, more than 3,800 absentee ballots weren't processed before the final deadline.

According to a county press release on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 8,141 absentee ballots were processed of 11,985 absentee ballots requested.

Of those processed, 5,960 were recorded after being received by mail, courier or hand-delivered by the voter. In addition, 1,984 people took advantage of early voting and signed affidavits or received in-lieu-of-absentee ballots at the early-voting locations. Also, 197 federal ballots have been received from military and overseas voters. The number of absentee ballots that remain outstanding stands at 3,844.

Lynn Ellins, Bureau of Elections supervisor who was on a two-week leave because he was running for county clerk, acknowledged that the office was overwhelmed by the number of absentee ballot requests and promises to review the county's procedures for processing the requests.

But upset Republicans say there was no excuse for not following state guidelines that require an absentee ballot to be processed within 24 hours of the request. Even New Mexico's Secretary of State Mary Herrera said she was upset with county officials for not hiring more staff or asking for help from the state.

Ellins contends that no reasonable addition to the Bureau of Elections staff – which currently numbers 18 employees – would have been able to handle the large number of requests.

Mark Van Dyke, county Republican Party chairman, said he agrees with the state's 24-hour turnaround requirement. He said staff allowed the backlog to build up until there was an unmanageable glut at the end.

"The voters' best interests weren't served," Van Dyke said on election night as the vote counts began coming in.

Van Dyke was quick to note that he felt the staff was working hard, but that county officials should have asked for more help to process the requests. "They knew the tidal wave was coming," he said.

Sid Goddard, Republican candidate for county clerk, said this problem hurts voters from both parties who want to vote absentee because they won't be here during the election or have health problems that keep them from going to the polls.

County Commission Chairman Kent Evans, who also was running for state representative, said elections staff felt they only needed to comply with turning over the absentee ballots by the final deadline and weren't aware of the 24-hour requirement until he raised the issue.

No matter what the reasons, Goddard said people were denied their right to vote, which he called unacceptable.

Germaine Densmore, one of the people who didn't get her absentee ballot and had to vote early in person instead, said it made her wonder about how many people didn't vote at all because of they didn't get their ballot processed in time.

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U.S. Senator		
Tom Udall (D)	494,618	61.1 percent
Steve Pearce (R)	314,537	38.9 percent
U.S. Representative District 1		
Martin Heinrich (D)	163,348	55.5 percent
Darren White (R)	131,085	44.5 percent
U.S. Representative District 2		
Harry Teague (D)	127,312	55.8 percent
Ed Tinsley (R)	100,854	44.2 percent
U.S. Representative District 3		
Ben Lujan (D)	156,776	56.5 percent
Daniel East (R)	85,349	30.7 percent
Carol Miller (I)	35,505	12.8 percent
State Senator District 31		
Cynthia Nava (D)	7,233	100 percent
State Senate District 36		
Mary Jane Garcia (D)	9,133	54.7 percent
Lee Cotter (R)	7,571	45.3 percent
State Senator District 37		
Steve Fischmann (D)	12,853	51 percent
Lee Rawson (R)	12,348	49 percent
State Senator District 38		
Mary K. Papen (D)	11,787	100 percent
State Senator District 40		
Dianna Duran (R)	10,218	100 percent
State Representative District 33		
Joni Gutierrez (D)	7,459	100 percent
State Representative District 34		
Mary Helen Garcia (D)	4,946	100 percent
State Representative District 35		
Antonio Lujan (D)	6,705	100 percent
State Representative District 36		
Andy Nuñez (D)	5,293	53.4 percent
Mike Tellez (R)	4,617	46.6 percent
State Representative District 37		
Jeff Steinborn (D)	9,061	60.5 percent
Kent Evans (R)	5,917	39.5percent
State Representative District 52		
Joseph Cervantes (D)	6,243	100 percent
State Representative District 53		
Nathan Cote (D)	5,737	58.9 percent
Stanford Locke (R)	4,003	41.1 percent
DOÑA ANA COUNTY RESULTS		
Third Judicial District Attorney		
Susana Martinez (R)	43,552	100 percent
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Kent Wingenroth (D)	41,002	64.6 percent
George Murphy (R)	22,504	35.4 percent
County Commission District 2		
Dolores Saldaña-Caviness (D)	6,143	100 percent
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Scott Krahling (D)	9,750	54.6 percent
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Sid Goddard (R)	24,595	38.9 percent
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David Gutierrez (D)	37,460	58.1 percent
Jim Schoonover (R)	26,906	41.8 percent

Election — Night 2008

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The Las Cruces Bulletin

Above: Ashley Pinedo and Sherekia O'Neil celebrate in the Democratic campaign offices as Barack Obama is announced as the next president of the United States.

Rebecca Sanchez and Kelsie Garrett do-si-do in celebration of Obama's victory.

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Calling for Obama

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Obama campaign volunteers, from left, Ronnie Williams and Manny Chavez work the phones Monday, Nov. 3, in the last push to get out voters.

A crowd gathered outside of the Democratic campaign headquarters in Downtown Las Cruces watches Barack Obama's victory speech projected on the side of a building.

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Excited supporters on the Downtown Mall cheer President Elect Barack Obama as he addresses the nation.

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Jenna Frosch and Natisha Hales watch the emotional speech given by President Elect Barack Obama.

Joni Gutierrez flashes a peace sign after joining the crowd on the Downtown Mall.

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More than 200 Democratic supporters turned out for a block-party style victory celebration in Downtown Las Cruces.

Campaign volunteers Melody Maldonado and Bryan Grovey celebrate Obama's victory.

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Wesley Clark stumps for Obama

Mercedes Mercado Ochoa talks to Gen. Wesley Clark during his visit to a VFW post on the East Mesa on Sunday, Nov. 2. Clark was campaigning for Barack Obama and his comments were critical of the Bush administration's slow reactions to problems ranging from the Iraq War to the current economic crisis.

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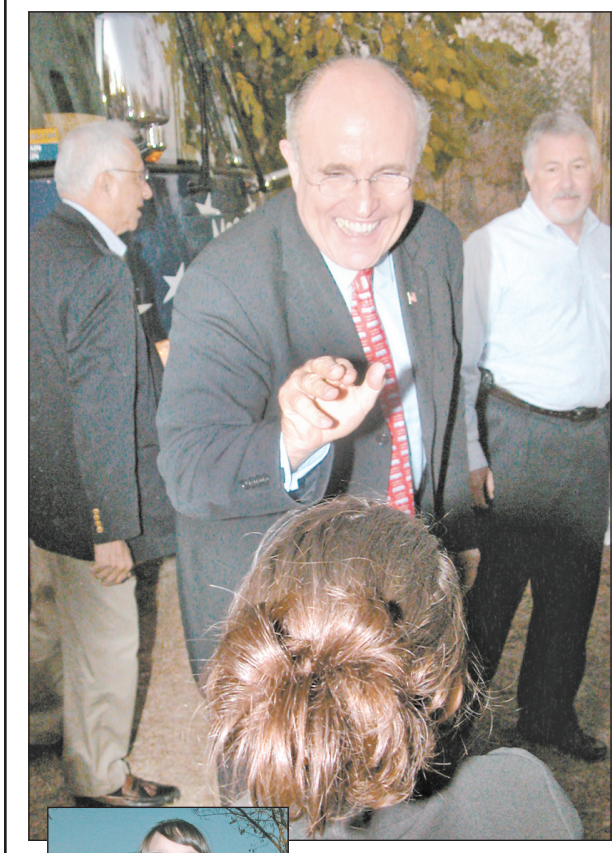

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Former mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani pats Miranda Thomas, 9, on the head when he noticed she was dressed as Sarah Palin, after giving a speech Saturday, Nov. 1, in Mesilla in support of John McCain.

Reservoir Update

Rio Grande flow at San Marcial was 413 cubic-feet-per-second, 37 percent of average, as the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District above Elephant Butte Reservoir shut down its irrigation season, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported in its river advisory.

Snow storms have slacked off. But the snow pack in the Upper Rio Grande Basin is 23 percent of average compared with 10 percent last year at this time, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The bureau's latest survey of its Rio Grande Project reservoirs operational plan indicates that Elephant Butte Reservoir will end the year with a storage of 669,473 acre-feet, 34 percent of a full reservoir, 260,700 acre-feet more than last year's end-of-year storage.

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District ended its irrigation diversion on Oct. 31.

The reservoir figures are:

- Elephant Butte – 584,308 acre-feet, 29 percent of a full reservoir, an increase of 3,091 acre-feet, elevation 4,346 feet, 61 feet below the spillway.
- Caballo – 17,555 acre-feet, 8 percent of capacity, up 764 acre-feet.

An acre-foot of water covers one acre of land one foot deep and contains 325,900 gallons of water.

At the NMSU Homecoming Parade

Kelsey Hayes, Liz Littlejohn and Jessica Thompson, members of Pi Beta Phi sorority, ride on their float depicting the 2008 New Mexico State University Homecoming Parade theme, "Rockin' with Aggie Pride" Nov. 1.

Pistol Pete rocks out on his guitar as part of the NMSU Bookstore float.

Candidates for Homecoming king and queen, Jennifer Gutierrez and Nick Wiegel, smile for the parade spectators.

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The NMSU Bookstore float makes its way down University Avenue.

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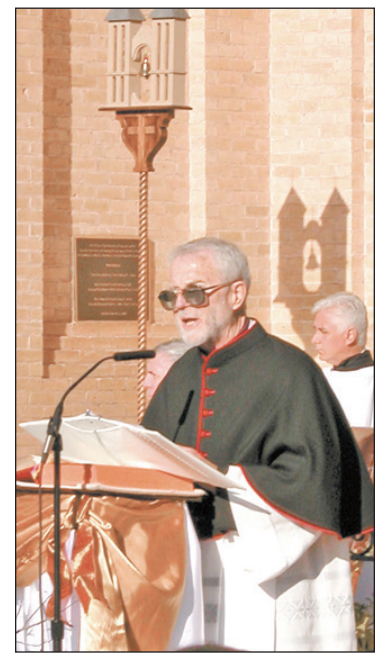
At the Elevation of San Albino Church to a Minor Basilica

With a plaque dedication Friday, Oct. 31, and a Celebration of the Eucharist with a Procession around the Mesilla Plaza on Saturday, Nov. 1, All Saints Day, the San Albino Catholic Church was elevated to the status of Minor Basilica.

PHOTOS BY TODD DICKSON

San Albino Pastor Rev. Richard Catanach carries a bowl of holy water that Las Cruces Bishop Ricardo Ramirez sprinkles onto attendees.



Monsignor Robert Getz said he worked to get the Pope to give the San Albino Church its new historical and spiritual designation as a way to counter the commercialism he saw taking over the Mesilla community.

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Chicano Programs thanks Guy Garcia, this year's keynote speaker
and author of the *Decline of Men*.

Bright lights, big Halloween

Every year since 1994, pecan farmer Gerry Schurtz has put on an eye-catching pumpkin display off North Valley Drive to celebrate Halloween. This year's display had many county residents stopping by to get a closer look at the more than 195 pumpkins, which were carved by students at East Picacho and Doña Ana elementary schools. This year's batch of pumpkins was donated by the Lyles Family Farms. "It's gotten to the point where the schools really look forward to it," Schurtz said. "All of the students have seen their older brothers and sisters do it, and they can't wait."

Baby Elvis has entered the Las Cruces Bulletin

PHOTOS BY BETHANY CONWAY

Bulletin Art Director Theresa Montoya Basaldua brought 7-month-old Daniel Basaldua by the office to show off his homemade Elvis costume on Friday, Oct. 31. The members of the staff agreed that Daniel is "a hunk of burning love."

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Crime Stoppers: 1989 missing woman

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of $1,000 for information that leads to solving the case of a woman who has been missing since August 1989.

Debbie Misquez Escalante, who was 29 at the time, spent the evening of Aug. 21, 1989, with a friend at a party in Doña Ana, and then at an address on Fifth Street and West Picacho Avenue in Las Cruces.

At about midnight, Misquez Escalante left the party with a male co-worker and went to his apartment on West Las Cruces Avenue.

Investigators learned that shortly after arriving at the apartment, at 715 West Las Cruces Ave., Misquez Escalante ran from the residence in the direction of Pioneer Park.

She has not been seen or heard from since.

Anyone with information on the Aug. 21, 1989, activities of Debbie Misquez Escalante, or anyone who may have clues to her disappearance, is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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

NMSU honors Meerscheidts

DAVID MCCOLLUM I The Las Cruces Bulletin

On Saturday, Nov. 1, a dedication was held for the Stuart and Betsy Meerscheidt Hydrotherapy Area in the Stan Fulton Center at New Mexico State University. Betsy Meerscheidt, who passed away in 2004, was an avid sports fan and known for waving her Aggie flag at all NMSU football and basketball games. Shown here are the Meerscheidt daughters, from left, Marilynn Morris and Janette Brunt, next to a photo of their mother, Stuart Meerscheidt and NMSU Athletic Training Director Mike O'Larey.

Mystery shopper scam hits state

Many New Mexicans have called the state Attorney General's Office complaining about their "Mystery Shopper" experiences.

The "Mystery Shoppers" are asked to visit local businesses, make a purchase, report on the customer service and return a percentage of the check the "Mystery Shopper" received as payment. The "Mystery Shopper" is instructed to send the return monies through Western Union. The transferred money is sent to a Canadian address. One consumer alerted the AG's Office that she now owes her financial institution $2,000 because the "Mystery Shopper" paycheck she deposited into her account was bogus.

Legitimate mystery shoppers do exist and are used to help businesses improve customer service. If you receive a "Mystery Shopper" proposal similar to the one we detailed above, you have reason to be suspicious. Do not respond to the offer, forward it to the New Mexico Attorney General's Office at communications@nmag.gov or mail it to New Mexico Attorney General Gary K. King's Office, Communications Division, 111 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

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Doña Ana kids get boxing center

Legislators obtain funds for facility

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Because boxing had always been a positive influence in his life, Larry Clark set up a boxing ring in his backyard in the village of Doña Ana.

What equipment he had was subject to the weather – it was cold in the winter and hot in the summer.

Then a few years ago, Clark's efforts were brought to the attention of state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, who provided the first funding for the new indoor center of the Doña Ana Village Boxing Club. State Rep. Jeff Steinborn helped get the center's final funding.

Both lawmakers said the boxing center provided a safe place for kids to get involved in a positive activity with mentorship.

There's not much to do in the small village north of Las Cruces, say brothers Joseph Saenz, 16, and Matthew Saenz, 18. The two regularly work out at the club and without it, said Matthew Saenz, young people are too easily inclined to get into trouble.

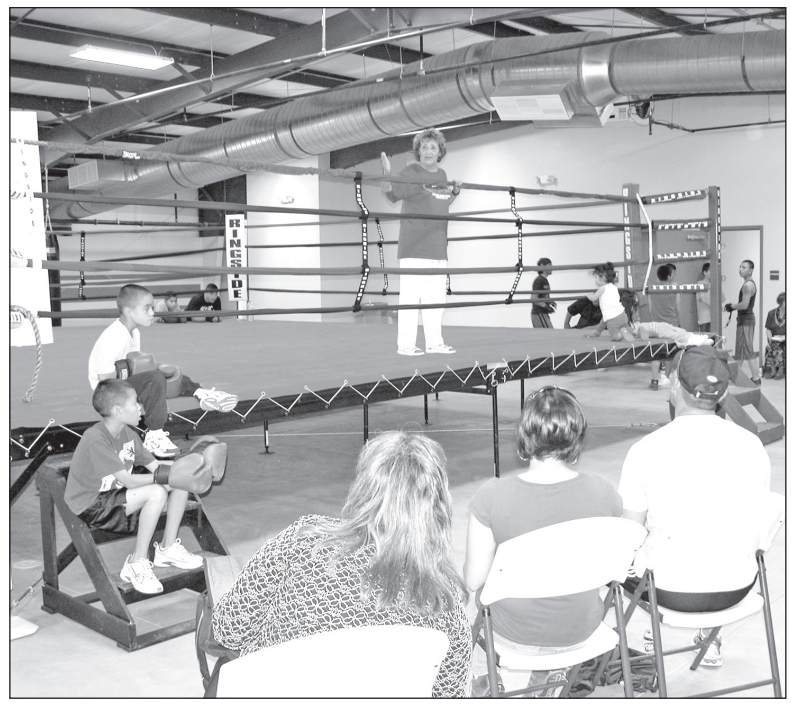
Going to the club is something that Joseph Saenz said he looks forward to every day. As soon as he's out of school, he can probably be found working out at the club.

That's what the club is all about, Clark said. Since he started the club, it has grown from a handful of youths to more than 30 kids, including girl boxers.

Having such a nice facility, Clark said, makes a big difference in keeping the young people active and out of trouble. "It's a dream come true," he said.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Above, brothers Mathew and Joseph Saenz practice on punching bags at the Doña Ana Village Boxing Club. Below, state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia welcomes guests to the center's grand opening and ribbon cutting Monday, Nov. 3.



Point leaders close in LCHA gymkhana

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Competition for points in the Las Cruces Horseman's Association gymkhana contests is tightening as the season begins to wind up.

Kailee Parra and Taylor Kyle still are in a close race in the 6-and-Younger Division with Parra leading Kyle with 200 points to his 189. In the 40-and-Older Division, Robin Lackey is leading with 127 points and Jerry Curry is close behind with 125.

In Barrels, Katysha Nakamae and Cory McMinn turned in times of 17.27 and 17.75 seconds in the 13-17 Division.

Top riders in the last gymkhana are:

- **40-and-Older Division**:
  Poles – Jerry Curry, 23.49 seconds; Nancy Alexander, 24.13; Steve Hazelton, 24.97. Barrels – Hazelton, 18.35; Guy Wolffarth, 18.37; Lackey, 18.47. Flags – Hazelton, 8.66; Lackey, 8.72; Laya Curry, 8.82. Candy Run for monthly Fun Event – Lackey, 8.40; Hazelton, 8.52; Laya Curry, 8.70. Goat Tying – Lackey, 15.21; Judy Morris, 22.84; Curry, 23.78.
- **18-13**:
  Poles – Ernie Lucero, 23.60 seconds; Kassie Brooks, 25.55; Teresa Montoya, 26.15. Barrels – Brooks, 17.71; Montoya, 20.60; Lucero, 23.47. Flags – Lucero, 8.57; Montoya, 9.93; Brooks, 10.59. Candy Run – Lucero, 7.95; Montoya, 9.38. Goat Tying – Lucero, 13.20; Brooks, 15.44.
- **13-17**:
  Poles – Kaysha Nakamae, 23.27 seconds; Cory McMinn, 25.22; Justine Smith, 27.26. Barrels – Nakamae, 17.27; McMinn, 17.75; Smith, 19.35. Flags – McMinn, 8.96; Smith, 9.57; Makayla Kocsis, 11.79. Candy Run – Smith, 8.53; Kocsis, 13.76. Goat Tying – Smith, 14.61; McMinn, 17.24; Kocsis, 19.19.
- **10-12**:
  Poles – Brandon Lopez, 23.03 seconds; Miranda Cisneros, 24.84; Jordan Morris, 29.04. Barrels – Cisneros, 18.36; Brandon Lopez, 18.56; Gina Marquez, 22.33. Flags – Cisneros, 8.27; Brandon Lopez, 8.67; Morris, 9.08. Candy Run – Cisneros, 8.23; Brandon Lopez, 8.96; Morris, 10.33. Goat Tying – Cisneros, 12.21; Gregory Lopez, 16.22; Morris, 17.44.
- **7-9**:
  Poles – Devin Lopez, 23.61 seconds; Shelby Alexander, 25.82; Megan Gonzales, 23.61. Barrels – Lopez, 18.73; Alexander, 19.10, K-Von Jimenez, 21.96. Flags – Lopez, 9.01; Emilee Parra, 9.62; Jimenez, 10.39. Candy Run – Lopez, 9.14; Jimenez, 10.84; Alexander, 11.51. Goat Tying – Lopez, 14.97; Gonzales, 17.97; Alexander, 22.70.
- **6-and-Younger**:
  Poles – Taylor Kyle, 33.12 seconds; Kailee Parra, 36.91; Shiree Yarbrough, 50.19. Barrels – Parra, 22.43; Kyle, 26.88; Amy Weich, 40.12. Flags – Parra, 12.08; Kyle, 14.00; Weich, 19.09. Candy Run – Para, 13.89; Kyle, 14.35; Weich, 20.03. Goat Tying – Yarbrough, 8.96; Parra, 9.82; Kyle, 10.49.

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Coming Up

POWs, MIAs remembered

New Mexico State University Air Force ROTC and members of the Arnold Air Society, a national honorary professional and service organization, will recognize prisoners of war and military members missing in action (POWs and MIAs) throughout the week.

The groups will host a candlelight vigil to pay tribute to POWs and MIAs. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, on the Horseshoe at the Las Cruces campus. An interactive display will be hosted on the International Mall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this week through Friday, Nov. 7.

The groups will pay tribute to more than 100 World War II veterans who are expected to attend the football game at Aggie Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 8. A combined group of Air Force and Army ROTC cadets will be present on and off the field to honor them. A flyover sponsored by Holloman Air Force Base is scheduled after the national anthem, which includes two F-4s and the new F-22 Raptor, Groll said.

El Caldito requests assistance

El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave., is asking the public to help in their efforts to offer meals free of charge to hungry and disadvantaged persons in the community, especially during the upcoming holidays. The nonprofit organization is asking for monetary donations, hams and turkeys for the holidays and gas for their van.

For more information, contact Ruth Anderson at 644-7272 or randerson@zianet.com.

MVTC yard sale Saturday

Mesilla Valley Training Center, 400 W. Bell Ave., will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8, at the center in Mesilla Park. MVTC will accept donations for the yard sale from 8:35 a.m. to 4:05 p.m. each weekday through Friday, Nov. 7. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the MVTC Activity Fund. For more information, call the school at 527-6059.

Colloquium series concludes

The final in a series of speakers for the fall semester at New Mexico State University's Colloquium in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10. Margaret Jacobs, an associate professor of history and director of women and gender studies at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, will speak at NMSU's Science Hall 107. In her presentation titled "Cameras and Conquest: The Photographs of G.E. Miller and the Blazer Collection" she will discuss how photographer G.E. Miller captured his family life and the lives of newcomers to the area through photography at the turn of the 20th century when Anglos flocked to the Sacramento Mountains of southeastern New Mexico.

The series is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences Research Center and the Southwest Border and Cultures Institute. These lectures are free and open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required.

Mesilla Veterans Day parade

The Town of Mesilla will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. to honor veterans who are past or current residents of Mesilla. The event is at Parque de los Veteranos, located at Avenida de Mesilla and Calle del Norte. The guest speaker is World War II Veteran Felix Provencio. A Mesilla native who currently resides in Las Cruces. Provencio recently visited the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. as part of the Honor Flight trip Oct. 7 and 8. The Gadsden High School Navy JROTC will present the colors during the event. The ceremony will also feature music by the Zia Middle School Jazz Singers and the playing of Taps by brothers Adrian Montalvo and Robert Montalvo. The event in Mesilla is open to the public.

For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262 ext. 116.

El Perro Diablo banquet

The public is invited to the Marine Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment's 233rd Birthday Banquet from 6 p.m. to midnight Monday, Nov. 10, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at 928 W. Picacho Ave. or by calling Jesse Rodriguez at 650-1508.

EPEC franchise work session

The City of Las Cruces will hold a work session at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, regarding upcoming negotiations concerning the El Paso Electric Franchise Agreement. The current agreement expires in April, 2009. The public is invited to attend, comment and gather information regarding the upcoming negotiations and gain understanding of the proposed process. The work session will be inside City Council Chambers, located inside City Hall at 200 N. Church St.

The city's contracted law firm, Keleher & McLeod, will hold several public input meetings to gather comments from residents regarding the upcoming negotiations concerning the franchise agreement. Meeting dates, times and locations will announced.

Hospitality club meets

The next monthly Hospitality Club luncheon will be held Monday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. at the Days Inn Conference Center (formerly the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn), 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Marvin Menzies, NMSU head basketball coach, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, call Dorothy Thomas at 644-8957.

Poinsettias available at SMS

Sierra Middle School sixth-grade science magnet students will begin selling poinsettias on Monday, Nov. 10. The red, pink and white poinsettias come in six and one-half inch pots and sell for $10 each. The plants can be reserved with teacher Michelle Valdez or any sixth-grade science magnet student at Sierra. They will be available for pickup at the school on Friday, Dec. 5, or arrangements can be made for delivery. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help defer the cost of a spring trip to Tucson, Ariz.

For more information, contact Valdez at 527-9640 or mvaldez@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Ed retirees meet

Marsha Potley will be the featured speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Mesilla Valley Best Western Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

Potley's talk is titled "Leaving your mark without leaving a mark." All retirees who have worked in any educational organization and their spouses are welcome to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is $15, and RSVPs are requested by calling Nova Jennet at 523-1129.

Oñate offers assessment

Oñate High School will offer its incoming 2009-10 freshmen the EXPLORE assessment free of charge beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the school. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The EXPLORE assessment tool "will allow parents/guardians to view a measurement of their student's academic progress," Principal David Del Toro said in a letter to OHS parents.

Del Toro said the assessment usually takes three hours to administer and will be completed by noon on Dec. 6.

To register a student for the assessment, call Sandy Christianson at 527-9430, ext. 7714. For more information, call Kerri Pyeatt at 527-9430, extension 7711.

PAGE meeting Saturday

Parents and Advocates of Gifted Education (PAGE) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Las Cruces Public Schools Advanced Educational Services (AES) Professional Development Center at the Head Start Building, 821 E. Lohman Ave. The evening's program will include, "Boyz 2 Men: Gifted Boys/Gifted Men; Not an Oxymoron!!!," presented by Las Cruces High School AES facilitator (and president-elect of the New Mexico Association for the Gifted) John Frazzini. PAGE will not meet in December 2008.

For more information contact Lucy Rathgeber at 522-7680 or Gilamom@comcast.net.

Veterans Parade moved

The annual Veterans Parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, starting at the corner of Spruce Avenue and Walnut Street and proceeding west on Spruce Avenue and then north on Solano Drive to Apodaca Park on Madrid Avenue. The parade review stand will be located at the corner of Spruce Street and Solano Drive. Anyone interested in participating in the parade is asked to call Bill Hawkins, at 621-7002 for staging times and locations.

A garrison flag will be raised at Veterans Park at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veteran Day, and lowered at 5 p.m. The public is invited to join in the ceremonies.

White Sands fee waived for vets

In honor of America's military, White Sands National Monument will waive entrance fees on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to all active U.S. military personnel, veterans, and their families. This entrance fee waiver applies to all federal lands administered by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture, including all national parks, monuments and national forests. Entrance fees to White Sands are normally $3 per person. Revenue from the park's entrance fees is used to support park projects that improve the experience for visitors.

For more information about White Sands National Monument, visit www.nps.gov/whsa or call 679-2599.

ALR lecture Nov. 13

The U.S. Constitution and the recent election are the featured topics for the November Academy for Learning in Retirement lecture series.

Nancy Baker, New Mexico State University professor and head of the Department of Government, and her colleagues will discuss the just-completed election in relation to the concepts of liberty, the right to privacy, property and eminent domain and equality along with affirmative action. Her four lectures will be presented from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning Thursday, Nov. 13.

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

For more information, contact ALR Chair Adrian Edwards at 521-1485.

Model UN banquet set

The award-winning New Mexico State University Model United Nations team, in conjunction with the NMSU International Relations Institute, is inviting the public to "A Night at the UN," a benefit dinner to help send the team to compete in China. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The event will feature a keynote address by Former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, author of "The Politics of Truth: Inside the Lies that Put the White House on Trial and Betrayed My Wife's CIA Identity."

The night will also include a live auctions.

Corporate tables are available, and buyers of a whole table can choose which country their table will represent.

For more information, call Lauren at 215-7490 or email Fatah Hafassa at fatah@nmsu.edu.

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

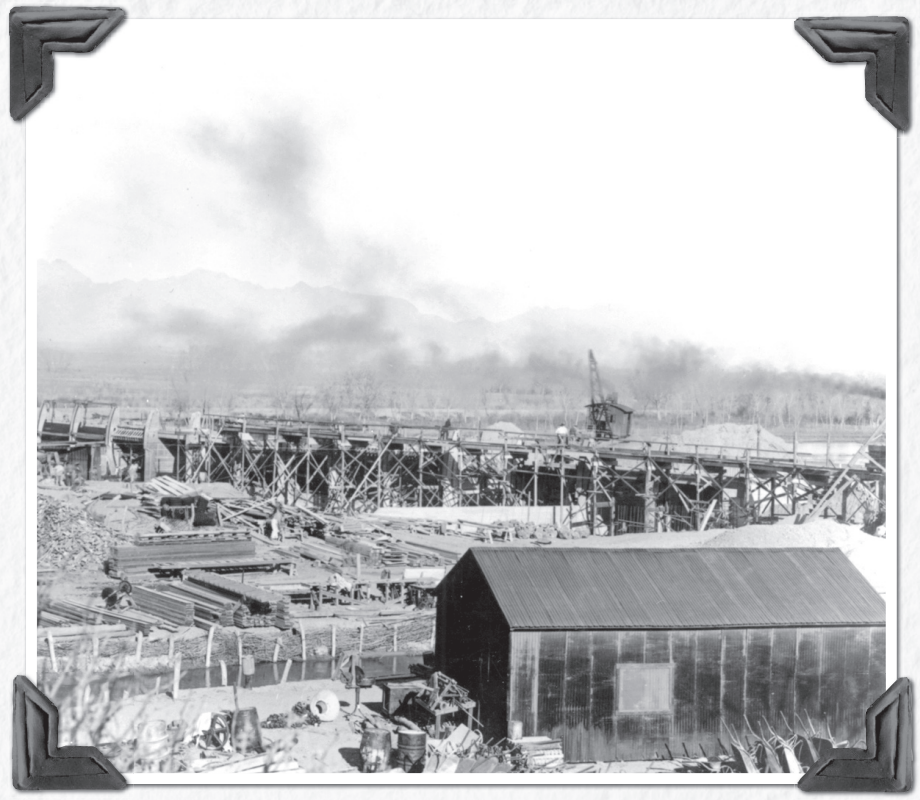
75 years ago 1933

• In another Great Depression indicator, the Federal Emergency Relief Administrator was releasing funds for certified unemployed teachers. They were to teach vocational training in rural schools, general adult education, children of the unemployed and the handicapped in their homes.

• The Fox Rio Grande Theatre reopened and displayed its baroque Spanish redecoration. Tickets were 35 cents for adults.

• About 200 Civilian Conservation Corps young men arrived to be assigned for work on the Jornada Research Range.

• Popular Dry Goods, 139 N. Main St., advertised for its Harvest Sale with women's satin, silk or wool dresses for $6.90, men's suits for $16.95, women's polo and fur coats for $9.90, men's corduroy trousers for $2.49 and men's suede jackets for $4.95.



Construction of the Mesilla Dam on the Rio Grande was well under way when this photo was taken. The dam diverts irrigation water into the east and west laterals.

50 years ago 1958

• Attorney James T. Martin beat Rep. Jack D. Malone by 5,026 to 3,750 votes for state representative and Alfredo Garcia defeated John Herbert by 5,820 to 3,136 votes for sheriff.

• The "freshmen-loaded" Aggies avoided what had been considered a probable blowout by powerful Arizona State by keeping the game to a narrow 23-19 loss.

• White Sands Missile Range fired its 2,000th "hot" test shot.

• Las Cruces High School edged Albuquerque 14-13 to take the West 1AA lead, and Gadsden beat Cathedral-El Paso 13-6.

• The Plaza Cine was featuring Pedro Infante and Evita Muñoz in "Nosotros Los Pobres."

• The temperature dropped to 29 degrees.

25 years ago 1983

• Joe Miller, who had taught auto mechanics for 30 years at Las Cruces High School was named to the National Educators Association Las Cruces Chapter's Hall-of-Fame.

• The New Mexico State University defense forced five turnovers, and Kim Locklin and James Hebert rushed for a total of 264 yards as the Aggies whipped Wichita State 62-28.

• Rose Ann Hartman of Alameda Junior High was named New Mexico Counselor of the Year.

• Albuquerque's Manzano High School knocked Mayfield out of the 3AAAA District playoffs with a 42-30 win, but the Bulldawgs beat Albuquerque's Cibola High 23-17.

10 years ago 1998

• The Department of Education's accrediting team rated Las Cruces as a "model district." But it also advised the public school district that improvements were needed in bilingual and special education.

• Police Sgt. Juan Hernandez drew 14,422 votes to 10,653 votes for Deputy James R. Lee to win the election for sheriff.

• The Parks and Recreation Department started Citydance Theater classes for everything from jazz and ballet to flamenco to Irish clog.

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

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Evening Worship 6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday:
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CHURCH NEWS

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■ KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces announced the launch of a radio ministry on local station KELP 89.3 FM. The program features the teaching ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr., as he teaches from the Word of God. The program can be heard 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on 89.3 FM. For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

■ NOVEMBERFEST IN EL PASO

The University Presbyterian Church's God Squad will hold the first annual Novemberfest to benefit the Bloodwater Mission from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, on the church grounds, 244 N. Resler Drive in El Paso.

Activities will include a rock concert by the Big Mission Band, food, jumping balloon, face painting, cake walk, fishing booth, white elephant sale, bingo and more. Admission is free and parking is plentiful.

For more information, call 915-584-5822 or visit www.upcelp.org.

A child's adoption should be celebrated

Keep your teens out of trouble with activities to keep them busy

How would you go about telling a child he or she is adopted, and when should that disclosure occur?

First, begin talking to your toddlers about their adoption before they can understand the meaning of the words. That way there will never be a moment when disclosure is necessary. To learn of adoption from a neighbor or other family member can be an awful shock to an individual. Don't risk the devastation of a later discovery by failing to take the sting out of the issue in babyhood.

Second, celebrate two birthdays with equal gusto each year: the anniversary of her birth, and the anniversary of the day she became your daughter. That is a handy mechanism by which the fact of adoption can be introduced. It also provides a way to equalize the status of siblings. Biological children have a psychological advantage, which they sometimes lord over their adopted brother or sister. That one-upmanship is neutralized somewhat when the adopted child gets a second birthday.

Third, present the adoptive event as a tremendous blessing (as implied above) that brought great excitement to the household. Tell about how badly you and your wife wanted a baby to hold even though it looked like you wouldn't get to raise another boy or girl. Then describe how the news came that "you had arrived," and how the whole family celebrated and cheered. Let your child know your delight when you first saw him lying in a crib, and how cute he looked in his blue blanket, etc. Tell him that his adoption was one of the happiest days of your life, and how you raced to the telephone to call all your friends and family members to share the fantastic news. (Again, I'm assuming that these details are true.)

This is the point: The child's interpretation of the adoptive event is almost totally dependent on the manner in which it is conveyed during the early years. Most certainly, one does not want to approach the subject sadly, admitting reluctantly that a dark and troublesome secret must now be confessed.

Fourth, when the foundation has been laid and the issue is defused, then forget it. Don't constantly remind the child of his uniqueness to the point of foolishness. Mention the matter when it is appropriate, but don't reveal anxiety or tension by constantly throwing adoption in the child's face. Youngsters are amazingly perceptive at "reading" these thinly disguised attitudes.

I believe it is possible, by following these common sense suggestions, to raise an adopted child without psychological trauma or personal insult.

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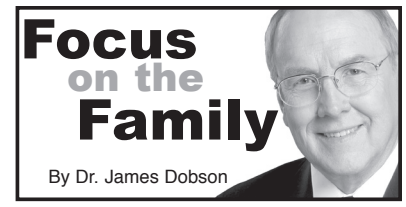

My 14-year-old boy is flighty, mischievous, irresponsible and lazy. If I don't watch him very carefully, he'll find ways to get into trouble – not really bad stuff, just stupid kid behavior. But I'm afraid I could lose him right at this time. What can I do to keep him on track?

It is most important to keep your rambunctious youngster moving. If you let him get bored, he'll find destructive ways to use unstructured and unsupervised time. My advice is to get him involved in the very best church youth program you can find. If your local congregation only has four bored kids in its junior high department and seven sleepy high schoolers, I would consider changing churches.

I know doing that could be disruptive to the rest of your family, but it might help save your volatile kid. This can be done not only through church activities but also by involvement with athletics, music, horses or other animals, and part-time jobs. The hope is that one of those options will grab his fancy at some point, and his boundless energy will be channeled into something constructive. Until then, you must keep that energetic kid's scrawny legs churning!

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.

Academy of Jewish Learning starts Nov. 8

The Academy of Jewish Learning at Temple Beth El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., has announced its Second Session class offerings. These classes are open to the public. Classes begin and registration is held on Sunday, Nov. 9. The tuition for each class is $36 and each class meets weekly for six weeks. Registration will take place between noon and 2 p.m.

Class offerings are:

Ellis Island/Jewish Cloth Doll Making
Sundays 2 to 4 p.m.

The class will join in creating a 20-inch cloth doll to represent ancestors and/or the Jewish identity. This class is open to all ages who will complete a dressed play doll. Patterns, fabric, stuffing, paints, wigs, notions, etc., will be available at the first class for a small fee.

Jewish Humor
Sundays 3 to 4 p.m.

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Yoga and Judaism
Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m.

This class will be an exploration of the similarities between the traditions of Judaism and yoga. It will include both discussion, yoga asana (postures) and breathing practice.

Contemplative Judaism
Sundays 2 to 3 p.m.

This class will delve into the contemplative, mindful practices of Judaism. The class will use the text, "Mindful Jewish Living: Compassionate Practice" by Rabbi Jonathan Slater. The text will be available by the Instructor at $15.95 plus shipping.

Hebrew I
Sundays, 2 to 3 p.m.

This class begins the process of learning to read Hebrew. It is designed for the beginning reader. The required text will be available for purchase from Erich for approximately $8.

Hebrew II
Thursdays 7 to 8 p.m.

This class is designed for the intermediate reader to brush up on their reading skills.

Basic Yiddish Sayings and Readings from Genesis in Yiddish
Sundays 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn Yiddish sayings and read from Genesis, in Yiddish.

Jewish Baking
Sundays 2 to 4 p.m. Temple kitchen

Explore the world of Jewish baking. The class will make rugelach and hamentaschen and treats from Jewish communities around the Mediterranean. There will be a small fee (as yet to be determined) for ingredients.

For more information, contact Harvey Hilbert at 521-3711.

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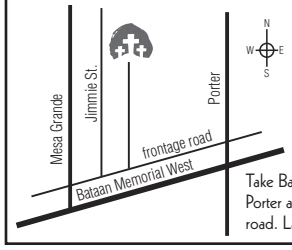

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The Good Life

What is the good life? As Wall Street totters and people are afraid to check their 401ks, we are asking, "What is the good life?"

God permitted Assyria (Iraq) to overpower Israel to chasten its leaders. Into this context, God spoke through the prophet Micah.

When the rebuke sunk in they asked, "With what shall I come before the Lord...?" The reply came: "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" *Micah 6:6,8 (ESV)*

This is the most succinct statement of ethics in the Bible. It conforms to the very character of God, who is balanced in justice and mercy, truth and grace, holiness and compassion. The good life is keeping justice and mercy, truth and grace, holiness and compassion in balance in every interaction and transaction.

But how? "Walk humbly with your God." When we see ourselves under God and alongside others, we can balance truth and love. Without humility, the Bible is merely our ethical textbook. With humility and armed with truth and grace, a humble person can walk the razor sharp line between truth and love and blend it into every action. This is the mark of a follower of Jesus Christ.

Pastor John Powell

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 Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and 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. Wednesday and Thusday, Nov. 12 and 13 a the Old Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. 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.

MAH JONGG

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

CHINA PAINTERS

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

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is taught at the Munson Senior Center in the Doña Ana Room on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

MOVIE DAY

Movie Day is the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in the TV room. Call Mark for title information at 528-3406 or email mmumper@las-cruces.org. Free popcorn is served.

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.

HIKING TRIPS

Senior Programs Recreation will be conducting hiking trips once a month (weather permitting) leaving from Munson Senior Center. Cost is $2, and will cover entrance fees (if applicable) and transportation to and from destination. Preparation is Important. Everyone is expected to bring their own water, snacks, walking shoes, pack, etc. Some destinations are: Dripping Springs, Soledad Canyon, Achenbach Canyon and other Organ Mountain locales and surrounding areas. This month's trip will be on Friday, Nov. 14, to Alkali Flats Trail in the White Sands National Monument. This 5-mile round trip has a 600-foot elevation gain and requires a moderate ability level. Cost is $5 plus a $3 park entry fee. Hikers with Golden Eagle Card may enter the park for free. The trip will depart Munson Center at 8:30 a.m. Participants must sign up in advance, and are advised to pack a lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water. For more information, contact Shaunna in the recreation office at 528-3000.

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.

SALUTE TO SENIOR VETERANS

Senior veterans who eat at any of our congregate sites are invited to eat their noon meal of the day at Munson, Friday, Nov. 7. Senior veterans can eat at the honorary table, enjoy each others camaraderie and listen to guest speaker James Turner from the Veterans Administration.

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.

RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Seniors are encouraged to join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program, by donating a few hours a week to help our community grow. Make a difference doing fun things that include:

- Tutors from K-12, help students to excel in their studies
- Clerical, help at many types of programs doing office tasks
- Join in the fun with NM State Games
- Be an advocate for those that need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to various community programs
- Serve as a member of an organization, raise funds to help others
- Have a trade that you can teach others
- Help deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

Give a few hours to make the community a healthy and enjoyable place for everyone. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

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Local nurses honored for their dedication

New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards present unique opportunity

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether it is patients, students or fellow employees, nurses all over the nation spend their days caring for those around them.

While knowing they have made a difference in someone's life is thanks enough for many, the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence offers a unique opportunity for nurses statewide to be nominated by their fellow staff members and those they serve for the annual New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards.

Held on Oct. 25, this year's event saw many nurses from southern New Mexico nominated for their dedication and their excellent patient-care standards.

Leigh DeRoos, an immunization nurse at the New Mexico State University Student Health Center and president of the New Mexico Nurses Association District 14, was one of those who was not only nominated, but received the Nursing Management Award for her work ethic.

"It's an honor and a humbling experience to know that, of all the people nominated, they chose you to represent nurse managers throughout the state," she said. "I know at the Student Health Center we have a great group of nurses. I am always amazed at the lengths they go to in order to facilitate patient care."

Rebecca Kroll, home health nurse at Memorial Medical Center, received the Home Health and Hospice Award for her work not only with her patients, but also their families.

"With home health, it's a different setting. You get to know families, and you get to see where they live," she said. "One reccurring theme you will hear, regardless of who you are talking to, is it's all about who we are serving – our patients, each other, our community. That's where the greatest reward really is."

For those who were nominated, but did not receive an award, it was still great to know that the people around them see what they do and recognize their dedication.

"We have such a tremendous group of nursing professionals in this part of the state, and to have the opportunity to work with this group of nurses and in turn have that recognized by our colleagues, it's hard to describe," said Ann DeBooy, chief nurse at MMC, who was nominated for the Nurse Administrator Award.

As interim director for the NMSU of Nursing, Jacalyn Ryberg, who was nominated for an award in nursing education, was able to give insight from an educational perspective.

"I feel very humbled and very privileged to be nominated, because when you are working with talented students and talented faculty, folks that have energy and insight and creativity, you feel very blessed," she said.

Along with fellow employees within the School of Nursing, Ryberg helped bring online nursing courses to the state of New Mexico for those who live in rural areas.

"We started the first online school nursing course in the state and the country," she said. "It wasn't because of one person, I just was just the one nominated."

Local nurses Ann Debooy, Leigh DeRoos, T.J. Jasso, Rebecca Kroll, Patricia Frank, Jacalyn Ryberg and Charlotte Reid were all nominated for the 2008 New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards. All of these medical professionals are proud of the caliber of nurses found in southern New Mexico.

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For Patricia Frank, an infectious disease nurse with the New Mexico Department of Health, the best part about the nomination is knowing that she received it for doing what she loves – working in the community.

"I have the best job I have ever had in my life at the New Mexico Department of Health," Frank said. "To be nominated for something is extra special, but I am rewarded by having the best job in the world."

While the majority of today's nurses are female, Trinidad Jasso, a diabetic educator at MMC who was also nominated for an award, said that he has always been happy with his choice to become a nurse and is glad to be helping those trying to better understand the state of their health.

"Diabetes is a chronic illness and every day there are new patients diagnosed with it," he said. "It's about listening to them (patients) and understanding."

Along with Jasso, all of the nurses mentioned that a major part of what makes them successful at what they do is that they are constantly evolving and keeping informed on developments in the medical field.

"We have to stay abreast of all these changes and research," Jasso said.

"Education is so big, and we are changing all the time," Ryberg added. "What we learn basically just keeps going and going."

With the state facing a present and future nursing shortage, Ryberg added that the future of nursing is in the hands of educators.

"If we continue to educate the way we are educating today, we will never catch up. So we are really needing to look at what are alternatives to maximize the resources we have," Ryberg said.

As the group of nurses began talking about how they approach their profession while visiting the Bulletin office, it became apparent that they are all interconnected and must work together to reach a common goal.

"At Mesilla Valley Hospice, it's all teamwork," said nurse Charlotte Reid, who was nominated for an award in hospice in-home care. "We all work together for the community."

At some point in their career, all of them had their own mentors who pushed them and encouraged them to achieve, and they are happy to know they are doing the same.

"You try to set an example, and you have high expectations of your staff, and they in turn have high expectations of you," DeRoos said. "We hire nursing students at the Student Health Center during their last two or three semesters, and you really want to set an example for them."

Whether it's practicing in-home care, working at a doctor's office, going out into the public, teaching or working in a hospital, all agreed that nursing presents a wide array of options for the next generation of professionals.

"There is something for every one in nursing," DeRoos said.

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November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Make a healthy lifestyle change to celebrate occasion

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to a chronic illness affecting millions of people throughout the world. In fact, one in three children born after the year 2000 is expected to have diabetes in his or her lifetime. Nearly 24 million Americans have diabetes, and by 2050, that number is expected to reach 48 million.

Diabetes is the condition in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, the hormone needed to convert sugar and starches into energy. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, amputations and kidney failure. It is also the fifth-leading cause of death in the country and it can triple a person's risk for heart attack and stroke.

National diabetes rates are surging, and although there is no cure for type 1 diabetes, which occurs when the immune system mistakenly destroys cells that make insulin, type 2 diabetes can often be prevented. Type 2 diabetes accounts for about 90 percent of cases and is associated with obesity and lack of exercise. This type usually occurs after a condition known as pre-diabetes, which is currently affecting 57 million people in the United States. The good news is that pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes can often be prevented by making diet and exercise changes.

Many new products can help consumers eat healthy and make lifestyle changes easily, said Mike Cecil who develops better products for Wells Dairy Inc., the largest family-owned and operated dairy processor in the country. Cecil spends a lot of time researching healthier ingredients that will make products healthier without sacrificing taste. For those who want to make a lifestyle change for the better, Cecil offers ideas on ways to incorporate treats into their diet:

Dark chocolate

Studies show that eating dark chocolate, above 60-percent cocoa, may contribute to improved cardiovascular health and lower blood sugar. Packed with natural antioxidants, dark chocolate and cocoa sit in the same good-for-you category as green tea and pomegranates. The trick is to shoot for 60-percent cocoa or above. The higher the natural cocoa content, the greater the antioxidant level. Keep in mind that dark chocolate is an indulgent treat and you only need a small portion. Moderation is key when it comes to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Ice cream

No longer does reducing calories and fat mean that you have to give up a favorite treat – ice cream. Fro those on the go, get a prepackaged 100-calorie bar or a frozen fruit bar. If buying a family-sized container, go for reduced fat, fat free or no sugar added. For example, buying no-sugar-added, reduced-fat vanilla will allow one to make banana splits and sundaes that have 100 calories less per cup.

Light snacks

Making a few small changes when buying snacks can make a big difference. Go for multigrain crackers instead of cheese ones. Forget regular butter popcorn and grab a light pack or look for new varieties made with herbs and olive oil. When considering sweet snacks, choose light ones. The Blue Bunny Sweet Freedom line, for example, offers treats like the black raspberry bars made with no-sugar-added, reduced-fat ice cream. Choosing a Sweet Freedom dessert or a Sugar Free Bomb Pop will keep calories and carbohydrates low, which is essential to preventing diabetes.

Healthy Drinks

Soda contains no nutrients, yet it is loaded with extra calories and sugar. To get the most out of your diet, forget your daily soda and go for drinks that provide important vitamins. Low-sodium, 100-percent vegetable juice is a great option and so is vitamin or flavor-enriched water. Just make sure that you check drink labels for calories; healthy water drinks should contain zero calories. To get a fizz fix without all the sugar, try bubbly green-tea beverages.

Flu shot clinic

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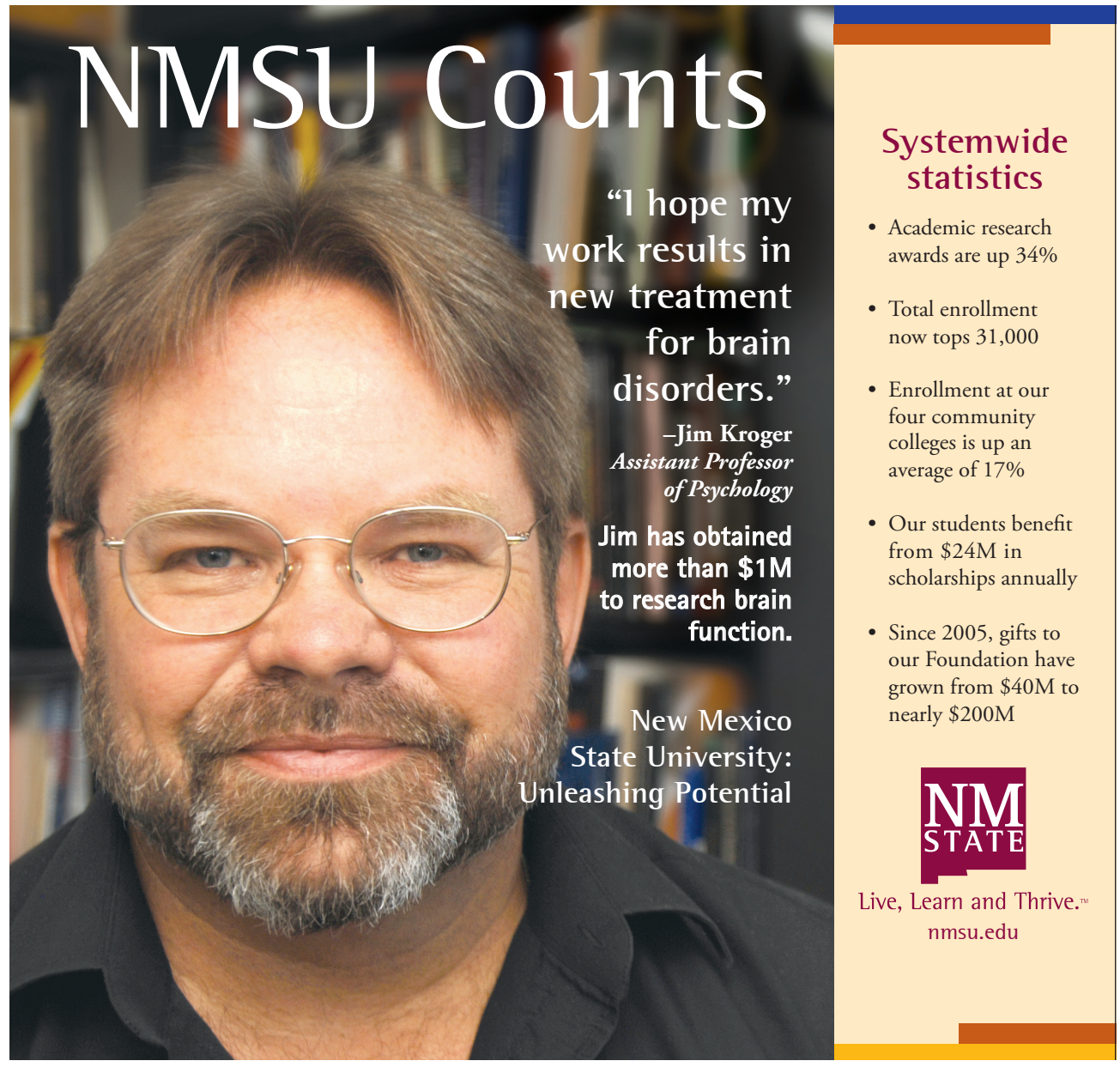
Barbara Clark, director of women's services at MountainView Regional Medical Center, gives a flu shot to David Vigil at the hospital's drive-up flu shot clinic Saturday, Nov. 1. Flu shots are recommended for all children from 6 months to 18 years of age, anyone 50 years of age and older and anyone who lives with or cares for people at risk of the flu.



AROUND TOWN

health events and support groups

LIVING WITH DIABETES LECTURE SERIES

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.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support group meets the second Thursday of every month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 Lohman Ave., in the Community Education room from 6 to 7 p.m. The group helps bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks will be available. For more information, contact Geraldo at 650-4404 or email southernm.transplant.supportgrp@gmail.com.

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.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Education Room of MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave.

The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, contact Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

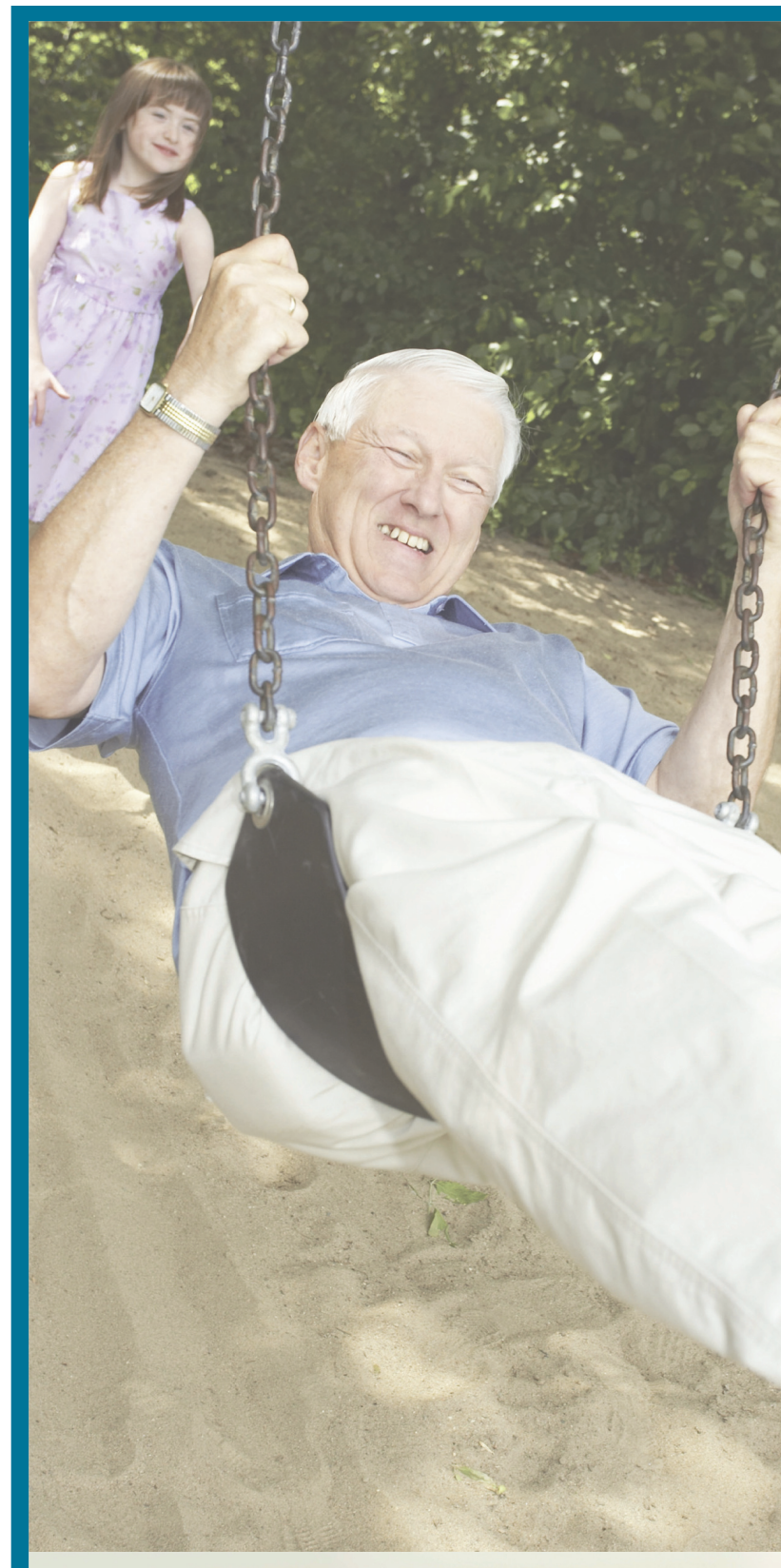
LOST VISION GROUP THERAPY

Psychologist Cheryl Black 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 to 11 a.m. or at the Munson Senior Center, 575 S. Mesquite St., from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke support group is held at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, in the Doña Ana room at Munson Senior Center, 575 S. Mesquite St.



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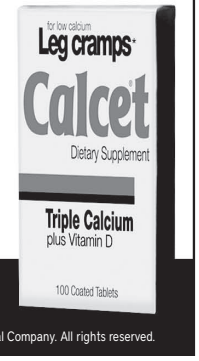

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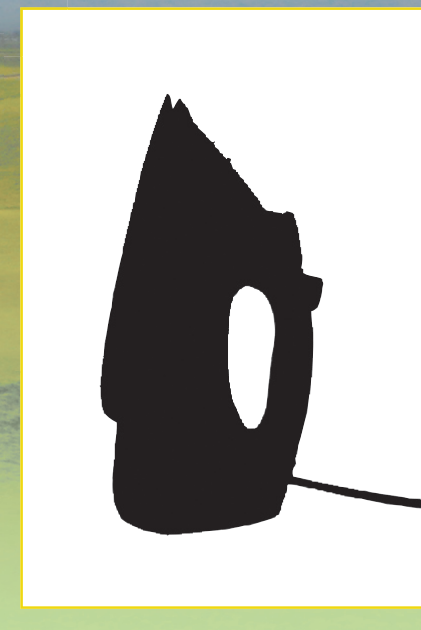

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I don't want your millions

Letter scams are still going strong

If you have an email address, you've probably received a nice email from a foreign person hoping to share his or her inherited millions with you – if you provide some personal information and pay the expenses to "transfer" the money.

Not to say that you're untrustworthy and these people have no reason NOT to trust you with their millions of pounds or "USD," it's that there really isn't any. On top of a money loss, victims who fall for it and send their personal information are subject to identity theft.

These types of scams, while people have been getting hit more often than ever before, have actually been around for more than 20 years and have been dubbed Nigerian Letter scams or Nigerian 491 – the number of the penal code under which this type of advanced-fee frauds are categorized in Nigeria. After doing a little research, it's said that this type of scam originated by Nigerian students when the economy began to decline. Since then, scammers in other parts of the world, especially Western Europe, have begun to pick up the unfortunate trend.

For most of us who know it's common sense to ignore these emails, there are some who still get hooked by the idea of getting millions of dollars. Luckily the FBI has issued some tips to avoid this type of scam:

- If you receive a letter from Nigeria asking you to send personal or banking information, do not reply in any manner. Send the letter to the U.S. Secret Service, your local FBI office, or the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. You can also register a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel.
- If you know someone who is corresponding in one of these schemes, encourage that person to contact the FBI or the U.S. Secret Service as soon as possible.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as Nigerian or foreign government officials asking for your help in placing large sums of money in overseas bank accounts.
- Do not believe the promise of large sums of money for your cooperation.
- Guard your account information carefully.

While these guidelines seem like common sense, remember there are some who still fall victim to the scams. Be careful out there.

Workforce Center renovated

Facility assists in strengthening economic value

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In the midst of its 35th anniversary, Doña Ana Community College has had a lot to celebrate, including the open house of its Workforce Center, which houses the Small Business Development Center, the Workforce and Continuing Education and the Technical and Industrial divisions.

Funded with $3.65 million from the state and federal governments, 33,000 square feet of the facility was remodeled.

"We're proud to be the workforce-training hub of southern New Mexico," DACC President Margie Huerta said.

A facility with a special purpose in economic development, the Workforce Center prepares all for the workforce – whether they are still attending high school, changing careers or starting up their own business.

At no expense to them, high school students have the opportunity to take post-secondary technical classes at the Workforce Center.

On the other end of the spectrum are individuals who may have already spent years

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Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta, center, cuts the ribbon to celebrate the renovations of the Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Joining her were key representatives of the "partnership" needed to strengthen New Mexico's economy, including (to her right) NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado and Lt. Gov. Diane Denish and City Councillor Miguel Silva.

Bulletin names homes editor

Journalist grows along with publication

Las Cruces Bulletin reporter Bethany Conway has been promoted to editor of the Homes & Southwest Living section of the weekly newspaper.

Conway, who has been with the Bulletin for more than a year, will oversee the Homes section and its content, which includes a featured home, kitchen gadget, around-the-house item and a profile on a local builder or Realtor.

The section also features pertinent information on Southwest living, such as recipes, gardening tips and insight into design and construction trends.

"I am so thankful for all of the opportunities Dave and Jaki McCollum have given me," Conway said. "They took a chance on a young writer, which is something that I don't think many companies would have done."

Conway also oversees the Bulletin's health section and said her experience at the newspaper has helped her hone skills in pagination and photojournalism.

"I'm proud of what she's done with the section, and she has really made it her own," said FIG Publications President Jaki McCollum. "She's doing a great job."

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> JAKI McCOLLUM, president, FIG Publications

Conway said she's also grateful for the opportunity to create long-lasting relationships in Las Cruces.

"While working for the Bulletin, I have been able to get to know the community in which I grew up in ways I could have never imagined," she said. "It has helped me to gain a greater appreciation for Las Cruces and those that make our southern New Mexico community great."

A 2003 graduate of Mayfield High School, Conway earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of New Mexico, where she worked as a writer for the UNM Foundation.

Her career at the Bulletin also has led to her civic participation in the community. Conway is treasurer for the Las Cruces Press Women and serves as a member of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association Anniversary Committee.

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Bethany Conway has been promoted to Las Cruces Bulletin Homes & Southwest Living editor.

PROFILE

Kari Mitchell: Spearheading community initiatives

Las Cruces Machine CEO driven by a passion to help youth

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In this fast-paced society fueled by information technology, people are struggling to keep up the pace.

Not Kari Mitchell, who serves as CEO of Las Cruces Machine, has contributed to several groundbreaking community initiatives and home-schools her two sons.

Despite her full plate, she's always bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to talk about what means most to her.

"Everything is motivated by passion," Mitchell said. "When you're passionate about something, you find the energy to keep going."

> "Everything is motivated by passion."

Mitchell kept going when she and her husband, Rod, moved to Las Cruces from Houston, Texas, after they purchased Las Cruces Machine, a small-component manufacturing company, in 2000.

Rod Mitchell had been an engineer for Dow Chemical, while Kari Mitchell worked in health care administration.

"It was quite a change for me," she said. "I went from a very white-collar job to a blue-collar job, but it was more of a culture leap than a fundamental leap. Processing a patient through the system is very similar to processing a product through the system."

Because of Mitchell's position within the company, Las Cruces Machine is considered to be female-owned, a rare find in her industry. However, she isn't presented with the same set of challenges as she would if she were the single owner of the business.

"It's really a team effort," she said. "I got in this business by saying, 'I do.' My business is to support Rod's business. I do the business side, and he does the technical.

"Not to say there aren't challenges to owning your own business. We're responsible for everything – whether the bathroom has toilet paper or not. You don't just worry about your livelihood, you worry about everyone's. Those become very personal to you."

In recent times, worrying about her employees' livelihood has become more of an issue, since she said the business is heavily affected by globalization.

"We've seen a fairly significant drop in activity," she said. "Just like 9/11, I think there were 2 million manufacturing jobs lost, and now there are 50 to 60,000 manufacturing jobs already gone. We're as susceptible as any company. These are rocky times, and to be frank, we spend a lot of time in prayer."

While considering the 50 employees of the company, Mitchell also has embarked on an effort to strengthen local economic development activities and has been an integral part in creating partnerships between education and business.

Shortly after the Mitchells purchased the business, Kari Mitchell said she became involved with the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance after voicing some concerns about the community.

"This community has phenomenal talent, but it lacked collaboration," she said. "I was perplexed so much by that. The talent and potential was so unharnessed and so segmented."

Serving as chair of MVEDA two years ago, Mitchell assisted in a strategic plan for the economic development organization. Her involvement with MVEDA led to participation in Leadership Las Cruces and Leadership New Mexico, where issues she was interested in were discussed.

"There was a lot of community service, but not an economic development engine, which drives the need for workforce, and workforce drives the need for education.

"That led me to MVEDA and founding – with Patsy Duran and others – the Regional Education Initiative and the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition. All of those things are about collaboration."

The Regional Education Initiative brought educational leaders from the Hatch Valley, Las Cruces and Gadsden school districts together with key business leaders for The Bridge, the nonprofit component that will implement the vision of preparing all students to graduate from high school and compete in the workforce.

"That's the thing that's exciting about it," she said. "Education is truly embracing business, and business is embracing academics."

The Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition also is a partnership that encompasses school, business and government in order to have one voice speak on behalf of the organizations when it comes to lobbying for funding or other needs.

"We're all in this together," Mitchell said. "We only win if we stay arm and arm. If we become deluded with special interests, we lose really quickly."

She's teaching this philosophy with her two children, Joshua and Jeremiah, as she works to home-school them.

"Other than my life with my husband, home-schooling my children is the most important part of my life," she said. "There are lots of reasons I do it, and there are lots of benefits. I've raised my children alongside my work and my community involvement. They see a lot of life, and they have a sense of why these things matter. I'm teaching them to live for causes greater than them. I want to go through the daily struggles with them."

As she continues to home-school her children, Mitchell said she will probably pull back from her community involvement over the next 10 years to focus on her children.

But for now, she maintains her busy schedule, although she admits it has not allowed her to pursue other activities.

"We travel as a family, but we're home-schooling the whole time. We make sacrifices," she said. "There's a life to be lived that we're not living, but we're OK with that. We make it to the next step."

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Kari Mitchell, CEO of Las Cruces Machine, has co-founded community efforts like the Regional Education Inititative and the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition.

Kari Mitchell

CEO
Las Cruces Machine

Family
- Married for 19 years to Rod Mitchell, president of Las Cruces Machine
- Son Joshua, 10
- Son Jeremiah, 6

Education
- Bachelor's degrees in management and marketing, Adams State College (Colo.)
- Master's degree in business administration, University of Houston

Organizations
- Past chair, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
- Co-founder, The Bridge
- Co-founder, Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition
- Member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Government, Candidates and Education committees

67% of pending home sales below $200,000

Sellers are selling for less than asking price

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

What a difference a year can make. In March of this year, this column's headline read: "Majority of local home sales below $250,000." The number was based on sales data from Oct. 1, through Dec. 31, 2007, as reported by the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) arm of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR). At that time, approximately 59.1 percent of our local area sales were closed at $200,000 or less.

Today, MLIS reports that 67 percent of all of the pending new- and existing-home, townhome and condominium sales carry asking prices of no more than $200,000. That's a 13-percent increase in the number of homes selling below $200,000 or less since last year. A transaction is pending when the purchase agreement has been signed, but the transaction has not yet closed. Currently, homes in the Las Cruces area are selling for around 96 percent of their asking prices, so the actual sales prices for the current sales may be somewhat lower than the asking prices.

Of the 136 homes listed as pending on Oct. 30, 79 units, or 58.1 percent, were existing homes. The remaining 57 units, or 41.9 percent, of the spoken-for properties, were new construction. The average and median asking prices for the new-homes were $222,746 and $179,900 respectively, while the average and median asking prices for the existing-homes came in at $199,415 and $157,500 respectively.

Sales of distressed properties made up only a small portion of the total number of pending transactions, accounting for around 3.5 percent of the new-home sales and 2.5 percent of the existing-home sales.

Where do we go from here? A quick look at updated MLIS statistics reveals that the number of pending transactions posted each week continues to decline, leaving little doubt that the number of closed home sales will also continue to decline as we finish-out the year. Slow sales or not, I know that it will only be a matter of time until I …

See you at closing!

New & Existing Home-Sale Transactions Currently Awaiting Closing (Pending)

	Pending Sales	Average Asking	Median Asking	Short Sales	SFRs	Condos	Townhomes
New Homes	57 (41.9%)	$222,746	$179,900	3.50%	53	4	0
Existing Homes	79 (58.1%)	$199,415	$157,500	2.50%	76	1	2
Totals	136	$211,080	$168,700	3.0%	129	5	2

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing & Information Service (MLIS) as of 10/30/08 Copyright 2008 Gary Sandler Inc.*
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Number of Pending Sales by Price Range

	New Homes	Existing Homes
Under $100,000	1	9
$100k - $149,999	15	24
$150k - $199,999	18	21
$200k - $299,999	17	12
$300k - $499,999	5	10
$500k and Above	1	3
Totals	57	79

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At the DACC Distinguished Alumni Reception

Honoring their colleague Eric Lee Hanssen, center, are from left, Tim Chappell, Robert Chavez, David Valdez and John Juarez

Arlene Rodriguez accepts recognition as one of Doña Ana Community College's Distinguished Alumni during a reception Saturday, Nov. 1.

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George A. Sanchez accepts his award as Tarlonchan Dhillon and DACC President Margie Huerta look on.

Three recognized at Homecoming reception

Continuing its 35th Anniversary Celebration, and in keeping with the Homecoming tradition, Doña Ana Community College recognized and presented awards to three distinguished alumni at a reception on Saturday, Nov. 1. The recipients were Eric Lee Hanssen of the Business and Information Systems Technology Division, Arlene Rodriguez of the Health and Public Services Division and George A. Sanchez of the Technical and Industrial Studies Division.

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Enchanted Artisans showcases local work

Grand opening is Saturday, Nov. 8

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jackye Meinecke, owner of Enchanted Gardens, is expanding her business at 201 Avenida de Mesilla by offering a space for local artisans to showcase their work.

The grand opening for Enchanted Artisans, scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, is a partnership between Meinecke and artists Gabriella Denton, Jo Rango, Genevieve Sanders and Nancy Wyatt.

"Gabriella and I were talking about renting studio space," Meinecke said. "As we talked, she moved forward to the concept of a consignment space for local artisans. She, Genevieve and I discussed and solved the usual artist/gallery concerns. Then the idea took off."

Denton will be displaying folk art prints and Funny Diva earrings, which she described as "playful, lightweight, inexpensive earrings."

"I couldn't find them, so I started making them for myself, and my friends wanted to buy some," she said.

Whimsical, playful and colorful are recurring themes of the artists' work.

Genevieve Sanders, an employee of Enchanted Gardens, also will take on the title of artisan when she showcases her Happy Pants.

"They're wonderful, loose-fitting, casual gardening pants made of various materials – wovens, linens and corduroy," Sanders said. "I got the name from Gabriella Denton, and we just thought it would be fun."

Sanders, who has worked for Meinecke for more than two years, does all the displays at Enchanted Gardens, and although she has never sold her creations, she said she's ready to try.

"I respect Jackye immensely," she said. "We thought we all had something to offer her in conjunction with her store. It's a new avenue to show off our talents."

Jo Rango also will show off her talents with Wrist Rocks, and Silver City potter Nancy Wyatt also will offer her works of art.

"I think many shoppers are looking for a unique product and experience that also supports local artisans and local businesses," Meinecke said. "Obviously, we hope to make sales and profits for all involved, though that is not our sole motivation. We also hope to create a unique space for quality artisans that are also affordable."

In addition to a meet-and-greet with the artisans during the grand opening, Meinecke said the business will be decorated for the holidays, and there will be refreshments available, in addition to some items on sale or discounted.

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Buy and hold still good advice during downturn

It takes guts to stick to the strategy

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

The rollercoaster ride that has been the stock market over the last three months has been a hair-raising experience. But through it all, many financial market experts have recommended standing pat. They recommend against out-thinking the market.

The logic behind this advice is the same logic that underlies the recommendation for standard times – which is to buy and hold a diversified portfolio. First, one should diversify to eliminate as much risk as possible. Second, one should buy and hold so as to minimizetransaction fees.

If buy and hold is the advice for normal times, its corollary is to stand pat during the rough times. While the events of the last few months involve complex interactions, at its most basic, the declines in residential real estate values reduced the equity backing of a variety of financial securities. Lenders, seeing the underlying collateral eroded, essentially initiated a gigantic call on the global financial system. Banks and other financial companies struggled to reassure lenders. Some succeeded like Citicorp, which was able to raise funds from several Persian Gulf sovereign funds. Others failed to find new funding, including Bearn Stearns.

The system has frozen up. Businesses, like investment bankers and hedge funds that once used other people's money to buy and sell, can't get funding. They have had to drop out of the market. The result has been a sharp decline in liquidity. The loss in liquidity means those who need to sell may not be able to find a buyer. Stock and bond prices have dropped precipitously as a result.

> "The current meltdown has not destroyed the capacity of the U.S. economy."

Here is where the opportunity arises for those following a buy-and-hold strategy. Despite the scorn heaped on John McCain when he said the fundamentals are sound, the fact is, the fundamentals are sound. The current meltdown has not destroyed the capacity of the U.S. economy. The American workforce remains productive. Our factories are still standing. Those willing to hold will likely be rewarded when the financial meltdown resolves itself and liquidity returns to the market.

Well, what about selling now and buying back in when the market turns around? Good strategy, if you know when the market will turn around. The problem is that no one knows. Experience shows that markets, when they turn around, tend to recover quickly. Those on the sidelines are likely to miss out.

What about retirees who need to live on their savings? The average retiree can expect to live another 10 years. They may need to liquidate some savings, but most of their portfolio will need to be held for years to come. A buy-and-hold strategy applies to them also.

Of course, there are some circumstances when liquidating investments is necessary. Students do need to pay tuition. Medical bills do come up unexpectedly. Other expenses may arise. But for most of us, now is not the time to panic, but to ride out the storm. The advice given by financial economists for years – buy and hold a diversified portfolio – still holds, even in these uncertain times.

Producers predicting high-quality pecans

New orchards are increasing local yields

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico pecan orchards are in the off-year of the alternate-bearing cycle, but the nut sizes and quality are good and the harvest outlook is promising, Phillip Arnold of San Saba Pecan said.

The USDA is predicting in its early estimation a state pecan harvest of about 46 million pounds of in-shell pecans. The production in 2005 was 80 million pounds, a record.

"We had a lot of younger pecan orchards coming into production, and that increased the yield," Arnold said at the recent Pecan Field Day. "And that could keep increasing the New Mexico pecan production for the next 10 years. If we don't see a decline, in the next 10 years we could see a pecan production approaching 100 million-pounds in New Mexico."

San Saba brokers and cleans pecans. But Arnold also is associated with the Arnold Brothers Partnership with his brother, Gary, that grows, cleans and custom harvests pecans.

The production trend would be vulnerable to prices that are received and production costs. Also, if a farmer has a chance to sell some land at a good price, including a pecan orchard, and commodity prices are bogged down, the farmer may choose to sell.

And production costs keep going up. The last couple of years, the price of fertilizer has increased 300 to 400 percent.

"Manufacturing fertilizers is directly related to energy," Arnold said. "Everything has to be moved. We've been looking at more than $4 a gallon for diesel. It backed down a little. Pecan prices are up, but the higher prices of petroleum have been eating into our profits. And labor costs are up."

Last year, state pecan growers had a good crop and, "decent prices. We made a little bit of money," he said.

The export market helped.

"We had an increase in pecan exports to China," he said. "The Chinese exports were better than we've ever seen them. The weak U.S. dollar made American products a bargain. Pecans were cheaper than other tree nuts, less than $4 a pound like walnuts.

"And we had a record consumption of pecans in the U.S, about 375 million pounds. The pecan export was 40 million pounds."

Nut trees grow from year to year, Arnold said, explaining the alternate-bearing cycle. After a heavy nut production season, like last year, the trees are left stressed.

"The trees' reserves are depleted. They need more water, fertilizer, sunlight to go from one year to the next," he said. "Instead of producing a lot of nuts they're building up their carbohydrates to grow nuts, trying to recuperate."

High temperatures continue, and producers also are watching for late sprouting from nuts.

Pecan growers in competing states have been having weather problems. Georgia has survived a dry spell with late rains. But the rainfall and clouds have been causing problems in that state, insects, fungi and lack of sunlight for photosynthesis to build energy reserves.

The USDA has estimated Georgia production this year at 40 million pounds, down from 140 million last year.

Rain also has been bringing problems for Texas producers, with the scab fungus showing up in nut clusters.

Paul Koenig of Young Pecan Co. reported that, although the quantity is down, "the quality is excellent."

The company, which has its cleaning plant on Entrada del Sol in Las Cruces, is buying pecans out of Mexico where the orchard owners are "green harvesting" near Hermosillo, Sonora, and Torreon, Coahuila. The pecans are mature and the hulls still are green. The hulls are splitting, are not stuck to the nuts and can be removed with rollers in the plant, Koenig said.

Greg Daviet, who grows pecans on 250 acres, also sees a good quality pecan crop with a high kernel percent filling out the nuts.

"We're seeing more chances of a green harvest, the earliest in several years, because of the early shuck split," said Daviet, who also is president of the Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau.

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Shucks on mature pecans are beginning to split in this orchard just east of the Rio Grande. Many farmers see chances of an early "green harvest."

"Pecan growers are expected a good crop for an off-year with high quality," Extension Service horticulturist Jeff Anderson said. "They're just hopeful that the prices will be up."

They are watching the pecan cold-storage carryover from last year, hoping that bakeries and confection manufactures will use it up before the harvest starts.

New Mexico pecan growers are faced with higher production costs. Pecan production costs in the Southwest are $2,500 an acre compared with $1,800 an acre in the Southeast, Anderson said.

The annual Pecan Conference and Show is scheduled in Las Cruces on March 1, 2 and 3, which also will feature the Food Fantasy, the recipe contest for new uses of pecan.

The New Mexico pecan industry has been growing during the last couple of decades, but the production shows the effect of the alternate-bearing cycle. The production in 1990 was 29 million pounds. In 1995 it was 55 million pounds. It dropped to 45 million pounds in 2000 but it reached 65 million pounds in 2005, which stood as a record for a couple of years. The production value also has fluctuated, $52 million in 1990, $47.9 million in 2000 and $113.5 million in 2005, according to the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Workforce

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in the workforce and have either become unemployed, are underemployed or are searching for additional workforce skills.

The Workforce and Continuing Education Division fulfills all of those needs. Classes are available for building computer and customer service skills. There are scheduled seminar classes, but customized training for employees also is available. The training doesn't have to take place in the Workforce Center – trainers can come to the employer.

The Small Business Development Center also provides training and seminars, but with a different focus – to assist individuals starting their small business and for those who already have one open.

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, who was on hand to take part in the celebration, said facilities like DACC's Workforce Center are essential to New Mexico's economic success.

"By pulling together, we can build a strong, competitive workforce in New Mexico," Denish said. "The key to New Mexico's stability is growth and development."

The concept is part of Denish's theory of an "educonomy."

"We have to make the educational system relevant to young people," she said. "We need to have more opportunities. Dual learning and training for adults in the workforce – that's what's going to make New Mexico successful. We have new, emerging industries – aerospace, film, alternative energy, and we're growing in health care. With the facilities, the model is there.

"Work is the lifeblood of humanity. People have to love what they do and do what they love, and really good jobs are being made available. That's why this partnership is really important."

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman joined in the partnership by supporting the federal funding for the renovation and other legislation for higher-education institutions.

The College Cost and Reduction Access Act of 2007 has provided the "largest increase in student aid since the G.I. Bill," Bingaman said. The act provides an additional $200 million in aid for New Mexico families.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 increases the maximum amount for the Pell Grant, which will be $6,000 by 2009 and $8,000 by the 2014-15 academic year. The grants also will be available for summer education.

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IN GOOD COMPANY: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Riding in on success

Outdoor Adventures caters to cycling community

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Because Las Cruces boasts nearly an entire 300 days of sunshine, it's no wonder there's a large group of cyclists who opt to enjoy the weather. The current state of the economy brings even more of a reason to trade in four wheels for two.

The right bicycle and all the accessories for riders can be found at Outdoor Adventures, 1424 Missouri Ave. Employees of the business, including owner Don Donahue and Manager Pablo Lopez, are avid riders, so they have a genuine interest and a vast knowledge on the specialty.

Lopez has been working at Outdoor Adventures for nine years now, he said, starting as a "grease monkey," repairing bicycles and working his way up to a managerial position. Over the years, he said he's noticed that the current location near New Mexico State University has helped business.

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In addition to selling bicycles, Outdoor Adventures offers all the accessories, including gear.

"Because of our location, we do a lot with commuters to the university," Lopez said. "We'll provide services – repairs and tune-ups – but it's also about preventative maintenance, buying heavy-duty tubes and sealers. A bike needs to be dependable, and it's not dependable if you're walking it instead of riding it because it has a flat tire."

Outdoor Adventures Manager Pablo Lopez also is an avid cyclist. He said he sold his car 11 years ago and now commutes on a bicycle.

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While catering to commuters, Outdoor Adventures also caters to the high-end mountain bike racer and all the accessories.

"You can even come and pick up a cool set of shades," Lopez said.

In addition to cycling, Outdoor Adventures also provides a small selection of rock-climbing accessories – ropes, crash pads and harnesses.

"It's a small section of the store," Lopez said, "but we keep it going because most of the time people can't find it anywhere. The closest is probably in Albuquerque."

Because of the mild climate, business is good year-round and Outdoor Adventures currently has seven employees, including manager.

Getting through the tough economy has adversely affected the business, but Lopez said it also has brought more business to the shop.

"The price of everything has seen an increase – some items up to 15 percent," he said. "That's directly related to rising fuel costs, so production is a little more expensive. We're still able to offer high-quality products at reasonable prices regardless."

The balance that has come with the rise in prices has been the increase of people who are keeping their cars in the garage and turning to their bikes.

"There has been an increase in interested people who are willing to ride those two miles to work each day instead of drive, like they've been doing for the past 10 years," Lopez said. "That balances it all out a little bit."

Lopez knows what it's like to be a commuter all too well. He sold his car 11 years ago and has been living on two wheels ever since. While he is able to enjoy the weather, he said there's one season that avid cyclists dread – the windy season.

"We don't have a lot of people interested when the sky is brown and you can't see the mountains."

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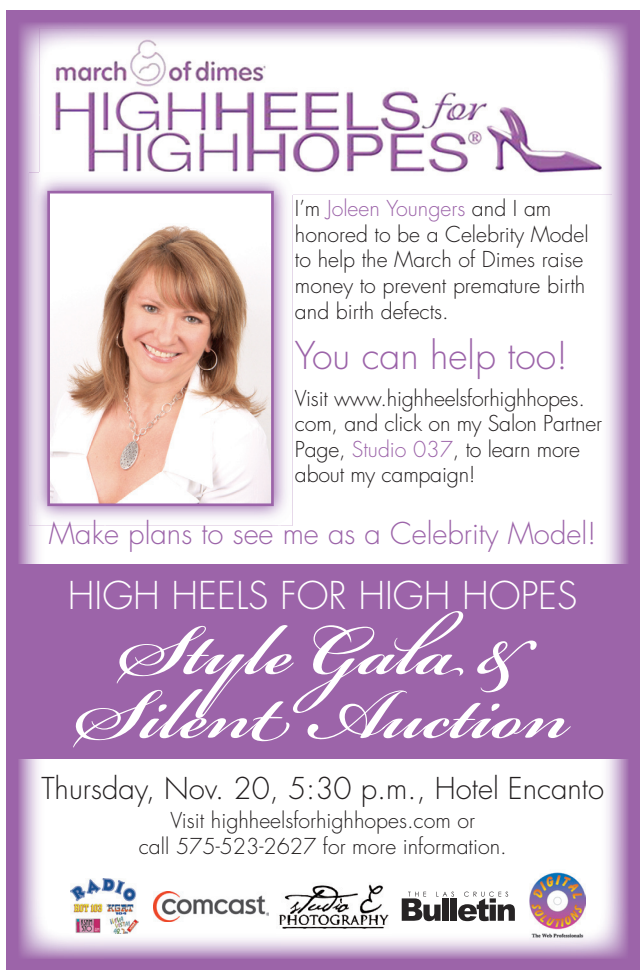

In Good Company: Outdoor Adventures

Q&A: Talking business with Manager Pablo Lopez

What inspired you to go into business?
After years of riding bicycles and commuting, I thought it would be great to learn the other aspects of cycling. Working on bikes opened the door to a whole new world.

What is unique about your business?
The customer base we serve and the fun we have relating to them. Everybody that comes through our door is offering a new challenge.

Who are your customers?
Everyday commuters who don't have cars, baby boomers getting fit. avid racers looking for the competitive edge, rock climbers who need the basics and kids learning how to ride.

Where do you see the business in five years?
Las cruces is ripe for an expansion of bike lanes and facilities to suit commuters. Hopefully we can expand to other areas of a quickly expanding city to take away the hassle of driving ones bikes to get serviced at our shop.

What is your business philosophy?
Offer a quality product at a fair price, put the needs of our customers first, be sensitive to the changing needs of our customer base, be part of the local cycling scene by participation and volunteering time and resources and have fun.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
It is ready for the opportunist to take it by the horns.

What is the best part of your job?
Interaction with the customer, a wide array of people who have different needs keep us on our toes, going on rides with our customers opens up more than just a working relationship. We by far have the best customers.

How do you keep your competitive edge?
We all ride here at our shop from the owner on down. Riding with our customers in local group rides gives us a chance to hear what our customers want. Employees going to races and reading cycling magazines give us a good idea what we should carry. You have to listen.

How are you marketing the store?
We do some advertising, but our reputation is the best thing we have going for us. Our team has worked hard to establish this and take pride in it.

What do you look for in an employee?
A self-motivated person who works on our customers' bikes like it was their own. We hire people we believe genuinely enjoy helping people.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?
Expanding the shop a few years back was one of the best things our owner did. It really made us be able to keep up with the growth of our customer base.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?
We are currently undergoing a big change for us by employing the use of fully computerized system. This should enable us to keep up with the rapid changes in our business decisions to better serve our customers.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?
Be sensitive to the customer and their needs and try to assemble the best team to serve them.

Offering bikes and all the accessories for recreational cyclists and those who "live on two wheels" is Outdoor Adventures, 1424 Missouri Ave. in the Solano Square.

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What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
A great boss who was patient enough to let me grow into the position I currently hold – from grease monkey to sales to customer service to manager.

What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?
Bicycles $250 dollars, climbing gear basics from $2 and accessories for both, starting at 99 cents

What is your most popular item?
Heavy-duty tubes and sealant. Everybody hates goat head stickers, and this is the best preventative for the never-ending battle against flats.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?
Trying to keep up with the changing customer base and figuring out the best things to carry for them.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?
Everyone who works here rides and understands our customers' needs and products well.

What are your business goals?
To be able to grow with the cities needs for our products and continue our relationship with our customer base and hopefully expand it to the next generation of cyclists' needs.

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BRIEFS

Dos Lunas Tequila is top 10 in Adobe Deli

The city of Deming has welcomed Dos Lunas Tequila with open arms and is now available at the Adobe Deli Steakhouse. This ultra-premium tequila is in the restaurant for the taking, and it is flying off the shelves as one of the top-10 tequilas in the saloon.

Dos Lunas Tequila, an ultra-premium tequila brand based out of Texas, has been taking New Mexico by storm. The tequila's most recent success is inside The Adobe Deli Steakhouse in Deming, N.M. This fine restaurant, saloon and cigar shop is among the most popular steak and seafood restaurants in the state. The premium spirits and cigars carried in the saloon drive connoisseurs from across the state for the opportunity to experience each one, while a sophisticated western theme sets up the mood in this fine establishment.

Dos Lunas Tequila, one of the smoothest and purest tequilas in the world, is 100-percent all-natural and made with no chemicals, enzymes or additives. This award-winning tequila is made in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and based out of New Mexico's neighboring city, El Paso. Whether served in a snifter or a shot glass, this tequila is one to savor. Adobe Deli Steakhouse offers the chance for locals to experience the process, quality, and time that go into each bottle. A short ride ends with an exquisite meal and a supreme tequila in Deming.

Adobe Deli Steakhouse is located at 3970 Lewis Flats Road and open Monday through Saturday from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The bar is open from 2 p.m. until 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays from 2 p.m. until midnight. For more restaurant information, call 575-546-0361.

Pearce receives NAM award

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce has received the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. The NAM Award honors federal lawmakers whose voting records have consistently supported manufacturing in America. Pearce's record was 95 percent, according to the association.

"In this era of increasing economic uncertainty, Rep. Pearce has demonstrated a true understanding of manufacturing's key role in the strength of the American economy and has acted to protect and create manufacturing jobs," said NAM President John Engler. "On behalf of manufacturers in New Mexico and across the nation, I am proud to say 'thank you' to Rep. Pearce for consistently voting in favor of manufacturing innovation and competitiveness."

The NAM Award is given to members of the House and Senate who support key manufacturing votes 70 percent or more of the time, as determined by an NAM member-led advisory committee comprised of both small and large manufacturers.

In the 110th Congress, 43 senators and 181 representatives earned the NAM Award. Members of Congress are notified in advance when an upcoming vote has been designated a "key vote" by the NAM.

Local Realtor receives national recognition

COFFEEN HOLT

Kelley Coffeen Holt with Emerick Real Estate, Inc., has been awarded the Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation by the Seniors Real Estate Specialist Council of the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Coffeen joins more than 16,000 real estate professionals in the United States who have earned the SRES designation, which demonstrates an understanding that the "50 plus" demographic has very specialized needs when it comes to purchasing and selling property in today's market. SRES Council, founded in 2007, is the world's largest association of real estate professionals focusing specifically on representing senior clients in real estate transactions.

Nominations open for freedom award

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency, has opened the nomination season for the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees. Nominations will be accepted at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 19.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. The 2009 recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C., at the 14th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony Sept. 17, 2009.

Recipients of the 2008 Freedom Award met with President George W. Bush and Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Dr. David Chu presented the awards at a ceremony attended by members of Congress and senior government and military officials. Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of the National Guard and Reserve. The Department of Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. 2008 honorees ranged from a small family-owned transportation business in Utah to large businesses including Chrysler and Dominion Resources to the City of Austin, Texas, a public sector employer.

Past recipients of the Freedom Award have provided full salary, continuation of benefits, care packages and even family support to employees fulfilling their military obligation.

Fanning named 1st Community chief credit officer

FANNING

First State Bancorporation, holding company for First Community Bank, with branches in New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, announces Jed Fanning will move from his role as Regional President of Southern New Mexico and Arizona into the Chief Credit Officer role effective immediately. "In this time of economic upheaval and change we need to have strong leadership around our lending and credit function," stated Michael R. Stanford, chairman and CEO. "Jed's experience and the guidance he has provided to this bank over the past few years has shown us he is the right person to provide the oversight and discipline needed in this area to guide us through the current challenging environment" continued Stanford.

Fanning started with First Community Bank in 2005 as a regional president and currently serves on the bank's board of directors, executive, and credit committees. He started his banking career in 1985 at Texas Commerce Bank in El Paso with responsibilities of corporate lending and correspondent banking. He then joined Wells Fargo New Mexico in Las Cruces. His responsibilities included commercial lending and retail banking. In 1996 he was named community bank president for Las Cruces. In 1998, his role was expanded to Regional Manager for several markets in western New Mexico. In 1999, he moved to Albuquerque and was named regional president for greater New Mexico.

Fanning has always been an active volunteer in various community and statewide organizations. He is currently chairman of the New Mexico Governor's Business Executives for Education committee, and he serves on the boards of ACCIÓN New Mexico/Arizona/Colorado, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, and New Mexico First.

Mesilla Valley Business Trends installs new officers

Beth Marr of Emerick Real Estate was sworn in as president and Gary Visage of RT Electric as vice president of the Mesilla Valley Business Trends group on Oct. 30 during a Graveyard Gala costume party and five-course wine-tasting gourmet dinner at the Double Eagle restaurant. MVBT is an association of diverse business interests who meet weekly to discuss and comment on upcoming trends in all economic aspects of business in the Mesilla Valley.

Marr's comments were generally upbeat and positive while noting the current downturn. She discussed how the valley is subject to mild ups and downs, but nothing like the wild swings seen in other areas of the country.

Jamie Fletcher and Heidi Pirtle won the trophy for Best Costumed Couple as the Scarecrow and Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. Mike Zamora won Best Individual Costume dressing as a pirate complete with a talking parrot on his shoulder. Kevin McGrath was awarded the trophy for Worst Individual Costume when he appeared as himself.

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Weed-free forage niche market growing

Hay producers can add value to their product by having noxious weed-free forage certification through New Mexico State University and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

"This is a win-win situation. A farmer can get a better price for their forage and it helps prevent the spread of noxious weeds," said Tracey Carrillo, NMSU director of seed certification and weed-free forage programs.

Initially, the prevention program targeted baled forage and straw used by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, but Carrillo can see the hay becoming a niche-market for people using horses in restricted areas.

The certification program is the first step to preventing the spread of noxious weeds into national forests and wilderness areas. Presently, forestry service staff are required to feed their pack and riding horses certified weed-free hay when in the forest or wilderness area. Straw used in soil erosion reclamation projects or animal bedding also must be noxious weed-free, said Leonard Lake, invasive plant program coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service Southwest Region, which comprises 11 national forests in New Mexico, Arizona and three national grasslands in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

The Southwest region is just beginning its noxious and invasive weed-prevention program, which will evolve from internal policy to regulating what the public horsemen use when on forest-service land. Lake expects it will be two to three years before the public will be required to have certified weed-free forage when they bring horse feed onto federal property. Once the regulation is implemented a niche-market will develop for noxious weed-free forage.

"Before we can require our people and the public to use noxious weed-free forage while on federal land, we need a source," Lake said. "We have been working with NMDA and Tracey at NMSU to establish a certification program."

Felipe Sanchez of Jarales is one of the first farmers to have his hay certified. He says the cost of certification is offset by the benefits.

"I'm selling my hay at a higher price, $4 a bale more," Sanchez said of the 90 tons that was shipped to various forest service locations in 2008. "I didn't have to treat my fields any different than I had been doing. I just had to have the inspector come out and certify the field before I cut the hay."

Cost of certification includes $20 per hour for inspection and driving time, 58.5 cents per mile for mileage and $2.50 per acre. A request for certification needs to be made to NMSU's seed certification department 10 days prior to expected harvest date. The crop will be certified using the North American Certified Weed Free regional list and the New Mexico Noxious Weed list.

"Once the inspector arrives at the field, he inspects the crop at two entry points, the field perimeter and the storage area. Once approved as noxious weed-free, a certificate of inspection is completed and sent to the producer. The producer will identify the inspected forage by a specially colored twine available through NMSU's seed certification department," Carrillo said.

For more information about New Mexico weed-free forage program, visit www.seedcertification.nmsu.edu or contact Carrillo at tcarrill@nmsu.edu or 646-4125. For questions regarding noxious weeds, contact Jim Wanstall at NMDA, jwanstall@thuntek.net or 505-565-4224.

Ribbon Cutting The Blvd. Nails & Spa

Among staff and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Trinh Le cuts the ribbon, celebrating the grand opening of The Blvd. Nails & Spa, 590 S. Solano Drive, on Saturday, Nov. 1.

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Sisbarro to the rescue

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Sisbarro Dealerships is helping to ensure the Southwestern New Mexico Red Cross is able to respond to emergencies. Pat and Lou Sisbarro donated four new tires for Ford F250 truck the chapter uses to haul equipment and supplies to incidents in southwestern New Mexico. The donation provides for effective and efficient response as well as safe transportation for the volunteer responders that provide disaster assistance to victims of local disasters. Pictured are Red Cross Chapter Services Director Fank Hielscher, Executive Director Princess Kang, Kirk Nall of Onsale Tire (who will be providing the service) and Red Cross board member Laura Smart.

A 'checklist' for surviving a financial crisis

Try not to listen to doomsayers

Over the past few weeks, the news has been almost incomprehensible. It's hard for many of us to make sense of the failure of major Wall Street firms and large banks and the $700 billion bailout of the financial sector. And it's hard for investors to be calm when stocks have fallen almost 30 percent from their all-time high a year ago. What can you do to cope? Consider the following "checklist" for surviving a financial crisis:

Close your ears – but open your eyes. These days, you may hear some so-called "experts" talking about end-of-capitalism scenarios. Try not to listen to these doomsayers. We still have the most powerful economy in the history of the world and we will recover from these setbacks. However, even if you close your ears, you should keep your eyes wide open. Specifically, look for opportunities. Stock prices are down now, but they won't always be – and, all else being equal, investors who buy into the stock market at lower prices are likely to earn higher returns than those who buy stocks when prices are higher.

Focus on things you can control. During a financial crisis, your success at weathering the storm depends on your ability to stay calm and concentrate on the things you can control. For example, you can control your emotions so that you aren't panicked into making unwise, short-term decisions, such as putting all your money under your mattress. To a certain extent, you can even control your portfolio's ability to withstand volatility. How? By diversifying your holdings as broadly as possible. The wider your range of investments, the less you'll be hurt by downturns that primarily affect one asset class. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

Review and rebalance your portfolio. During this market decline, some of your holdings have probably fallen more than others. As a result, you may now own a lower percentage of a specific asset class than you had originally intended when you built your portfolio. Consequently, you may want to meet with your financial advisor to determine if you should rebalance your portfolio by adding more money to those asset classes that have fallen the most. You may also want to rebalance if your risk tolerance or long-term goals have changed.

Look for quality investments. In this economic environment, it's more important than ever to focus on quality investments. If you buy stocks, look for those companies with strong balance sheets. If you're purchasing bonds, stick with those that receive high credit ratings. If we are entering a prolonged economic downturn, these types of investments will, in all likelihood, fare better than lower-quality stocks and bonds.

Be patient. No one can predict when a bear market will end, but history has shown that turnarounds can happen quickly and unexpectedly. So be patient. The most successful investors have the courage to stay the course and take advantage of opportunities while others are "bailing out" of the financial markets.

We may still have some rough roads ahead of us. But if you can check off every item on this list, you may be able to smooth out some of the bumps you'll encounter on your journey toward achieving your long-term goals.

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Hold on to what you've got

Keeping loyal customers during a downturn

By J. Roy Miller
State Director, New Mexico Small Business Development Centers

Every business knows it costs more to acquire new customers than to retain existing ones. Yet many businesses spend lots of money on elaborate advertising campaigns while their profitable, longtime customers walk out the door to do business elsewhere. In this climate of economic uncertainty, it's more important than ever for business owners to hold on to the customers who helped them build their business in the first place.

Don't give them a reason to stray. Make customer service a priority by setting the example for your employees, who learn by seeing and doing what you do. Make suggestions and invite workers to come up with their own suggestions for how customers could be better served. Good customer service starts with the boss.

Reward loyalty. Every customer wants to know that his or her business is appreciated, especially when money doesn't go as far as it did even a year ago. Customers often go elsewhere simply because they feel ignored. Let your customers know you appreciate their business by saying thanks through words, letters and small rewards.

Act on complaints. For every customer who complains, another 26 have similar problems they haven't resolved, according to the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs. Think of complaints as market research you didn't have to pay for, and then respond by fixing the problem.

Provide incentives. Promotional campaigns that provide an incentive to existing customers for doing business with your company in the future can generate additional business you would otherwise have missed out on. A discount, gift or chance to win additional services will often cost you little at wholesale but can spur much more in revenue.

Tell customers about incentives or promotions. A promotion can backfire if customers can't take advantage of it. Customers who pay full price and later learn that they qualified for a substantial discount no one told them about might be angry enough to start shopping elsewhere. Be sure that promotional offers are communicated to customers.

Stand behind your product or service. Guarantees, whether written or oral, provide trust, and customers come back to businesses they can trust. Many customers are willing to pay more just knowing they have recourse if the product or workmanship should fail.

Make things simple. Make it easier to buy from you than from your competitor by offering convenience and simplicity. Something as simple as including a self-addressed envelope when documents must be returned tells your customers you care about making their lives less complicated.

> "If you take care of the top-20 percent of your customers, 80 percent of your revenue should be secure."

Treat your best customers best. For most companies, the top-20 percent of customers contribute 80 percent of sales. Large companies responded to this long ago by introducing loyalty cards that rewarded their best customers with discounts. American Airlines began its frequent-flier program in 1981, and Starbucks is using a similar model in 2008. If you take care of the top 20 percent of your customers, 80 percent of your revenue should be secure.

Listen. Be aware of the needs of your customers even if they aren't expressed. Take time to watch their habits as well as listen to their concerns. This type of research often uncovers hidden opportunities that allow you to meet more of your customers' needs. Actively look for opportunities to provide more value to your customers, whether it's in the form of a more pleasant experience, greater cleanliness or friendlier service.

The New Mexico Small Business Development Centers offer workshops that can help your business survive and thrive during a slow economy. Find the center nearest you at www.nmsbdc.org.

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 #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20085586	Top Notch Exteriors	Fred Seybert	Reroof	4035 Acala St	$12,971	$104
20085585	Top Notch Exteriors	Woods Gary M Et UX	Res/Add	1815 Coleen Ave	$16,000	$122
20085558	S.J.Tile	Webb Gary K & Gloria R	Reroof	2756 Cheyenne Dr	$12,500	$101
20085651	G. Bishop Roofing LLC	Chisholm's Warehouse LLC	Reroof	805 El Molino	$23,250	$165
20085643	GL Green & Associates	GL Green & Associates LLC	Res/New	960 Flora Vista Drive	$147,120	$3,410
20085648	FCI LLC	Sylvia Hunt	Res/Add	4106 Gila Trail	$22,000	$157
20085508	Sonoma Ranch Construction	Sonoma Ranch Construction Co. LLC	Res/New	2292 Sedona Hills Parkway	$148,500	$3,330
20085516	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	5774 Organ Peak Drive	$159,450	$3,740
20085532	Mesa View Homes LLC	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	2828 San Miguel Ctourt	$109,500	$1,475
20085604	Summit Development	Gerald E. & Dora A. Tafoya	Res/Add	5987 San Augustin	$73,000	$369
20085609	Jones Construction Co. LLC	MGE Land Inc.	Res/New	4604 Mesa Central Drive	$187,980	$3,257
20085652	Ridgetop Construction	Fred D. & Cynthia J. Trafton	Reroof	4444 Los Arboles	$6,000	$63
20085672	Crecenciano M. Soltero	C.M. & Bertha H. Soltero	Res/Add	1700 Dogwood St.	$1,100	$36
20085686	Diemer Building and Remodeling Inc.	Keri A. & Justin P. Hobert	Res/Alt	3227 Mercury Lane	$7,100	$70
20085697	G. Sandoval Construction Inc.	Centrol Familiar Manantiel De Vida	Comm/Alt	1092 Kennedy Road	$250,000	$884
20085679	Segovia Homes LLC	Dove Crossing LLC	Res/New	3860 Ringneck Drive	$200,000	$1,706
20085693	J. Gilbert Carillo	Ricardo M. & Victoria M. Carillo Trustees	Reroof	1018 S. Chaparro St.	$2,100	$40
20085650	Pueblo Builders Inc.	Rawson Leasing LTD Liability Co.	Reroof	825 E. Spruce Ave.	$10,000	$87
20085618	Thurston Equity Corporation	Ornithes Inc.	Res/new	3731 Vista Bellesa Ave.	$133,320	$2,080
20085698	Carlos Lujan	Carlos R. & Lucy E. Lujan	Res/Add	3301 Linden St.	$1,300	$39
20085566	Edward Frausto	Edward Frausto Et Al	Res/Add	610 Kansas Ave.	$1,200	$38
20085716	Fabric Building Specialties	Arec 5 LLC	Comm/Add	1608 S. El Paseo Road	$17,000	$128
20085700	Roadrunner Construction Co.	Valerie A. Biddlingmeier	Reroof	1733 Valencia St.	$7,271	$71
20085721	Kevin Construction Co.	Edward Frausto Et Al	Res/Add	610 Kansas Ave.	$15,000	$116

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Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34143	Pinetop Construction	Cleburn & Virginia Ward	Reroof	340 Armstrong	N/A	$180
34144	Summit Development	Claywest Development Corp	Res/New	2699 Sandhill	EBL & T	$814
34145	Turn Key Builders	Richard Moffatt	Reroof	2735 Desert Wind Way	EBL & T	$60

On the Agenda

Ski Apache job fair

More than 200 jobs will be made available as Ski Apache prepares to open its doors for the 2009 winter season. Located in Mescalero, N.M., Ski Apache is a subsidiary of Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, an economic enterprise of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and is recognized as one of the premier ski and snowboarding resorts in the Southwest. The job fair, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, will feature Ski Apache representatives who will be hiring on site for jobs in a variety of capacities.

Date: Sunday, Nov. 9
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, Mescalero, N.M.

GLCCC quarterly luncheon

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold the final quarterly luncheon of the year Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Best Western Mission Inn, 1765 S. Main St.

Registration for the event begins at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. The program begins at 12:15 p.m. Wayne Savage, chair of the chamber's Commercial Space Task Force, will speak on the recent International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight and the opportunities for area businesses to benefit from the burgeoning aerospace industry. Cost is $15 for members and $18 for non-members. For more information or to RSVP, contact Paula Hines at 524-1968. Reservations also may be made online at www.lascruces.org.

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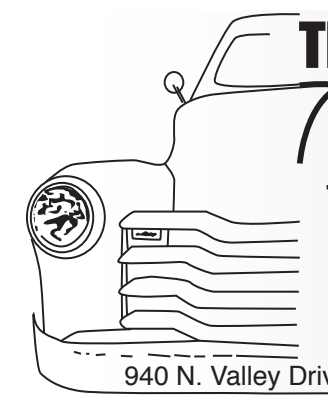
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Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference

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7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8
Pan American Center

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Mariachi Spectacular Concert to entertain audiences

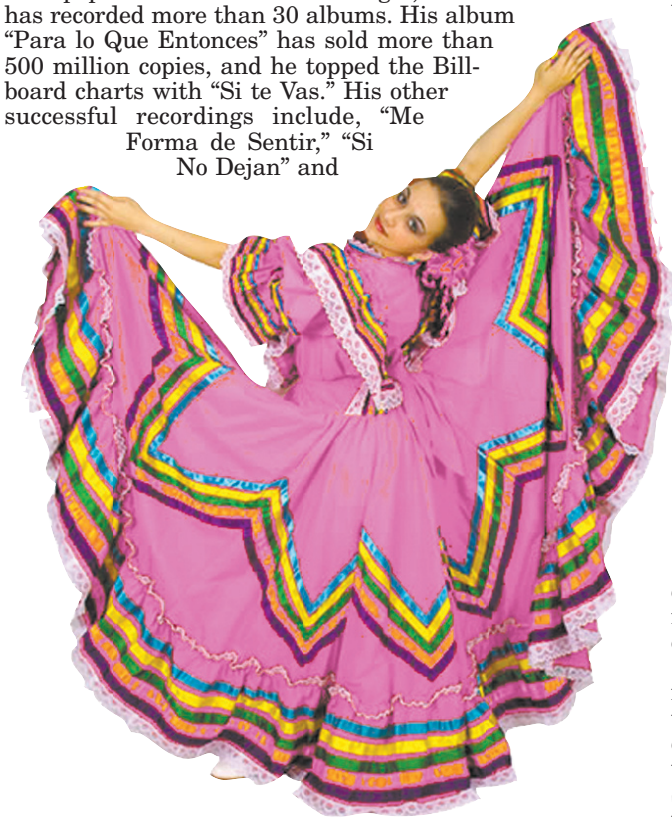
Conference workshops teach the value of traditional Mariachi music, performance

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The 15th annual International Mariachi Concert – Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Pan American Center – showcases mariachi music popularity with famous performing groups and a workshop, says concert director Phyllis Franzoy.

The performers will be led by Grammy Award-winner Pedro Fernandez, who became famous as a child when he sang the theme song for the movie "La Niña de La Mochila Azul" about a boy who falls in love with a girl who carries a blue school backpack. Since then, he has won gold and platinum recording awards and has appeared in many Mexican films and television novellas, or soap operas.

A popular Latin American singer, Fernandez has recorded more than 30 albums. His album "Para lo Que Entonces" has sold more than 500 million copies, and he topped the Billboard charts with "Si te Vas." His other successful recordings include, "Me Forma de Sentir," "Si No Dejan" and "Amaneci en Tus Brazos."



Fernandez was born Jose Martin Cuevas Cabos. He took his performing name by combining the names of two singers he admired, Pedro Infante and Vicente Fernandez. He credits Fernandez for starting his career by introducing him as a singer in stage performances.

"There is significance in Pedro Fernandez headlining this milestone celebration because he performed at the fifth and 10th anniversary Spectacular Concert performances," Franzoy said. "Recognized worldwide for his entertaining shows, we are honored that he will return for the 15th anniversary performance."

The conference will include a workshop to promote mariachi music and its influence on Hispanic culture in the Southwest. The workshop is expected to attract 750 students from Las Cruces, the nation and Mexico, coordinator Mack Ruiz said.

Ruiz will present the workshops from Thursday, Nov. 6 through 9, at New Mexico State University's Corbett Center. The workshops will offer instructions in violin, trumpet, guitar, guitarron or deep-bellied guitar, vihuela or small guitar and singing.

"As in previous years, the vision and mission of the conference remains the same, and that is to offer an event that celebrates and embraces diversity through the preservation and teachings of our rich, artistic Southwestern and Mexican cultures," Ruiz said in a telephone interview from Orlando, Fla. "This four-day program is designed for mariachi students of all ages and will deliver instruction at the basic, proficient and advanced levels called for in national standards for arts-music education."

Ruiz has been teaching at the workshop for 15 years at every conference that was held here. He plays the violin and sings with Mariachi Cobre of Walt Disney World in Orlando.

"From my very first year, I started focusing on mariachi music and education," Ruiz said. "I wanted to promote mariachi music and history, to celebrate mariachi as part of the Southwestern culture."

"Preserving the art forms of mariachi music and folkloric dance is the primary mission of the International Mariachi Conference," Franzoy said. "Through educational workshops in music and dance for our youths, these cultural art forms will be preserved through the Southwest. Cultural arts performance bring quality of life to our community and strengthen the cultural ties to our Southwestern heritage."

The concert also will bring back Mariachi Cobre, who has been entertaining audiences since 1982. The group was organized by Randy and Steve Carrillo, along with friend Mack Ruiz.

The group has performed with popular vocalists such as Lola Beltran, Linda Ronstadt, Pepe Aguilar, Pedro Fernandez, Ana Gabriel and Graciela Beltran and had recorded with the Boston Pops Orchestra.

This year's concert will present a new look, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, an all-female mariachi group. Lola Beltran, La Rein de la Musical Ranchera, helped them start their career.

Recently, Mariachi Reyna was featured in a documentary film, "Companeras," recognizing the women for giving voice to Latinas. Singer Vikki Carr called it, "a beautiful sensitive film about mariachi music and the dedicated Latinas who are defying generations of tradition by playing it with such fierce passion and talent."

They also will perform from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, and Sunday, Nov. 9, at Young Park.

Since Alvaro Obregon's administration, 1940-1924, Mexican presidents have used mariachi music at political events, and Lazaro Cardinas, who was president from 1934 to 1940, started subsidizing mariachi groups, according to Latino Encyclopedia.

The mariachi beginnings were rural. One of the most important groups was Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan that was founded in 1898 by Gaspar Vargas in Tecalitlan, Jalisco. In the 1930s, it was taken over by his son, Silvestre Vargas, who moved to Mexico City in 1934 and is credited with developing mariachi music as it is known today, according to the encyclopedia.

The first mariachi performers wore rural, unmatched clothes. But as the music caught on and moved into urban areas they evolved into a more elegant uniform, the traje de charros, or horsemen costumes, the tight-fitting and ornamental trousers, short jacket, embroidered belts, boots, wide bow tie and sombrero, according to the encyclopedia.

Tickets range from $30 to $85 and information for the concert is available at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 915-544-8444, 532-6060 or 646-1420. For more information regarding the conference, call 525-1735 or visit the LCIMC website at www.lascrucesmariachi.org.

Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference

Student Workshops
Friday, Nov. 7-Sunday, Nov. 9

Student Showcase Concert
7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7

Mariachi Spectacular Concert
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8
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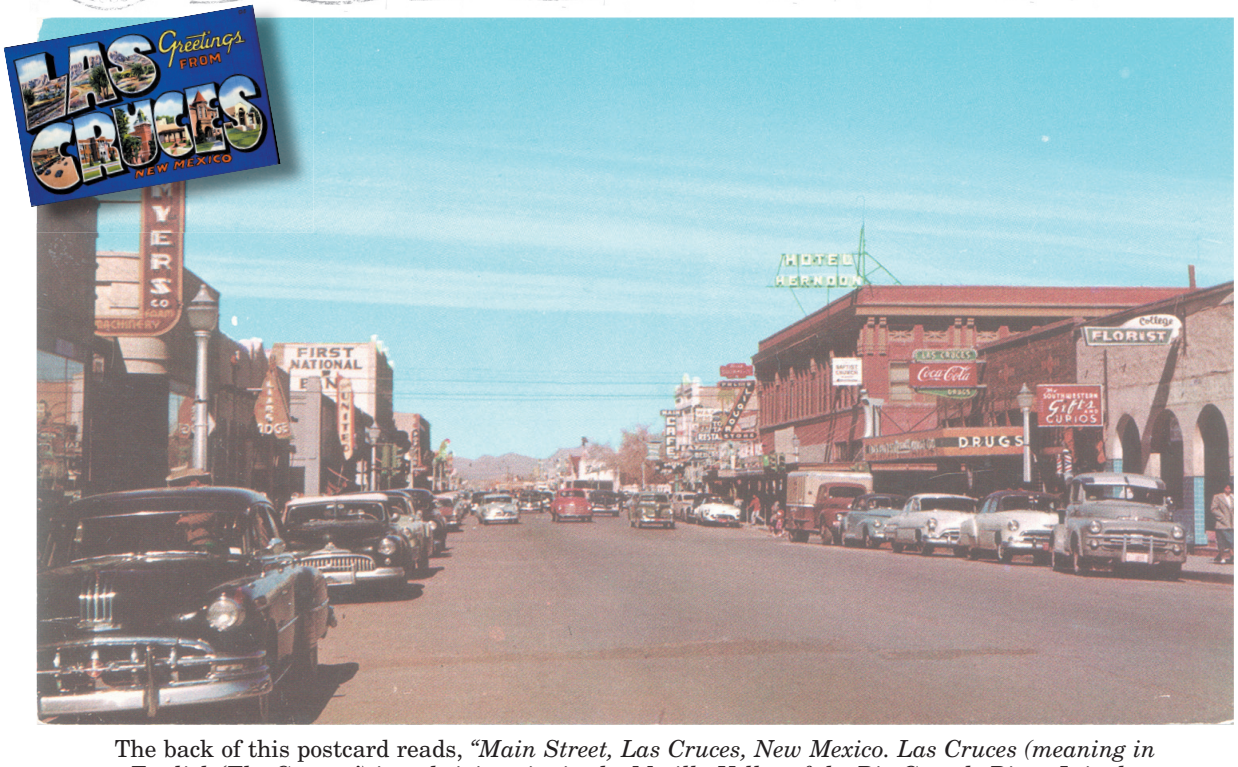

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At Dia de los Muertos

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JENNA FROSCH

Michelle Padilla and Lety Peña show off their painted faces as they sell arts and crafts at the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration on the Mesilla Plaza Nov. 1 and 2.

Perry Boyd and Erin Reyes view an altar memorial to animals and pets, sponsored by the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico and various shelter groups in the area. Proceeds collected from the donations made at the altar were divided between the various nonprofit groups.

In memory of those killed in combat during the Iraq War, the Iraq Peace Crane Memorial was on display.

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FEATURED ARTIST

Nancy Begin: Looking at the world in a different way

Teacher, artist is new to the Southwest

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

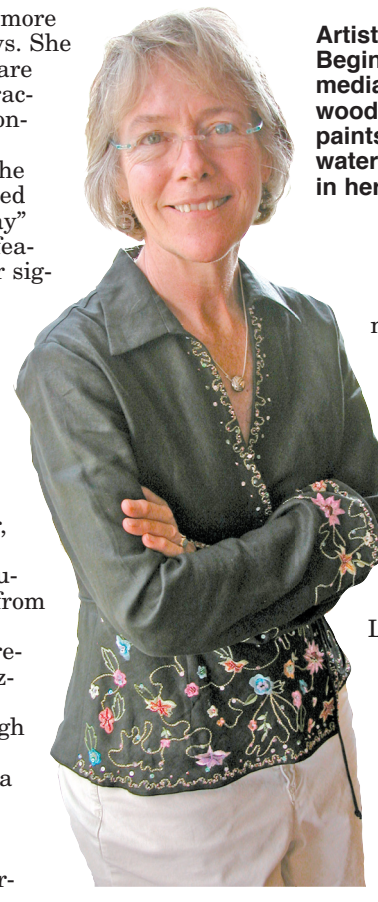
Each and every still life that Nancy Begin does, she approaches with a new eye, constantly searching for a new angle.

She lives and creates by the motto of Marcel Provst, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

Since moving to the Southwest from the East Coast just a little over a year ago, Begin has been actively searching for new galleries to show her work in. Now, she will open during the Downtown Ramble on Friday, Nov. 7, at the Main Street Gallery.

"The work I have in the gallery is much more fantasy on a very personal level," Begin says. She will also display her monster boxes, which are made of wood and resemble a series of characters, such as garden monsters, rock star monsters and dancers, among others.

Begin started her monster boxes when she was building furniture. As she built, she used the scrap pieces of wood she had left to "play" and create the boxes with teeth and small features, which became popular and one of her signature products.



Artist Nancy Begin uses media of wood, oil paints and watercolors in her work.

However, painting is her true passion and has been since she received her BFA from Syracuse University. Since then, she has studied under Charles Reid and during summers at Bennington College in Vermont.

"There was never a doubt," Begin says. "I never had to decide what to be."

Begin works in oil paints and watercolor, painting still life and working on plein aire paintings of differing scenes. She also fluctuates between fantasy work and that made from observation.

"Lately I have begun to explore non-representative work, which doesn't have recognizable subject matter," Begin says.

Begin began teaching art at a private high school in New Hampshire and taught there for 13 years until she moved to Philadelphia and began teaching adult art classes at art centers and in her home.

After moving to New Mexico, she began teaching private and group lessons in watercolor.

"The people here have been just wonderful and really receptive," Begin says. "Teaching keeps me on my toes, with having to do planning, research and testing."

Begin says she presents her students with problems in order to teach concepts, saying, "I love to present concepts to my students to have them think about what it is they want to paint. I ask them why they are drawn to that and how they will portray an object in their painting."

Begin likes to have her students study the work of other artists and use the techniques they learn to paint a still life in the style of the artist.

"The end result is a painting that has never been seen before. There may be a million paintings of a teapot, but you've never seen one quite like that before," Begin says.

When Begin sets up to paint, she tries to see the scene in a new way, taking in the shapes and how they relate to each other.

"I try to see still life in a different way, in a new perspective, with different colors and a different relationship between the objects," Begin says. "It doesn't matter if it's the first or the 300th still life that I've done, I want to see it with new eyes."

Begin paints in a series, often doing four or five paintings in a row that have the same theme , such as a series she did while at Bennington College depicting women's issues. She says the five paintings she did for that series just flowed out of her.

"Painting in a series lets me look at what I feel about a particular subject; painting a number of them lets me get all the feelings out onto the canvas," Begin says.

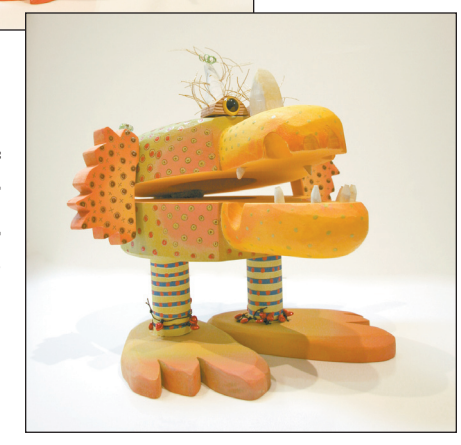
"I like to see the painting finished in my head before I start," Begin says. "That way I have a whole idea there in my head to go off of."

She is a member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, whose paintings will be on display at the Rio Grande Theatre, as well as the Las Cruces Artist's Association, and will show at Cottonwood Gallery this month as part of the LCAA show. Begin will participate in the Downtown Ramble, held the first Friday of every month, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, on the Downtown Mall.

Contact Begin at vytearmom@g25productions.com for more information about her artwork and watercolor classes.

"Frog Prince" by Nancy Begin

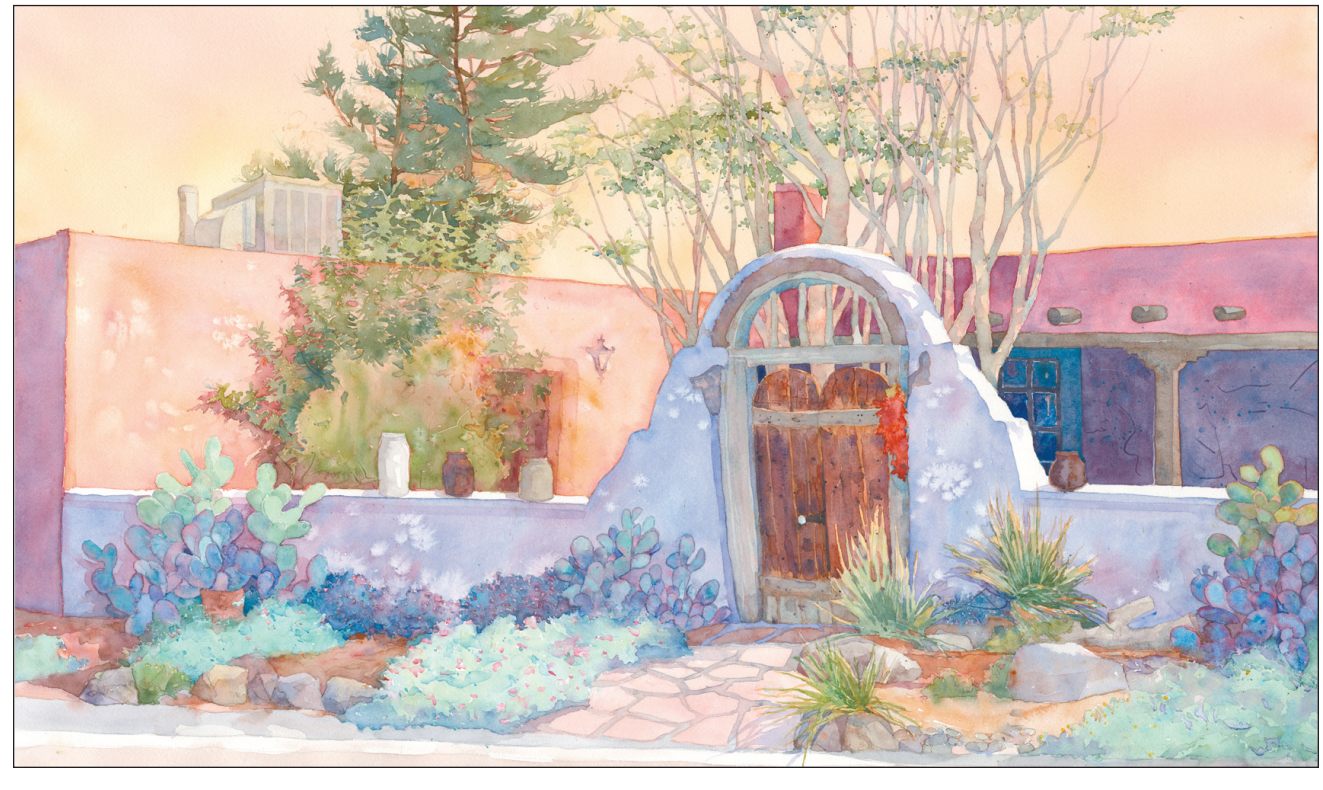
Each series of her monster boxes take on a different theme.



One of her well-known monster boxes

"Josefina's Gate" by Nancy Begin will be on display at Main Street Gallery during November and December.

Begin uses wood scraps from her furniture projects to construct the wood boxes.



The Branigan Cultural Center – the heart of the city's museums

CHERYL FALLSTEAD
President, Foundation for the Las Cruces Museums

What do regional artists, ballet folklorico, tattoos, local history, Abraham Lincoln, King Tut and Nazi book burnings have in common? The Branigan Cultural Center on the Downtown Mall, of course!

One of the most historic buildings in Las Cruces began life as a place to enjoy the written word and now it is home to art and culture from our area and beyond. Built during the Great Depression in 1935 with a donation from the Thomas Branigan family, the Branigan Cultural Center served as a library from 1935 to 1979 and then became our city's first museum in 1981.

The building's early days as a library are reflected in the windows on the east side, which are decorated with images of nursery rhyme characters. Otherwise, you would never suspect that the Pueblo Revival-style building with an outstanding Tom Lea mural in the entry was ever anything other than a showcase for a wide range of exhibits.

The Branigan Cultural Center is home to not only exhibits, but to numerous special events such as the annual Day of Dance in April, Cultural Connections fairs and Jose Tena's Dia de los Muertos altar. The staff at the BCC provides programs such as traditional crafts classes, cemetery tours and special talks related to exhibits.

When the BCC hosted the Tutankamen exhibit two years ago, many visitors admitted it was their first time to enter the building. Others reminisced that it was their first time back since it was a library. With the increasing number of high-quality exhibits on display, many of those first-time visitors have become regulars and even volunteer docents.

Exhibits opening in November are as different from each other as can be. "INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression," which opens Friday, Nov. 14, was curated by the staff and will explore tattoos, equipment and the culture from around the world and across time. Museum Manager Garland Courts explained that the exhibit is part of their goal of "attracting a new, younger audience that doesn't usually come to the museum." He added, "You may not ever go into a tattoo parlor, but you can see one. You can experience it without really (getting a tattoo)."

The exhibit will include tools from those used by the early Polynesians to present-day pneumatic tools. "It is both an ancient art and modern. Every culture has tattoos," Courts explained.

ArtForms, the Artist's Association of New Mexico, will hold their meeting at the BCC at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, with guest speaker and tattoo artist Alex Trujillo. The meeting is open to the public and provides the opportunity for an early look at the exhibit and to hear from a local tattoo artist.

Opening during the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, is "Fotos de Los Charros Magnificos!" This photo essay by David Shaw explores the world of the Mexican Charreada, or horse rodeo. Shaw stumbled upon a caravan of horse trailers and, curious, followed them. He was led to the world of the charreada and spent the next several years creating beautiful black and white photographs.

CHERYL FALLSTEAD | For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Branigan Cultural Center is home to many unique exhibits that showcase the talents of many regional and national artists.

Many local artists and arts organizations use the BCC to showcase their work. Upcoming exhibits include the ArtForms annual For the Love of Art Month Member Exhibit and the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild show "Starry, Starry Night" in February; a show of the works of Laurel Weathersbee, Lynn Unangst and Judy Licht; the Black Range Artists Spring Membership show in March; the Artamants Annual Membership Exhibit; the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society in April; the Doña Ana Camera Club Membership Show; and the New Mexico State University Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibit in May. And that's barely the first half of the year!

There are a number of traveling exhibits on the BCC calendar of events as well. Opening May 20, and running until July 18, 2009, is "Fighting the Fires of Hate." This exhibit on the topic of Nazi book burning will be on loan from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Another traveling exhibit is "Abraham Lincoln: Self Made in America," loaned from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in recognition of the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Only 40 institutions nationwide will host this exhibit that documents the journey taken by Lincoln from frontier obscurity to the presidency. The exhibit will be supplemented with a locally created piece on New Mexico and the Civil War.

One gallery at the BCC is set aside for a locally curated permanent exhibit, "Las Cruces: Crossroads of History." Both compact and comprehensive, the exhibit covers 400 years of history of the Mesilla Valley with artifacts, documents, photographs and narrative. An online version of the exhibit contains additional narrative and educational materials for teachers and parents. There are also materials that can be checked out by teachers for use in the classroom.

Sometimes you have to get outside to really explore local history. A popular series of tours hosted by the BCC is the Visit our Ancestors Cemetery Tours. The last one for this year is Saturday, Nov. 8, at Slumbering Mountain Cemetery in Organ. It begins at 10 a.m. at the cemetery and is free. Bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes and be prepared for uneven terrain. Tours will begin again next year in March and continue every other month through November.

Other programs include "In the Nick of Time" drop-in crafts events from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 19, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 20. The fee is $5 per project, including painted tin ornaments, tissue paper flowers or papel picado (cut paper). A new program is the spring break day camps in March. In June and July, the popular Traditional Crafts of New Mexico summer workshops return with corn husk crafts, pine needle baskets, Ojos de Dios, mandalas, retablos, gourd carving and cholcha embroidery.

The BCC offers an amazing variety of exhibits and programming with a small, dedicated staff. Courts is supported by Assistant Manager Rebecca Slaughter, Education Curator Mary Kay Shannon and Administrative Assistant Monica Perry, along with museum system staff.

"It's an old building, but there's nothing static inside. We're always changing programs and exhibits," Courts said. Be sure to visit soon to see the latest activities.

Finally, don't say I didn't warn you. If you haven't yet visited the Museum of Art to enjoy the exhibit "Rodin: In His Own Words; Selections for the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," delay no longer. The last day is Saturday, Nov. 22. On Saturday, Nov. 8, you can enjoy a free concert by the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music at 1 p.m. and at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, there will be a free lecture at the Rio Grande Theatre by Matthew Palczynski, a Rodin expert.

November Events

All four of the city's museums have interesting events scheduled for November. BCC is the Branigan Cultural Center, MoA is Museum of Art, RRM is the Railroad Museum and MNH is the Museum of Natural History. For more details, addresses and phone numbers, visit the museum system website at http://museums.las-cruces.org.

Friday, November 7
BCC - "La Charreada: Photography of David Shaw" Opening Reception, 5 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 8
BCC - "Visit Our Ancestors" Cemetery Tour at Slumbering Mountain Cemetery in Organ, 10 a.m.
RRM - Citizens for Rail Security talk, 11 a.m.
MoA - Performance by the Friends of Chamber Music, 1 p.m.
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
MNH - Saturday Science Class: Engineering, 11 a.m.
MNH - Sky Safari @ La Llorona Park, 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 9
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11
All museums CLOSED

Wednesday, November 12
RRM - Rail Readers Book Club, discuss "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci, 11 a.m.

Thursday, November 13
BCC - Monthly Docent Meeting, 1 - 3 p.m.

Friday, November 14
BCC - "INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression" Opening Reception, 5 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 15
RRM - Video Showing "Last of the Giants," 10:30 a.m.
MoA - Rio Grande Theatre (211 N. Main) Lecture "Rodin in Context" by Matthew Palczynski of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, 12:30 p.m.
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 16
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18
MNH - Descubra el Desierto, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19
RRM - Rail Readers Student Edition discuss "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" by E. L. Konigsburg, 3 - 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, November 22 & 23
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28
All museums CLOSED

Saturday, November 29
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
MNH - Animal Encounters, 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 30
MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m

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DOWNTOWN RAMBLE

The next Downtown Ramble will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. The ramble is the monthly artwalk hosted by the art galleries and other venues in the vicinity of the Las Cruces Downtown Mall the first Friday of every month. During this time, refreshments are served and special events, such as the opening of an art show with reception for the artists, will occur. The special events will generally be accompanied by a separate announcement describing the details of that event.

An updated map that shows the location of the galleries along with contact information is available at most of the galleries as well as from M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery website at http://mphillipsgallery.com/. Once at the website, follow the link to "Events and Art Shows."

LITERARY OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Theater Manager David Edwards recently announced the addition of "Literary Open Mic" nights beginning from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7. The renovated, two-story adobe Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall. Authors should prepare a five- to six-minute presentation (generally three pages of poetry, prose or a performance piece). A sound system will be provided. Host for the event is poet and editor Wayne Crawford. First Fridays were selected for the Literary Open Mic Nights to coincide with the monthly Downtown Ramble in which many Downtown and near Downtown art galleries remain open from 5 to 7 p.m. Although no intermission is planned, authors are encouraged to ramble before the reading as well as to come and go as needed.

Call Wayne Crawford at 541-8073 or email wayne1@zianet.com for more information.

NMSU LIBRARY HONORS J. PHELPS WHITE III

The New Mexico State University Library announces that donor J. Phelps White III of Roswell will be honored at a program from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. The free public event will be held on the fourth floor east of Branson Library.

White, who has given his collection of rare 19th century books to the library's Special Collections, will give a talk about the collection. The program will be followed by a reception. The books were formerly owned by James Phelps White (1856-1934), a prominent rancher and businessman in the Roswell area.

Contact the NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections staff at 646-3839 for more information.

ACADEMY FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

November

The Constitution and an Election Recap

Presented by Dr. Nancy Baker, Professor and Department Head of Government, NMSU, and colleague

A discussion of the concepts of liberty, the right of privacy, property, eminent domain, equality and affirmative action. Thoughts on the 2008 election.

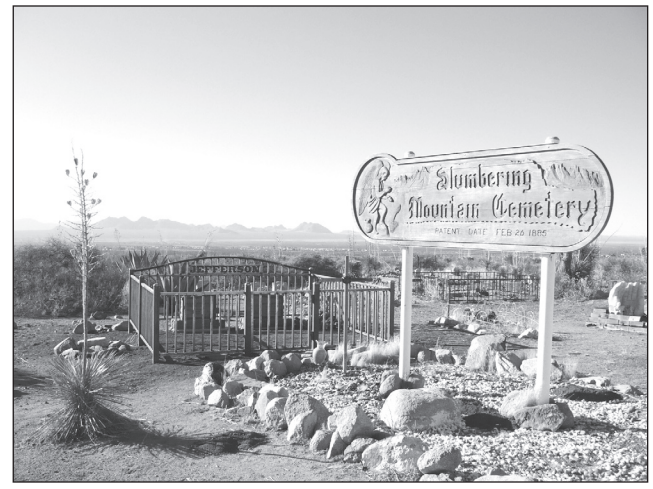
Date & Time.....Thursdays and Tuesdays
November 13, 18, 20, 25
Coffee.....10:00-10:30 a.m.
Program.....10:30-noon
Location.....Good Samaritan Auditorium
3011 Buena Vida Circle
Fee..... $4 per day - members
$5 per day - **non-members**

http://dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR/

The ACADEMY FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT established in 1992, is a program of educational opportunities of a scholarly nature for learners 50 years or older.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 8

SLUMBERING MOUNTAIN CEMETARY TOURS



"Visit Our Ancestors" series of cemetery tours organized by Branigan Cultural Center will meet at the Slumbering Mountain Cemetery in Organ at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. This is the final tour in the 2008 series. Slumbering Mountain Cemetery is on the north side of the community and at the east end of town. From Las Cruces, take U.S. Highway 70 east towards White Sands. Turn left (north) on First Street, then right (east) on Furnace Street and left (north) on Heavenly Lane, a dirt road.

The cemetery is on a hillside that has returned to natural vegetation of mesquites, cacti and brush. There are no established walking paths. The tombstones and markers, some new, many faded and worn, are scattered across almost three acres. Sturdy walking shoes are encouraged. It is also recommended that participants be prepared for two hours of outdoor activity. Use plenty of sunscreen, wear long sleeve shirts and hats. The tour will wander through the cemetery over uneven terrain and visitors should be aware of possible trip hazards. Bottled water will be available. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

The 2009 series of "Visit Our Ancestors" will include a return to the San Jose Cemetery in Las Cruces and a visit to Missionary Ridge Cemetery in Mesquite. The full schedule for the 2009 is not finalized. Suggestions are welcome. Contact Mary Kay Shannon at the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2219 or mkshannon@las-cruces.org for more information.

ARTISTS AND WRITERS SHOWCASE AT EL PASO SADDLEBLANKET

El Paso Saddleblanket, 6926 Gateway East Blvd., presents the Artists and Writers Saturday Showcase Series from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. The event features artists Lester Hughes, Al Borrego, Glenna Price and Manny Guerra, along with Wendy Reyes, Margie Velez, Kristina Freeman, Barbara Rodgers, Beto Ibarra and Albert Alvidrez.

UNRAVELERS KNITTING GUILD MEETING

The Unravelers Knitting Guild will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Branigan Cultural Center on the Downtown Mall. Janina Carlona will present techniques for creating a ribbed eyelet preemie hat. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Contact Diane Taylor at 522-0603 for more information.

GUITAR SLIM AT EL PASO SADDLEBLANKET

Bluesman "Guitar Slim" will perform at El Paso Saddleblanket, 6926 Gateway East Blvd., (across from Cielo Vista Mall) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Call 915-544-1000 for more information.

ENCHANTED ARTISANS GRAND OPENING

Discover Enchanted Artisans. This new collaboration with Enchanted Gardens features handcrafted items by local artists. Currently, Gabriella Denton, Jo Rango, Genevieve Sanders and Nancy Wyatt are marketing their creations ranging from majolica pottery to beaded jewelry and prints to pants. The opening reception to meet the artisans will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Call 524-1886 or e-mail gardens@zianet.com for more information.

AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

There will be a book signing by Paula Moore at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, located inside the Mesilla Valley Mall. She will sign her book "Cricket in the Web" and provide the first objective account to examine the infamous Coogler murder.

LAS CRUCES FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCE

In celebration of the exhibition "Rodin: In His Own Words; Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation," the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music will perform "Musical Reflections on the Life and Times of Rodin" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Admission to the exhibit and this performance is free.

The Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music, founded by John Pleasant, Joseph Sylvan and Barbara Toth, is a local not-for-profit organization. Committed to sharing the joy of music across Southern New Mexico, the group combines skilled musicians with an intimate setting.

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. Call 541-2137 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org for more information.

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 p.m., and there is a $6 cover charge. Gary Orr will provide this week's entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 9

JACK WILLIAMS IN CONCERT

The Turtle Mountain House Concert will feature Jack Williams at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at 5140 Silver King Road, in Las Cruces. Williams fuses guitar, voice and songs loaded with influences from his career in jazz, classical, rock, blues, country and folk.

Reservations are required, as seating is limited. Attendees are asked to bring a chair and a dessert, in addition to an artist's donated check of $15 per person, made payable to Smokin' Moose Productions to hold a reservation. Mail the check to: Smokin' Moose Porductions, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 156-110, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Include an address, phone number and email address for confirmations. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.smokinmoose.com.

NEW MEXICO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, will hold its November meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Arts and Crafts Room at Good Sam's Retirement Home, 3011 Buena Vida Circle (one long block east of Telshor Avenue in the Administration Building on the north side of Good Sam's). Following a brief business meeting, a special program entitled "Navigating the Digital Abyss" will commence. Four knowledgeable members will share information dealing with getting digital information from your camera to the computer, to exhibit file manager, and on understanding the juried show prospectus. The public is welcome. Call 526-5374 for more information.

CHANSON DU SOIR AT BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's Branigan Authors, Concerts and Movies Series presents a free concert by the classical music duo Chanson du Soir, composed of soprano Chelsea Camille and guitarist David Isaacs, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Branigan Library,

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference	Fri., Nov. 7-Sun., Nov. 9	NMSU Campus, Young Park
March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes	Thurs., Nov. 20	Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
Rodin Exhibit	Through Sat., Nov. 22	Las Cruces Museum of Art
Virgin de Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration	Wed., Dec. 10-Fri., Dec. 12	Mesilla Plaza

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200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Dresp Room.

Established in 2005, Chanson du Soir has garnered national recognition in competitions and concert series across the United States for their passionate and ethereal style. The duo's current set list includes a diverse range of music spanning from the Renaissance through the 20th century and encompassing four languages.

Recordings will be available for purchase and signing after the concert. For more information about this concert, contact Outreach Librarian Mark Pendleton at 528-4001 or mpendleton@las-cruces.org

Looking Forward

XIAYIN WANG AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The Doña Ana Arts Council announces a rare opportunity to the music lovers of southern New Mexico and West Texas when classical pianist Xiayin Wang (pronounced sha-EEN wong) appears at the historic Rio Grande Theatre.

Wang received rave reviews in the Washington Post for her concert at the Smithsonian's Meyer Auditorium and in the New York Times for her performance at Carnegie Hall in May 2007. Wang commands a particularly eclectic repertoire, ranging from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt to such later masters as Debussy, Ravel, Rachmaninoff and Medtner, Scriabin and modernists like the American George Perle. Advance ticket prices are $15 for students with ID, $20 for seniors 60 and older and $25 general admission. All tickets the day of the concert are $28.

Tickets may be purchased at the DAAC offices upstairs in the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and the box office is also open 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 523-6403 for more information.

Monday, NOVEMBER 10

MESILLA VALLEY CHORALE PRACTICE

The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, rehearses from 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday in preparation for their Dec. 14 concert at the Rio Grande Theatre. The group has been entertaining Las Cruces since 1972. Known for its versatility, this fast-growing community chorale welcomes experienced singers. The group features four-part music from classical to pop. Rehearsals are held at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Call 647-2560 for more information.

MUSICIAN JACK WILLIAMS TO HOST WORKSHOP

Musician Jack Williams will host a workshop at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at 5138 Silver King Road. Reservations are required and the workshop is $30. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

Williams' creatively holistic approach to music is intended to help people at all levels of musical skill and understanding. This includes those who have played music all their lives, but who've come up against roadblocks to advancement – which happens even to professional musicians. It also includes beginning musicians and those who've attained a modest level of skill. It is intended to help people who haven't yet begun making music to get a sense of what playing and writing it are really all about and to help them find their own sense of musical direction.

The aim of the workshop is to help participants make music for their own satisfaction and for that of their family, friends, community and perhaps the wider music community. Emphasis will be on the intrinsic worth of the song, the melody, the lyrics and "musicality" rather than on any commercial potential the music might possess.

Visit www.jackwilliamsmusic.com for more information. Call 522-5096 to make a reservation for the workshop.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12

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.

READING ART BOOK CLUB

The Reading Art Book Club will hold its next monthly meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. In keeping with the theme of the Rodin exhibition, the selection for November is "Lydia Cassatt: Reading the Morning Paper" by Harriet Scott Chessman.

This historical novel portrays the vibrant art scene of late 19th century Paris and the relationship between American impressionist Mary Cassatt, her sister Lydia and several impressionist painters. This book is available at the Branigan Library, through inter-library loan or new and used online.

Time permitting, the book club will have the opportunity to view the DVD "Great Women Artists: Mary Cassatt."

The Reading Art Book Club is dedicated to exploring the connections between art and literature by reading and discussing books. As much as possible, books selected will relate, echo or enhance the museum's varied exhibitions. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month. New members are always welcome.

Call 541-2322 for more information.

RAIL READERS BOOK CLUB

Get into the holiday spirit with November's Rail Readers Book Club discussion of "The Christmas Train." The Rail Readers meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

Tom Langdon, veteran reporter, has been banned from flying after a "misunderstanding" with airport security. Needing to get from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles for Christmas, he boards Amtrak for a ride that will take him on a journey of discovery. Tom must confront his own past, and in the process discovers that he is not the only one with a hidden story. An unexpected snowstorm brings the passengers together as only danger can and Tom's actions will have a permanent effect on them all.

Register by calling 647-4480. The event is free and open to the public. The Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. at the intersection of Las Cruces Avenue.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 13

OASIS PROGRAM CONTINUES FILM SERIES

The Organization of Aggie Students Inspiring Sustainability (OASIS) will show "Ripe for Change" and "Ladies of the Land" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in Science Hall Building Room 102, on the New Mexico State University campus. "Ripe for Change" examines the host of thorny questions: What is the trade off between the ability to produce large quantities of food versus the health of workers, consumers and the plant? What are the hidden costs of "inexpensive" food? How do we create sustainable-agriculture practices?

"Ladies of the Land" follows new women farmers in Pennsylvania and Minnesota, exploring the ways in which they are challenging the traditional agricultural model, the difficulties they face and the reasons why they love the land.

The series of movies is called "Films that Make You Go 'Hmm,'" and will focus on serious environmental issues, such as dwindling oil supplies, global warming and the economy in order to promote sustainability. Discussion after every film seeks different perspectives and allows viewers to express their opinions. Admission to the movies is free, and so is popcorn as long as viewers bring their own bowl. Contact oasis@nmsu.edu for more information.

FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS A CHAUTAUQUA

Randy Milligan of Carlsbad will perform as Judge Roy Bean in a special presentation "Judge Roy Bean: The Law West of the Pecos," co-sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Milligan, an instructor at NMSU-Carlsbad, has portrayed everyone from Mark Twain to Colonel Mustard in plays and chautauquas, as well as both Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt. Bean was a man who took advantage of being in the right place at the right time and had a unique way of dispensing justice. Join the museum as Milligan brings this fascinating character to life. Admission is free. Call 522-4100 for more information.

ASNMSU CULTURAL SERIES PRESENTS THE OTERO DANCE COMPANY

As part of the New Mexico State University Cultural Series presented by the Associated Students of NMSU, the Otero Dance Company will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Rio Grande Theatre. A vibrant cast of international artists will inspire a celebration of the modern interpretations of the world's most popular Latin dances in Otero Dance Company's rhythm and passion. Be seduced by the ecstasy of the tango, the vibrant sensuality of the salsa and the wild intensity of the gaucho. Experience a timeless world of music, song, color, rhythm and passion.

Tickets are on sale at the Pan Am Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster Outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com, and – if they are not sold-out in advance – they are also available at the door the night of the show. Season tickets are $72; general admission tickets are $12.50; and NMSU faculty and staff, senior citizens, students and children are $10. Contact the Pan Am Box Office at 646-1420 or visit www.gloriatango.com for more information.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Opening this Week

UNSETTLED GALLERY

The public is invited to an artists' opening reception at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Local fiber and water media artists Lynn Unangst, Phil Yost and Laurel Weathersbee, will present "Twilight on the Apacheria" showcasing their visions of southern New Mexican landscape and culture. The show continues through Dec. 6. Call 647-8053 for more information.

JUSTUS WRIGHT GALERIA

The Society of Layerists in Multi Media will have an art opening from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 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 the opening of a new show during the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. The show is 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.

Continuing this Week

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 at $200 or 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, featuring new works from Las Cruces and around the nation, will run from Friday, Nov. 7, through Nov. 29. There will be an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave. It will feature live music and a poster raffle.

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, Nov. 7 through 30, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. The show, which will open with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 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 public is warmly welcomed to both the opening reception and as 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 during the month of November at Laughing at the Sun Art Gallery 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, Lucero 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. Laughing at the Sun Art Gallery is located at 1910 Calle Principal. Call 523-1890 for more information.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Balzac in Dominican Robe" by Auguste Rodin, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is now showing "Rodin: In His Owns Words; Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation." They have extended their hours for the show and are as follows: 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 exhibition closes on Nov. 22.

The show features 42 sculptures and related works by French artist Auguste Rodin. There is no charge for admission. For more information, or to make a reservation for group tour, visit the website http://museums.las-cruces.org.

A new gift shop, El Mercado de los Museos, sponsored and operated by the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums to support all four city museums is now open within the Museum of Art.

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 or their Studio Programs art classes, call 541-2137.

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 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 Nov. 26, through Jan. 5, 2009, the gallery will hold a "Holiday Sale of Original works and New Photography." A reception will follow on 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.

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, on the 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 Duncklee, 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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

"La Charreada: Fotos de ¡Los Charros Magnificos!" will open with an artist's reception Friday, Nov. 7, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Photographer David Shaw happened on a procession of pick-up trucks and horse trailers traveling down a dusty road in Encinitas, Calif., and on impulse followed them. This led to Shaw's discovery of the world of La Charreada, the Mexican horse rodeo. An exhibit of silver gelatin prints celebrating the people, Los Charros, and the event, La Charreada, is the culmination of three years of travel into this centuries-old competition and exhibition of horsemanship. "La Charreada: Fotos de ¡Los Charros Magnificos!" remains on display through Dec. 27.

Supplementing the photography will be information panels providing the history of La Charreada and describing the various events and feats. The panels will be presented in both English and Spanish.

Shaw has been involved in photography for more than 40 years. Inspired by Edward Weston's "Daybooks," he began working in black and white using a 4-by-5 view camera. For the Charreada series, Shaw used a twin lens Mamiya camera. Now settled in Las Cruces, he has established Estudio Azul and continues exploring new subjects with his camera.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at the north end of the downtown mall in Las Cruces. The exhibit and reception is free and open to the public. Galleries are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org for more information.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Nancy Begin will be the featured guest artist during November and December. She is exhibiting her fantasy works which depict her pleasingly peculiar watercolor world and her equally curious "Monster Boxes" which can only be described as irresistibly grotesque pets … the kind you want to take home. The adorably quirky hand-painted and hand-carved characters are liable to charm and compel one into an adoption frenzy.

The Main Street Gallery continues to exhibit some of Las Cruces' finest artists including the etchings and pastels of Winfrey Hearst, the impressionisms of Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht's brilliant dyes on silk, Daphne Wirthlin's whimsical fantasy scenes, Lois Wilson's fused and dichroic glasswork, Lynn Unangst's Spirit Minders, Margaret Berríer's detailed rock-art jewelry, Joanna Bradley's flamboyant gourd artworks and the authenticated limited edition prints of Robert Highsmith's superb watercolors.

The gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall and the hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Be sure to attend the Main Street Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Call 647-0508 for more information.

GLENN CUTTER JEWELERS 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 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.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, drawings and fabric designs. The artists range from elementary students to high school students.

The student art shows have been a rotating fixture for Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000, with hundreds of works by local student artists displayed for the public during that time.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes a series of historical photographs in the upstairs rotunda, as well as a spectacular photograph of the Organ Mountains donated in 2007 by Las Cruces artist R. Frederick Silva. The piece, titled "Fall Splendor," hangs on a second floor east wall, adjacent to the main entrance to the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners and the county manager.

The public is invited to view the student art show, Caballo de Las Cruces, "Fall Splendor" and "Heart of the Problem" at any time during normal county business hours.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY

"Recycled," the Las Cruces Art Association's 2008 Theme Show, will run through Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Southwest Environmental Center's Cottonwood Gallery, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The gallery will host an artist's reception as part of the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7.

For "Recycled," each of the 25 artists has taken work that was going to be thrown away and remade it, or used objects that were seemingly useless or were found somewhere, and put pieces

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A photo from the "La Charreada: Fotos de ¡Los Charros Magnificos!" at the Branigan Cultural Center

"Food for the Gods" by Kurt Van Wagner, at Terrace Gallery

"Frog Prince," by Nancy Begin, at Main Street Gallery

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together for the exhibit. Artists participating in the show include Diana Ayers, Nancy Frost Begin, Margaret Bernstein, Alice Dressler, Pamela Eberly, Nancy Fairbank, Toni Graywolf, Doris Harrington, Shirley Hawkins, Mayanna Howard, Rosario C. Jeremias, Carol Kennedy, Julia Koontz, Patricia Lawrence, Judy Licht, Meredith Loring, Sally Marsh, Jim R. Moore, Ruth Housworth Park, Susan Rivera, Billie Roberson, Richard Spellenberg, Mary Talaminil, Danny Wade and Naida Zucker.

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The Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla will introduce the work of seven artists of various media in their 2008 Fall Exhibition through Sunday, Dec. 21. Artists featured include Marika Bordes, wood sculpture; Daniel Boylan, painting; Anki King, painting and sculpture; Shelley Lake, photography; Gregory Litinsky, watercolor painting; Frank Morbillo, sculpture; and Sue Simon, painting.

PCAC Director Paul Schranz says the exhibition provides an interesting mix of figurative works, both painting and sculpture, in strong, expressive and abstract presentations. Also on exhibit are gorgeous panoramic photography and dynamic sculptures of steel, bronze and glass. Works by three artists with roots in the Ukraine, Norway and Haiti maintain the intent to show pieces with an international flavor. Additionally, works by two artists in the 2008 Fall Exhibition are included in the settings of feature films scheduled for release this winter.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com or call 523-8713 for more information.

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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

‘Break an Egg’ offers unique spread of breakfast options

Movie-themed restaurant new to Las Cruces

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Old movies like “Casablanca” and “Gone with the Wind” play on the televisions, while an old-fashioned ticket box office greets patrons with the daily specials. Movie posters hang on the walls and the wait staff wear the uniform of a theater usher. This is all inside Break an Egg restaurant, one of the newest restaurants in Las Cruces.

Owner Janice Williams has a background in theater, but worked in the construction purchasing and estimating business for 25 years before venturing into the restaurant business with Break an Egg.

“The name was just something that came to me, and because of it, it blossomed into a movie-themed twist on a restaurant,” Williams says. “I have always enjoyed film, theater and movies.”

Williams says the key to making Break an Egg a success has been her solid business plan, and says the restaurant was planned for a year before actually opening. She studied traffic flow in different locations and demographics in the Las Cruces area.

“You have to appeal to what the people want and that takes a lot of homework,” William says.

Another way Williams was able to offer the quality service was by waiting to advertise for three months. She says this gave her and her staff time to ensure the quality of the food, knowledge of the servers and a solid menu.

“Some restaurants have a problem with taking on too much, too soon,” Williams said. “We want steady growth, not immediate growth.”

Along with that growth, Break an Egg has become a premier place to have breakfast in Las Cruces. They feature a unique menu that is primarily American with Midwestern flavors. The recipes they feature for breakfast are traditional egg dishes with a twist.

In December, they will expand their menu to include a few new dishes they have developed, including the Bundled Eggs, scrambled eggs wrapped in a thin slice of ham and served over a bed of hash browns with a creamy white wine and chives sauce. Another new item will be the Eggs Rellenos, a chile pepper stuffed with scrambled eggs, crumbled sausage and onion, smothered with jack cheese and covered with a salsa hollandaise sauce, served with skillet potatoes.

JENNA FROSCH | The Las Cruces Bulletin

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They also feature the New Mexico Burger with sautéed onions, green chile, melted cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato on a Kaiser roll.

Williams says she likes to push her cooks to come up with new and unique dishes in a mock “Iron Chef” battle. She gives them an ingredient and allows them to use their imagination to create new dishes.

“I like to push their creativity,” Williams says. “I tell them, ‘Here’s what you’re going to do, now make it.’”

Break an Egg is available for meetings and private lunches in their front dining room, as well as business meetings and private parties.

“We feel that once people come in here and experience the atmosphere and taste the food, they will come back,” Williams says. “We want to remain a unique and outstanding dining experience. That is really our goal.”

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Thayer begins role as new director of NMSU art gallery

Leader brings experience, new ideas to the role

Preston Thayer is an insightful, reflective man who doesn't want much attention on him, but when it comes to art, he's a specialist at putting others in the limelight.

"Our primary goal is to make the artist's artwork look good. Careful, thoughtful exhibition design allows us to produce a gallery comparable to other museums in the country," Thayer said of the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University.

In an age when imagery bombards us and computer-generated imaging, at times, alters reality, Thayer wants to give people a rewarding experience when they see an art piece to appreciate its value and beauty. This is what art galleries can provide and will continue to enhance at the university gallery, Thayer said.

Hired in October, Thayer has taken some time to familiarize himself with the campus, gallery and art department's faculty and staff. He also started a committee consisting of representatives from each of the campus collections such as the Zuhl Fossil and Mineral Collection and the University Museum. This committee will coordinate campus gallery events and work on increasing community awareness of the various collections on campus. He gives as an example, the upcoming gallery opening featuring 28 original Andy Warhol photographs, which will be displayed at the NMSU gallery from Friday, Nov. 14, through Dec. 23.

One of his goals is to find innovative ways for the gallery to promote itself on campus and in the Las Cruces community, as well as regionally and nationally. One outlet involves filming short video clips of the gallery artwork and then posting them to the university's YouTube channel.

He is also looking at a number of different fundraising projects for the gallery and hopes to be included in the planning of the new Arts Complex.

"I'm excited to work with the art department. It's a young faculty and everyone is very energetic. They are all very active professionally and have made me feel very welcome," Thayer said. He added he is also eagerly anticipating the student and faculty exhibitions scheduled for the spring 2009 semester.

Originally from Ann Arbor, Mich., he attended various schools nationwide and holds a doctorate in history of art from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to coming to NMSU, he worked as a gallery director in Virginia.

Thayer spends his leisure time cooking, reading, traveling and appreciating art whenever he can.

Creative Media Institute establishes endowed scholarship

Laurance estate donates $50,000

The Creative Media Institute in the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University announces the receipt of a $50,000 donation from the estate of Michael Laurance to create the Michael Laurance Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Laurance was an active member of both the Las Cruces and NMSU communities, especially in the film and media world. His tireless efforts in both the Creative Media Institute and the Creative Media Technologies program at Doña Ana Community College were recognized throughout the state. His passion for photography and cinematography led him to a life of adventure and travel seldom seen these days.

The scholarship will fund the "capstone" film production for an outstanding senior majoring in the Creative Media Institute. The funds will provide the budget to write, direct and produce the student's short film. This gift generously provides an opportunity for creative and hardworking young filmmakers to implement their talent and learn valuable production skills.

NMSU, the College of Arts and Sciences and the CMI program expressed gratitude to Sid Goddard for all of his diligence and stewardship over the past months. His hard work has helped ensure the creation of this scholarship. A reception honoring Laurance and his gift to the university will be held in the near future.

For more information about the CMI program, contact Jonathan Benson at 646-5671. To make a donation to the Michael Laurance Memorial Scholarship, contact Scott Anderson at 646-2612 or the NMSU Foundation at 646-1613.

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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)		NCIS "About Face"		NUMB3RS CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap (N)		Nanny		20/20 CC		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
FOX 8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		News (N)	Two Men	You Smarter?		Don't Forget		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal		Crusoe (N) CC		Lipstick Jungle (N)		News (N)	News	Tonight Show	
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 CC		★★ "My Favorite Martian" (1999) CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN 26	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at San Antonio Spurs.					NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets.					SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 27	NASCAR	Series of Poker		Football	College Football Nevada at Fresno State. (Live)						NFL Live	Madden	Madden	Football
USA 31	NCIS "Pop Life"		House "Hunting"		House CC		The Starter Wife (N)		House "Joy" CC		House "Hunting"		The Starter Wife	
TNT 32	Law & Order		★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. CC						★★★ "Road to Perdition" (2002) Tom Hanks. CC					The
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah.				Sex &	Sex &	(:15) ★★★ "Set It Off" (1996) (PA) CC			
SPIKE 34	CSI: NY "The Deep"		CSI: Crime Scn		The Ultimate Fighter (In Stereo)						MAN	MAN	Gears	Game
COM 35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	Ralphie May		Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Damon Wayans	
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A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland (N) CC		Shadow Force		Sinking a Destroyer		Modern Marvels		Gangland CC	
TLC 45	What Not to Wear		Real Simple		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress		Real Simple	
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DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Phineas	★★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003) (In Stereo)			
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AMC 57	(4:00) "Rocky IV"		★★ "Rocky V" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.				★★ "Rocky V" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.						"Jason-to Hell"	
SCIFI 59	Star Trek Gen.		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Sanctuary (N) CC		Stargate Atlantis		Sanctuary CC		Stargate SG-1	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC 63	Kudlow & Company		On the Money		Flipping Out CC		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		Untold Wealth	
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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	Rangers	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
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	Homes	Today Roger Moore; P. Allen Smith. (N) CC				Jane	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		SportsCenter (Live) CC				College Football	
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Starter Wife CC		The Starter Wife CC		The Starter Wife CC		"Mission: Impossible"	
TNT 32	Angel "Five by Five"		Charmed CC		Charmed CC		Law & Order "DWB"		Law & Order "Flight"		Law & Order "Phobia"	
TBS 33	(:10) ★ "Underclassman" (2005) Nick Cannon.				(:10) ★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997) Matthew Perry. CC					(:25) ★★★ "Set It Off" (1996) (PA)		
SPIKE 34	Paid Prog.	Houses For	P90X	Paid Prog.	TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo) CC				Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks! (N)	Xtreme 4x4
COM 35	MADtv (In Stereo) CC		MADtv Jerry Springer.		Daily Show	Daily Show		Daily Show	Daily Show	"Adam Sandler's-Crazy Nights"		
LIFE 39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"More Sex & the Single Mom" (2005) CC			
FOOD 40	Italian	Jamie	Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Cook Loft	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ask Aida
HGTV 41	Dream	Sweat	House	Spaces	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E 43	Biography		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Business	Rocco-Real	Flip This House CC		Flip This House (N)	
HIST 44	Heavy Metal "Radar"		American Eats Beer.		Wild West Tech CC		UFO Files CC		Evolve "Size" (N) CC		Evolve "Jaws" CC	
TLC 45	Paid Prog.	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 CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Toughest Race: Iditarod		Storm Chasers	
ANPL 50	Dog Show: AKC/Eukanuba Champ.				Faithful	Breed	Pet Star CC		Venom 911 Snake bites.		Piranhas CC	
FAM 51	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Grounded	Grounded	'70s Show	★★★ "Rookie of the Year" (1993)		
DISN 52	★★ Brink!	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	(4:30) ★★★ "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967, Western) Clint Eastwood. CC							★★★ "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964) Clint Eastwood. CC				
SCIFI 59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Debt	"Maneater" (2007) Gary Busey, Ty Wood.				"Grizzly Rage" (2007) Tyler Hoechlin, Kate Todd.			
CNN 62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Debt	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	

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	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS 2 22	Workshop	MotorWeek	Mumme	Old House	Ask This	Primal Grill	Pepin	Cook	Food	Cooking	Lawrence Welk Show	
CBS 3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Football	College Football Alabama at LSU. (Live) CC						
ABC 7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Football	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						
FOX 8 14	Silver Str	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Movie CC				Movie CC			
NBC 9 9	Keyboard	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Athlete	Adv. Sports		Kristi Yamaguchi Friends and Family (N) CC				Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW 14	Chaotic	Yu Gi Oh	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADDYA	Exploration
WGN 15	Jeannie	Jeannie	★★ "Shopgirl" (2005) Steve Martin. (In Stereo)				Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Becker	Becker
ESPN 26	(10:00) College Football Teams to Be Announced.				Scoreboard	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						Scoreboard
ESPN2 27	(10:00) College Football Teams to Be Announced.				Sprint Cup Happy Hour		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Hefty Odor Block 200.				
USA 31	(10:00) ★★ "Mission: Impossible"			(:32) ★★ "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. CC						(:35) ★★ "National Treasure" CC		
TNT 32	Law & Order "Return"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Gaijin"		Law & Order "Identity"		★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks. CC			
TBS 33	(9:25) "Set It Off" (1996)		★★ "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah. CC				Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	Frank TV	Raymond
SPIKE 34	Trucks!	Trucks!	Trucks!	★★★ "You Only Live Twice" (1967) Sean Connery. CC					★★★ "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971) CC			
COM 35	Adam	Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "Out Cold" (2001) Jason London. CC				★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy. CC				
LIFE 39	★★ "Mini's First Time" (2006) Alec Baldwin.				"Making Mr. Right" (2008) Dean Cain. CC				★★★★ "When Harry Met Sally" (1989) CC			
FOOD 40	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		Dinner	Dinner	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		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	Flip House	The Unreal Story of Professional Wrestling				Biography: Hogan		Andre the Giant CC		★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) CC		
HIST 44	Evolve "Speed" (N)		Evolve "Venom" (N)		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		The Samurai CC			
TLC 45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Frst Home	Frst Home	Flip House	Flip House	Jon & Kate Plus 8 Road	
DISC 47	Time Warp	Time Warp	Survivorman CC		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild "Zambia"		MythBusters CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL 50	Animal Cops Detroit		Jessica the Hippo		Weird, True & Freaky		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit	
FAM 51	Rookie	★★ "Little Big League" (1994, Comedy) Luke Edwards. CC					★★ "The Addams Family" (1991, Comedy) CC				"Addams Family"	
DISN 52	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	★★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003) Jamie Lee Curtis.				Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana
NICK 54	The Fairly OddParents CC			Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC 57	★★ "Hang 'Em High" (1968, Western) Clint Eastwood. CC					★★★ "Dirty Harry" (1971) Clint Eastwood.				★★ "Magnum Force" (1973) CC		
SCIFI 59	"Savage Planet" (2006) Sean Patrick Flanery.				"Sasquatch Mountain" (2006) Lance Henriksen.				★★ "Abominable" (2006, Horror) Matt McCoy.			
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.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For
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	History Detectives		Brulé, Live-Mt		Soundstage CC	
CBS (3) 3	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: NY CC		Without a Trace		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	CSI: NY "The Fall"		Cold
ABC (7) 7	News	Movies	College Football California at USC. (In Stereo Live) CC							Edition	News	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired
FOX (8) 14	Paid	Paid	House "Control"		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv (N) CC		Talkshow	King
NBC (9) 9	Paid	Lopez	News (N)	Lopez	Knight Rider CC		Office	Saturday Night Live CC			News (N)	Saturday Night Live CC		
CW (14)	★★ "Back to School" (1986, Comedy)				Bananas Jeff Allen.		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	Boston Legal CC		★ "The Mod Squad" (1999) Claire Danes.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Honeym	★★ "Shopgirl" (2005) CC		
ESPN (26)	Score	(:45) College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						(:45) SportsCenter (Live) CC			Football Final		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						Scoreboard		Madden	Madden	Fast	Happy Hour		NASCAR
USA (31)	(3:35) "National Treasure" CC		★★★ "Inside Man" (2006) Denzel Washington. CC						Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		The Starter Wife	
TNT (32)	(3:00) "Cast Away"		★★ "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks. CC						★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997) Matt Damon. CC					Beautiful
TBS (33)	King	King	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) (PA) Mel Gibson.					(:40) ★★ "Van Helsing" (2004) (PA) Hugh Jackman.				
SPIKE (34)	"Diamonds-For"		★★★ "Never Say Never Again" (1983) Sean Connery. CC						The Ultimate Fighter		★★ "In Hell" (2003, Action) (In Stereo)			
COM (35)	Iglesias: Fluffy		Kevin James: Sweat		Ralphie May		★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley.				Ralphie May		"Dysfunktional"	
LIFE (39)	"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"				"My Mom's New Boyfriend" (2008) CC				Army Wives CC		Medium CC		Frasier	Frasier
FOOD (40)	Paula's Party		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge		Challenge	
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine	House	House	Rate	Color	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine
A&E (43)	(3:30) "Tombstone"		★★★ "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. CC						The Sopranos CC		★★★ "Open Range" (2003) CC			
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		God vs. Satan CC				Decoding the Past CC				God vs. Satan CC			
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	Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Made	Made	Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers	
ANPL (50)	Dogs 101		Dogs 101 (N)		It's Me or the Dog		Miami Animal Police		Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog		Miami Animal Police	
FAM (51)	"Addams Family"		★★ "Garfield" (2004) Breckin Meyer.				★★★ "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" CC					Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana		Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly "iGo to Japan" (N)		Jackson		Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im
AMC (57)	"Magnum Force"		★★ "The Enforcer" (1976) CC				★★ "Sudden Impact" (1983) CC				★★ "The Dead Pool" (1988, Action) CC			
SCIFI (59)	"Ice Spiders" (2007) Patrick Muldoon.				"Yeti" (2008) Peter DeLuise. Premiere.				★★★ "Dog Soldiers" (2002, Horror)				"Chupacabra"	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC (63)	Deal or No Deal		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman	
MSNBC (64)	Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw	

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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) CC	
ABC (7) 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday CC	
NBC (9) 9	Strikeforce	Old House	Today (N) CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Paid Prog.
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 CC		Feed	Paid Prog.	Sports	Sports	Boston Legal CC	
ESPN (26)	Foot Final	NFL	SportsCenter CC		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter CC		NFL Countdown (Live) CC			
ESPN2 (27)	Driven	Wild Skies	Whitetail	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	NASCAR Now (Live)		Russo & Steele		WTA Tennis	
USA (31)	Ab Secrets	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	The Starter Wife CC		★★★ "16 Blocks" (2006) Bruce Willis. CC				(:03) "Bad Boys II" CC	
TNT (32)	(4:00) ★★ "Wyatt Earp" (1994, Biography) Kevin Costner. Premiere. CC						★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. CC					United 93
TBS (33)	Harvey	(:20) ★ "Biker Boyz" (2003) Laurence Fishburne.				(:20) ★★ "Van Helsing" (2004) (PA) Hugh Jackman. CC					★★ "Unleashed" (PA)	
SPIKE (34)	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married...	Married...	Married...	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM (35)	Colbert	Daily Show		Colbert	Colbert	"Blue Collar Comedy Tour: One for the Road" (2006) CC					Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Ab Secrets	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"Engaged to Kill" (2006) Joe Lando. CC			
FOOD (40)	Cooking	Quick Fix	Emeril	Simply	Grill It-Flay	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Paula
HGTV (41)	Ground	Yard	Yard	Landscape	Landscapr	Landscapr	Curb	Amazing	Secrets	Get It Sold	My House	Potential
A&E (43)	Biography "Eddie Murphy Special" CC				Private Sessions (N)		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		Rookies	Rookies
HIST (44)	Weather at War CC		Mega Disasters CC		Mega Disasters CC		Mega Disasters CC		Mega Disasters CC		Mega Disasters CC	
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Real Simple. Real Life		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Time Warp	Time Warp	MythBusters CC		Prototype This!		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL (50)	Me or Dog	Good Dog	Barking Mad CC		K-9 to 5	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Animals	Animals	Growing Up... "Tiger"	
FAM (51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	Grounded	"Sisterhood of Traveling Pants"		
DISN (52)	Genius	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)	(4:30) ★★★ "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964) CC				★★★ "Dirty Harry" (1971) Clint Eastwood.				Shootout	★★ "Magnum Force" (1973) CC		
SCIFI (59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Houses For	Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise	
CNN (62)	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources CC		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer CC			
CNBC (63)	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Millions	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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PBS (2) 22	Santa Fe	Foreign	Aggie Alm	Health	Healthy	Lassie	Cultivating	Travel	Rudy Maxa	Volvo	Antiques Roadshow	
CBS (3) 3	NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Chicago Bears. (Live) CC						NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Live) CC					
ABC (7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight		Countdown	(:45) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500. (In Stereo Live)						
FOX (8) 14	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings. CC						NFL	Paid Prog.	★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Luke Wilson			
NBC (9) 9	Reel Talk	Paid Prog.	Athlete	2008 Paralympics From Beijing.			Bull Riding PBR World Finals. (Same-day Tape)				Paid Prog.	NBC News
CW (14)	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★★★ "Go" (1999) Desmond Askew.				Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	4REAL	4REAL (N)
WGN (15)	★★ "In Too Deep" (1999) Omar Epps. CC				★ "The Mod Squad" (1999) Claire Danes. CC				Coach	Coach	ALF CC	ALF CC
ESPN (26)	PBA Bowling			College Football Final		Bull Riding		Basketball		Boxing 1993 Bowe vs. Holyfield II.		
ESPN2 (27)	WTA Tennis		Timber	Timbersport Series		Timber	Dog Challenge		Series of Poker		Series of Poker	
USA (31)	(10:03) ★★ "Bad Boys II" (2003)			(:35) ★★ "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. CC						★★★ "Inside Man" (2006) CC		
TNT (32)	(10:30) ★★★ "United 93" (2006)			★★★ "We Were Soldiers" (2002, War) Mel Gibson. CC					★★ "The Da Vinci Code" (2006) Tom Hanks.			
TBS (33)	(10:00) "Unleashed"		★ "The Tuxedo" (2002) (PA) Jackie Chan. CC				★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001) (PA) Jackie Chan.				★★ "Blade II" (2002)	
SPIKE (34)	★★★ "From Russia With Love" (1963) Sean Connery. CC					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
COM (35)	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy. CC					★ "The Ladies Man" (2000) Tim Meadows. CC				"Blue Collar Comedy Tour"		
LIFE (39)	"No One Would Tell" (1996) Candace Cameron.				"Reckless Behavior: Caught on Tape" (2007)				★★ "Sex, Lies & Obsession" (2001) CC			
FOOD (40)	Home	Guy	Fried Treats		Diners	Diners	Food	On Plate	Chef Jeff Project		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV (41)	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Desperate	Dime	Color	Divine	First Place	Secret Spaces		Sleep on It	Property
A&E (43)	Rookies	Rookies	Mind Control CC		Parking	Parking	Parking Wars CC		Paranormal	Paranormal	Parking	Parking
HIST (44)	Titanic's Final Moments: Missing Pieces CC				Titanic's Achilles Heel CC				Life After People CC			
TLC (45)	Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis	
DISC (47)	Time Warp	Time Warp	Survivorman CC		Storm Chasers		Man vs. Wild Kenya.		MythBusters CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL (50)	Animal Cops Houston		Unexplained		Piranhas CC		Maneaters CC		Maneaters CC		Maneaters CC	
FAM (51)	"Sisterhood-Trav"		★★ "Dr. Dolittle" (1998) Eddie Murphy. CC				★★ "Dr. Dolittle 2" (2001) Eddie Murphy. CC				"Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006)	
DISN (52)	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	★★ "The Wild" (2006, Adventure)			Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory
NICK (54)	Jimmy Neutron: Gen.		Barnyard	Barnyard	Zoey 101 CC		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	School	Drake
AMC (57)	(9:30) "Magnum Force"		★★ "The Enforcer" (1976) Clint Eastwood. CC				★★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller. CC				"House on Hill"	
SCIFI (59)	Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.	
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.	Paid Prog.	Meals	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Houses For
MSNBC (64)	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Meet the Press CC	

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PBS (2) 22	Globe Trekker		Nova CC (DVS)		Nature (N)		Masterpiece Contemporary (N)		From		Keeping Score		Short List	(Off Air)
CBS (3) 3	CBS	News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		Amaz. Race 13		Cold Case (N) CC		The Unit (N) CC		News (N)	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC (7) 7	NASCAR	ABC	Home Videos		Extreme-Home		Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX (8) 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	King-Hill	Simpsons	Simpsons	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Amer	News (N) CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC (9) 9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles. CC							Sports	News (N)	Lopez	Outdrsmn	CSI Mi
CW (14)	Valentine CC		In Harm's Way		Valentine (N) CC		Easy Money (N)		Housewives		Bananas CC		Star Trek CC	
WGN (15)	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	Honeym	Honeym	News	Replay	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie	Hillbillies	Hillbillies
ESPN (26)	SportsCenter (Live) CC			College Football Live (N) CC					SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter (Live) CC		
ESPN2 (27)	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		NASCAR Now (Live)		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker	
USA (31)	(3:30) "Inside Man"		House "Airborne"		House CC		House CC		The Starter Wife		★★★ "16 Blocks" (2006) Bruce Willis.			
TNT (32)	"Da Vinci Code"		★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks. CC						(:10) ★★★★ "Saving Private Ryan" (1998) Tom Hanks. CC					
TBS (33)	(4:00) "Blade II"		★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003) (PA) CC				★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004) (PA) Uma Thurman.					(:45) ★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1"		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "The Man With the Golden Gun"			
COM (35)	"Blue Collar"		★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley.				Ralphie May		Ralphie May		S. Park	Choco	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE (39)	★★ "Devil's Pond" (2003) Kip Pardue.				★★★ "What's Love Got to Do With It"				Grey's Anatomy		"Sex & Lies in Sin City"			
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Chef Jeff Project (N)		Dinner	Dinner	Iron Chef America		Chef Jeff Project	
HGTV (41)	My	To Sell	Design on a Dime		House	House	Property	First	Stagers	House	Design on a Dime		House	House
A&E (43)	The Cleaner CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST (44)	Shadow Force		Gangland CC		Underworld		Crash		UFO Hunters CC		Gangland CC		Underworld	
TLC (45)	Mystery Diagnosis		Giant Legs		Heaviest Man		Heaviest Man		Giant Legs		Heaviest Man		Heaviest Man	
DISC (47)	De	De	Bear Feeding		Feeding Frenzy		Storm Chasers (N)		De	De	Bear Feeding		Feeding Frenzy	
ANPL (50)	Orangutan Island		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars	
FAM (51)	"Dr. Dolittle 3" CC		"Dr. Dolittle: Tail to the Chief" (2008) CC				"Dr. Dolittle: Tail to the Chief" (2008) CC				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN (52)	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Wizards	★★ "Life-Size" (2000) CC			Suite Life
NICK (54)	iCarly "iGo to Japan" CC			Jackson	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Cosby	Cosby
AMC (57)	"House on Hill"		★★ "Hannibal" (2001, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins. Premiere.						★★ "Hannibal" (2001) Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore.					
SCIFI (59)	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		(6:59) ★★★ "Blade Runner: The Final Cut" (1982)						(:34) ★★ "The Lawnmower Man" (1992) Jeff Fahey.			
CNN (62)	Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC (63)	Diabetes	Wall St	Collaboration Now		Big Mac: Inside		Big Brother, Big Business Surveillance.				Ultimate Fighting		Collaboration Now	
MSNBC (64)	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Witness to Jonestown				Caught on Camera		Witness to Jonestown			

MONDAY EVENING — NOVEMBER 10, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Antiques Roadshow		American Exp.		Journey to Palomar (N) CC			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 "Villains" (N)		Worst Enemy		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl (N)		One Tree Hill (N)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	7th Heaven "Help"		Home Videos		ALF	ALF	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN (26)	Monday Night Countdown			NFL Football San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Primetime (N)	
ESPN2 (27)	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		E:60 (N)		NASCAR Now CC		NFL	Football
USA (31)	NCIS "Vanished"		House "Skin Deep"		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		(:05) Monk CC	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Bones CC		The Closer CC		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Earl	Earl	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	★ "Jack" (1996, Fantasy) CC		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Without a Paddle" (2004, Comedy)				UFC 91 Countdown		CSI: NY CC		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Choco	Silverman	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Her Sister's Keeper" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Good	On Plate	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Curb	Amazing	Potential	House	House	Ext Liv	Beyond	To Sell	Curb	Amazing	Potential
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Marie"		I Survived CC		The First 48 CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Marie"	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Star Wars Tech		The Brain (N) CC				Batman Tech CC		Star Wars Tech		The Brain CC	
TLC (45)	Little	Little	Little	Little	Jon & Kate Plus 8		17 Kids	17 Kids	Little	Little	Jon & Kate Plus 8		17 Kids	17 Kids
DISC (47)	Made	Made	De	De	Investigation X (N)		Raging Nature		Made	Made	De	De	Investigation X	
ANPL (50)	Amazing Animals		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops		Animal Cops	
FAM (51)	★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) CC				★★★ "The Wedding Singer" (1998) CC				The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Air Bud" (1997) Michael Jeter.				Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	iCarly "iGo to Japan" CC			Jackson	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Clear-Danger"		★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. CC						★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. CC					
SCIFI (59)	Lost "Collision"		Lost CC		Lost CC		Lost CC		Gurren	Gurren	Gurren	Darkness	Gears	Ripley
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		On the Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — NOVEMBER 11, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova (N) (In Stereo)		Frontline (N) CC (DVS)			The Last Ridge		BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS (N) CC		The Mentalist (N)		Without a Trace (N)		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Dancing-Stars		Dancing-Stars		(:02) Eli Stone (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	House "The Itch"		(:01) Fringe (N)		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser: Families (N) CC				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	90210 (N) CC		Privileged (N) CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	7th Heaven CC		Nash Bridges CC		Nash Bridges CC		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN (26)	E:60 (N)		Series of Poker		2008 World Series of Poker (Taped)				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	College Football Ball State at Miami-Ohio. (Live)						NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live) CC				NASCAR Now CC		Series of Poker	
USA (31)	NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		Law & Order: SVU		House "Clueless"		House "Safe" CC		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych CC	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC		Cold Case "Hubris"	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Frank TV	Sex &	Sex &	Engvall	Engvall	Engvall
SPIKE (34)	CSI: NY "Boo"		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		Ult. Knockouts		MAN	MAN	CSI: NY CC		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Jeff Dunham		Daily	Colbert	Jeff Dunham		Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Rita	Wife Swap CC		Blush: Artist		Will	Will	Frasier	Wife Swap CC		Blush
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Good	Good	Food	Unwrap	Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Food	Unwrap	Cakes	Cakes
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	Stagers	House	House	My	Potential	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	Stagers
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Rookies	Rookies	Jacked	Jacked	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Decoding the Past		The Universe CC		Extreme Trains		Modern Marvels		Decoding the Past		The Universe CC	
TLC (45)	Shocking Story		My Shocking Story		Mystery Diagnosis		Med. Examiner		My Shocking Story		Mystery Diagnosis		Med. Examiner	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N)		Extreme Loggers		Made	Made	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL (50)	Born Different		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Living-Wolfman		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Living-Wolfman	
FAM (51)	Lincoln Heights		Lincoln Heights (N)		Lincoln Heights		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Lincoln Heights		Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	So Raven	So Raven	Cory	Cory	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff.				Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"The Longest Day"		★★ "Midway" (1976, Drama) Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda.						★★ "The Great Raid" (2005, War) Benjamin Bratt. CC					
SCIFI (59)	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		ECW (Live)		Cha$e CC		Scare	Scare	Cha$e CC		Gears	Ripley
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		On the Money		To Be Announced		Prostitution		Mad Money		Fast Money		Prostitution	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work (N)				Alburquerque		Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY (N) CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	The 42nd Annual CMA Awards (Same-day Tape) CC						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Bones (N) CC		House CC		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Knight Rider (N)		Life "Black Friday"		Law & Order (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Next Top Model		Stylista (N) CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	7th Heaven "Broke"		Home Videos		Legend of		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN (26)	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Washington Wizards.					NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns.					SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	NFL Live	Football	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						SportsCenter CC		NASCAR Now CC		College Football	
USA (31)	NCIS CC		House "All In"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight CC	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		★★ "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey. CC					★★ "The Legend of Zorro" (2005, Adventure) CC				
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	★★ "Flubber" (1997) (PA)		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: NY "Buzzkill"		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed (N)		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: NY CC		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Choco	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Choco	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Tell Me No Lies" (2007) Kelly Rutherford.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Romancing the Bird		Flay	Flay	Dinner	Dinner	Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner	Dinner
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Get Sold	Beyond	Buy Me	House	House	Amazing	Haulin	To Sell	Get Sold	Beyond	Buy Me
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest (N)		UFO Hunters (N)		The Universe CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC (45)	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Purity Balls CC		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Purity Balls CC	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters (N)		Prototype This! (N)		Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters CC	
ANPL (50)	Maneaters CC		After the Attack		Animal Precinct		K-9 Cops (N) CC		Animal Precinct		K-9 Cops CC		After the Attack	
FAM (51)	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Lincoln Heights		Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001)			Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	(4:30) iCarly CC		Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	(3:00) "Midway"		★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) Clint Eastwood. CC				★★ "The Gauntlet" (1977) Clint Eastwood. CC						"The Octagon" CC	
SCIFI (59)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Estate of Panic		Ghost Hunters		Estate of Panic		Cha$e CC	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		On the Money		To Be Announced		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — NOVEMBER 13, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Aggie	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	Ugly Betty (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(:01) Life on Mars		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Name	Kath-Kim	Office	30 Rock	ER "Heal Thyself"		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Abyss"		Supernatural (N)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	7th Heaven CC		★★★ "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN (26)	SportsCtr	College Football Virginia Tech at Miami. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Live	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	Football	MLS Soccer: Conf. Champ. -- Teams TBA					2008 World Series of Poker				NASCAR Now CC		Series of Poker	
USA (31)	NCIS CC		House CC		House CC		House CC		Law & Order: SVU		The Starter Wife		Law Order: CI	
TNT (32)	NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Chicago Bulls.					Inside the NBA		Without a Trace	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "Underworld" (2003) (PA) CC				Sex &	Sex &	"Kicking & Scrm"	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) CC				MAN	MAN	UFC 91 Countdown		Married...	Married...
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Silverman	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Silverman	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★ "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Thanksgiving		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Chef Jeff Project		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)	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Ancient Discoveries		Underworld		Organizd Crime		Modern Marvels		Ancient Discoveries	
TLC (45)	Overhaulin' CC		American Chopper		American Chopper		LA Ink (N) CC		American Chopper		LA Ink CC		American Chopper	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	How Stuff Works		De	De	Storm Chasers		Made	Made	How Stuff Works		De	De
ANPL (50)	Kung Fu-Anim.		Mountains-Wolf		The Natural World		Animal Cops		Mountains-Wolf		The Natural World		Animal Cops	
FAM (51)	70s Show	70s Show	★★★ "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) CC				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Emperor	Emperor	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	"Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century" (1999)				Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Heartbreak Ridge"		★★★★ "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977)						(:15) ★★★ "Big" (1988, Fantasy) Tom Hanks. CC					Baby
SCIFI (59)	"Dungeons & Dragons: Dragon God"				★★ "The Brothers Grimm" (2005) Matt Damon.					"Stan Lee's Harpies" (2007)				Gears
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	Kudlow & Company		On the Money		To Be Announced		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

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BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

IT ALL AMOUNTS TO

ENGLISH	SPANISH
DOUBLE	DOBLADA
DOZEN	DOCENA
EXCESSIVE	EXCESIVO
FEW	ALGUNOS
GALLON	GALÓN
HALF	MEDIO
HOUR	HORA
MANY	MUCHOS
MINUTE	MINUTO
OUNCE	ONZA
TABLESPOON	CUCHARA
TEASPOON	CUCHARILLA

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O V I S W N Ó L P S E L B A T
E X C L Ó E X C E S I V O E F
W M U S I V F E X C O S I V O
C U C H R L D O C I A L B O D
D O G N A Z E N D H A R U T O
A R A H C U C E G A L L O N N
L E L E X C M E S I V U O E O
L V Ó D E O Z O T U N I M N O
I I N G T V A A L C Ó A U N P
R S O V U Z D N E Z R W C V S
A S M A N Y A E Y O W U H Y E
H E Y O I B L C H L E Ó O N L
C C N H M T B O B N O P S H B
U X Ó N E Z O D S O N U G L A
C E L B U O D N O O P S A E T

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

ACROSS
1 Reindeers' working mo.
4 Longoria or Peron?
5 '80s Rock group
6 Lacking vitality
10 Reduced in rank
16 Shipworm
17 Pound
18 Arnold Schwartzenegger film (1996)
19 Èchoed
22 Jamie Foxx's vehicle in "Collateral"
23 Higher than
24 Picnicked
25 Greenbacks
26 Line drawn on a map through all points having the same numerical value
31 Retirement fund, abbr.
32 Stinking quality
37 Suri's father
39 Four or six, for example
42 In a distinguished way
43 Calcium carbonate rock
45 Comes out, like a bud
46 Scary mo.
48 Invested with royal authority
49 Megad and Shibbol followers
50 Doubtful
53 The lowest point
55 Electronic banker
56 Scrabbler's smooth move
57 Confederate soldier
58 Windex, for example
62 Spouts, var.
66 Strong and resilient
67 Enthusiastic
68 Oil example
69 Herman's first name
70 Anecdotal collection
71 Disencumber
72 Cinco de mo.

DOWN
1 Lower the rating of an electrical device
2 More balanced
3 Shooter
7 Cactus juice
8 Mull over
9 "Space Cadet's" Tom
10 Spring mo.
11 Flower pollen robber
12 Serpent
13 Most passionate
14 Intricate
15 Trigger for an explosive device
20 "Who's that girl" singer and rapper
21 Old Algerian ruler
26 Road houses
27 Jellied
28 Christiania formerly
29 Excite emotionally
30 Composer of "The Planets"
32 Cards and roses mo.
33 Large bird
34 Fatigue
35 Incite to action
36 Removes the king
38 Isinglass
39 First mo. of "Monday Night Football"
40 Direction
41 Republican, on a political map
44 "__ in Black"
47 Shreds into pieces
51 Vast plain
52 Drink
53 ABC's rival
54 Languish
59 Setting for "The hunt for Red October"
60 Famous movie street
61 Bread or whiskey
63 Put back in the microwave
64 Ancient Greece head band
65 Unflurried

SELECTIVE COLLECTIVES

ACROSS
1 Old adages
5 Burn slightly
9 Type of committee
14 Yesteryears
19 Tough journey
20 Luau dance
21 Dentition
22 Pop open
23 Depend
24 Greek god of love
25 Mediterranean island nation
26 Parkinson's medication
27 Group of pooches
30 Song text
31 Fabric fold
32 Gang follower?
33 Most inflamed
35 Afore
36 Kind of tea or remedy
38 Upslope
40 Flimflams
42 Leader of Senegal?
43 Swimming hole
46 African antelope
49 Monastery leaders
52 Microwave safe
54 "__ Lang Syne"
56 Frizzy hairdo
57 Flat-topped hill
60 "__ the Explorer"
61 A bit tepid
64 NYC division
65 Top floors
67 Metal scum
69 Moises of baseball
70 Loophole
71 Hair cleaner
73 Seething
75 One from Kabul
77 __ jacet
78 Way off yonder
80 Switched switch
82 Supplier
83 Yuck!
84 Long stepper
86 Pageant ID
88 Both halves of a fly?
89 "The Right Stuff" org.
91 Bone: pref.
92 Prairie coverage
95 Swanson of Hollywood
97 Disney World attraction
99 Faction
100 Tilly or Ryan
103 Wards (off)
105 Dating from
107 Everett of "Citizen Kane"
109 British rule in India
111 Such being the case
114 Castle defense
117 Cobwebby
118 King and Greenspan
120 Group of tropical fish
123 Plant with two seed leaves
124 Dental filling
125 Stead
126 Grow weary
127 Low joint
128 Century plant
129 Goofs
130 Always
131 Caught a film again
132 Desert traveler
133 DOD part
134 Wine list section

DOWN
1 Poetic stanza
2 Spaces between leaf veins
3 Some metal workers
4 Space station of old
5 Females
6 New bread abroad
7 Overhead
8 One with a grating voice
9 Start of a sphere?
10 View from Mount Pisgah
11 Hi!
12 Playful aquatic mammal
13 Follows after
14 Ring on a can
15 Capp of comic strips
16 Group of swine
17 Long-snouted animal
18 Room
28 Day's march
29 Bay window
34 Group of food fish (var.)
37 Group of jumpers
39 Group of bigger jumpers, briefly
41 CEO's degree, often
44 Of the ear: pref.
45 Animal fat
47 Thin wdt.
48 Russian assembly
50 Defeat decisively
51 Bombing runs
52 Corey of "Murphy's Romance"
53 Silents star Theda
55 Oscar winner Kedrova
57 Making some potatoes
58 Part of PETA
59 Group of male donkeys
62 You wish!
63 Supreme Court Justice Black
66 Numbers pros
68 Double reed instrument
72 Boat movers
74 Far from the flock
76 Hovels
79 Sacred observance
81 Pesters
85 Sheriff's asst.
87 __ Lanka
90 Exist
93 Tiny things
94 Diamond of "Night Court"
96 Fretting
98 Tapioca source
100 Huge
101 Came in
102 Yellowstone attraction
104 Ape
106 Tricked
108 Eviction
109 Trooper's gun?
110 Skirt shape
112 Ballroom dance for two
113 Muslim religion
115 Burning
116 Twit
119 Vincent Lopez theme song
121 Gazed at
122 Oxidize

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

P O I C A P O T O P A Z É Ó S
I O T L A S A B R G S D S P L
E A L Z I P B O L E A M M E G
D P A R G E M A M J T I E B A
R Ó S P Ó L G L I Z N C R L T
A L A B A S T R O P C A A D L
C V B O U L D E R D R V L A Z
A L A B A S T E R Z C A D J M
L I M E S T O N E B V L A E S
I O M O L A P Ó S A R D Ó D T
Z P I Z A R R A Ó S E G L J O
A A C B T V Z B A T S L U E N
T L A P E M E R A L D A O D Z
E I O A Z A L I Ó P L G B J A
R L T Z A B T M L M S E M I L

Diagramless

RACE RARE JUMP WALK
ANON OPEN AFAR EPEE
WINDSURFS NOTORIETY
OHS VAR
RES ODD
SAE KOI
ETA BENE
RHUBARB GOTO
ANNA ARIL
SNAGGIEST
PAN
RAPIDFIRE
ASAP URAL
ISLE LANKEST
MEAN DEW
IMP URI
CAP COG
HIE AUG
BALALAIKA BOMBSIGHT
ALEE SLID EARL NOON
HAUL ELMS ERSE GATT

Fooled Again

ACCT PAVO PSEUD SPASM
NAHA EMIL HOSNI SOLTI
INAMERICAYOUCAN TRIES
MINTY GAVOTTE GBS CVA
ANNARBOR KOA CLR PIED
TEEMER GOONTHEAIRAND
ESL ALOU PERE EDO
INHIBIT IRS EMIRS
KIDTHEPOLITICIANS MON
AREAS REDPINE GOTUPTO
BILL LES TET OID NATO
ASTORIA SOUREST IDLED
LEA ANDTHEPOLITICIANS
ASSET SRI SMEARED
GIT ISMS ERLE SSR
CANGOONTHEAIR NASHUA
APES MAE NPR OVERLAPS
RIA OSS ECLIPSE MORPH
GETGO ANDKIDTHEPEOPLE
OCEAN LADEN AERO PIES
SENTA STANG HASP SERT

CRYPTOGRAM

KCV FUVLK KCWMF LARGK VSVUD HWMV ARZWMF YRSWV WQ DRG BLM VZEVBK L NRK RH YLBCR EGMBC NWMVQ.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The clown said the carrot was blushing because it saw the salad dressing.

THEATER

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LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Now Showing

Showtune Showcase
Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Downtown Mall
523-1200
Tickets: $10
Nov. 7-9

RazzaMaJazz
Boba Café Cabaret
1900 S. Espina St.
647-5900
Tickets: $8-$30
Through Nov. 22

Upcoming Performances

Copenhagen
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets: $5-$7
Opens Nov. 21

Cinderella
Hershel Zohn Theatre
New Mexico State University Campus
646-4517
Tickets: $10-$15
Opens Nov. 21

'Showtune Showcase' to benefit the March of Dimes

Mazdra, other area performers to sing Broadway tunes

Cesár E. Chávez Elementary School Speech Language pathologist Janet Mazdra will headline a review of some of Broadway's best shows in "Showtune Showcase" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, and again at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Downtown Mall.

The show is a fundraiser for the Southern New Mexico March of Dimes.

Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door. A light meal will be served at intermission and 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes.

In addition to Mazdra, performers will include Alma d'arte Charter High School theatre teacher Megan McQueen, Las Cruces artist/actor/playwright Bob Diven, actor and Rio Grande Theatre Manager David Edwards and Las Cruces actor/performers Josh Shakra and Kat Hicks. Musical accompaniment will be provided by Karen Warren on keyboard and Tom Warren on guitar.

The show will feature songs from Broadway shows including "Jekyll and Hyde," "Hairspray," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Crazy for You" and many others."

Mazdra is among 15 Las Cruces women helping Southern New Mexico March of Dimes raise funds during the second annual "High Heels for High Hopes" Campaign.

The event culminates with a gala dinner and silent auction Thursday, Nov. 20, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. A reception and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. A fashion show (including Mazdra) is at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and the evening's program begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $60 each. Tables are $600 (10 people). Platform sponsorships are $1,000.

Mazdra and the other 14 women each hope to raise $4,000 – a total of $60,000 – "to support research, education and community service programs of the March of Dimes, an organization whose mission focuses on preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant death," according to www.highheelsforhighhopes.com.

Six Las Cruces salons are sponsoring the women in the campaign. Mazdra is sponsored by Crawford Studios.

To make a contribution to Mazdra, visit www.highheelsforhighhopes.com and click on "Crawford Studios Models" in the lilac-colored panel on the left. Then, click on Mazdra's name under her photo, fill out the form and click the submit button.

Front row, Cat Hicks, Megan McQueen and Janet Mazdra; back row, Josh Shakra, Bob Diven and David Edwards, will star in "Showtunes Showcase" at the Las Cruces Community Theatre to benefit the March of Dimes.

Tax-deductible donations can also be made by calling March of Dimes at 523-2627, or mail to March of Dimes, P.O. Box 2066, Mesilla Park, NM 88047.

Mazdra is a member of the local March of Dimes chapter. She gave birth to her son, Spencer, 16 weeks prematurely in April 2002.

"He only weighed one pound, eight ounces, and wasn't expected to live because of being so premature and so sick. Thanks to a drug called Surfactant that was developed by the March of Dimes to help his lungs to grow and mature, he was able to slowly strengthen and develop to a point where he could breathe on his own," Mazdra said.

For more information, contact Mazdra at 527-6022 or jmazdra@lcps.k12.nm.us. Contact the March of Dimes at 523-2627 or bhorner@marchofdimes.com for more information.

Boba Café presents 'RazzaMaJazz'

Rat Pack music to entertain audiences

Live at the Boba Café presents "RazzaMaJazz" with the Boba Cabaret Players on Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 7 through 22 at Boba Café, 1900 S. Espina St.

This Rat Pack assimilation will include well-known songs of the era complete with humor and a mild story line fit for the once beloved Sands Casino shows. Featuring such songs as "My Kind of Town," "New York, New York" and "The Way You Look Tonight," as well as some Cole Porter/Ella Fitzgerald favorites such as "Lets Do It," "Ridin' High" and "Night and Day."

This show will feature Ashley Foster, Anthony Kumpf and Chris Waggoner, as well as a seven-piece jazz band to play under the direction of Dr. Bill Clark.

Dinner seats at 6 p.m. with show time at 7 p.m. Cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m. with show time at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner shows are $30, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner entrée and beverage (beer and wine included). The 8:30 p.m. cocktail performance tickets are $10 per person. Students and seniors are $8 per person.

Call 647-5900 for more information and reservations.

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‘Frozen River’ explores border people smuggling

Characters find themselves on thin ice

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Still another great movie based on true incidents, “Frozen River” offers an unsettling look into people smuggling, something that most of us in these parts are used to hearing about and, at times, even viewing. However, the illegal border crossings in this film take place in the northern United States, specifically in far northern New York State, on the edge of the Mohawk Indian Nation.

At $600 a head, the initial attitude of Ray about smuggling quickly changes when her now missing, gambling-addicted husband drains her finances. Worst of all, the down payment on her new manufactured home is about to go the way of Lehman Brothers if she doesn’t come up with some quick cash. Ray teams up with Lila who is Mohawk, after nabbing her while she is casually trying to steal the now missing hubby’s car. “The keys were in it” Lila shrugs nonchalantly when caught red-handed in the driver’s seat by Ray.

An argument leads to the business transaction, and the dower Lila assures Ray that cops or ICE won’t harass her, since “she is white.” All goes well for a while until an error in judgment by Ray puts everything in a much different perspective.

In a sidebar story, Ray’s two young sons are left to fend for themselves as Ray works her day job as an assistant manager of a dollar store, while spending the rest of her time driving across the frozen river of the title, smuggling a flurry of people of all nationalities into the United States from Canada.

This allows her elder son to partake in some skullduggery of his own, creating a successful (much to his surprise) credit card scam in order to raise cash to buy his younger brother a desired Christmas gift.

Lila is also on the fringes of poverty. Living in an unheated travel trailer, her only source of income comes from the smuggling business, in which she has teamed up with several other Mohawk people on both sides of the border.

A third party, Finnerty, is a state trooper, who has a rather uneasy affection for Ray and her kids. It might be because he has a crush on Ray and gets along well with her kids (an interesting and touching scene takes place when he “solves” her son’s credit card scam), or just because he understands the dynamics of poverty, for both red and white people.

Lila and Ray have an uneasy alliance – tinges of racism crop up, as Ray seems to have a disdain for the Mohawk people and the people of different cultures that she is smuggling. But they persevere, and, oh, so slowly, start to understand that they are both in the same predicament, until a near tragedy occurs.

Filmed in a very muted tone – everything is tinged with gray – “Frozen River” keeps its tension throughout, whether it is from the superb acting of Melissa Leo as Ray and from Misty Upham (Lila) of the Blackfoot Indian Nation, or from the teeth-grinding, seat-grabbing feeling one gets as the two women drive Ray’s car across the ice. One never knows if all of these fragile things – their alliance, their luck, the ice – will hold on just a little bit longer.

The picture won the Grand Jury Prize at this year’s Sundance Film Festival and first-time director/write, Courtney Hunt has crafted a terrific little film, rife with the things that make us human.

Jeff Berg walks on thin ice at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. DISCLAIMER: Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only, and not of anyone else connected with the film society.

Second Sunday documentary takes on Gonzo journalist

Depp and others review writer’s wild musings on counter-culture, politics

The Second Sunday documentary series for 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, will be “Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson” (2008, 118 minutes).

In 1965, Hunter S. Thompson made a name for himself by riding with, writing about and eventually pissing off the Hells Angels, an often-vicious biker gang.

Then he decided to live on the edge.

Through studious drug use, a finely honed sense of black comedy and highly subjective – and frequently fantasy-prone – reporting, Thompson created a journalistic subgenre called “gonzo” that sought a deeper truth than could be achieved by traditional means. Frank Mankiewicz, the campaign manager for George McGovern’s 1972 Democratic presidential run, described Thompson’s work as “the most accurate and least factual account” of the election season. No doubt Thompson took that as a compliment.

> “Thompson was the rare man whose life drew affectionate tributes from Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Buffet and Pat Buchanan.”

Apart from a handful of recreations and lots of excerpts from Thompson’s writing, read by Johnny Depp (who played Thompson in Terry Gilliam’s film “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas” and remained a close friend of Thompson’s), “Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson” takes a fairly straightforward approach to its subject.

Director Alex Gibney (“Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room,” “Taxi to the Dark Side”) mostly alternates between talking heads and archival footage, and even uses two Credence Clearwater Revival songs and The Youngbloods’ “Get Together” to establish the period.

Thompson was the rare man whose life drew affectionate tributes from Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Buffett and Pat Buchanan. Like the film, they all admire Thompson’s fearlessness without soft-selling his flaws. Apart from some kind words about the Bush-enraged writing of his final years, no one has much to say about Thompson’s work from the mid-1970s on, when the mere act of being Hunter S. Thompson – the outrageous, gun-toting, drug-crazed character who happened to write – became a full-time job. Even in his decline, however, he remained admirably committed. He carved out a piece of America all his own and stayed there until he didn’t want to stick around anymore.

The film will be shown at the Fountain Theatre, located at 1269 Calle de Guadalupe, in Mesilla. Admission is $5. Call 524-8287 or 522-0286 for more information.

‘Smoke Signals’ first for American Indians

Emotionally appealing drama is about love, legacy

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for Saturday, Nov. 8, is “Smoke Signals” (1998, 89 minutes, PG-13, free admission for all veterans). This was the first commercial feature film written, directed and acted by American Indians and was one of the freshest and most emotionally appealing dramas of 1998.

Victor (Adam Beach) and Thomas (Evan Adams) have been raised on Idaho’s poverty-stricken Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation. One is a taciturn athlete while the other is a socially awkward nerd. The two are drawn together when Thomas gives Victor the money he needs to travel to Phoenix where his estranged and alcoholic father has died. On the road they reminisce about the past and clash with strangers. Victor also learns more about his dad from Suzy Song (Irene Bedard), who was his friend.

Chris Eyre directs this vividly original take on Native Americans based on a 1993 short story collection by screenplay writer Sherman Alexie. Although Beach is convincing as the angry son who must come to terms with his father’s love and legacy, Adams steals the spotlight as a storyteller who knows that truth must be told indirectly so it can wiggle its way into people’s hearts. The film pokes fun at the interface between life on “the res” and the dominant white culture. It also reveals how ritual, humor and friendship can be healing medicine for anyone caught up in grief.

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.

‘Changeling’ best drama of the year

Jolie offers a powerful performance as Christine Collins

Review by Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Disbelief. That’s the reaction of most of the movie theater during a Sunday afternoon showing of “Changeling,” starring Angelina Jolie in one of the most powerful roles she has ever played.

Based on a true story of a mother whose son goes missing in Los Angeles, “Changeling” explores the corruption and lies of the Los Angeles Police Department in 1928 and for years afterward. Jolie plays Christine Collins, a single mother to Walter, played by Gattlin Griffith. One day, while Christine reports to work, Walter disappears and Christine reports the missing child to the LAPD. In the subsequent 24 hours and for weeks following, Christine searches for her son by calling missing persons departments all over the country. All the while, she relies on the LAPD to search along with her.

John Malkovich stars as Rev. Gustav Briegleb with Angelina Jolie as Christine Collins in the Universal Pictures movie “Changeling,” now in theaters.

One afternoon, she is contacted by Capt. J.J. Jones, played by Jeffrey Donovan, who says they have found her son several states away. Donovan is infuriating in his role, belittling Christine’s concerns and claiming a “woman’s emotion.”

The act of reuniting the two offers fanfare and good press for the traditionally malfeasant police department, but the boy they have returned is not her son. This begins a long battle between Collins and the LAPD that leads her to detainment in a psychopathic ward at a local hospital, followed by a slew of events that are not in her favor.

In the meantime, another officer is sent to investigate a deportation issue at the Northcott Ranch in Winevill, Calif., and finds more than he bargained for when he takes in a boy living on the ranch. He soon uncovers a mass murder on the ranch that links many disappearances of boys in the Los Angeles area.

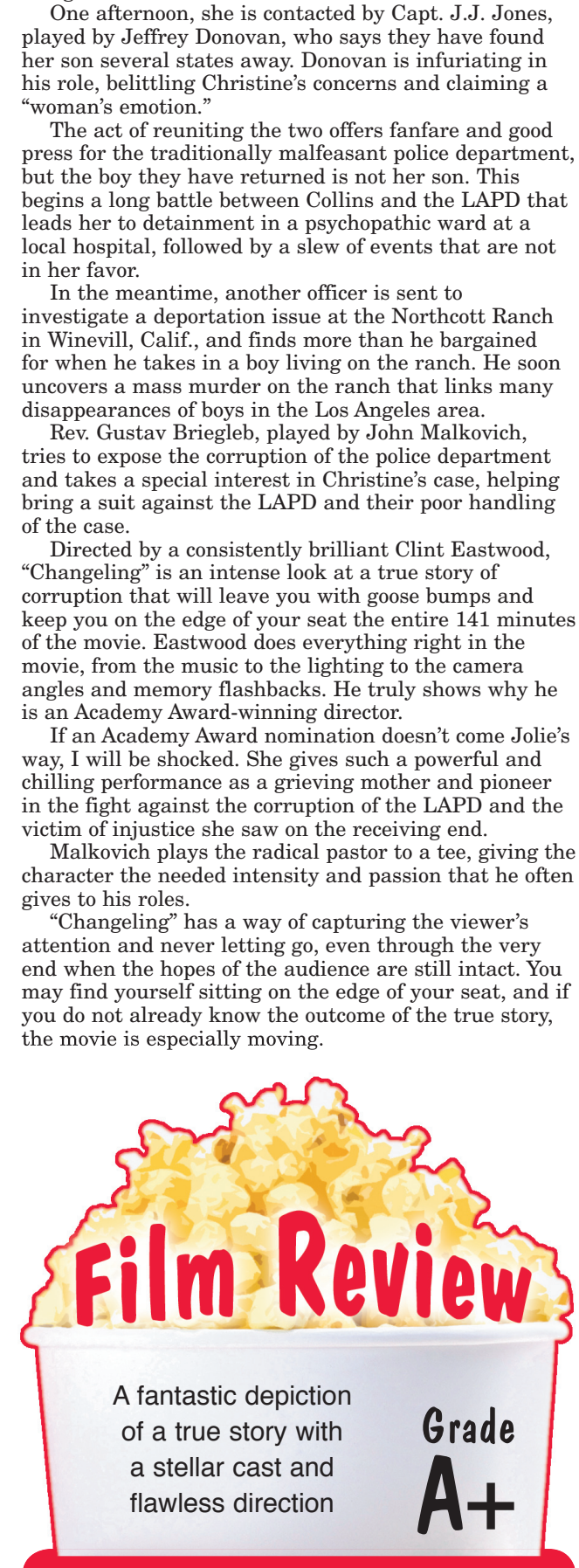
Rev. Gustav Briegleb, played by John Malkovich, tries to expose the corruption of the police department and takes a special interest in Christine’s case, helping bring a suit against the LAPD and their poor handling of the case.

Directed by a consistently brilliant Clint Eastwood, “Changeling” is an intense look at a true story of corruption that will leave you with goose bumps and keep you on the edge of your seat the entire 141 minutes of the movie. Eastwood does everything right in the movie, from the music to the lighting to the camera angles and memory flashbacks. He truly shows why he is an Academy Award-winning director.

If an Academy Award nomination doesn’t come Jolie’s way, I will be shocked. She gives such a powerful and chilling performance as a grieving mother and pioneer in the fight against the corruption of the LAPD and the victim of injustice she saw on the receiving end.

Malkovich plays the radical pastor to a tee, giving the character the needed intensity and passion that he often gives to his roles.

“Changeling” has a way of capturing the viewer’s attention and never letting go, even through the very end when the hopes of the audience are still intact. You may find yourself sitting on the edge of your seat, and if you do not already know the outcome of the true story, the movie is especially moving.



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Picking the Flicks

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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
Director: Kevin Smith

Soul Men

Rated: R
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Bernie Mac, Sharon Leal, Sean Hayes
Director: Malcolm D. Lee

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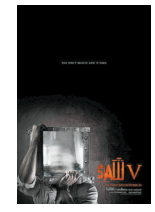
Saw V

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

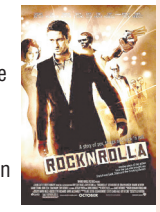


Eagle Eye

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



The Haunting of Molly Hartley

Rated: PG-13
Critics Consensus: The Haunting of Molly Hartley is a rather lifeless horror endeavor, with a pedestrian plot and few scares.
Starring: Chace Crawford
Director: Mickey Liddell

Role Models

Rated: R
Starring: Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Jane Lynch
Director: David Wain

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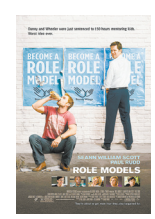
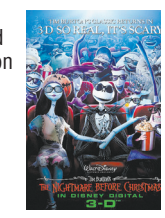


Max Payne

Rated: PG-13
Critics Consensus: While it boasts some stylish action, Max Payne suffers severely from an illogical plot and over direction.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis, Beau Bridges, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges
Director: John Moore

The Nightmare Before Christmas in 3D

Rated: PG
Consensus: A stunningly original and visually delightful work of stop-motion animation
Starring: Danny Elfman, Chris Sarandon, Catherine O'Hara, William Hickey
Director: Henry Selick



High School Musical 3

Rated: G
Critics Consensus: It won't win many converts, but High School Musical 3 is bright, energetic, and well-crafted.
Starring: Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Lucas Grabeel
Director: Kenny Ortega

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Rated: PG
Starring: The Voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith
Director: Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath

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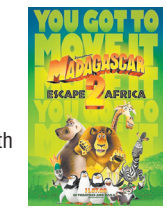

Fireproof

Rated: PG
Starring: Kirk Cameron, Erin Bethea, Ken Bevel, Jason McLeod
Director: Alex Kendrick

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New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Nov. 11 •

Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, Suspense
Starring: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, John Hurt, Thomas Kretschmann
Director: Guillermo del Toro

This Christmas

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Family
Starring: Chris Brown, Mekhi Phifer, Laz Alonso, Regina King, Columbus Short, Delroy Lindo
Director: Preston A. Whitmore II

The Clone Wars

Rated: PG
Genre: Science Fiction
Starring: The Voices of Matt Lanter, Ashley Eckstein, James Arnold Taylor, Dee Bradley Baker
Director: Dave Filoni

Beer for My Horses

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Action
Starring: Toby Keith, Rodney Carrington, Ted Nugent, Brit Morgan, Barry Corbin, Greg Serano
Director: Michael Salomon

TOP GROSSING

• October 31–November 2 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1	**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (2) $15,316,072
2	**Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (1) $10,065,630
3	**Saw V** (2) $9,741,578
4	**Changeling** (2) $9,351,560
5	**The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (1) $5,423,315
6	**Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (5) $4,864,021
7	**The Secret Life of Bees** (3) $4,010,668
8	**Max Payne** (3) $3,688,253
9	**Eagle Eye** (6) $3,482,655
10	**Pride & Glory** (2) $3,363,452

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- Beverly Hills Chihuahua — DAILY 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; SAT-SUN 11:40 (PG)
- High School Musical 3 Senior Year — DAILY 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; SAT-SUN 11:40 (G)
- Fireproof — DAILY 2:05, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; SAT-SUN 11:35 (PG)
- Role Models — DAILY 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 SAT-SUN 11:50 (R); NO PASS OR DISCOUNT
- Changeling — DAILY 3:10, 6:15, 9:20; SAT-SUN 12:10 (R); NO PASS OR DISCOUNT
- Max Payne — DAILY 2:15, 4:35, 7:30, 9:50; SAT-SUN 11:45 (PG13)
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- La Rondine — ALL SEATS $12.00; SAT-SUN 2:30 ONLY; NO PASS OR DISCOUNT
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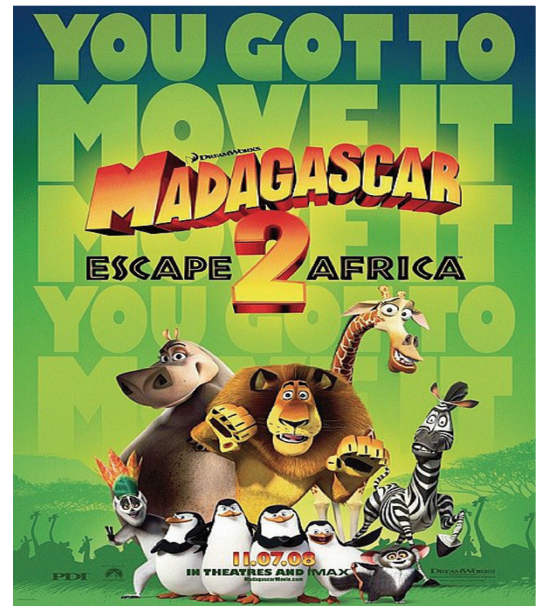

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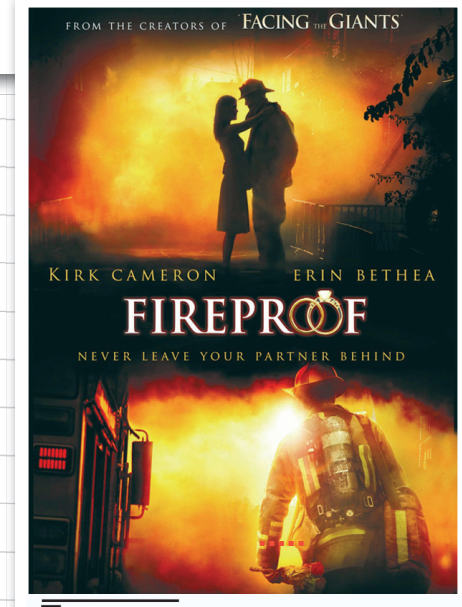

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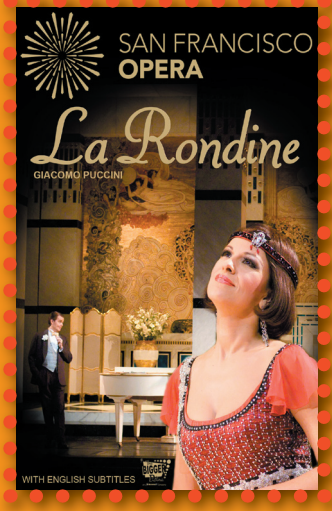

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Let 'em play, says Ag coach

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

Coaching college golfers is similar, many believe, to coaching kickers in football.

You don't.

"There's a lot of over-coaching in college golf," says Scott Lieberwirth, who purposely tries to under-coach the men's team at New Mexico State. "Our golfers are here because they're good players," Lieberwirth says. "You have to let 'em play."

By the time golfers reach college, their swings and techniques are practically set in stone. Lieberwirth might suggest a tweak here, a tweak there, but nothing drastic. Why, as the saying goes, try and fix something that ain't broke?

"I tell our guys that I'm not here to be their swing instructor," Lieberwirth said. "Most of them have their own professional teachers anyway. And I have 11 players on this team. If I spent all my time trying to change their swings – well, that wouldn't work. I do make suggestions if they ask me to."

"During competition, we might discuss how to play this hole or that one. Sometimes I try to keep 'em loose if they're tight. Matt Edwards (former NMSU player) used to get nervous during a round. I'd walk along with him and talk to him just to keep him relaxed.

"It's half psychology, half B.S."

You can't argue with Lieberwirth's approach. His Aggies have won five of their last seven tournaments, dating back to last spring. Included was the Western Athletic Conference championship won on April 30 in Boise, Idaho.

No other team at NMSU has ever matched that feat.

With Kevin Lozares firing a final round 7-under-par 65, and Travis Reid shooting 66, the Ags rallied from 10 strokes down to win last week's Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate on their home course. Reid captured the individual title with a 5-under 208.

At the Wolf Pack Classic in Reno, Nev., Oct. 7, NMSU trashed a highly ranked field to win a five-stroke victory. A list of the deceased included Arizona, Brigham Young, Kansas State and too many other notables to list here.

NMSU will play next at the Turtle Bay Invitational at Kahuku, Hawaii, Monday and Tuesday, its final tournament of the fall season.

Lieberwirth plans to play Reid at the No. 1 spot, Lozares at No. 2, Tim Madigan No. 3, Josh Stewart No. 4 and Gastone De La Torre at No. 5.

"This is the most competitive team I've ever coached," Lieberwirth says. "I don't remember ever having to give them a pep talk. They know what's at stake. Like I said before, they wouldn't be here if they weren't good players."

NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Working their teams hard in practice for Friday's showdown are Mayfield High School's head coach Michael Bradley and Las Cruces High School's head coach Jim Miller.

Here we go again ...

LCHS, Mayfield battle for district title

By **Craig Massey**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For Las Cruces, it's the sports version of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta crammed into two intense hours in one spectacular venue.

The annual, local phenomenon that is the Mayfield-Las Cruces High School football game takes place Friday at 7 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium, and the usual crowd of 24,000 passionate fans is expected. Mayfield is the home team and will be on the west side of the stadium.

The teams enter the contest with the District 3 5-A championship on the line (which is usually the case) and identical records from last year – LCHS is 9-0 and Mayfield is 8-1. The Trojans came out on top last year, 14-7.

"We've been here before, so it's not anything new," said LCHS coach Jim Miller.

Not only are the records the same as last year, but many of Miller's key players are back again. His quarterback returns, as does his running backs, tight ends, three-fifths of his offensive line and several starters on defense.

"We have some experience, so they know what's at stake," Miller said. "We didn't get it done last year, and that's a motivating factor for our kids. It's going to be a war."

The Bulldawgs, behind a dominant offense, have overpowered everyone in their path this season, while Mayfield's only loss was a narrow defeat to an outstanding Eldorado team. Regardless of the outcome of Friday's showdown, both teams should receive a bye in the first round of the state playoffs, which begin next week.

"There are a lot of similarities to last year," said Mayfield coach Michael Bradley. "The seeds are a little bit different. They're playing to keep the No. 1 seed. We want to be one of the top-four seeds, so we can get a bye."

Bradley said the top-four seeds should be (in no particular order), Las Cruces, Mayfield, Eldorado and Clovis.

The Trojans have faced a very difficult schedule this season, but the Bulldawgs offer an even bigger challenge. It all starts

See **Battle** on PAGE D7

Volleyball late discovery for Simpson

Middle hitter is key to team's success

By **John Keith**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As a youngster, Amber Simpson was never guilty of ambition.

It was school and video games, primarily. "I was a real slacker," she said. "The only exercise I got was in my phys-ed class. I played in the school orchestra and that's about all."

At 6-foot-1 at Quincy, Ill., High School, Simpson was a natural candidate for basketball, "Yeah, but I hated basketball," she said.

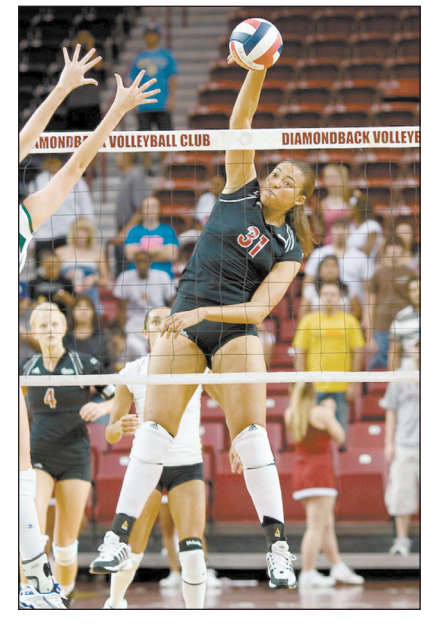
Worried that his daughter might drift into obscurity as an underachieving teenager, Errol Simpson, Amber's father, convinced her to try volleyball. "Actually, he pushed me into it," she said. "He wanted me in something. I barely knew what volleyball was. When I started playing it, I liked it. That was in my sophomore year. I didn't make the team until I was a junior."

These days, Simpson, who stands 6-2, is New Mexico State's middle hitter. A tall, competitive inside force, she led the Aggies in blocks with 114 before Thursday's match at Nevada. She had 200 kills and 13 service aces.

Mike Jordan, the Aggies' coach, says Errol Simpson, trying to place Amber in a college program, sent him a DVD of her in action at Quincy High.

"The quality of the DVD was horrible," Jordan said. "Cloudy, blurred and grainy. And I didn't

See **Simpson** on PAGE D7



Amber Simpson, the Aggies' middle hitter, leads the team in blocks with 114. She has also registered 200 kills and 13 service aces.

NMSU

There's history behind this one

LCHS, Trojans among state's elite

How did this game get so big?

An examination of the history surrounding the Las Cruces/Mayfield game is always fun.

Let's begin with the premise that the Mesilla Valley sports fan is no different than counterparts all over the nation. All local fans want to see excellence on the playing field, and they especially want their teams to win championships. Simply put, Las Cruces High School and Mayfield High School win championships. It wasn't always that way.

Most people agree that the game jumped several levels in profile when Jim Bradley, who is simply the greatest football coach in the history of New Mexico, returned to his home in the City of the Crosses 15 years ago. Bradley had just finished a long and very successful coaching stint in Roswell. Ironically, Bradley had left Las Cruces after being fired as head football coach at New Mexico State University. We were reminded after suffering through NMSU losses at the hands of perennial WAC Conference power Boise State by a combined total of 107-0 the last two seasons, that Jim Bradley still has the highest winning percentage of any Aggie football coach since Warren Woodson retired many decades ago.

When Bradley returned 15 years ago, the Aggies' long-standing gridiron futility had gradually created a real thirst for football excellence at the high school level. Jim Bradley began to harness the power of the community shortly after his return and ultimately the quenching of that thirst.

Since 1995, Mayfield has won six state championships. The Trojans have also played in the state championship game on three other occasions. Not long after Bradley's return, former Bradley assistant Kirk Potter took over the coaching helm at Las Cruces High. When Potter left for the mirage of greener pastures in Carlsbad, Jim Miller took over the head coaching duties at LCHS. Miller quickly proved himself to be a member of the coaching elite when he promptly led the Bulldawgs to three state titles in four years.

So the success story of high school football in Las Cruces is simple. Since 1995, between Mayfield and LCHS, the City of Crosses has had a team play for and/or win the big school state championship 12 times. Oñate also tossed in a 4-A football championship just six years ago. There is so much winning in the local high school football atmosphere that we have answered the question, how did this game get so big?

Of course there is more to the story than winning. There is also high school football and how it has bonded together the people of this city. Tonight Kevin McGrath and Bob Ogas, two outstanding citizens who have recruited dozens of volunteers and hundreds of sponsors of football, will recognize numerous contributors to the Sandra B. McGrath All-Activities High School Golf Tournament. This event raised an eye-popping $250,000 for athletic programs in the school district this summer. Originally, the tournament served as an exclusive fundraiser for high school football. Over the years, this event has gradually evolved into a symbol of local community action and demonstrated what an incredible catalyst football can be for success in other areas.

Stories of the fun and excitement at the big game each year are endless. The bands at both schools save their best shows for tonight. The pre-game and halftime shows are great. Even the huge concessions proceeds fill the coffers of programs in need.

The fun will begin in the parking lot at Aggie Memorial Stadium in the afternoon. If you have never experienced a Las Cruces-Mayfield game, I invite you to get out early and treat yourself. This event offers a wonderful slice of our unique local culture.

Jeff Matthews and I will have the privilege of calling tonight's game on KSNM-AM 570. Our extended pre-game show starts at 6 p.m. Enjoy!

JIM SPENCE
From the Radio Booth

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Football	Friday, Nov. 7	At Mayfield Aggie Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Tuesday, Nov. 11	Canutillo	7 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Football	Friday, Nov. 7	Las Cruces Aggie Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Boys Basketball	Friday, Nov. 14	at Carlsbad	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Tuesday, Nov. 11	at El Dorado	7:15 p.m.
	Friday, Nov. 14	Eastwood	7 p.m.

NMAA State Soccer – Boys Class 5A Championship Finals
2) Rio Rancho or (3) Mayfield vs (1) Las Crueva or (5) Sandia
Friday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m., Bernalillo, N.M.

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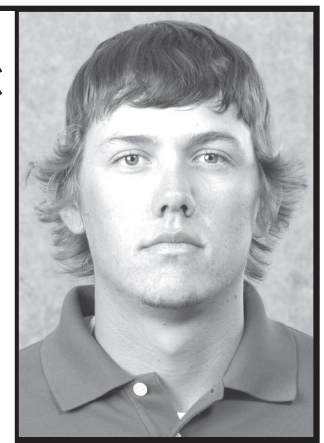

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Senior, Men's Golf

New Mexico State senior Travis Reid was named the WAC Golfer of the Month for October. This is his first career conference honor. A Clovis, N.M., native, Reid won the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate and finished in a tie for 13th at the Wolf Pack Classic. He began the month at the Wolf Pack Classic Oct. 6-7 with a one-under-par 215 (74-70-71) to help the Aggies win the team title. New Mexico State then returned home where the Aggies won their own Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate Tournament, defeating 17 other teams. Reid won the tournament by one stroke with a five-under-par 208 (72-70-66). The 66 in the final round helped the Aggies overcome a 10-stroke deficit after the first two rounds. Reid averaged 70.5 strokes over the six rounds.

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On the green

Difficult Rainmakers is state's newest golfing 'green' gem

Spectacular course artfully woven into the landscape

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

One of the newest additions to the fabulous diversity of golf courses here in New Mexico is the Rainmakers Golf Course in Alto, just north of Ruidoso. The Bridge Investment Group out of Salt Lake City created the Rainmakers Golf Community by making the Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed golf course the center of a 1,000-plus-acre residential development. Just in case you're having trouble picturing the area, the golf course is located immediately to the south and east of the Spencer Theater. I recently had a chance to visit Rainmakers and play the golf course. I found the land and the setting spectacular, and the golf course extremely challenging.

Permit me to begin my review with the blurb (minutely edited) that I found on their website – www.rainmakersusa.com. "Perched at 7,000 feet, Rainmakers Golf Community is embraced by the seasonal beauty and panoramic surroundings that make Lincoln County New Mexico's gem of the southern Rocky Mountains. Renowned for environmental stewardship, Rainmakers is committed to protecting and conserving natural resources and setting a standard for others to follow. Imagine a place of crystal-clear air, warm sunshine and vivid blue skies, championship golf, sweeping mountain views and a history and culture rich with stories of the authentic American West. Rainmakers is a place so tranquil and intoxicating that any memories of harried urban living are all but erased."

If Rainmakers sounds too good to be true, think again. They haven't oversold the magnificent natural splendor nor the special features of the golf layout. Apparently, the developers had in mind a Field of Dreams – if we build it they will come – since the home-building is still in its early stages. One friend of mine, who is now building a home at Rainmakers, told me that good lots can be had for around $100 grand. That sounded pretty good, considering the land is every bit as compelling as Santa Fe, and the prices are only a fraction of Santa Fe; plus the weather is much better.

Back to the golf course. The Robert Trent Jones golf-design company did an amazing job carving golf holes out of what is extremely rugged terrain, a mix of high-desert plateau and mountain hillsides. Most of the holes are woven into the landscape so artfully that they appear to be a gift from nature. From the moment you step out of your cart, onto the golf course, your eyes feast on classic New Mexico vistas, which make this truly the Land of Enchantment. There is Sierra Blanca to the west, Capitan to the north, and the Capitan Mountains to the east. Even if you're not a golfer, this is great; there are walking trails all over.

While the yardage is not overpowering – 7,101 yards from the tips – the layout demands that you keep your golf ball on green grass. From the very first hole on, you're struck by the sharp drop-offs on either side, and sometimes at the end (or "runout") of the fairway. Most of the surrounding scrub desert, which is characterized by rocky slopes dotted with piñons and junipers, is marked as hazzard and it is not inviting or safe to walk into.

The first two holes are par fives, the first measuring 662 (not a typo) yards from the "middle" (blue) tees; my tees. The configuration is a bit unconventional, with five par 5's, five par 3's and eight par 4's. Although I thought the two starting holes were harsh, since it's customary to start golfers off with shorter, "easier" golfing tasks as they sometimes stiffly begin their rounds, all of the par 5's are birdie holes if you hit good shots. You come to No. 3. It's only a par 3. But it's a par 3 that drops 200 feet from tee to green! Wow. My favorite hole is another par 3, No. 11, with a green that is set as an amphitheater measuring 29 yards deep and nearly 60 yards wide, allowing for dozens of hole locations.

One of the things I really liked about Rainmakers is how the cart paths remain generally unobtrusive. At times, you drive your cart through the high-desert foliage, giving you a sense you're going back-country, and then you again emerge onto the golf course and are reminded that you now must hit a demanding shot to a huge green with lots of slopes. The greens are generous, with plenty of subtleties, but there are no real tricks. No one will be wisecracking about the "clown's mouth" on Rainmakers' greens. I found that it takes a little time, but you better survey your putts on Rainmakers' greens from all sides, as it's hard to tell what's uphill and what's actually downhill.

Golf Digest rates golf courses on seven criteria: shot values, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning and ambiance. The "shot values" is the one I find most interesting because Golf Digest defines it as how well the course poses risks and rewards and equally tests length, accuracy and finesse. Rainmakers gets high marks for this, which is important to me, since I'm not a "bomb-and-gouge" type player. As for "ambiance," someone from the East Coast might find this layout a bit of a culture shock, but I'm a New Mexican, and I love the way we can make a quality golf course out of desert and mountains. The (expert) course rating is 72.4 with a slope of 133 – not extreme by any means.

The design of Rainmakers is truly extraordinary. Speaking about the seamless introduction of fairways and greens into a wilderness tract, RTJ II describes his effort this way: "The final product is a testament to collaborative development that proceeds with the utmost care and sensitivity to existing landforms, vegetation and wildlife. In my view, the 18-hole package presents the golfer with a unique contrast of flowing fairways and rolling greens with meandering arroyos and natural rock outcroppings that frame the player's journey around the course. With each individual hole offering four to six sets of tee boxes and views that will take your breath away, the builders have created spectacular golf for players of all abilities."

With one caveat. As I played my way around Rainmakers and took in the beauty and the cleverness of the hole architecture, I also tried to put myself in the place of a high-handicap golfer – perhaps one who often comes to our Performance Golf Schools. Truthfully, someone who is a rather reckless slicer or hooker won't have a chance on this configuration. As it should be, the penalties for wild shots are quite severe, and the more inept recreational golfers might be shocked. On many holes, even if you were to find your ball out in the scrub, you couldn't hit it. If you hit an excruciating errant shot bring your pet mountain goat. My friend, the member, says there are rattlesnakes – although I didn't see any. My friend also said he has seen mountain lions, deer, eagles, elk, foxes and coyotes. It's worth noting that Rainmakers was the first Audubon International Signature Golf Course in New Mexico, dedicating 135 of its acres as a wildlife habitat and conservation easement.

Rainmakers has limited golfing memberships to 450. Eventually club members will enjoy golf, tennis, swimming and a fitness center. If you would like to tour the golf course and surrounding area, look at properties and play golf at Rainmakers call 575-336-4653 (GOLF).

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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OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

Marian Herrera and Brianna Lara

Both of these Oñate volleyball standouts have a great work ethic, very positive attitudes and show great leadership skills on and off the floor.

Marian Herrera has proven to be a solid player for the Knights. Herrera made 25 out of 30 of her serves, scored four aces and made 17 digs. Herrera is a 17-year-old senior at OHS and is a very good student, maintaining a 3.4 GPA. When not involved with sports, she loves to hang out with her family and friends.

Brianna Lara is a libero for OHS and has made 31 of her 34 serves with three aces to go along with her 31 digs. Lara is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate and has an outstanding GPA of 3.9. An all-around athlete, she also competes in track, specializing in the hurdles. Lara likes to spend her free time hanging out with friends and family, reading and drawing.

AGGIE INSIDER

Football and the military

Local veterans on center stage on Saturday at Aggie football game

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Ole Pete is adding blue and white to his game-day crimson gear for the Saturday, Nov. 8, game versus Hawaii. That's because of the tribute NMSU is paying to those who work so hard to keep us safe.

This Saturday, there is gonna be a patriotic shindig that will honor those who have served in our armed services in the past, present and we will even get a preview of the future. Come to the game and be among the Navajo code talkers and World War II veterans, as well as service men and women who are working hard to protect our homeland on so many fronts.

Las Cruces is a hub of military service for enlisted men and women, officers and those that serve in the National Guard. Most of them have, at one time or another, gone overseas to stand in harm's way so we can live the life we enjoy here in the Mesilla Valley. But this game has so much more to it.

During the second World War, America's enemies were able to intercept messages and could break every code we came up with in transmitting sensitive information to try to win the war. Then one smart general decided to enlist members of the Navajo Nation to relay those sensitive communications, and that was one code the enemies of freedom couldn't break. Two of those heroes will be at the game traveling down from the Four Corners area of our state. Other World War II veterans will be on hand from the Honor Flight that brought these heroes to the nation's capital to see the memorial wall built to honor those who served in that conflict.

You may remember Pete talked about the future. There is going to be a flyover of the newest Raptor fighter plane to come off the assembly line. Aggie Memorial has been host to flyovers from historic B-52's, fighter jets and had service men float in on a parachute, but this is gonna top it all. This fighter jet will figuratively and maybe literally blow you away.

The City of Las Cruces and brass from the military will sign a covenant agreement that will show the appreciation each has for the other and the appreciation we have for everyone working together. The top brass, Col. Jeff Harrigian, will be on hand as will Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagashima and other representatives of the city council.

Did Pete forget to mention that you can see all of this and a great Aggie football game, too? It's a celebration of those who have given and those who continue to serve. It's a crimson, white and blue day, don't forget the 2 p.m. start on Saturday and get ready to cheer for the heroes who make our land great.

PETE

Nothing short of a WAC championship will do

Aggie women are on a mission

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

Head coach Darin Spence has his sights set on the first division of the Western Athletic Conference women's basketball standings, despite a preseason poll prediction of fifth.

He has some new faces from the junior college and high school ranks to go with some returning talented players.

The center of attention is the tall Texan from Tulia, Niki Holt. Holt went to camp this summer. It wasn't the kind that has you sleep in a log cabin and go on nature walks to find arrowheads; it was the Pete Newell camp for centers. Newell was the head coach at the University of California in the late 1950s and got to the NCAA championships with a center named Darrell Imhoff. If you have a good memory you can recall him, but Newell won the NCAA title game with his big man strategy over Jerry West at West Virginia.

He won the semifinals over Cincinnati when they had Oscar Robertson, so his approach is well-proven. Imhoff had a pro career with the Knicks for a few years applying what he had learned from coach Newell. The Newell camp is strictly for post players of both genders. Holt says she has learned a lot and plans to put it to good use for her final year at NMSU.

Senior guard Tyshae Walton and sophomore guard Madison Spence are back from last year's squad. Spence plans to make it to the WAC title game this year. She was sidelined after the semifinal win and wasn't available for the title match.

She is back in one piece after being named to the WAC All-Freshmen team in the league. Walton has shown steady progress as an Aggie, increasing her scoring average from two to four to six points per game, but that is not her strongest suit on the court. Walton always draws the opponent's top-scoring threat with the assignment to "shut her down." Walton is comfortable in the Pan Am, hitting double figures seven times of the eleven games she has played.

The new faces on this year's team are from Clarendon and Pratt Junior Colleges and from the high school ranks of Texas, California and Nevada. The two junior-college transfers each bring a 6-2 frame to the court. Areyal LeDeatte was the nation's third-best scorer in the junior-college ranks. Danisha Corbett, Brittany Palmer and Erica Sanchez are back from freshmen years to add to the bench. No one has ever picked the Aggies women's team to win it all and yet they have been in the WAC title game three years in a row. You have to prove it on the court, and Spence intends to do just that.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Danisha Corbett
Sophomore
Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Danisha Corbett had 18 points, eight rebounds and five steals for the Aggie women's basketball team in its first exhibition game, Nov. 2, in a win over Western New Mexico. Corbett made 8-of-13 shots and a pair of 3-pointers.

Brandi Gutierrez
Sophomore
Women's Cross Country

New Mexico State sophomore Brandi Gutierrez earned first team All-WAC honors after her impressive fourth-place individual finish at the 2008 WAC Cross Country Championships. She clocked a time of 18:36.30, which erased almost 50 seconds off her Kachina Classic time of 19:26.1, which was run earlier this season and on the same course.

Jahmar Young
Sophomore
Men's Basketball

Sophomore Guard Jahmar Young posted a game-high 23 points in the Aggies 98-73 victory over New Mexico Highlands. The Baltimore, Md., native also added five rebounds and two steals in NMSU's first exhibition game of the season, Oct. 31.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Nov. 8

Swimming and Diving
Mean Green Duals
Denton, Texas
10:30 a.m.

Football
Hawaii
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Volleyball
Fresno State
Fresno, Calif.
8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 10

Men's Golf
Turtle Bay Resort
Collegiate Invitational
Kahuku, Hawaii
All Day

Thursday, Nov. 13

Volleyball
Utah State
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Did You Know ...

The NMSU women's cross country team recorded a fourth-place finish at the WAC Championships, Nov. 1. It was the Aggies' best showing in the conference since joining the WAC.

Michael Needham is the new NMSU soccer coach. The Aggies begin play in the fall 2009.

AGGIES
NEW MEXICO STATE

Aggies sign new soccer coach

Team starts play in fall '09

NEEDHAM

New Mexico State Athletics Director McKinley Boston recently announced that Michael Needham has been named the first head coach in the history of Aggie women's soccer.

"I am pleased to welcome Michael Needham as a new member to the Aggie family," Boston said. "I am excited about what Michael will bring as a leader in building the women's soccer program at NMSU. I'm sure he will be a good fit in our community and especially the soccer community. His coaching background is outstanding, and his vision is very consistent with what I have identified as expectations during this growth period over the next three years. Michael will recruit locally, within the state and west region, and I'm excited about that strategy."

Needham brings a wealth of knowledge to NMSU, including nine years of colligate coaching experience, a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances and an impressive playing career. Needham now has the responsibility to build the Aggie program from scratch with the first game scheduled for the 2009 fall season.

"I am impressed with NMSU's commitment to the community and their enthusiasm with starting a women's soccer program," Needham said.

Prior to NMSU, Needham was in his second year as the first assistant coach at George Mason. He had a hand in every aspect of the program, including on-field direction, budget responsibilities, daily program operations and the student-athletes' academic success. Needham was also the program's recruiting coordinator and the 2009 Mason signing class is projected to be ranked in the Mid-Atlantic Region and the Colonial Athletic Association.

During his two-year stint at George Mason, Needham assisted the Patriots in their return to the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament after a two-year hiatus.

Needham joined the Mason staff after spending a pair of seasons as an assistant coach at UNLV, where he assisted the Rebels to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances after winning the Mountain West Conference title both seasons.

At UNLV, Needham's primary focus was working with and training the defensive unit. Through hard work and dedication, the 2005 squad only allowed 14 goals en route to a program-best 13 wins. Two Rebels were named all-region honorees, while an impressive eight players were named to the All-Mountain West Team.

Needham also made a solid impact in the recruiting department at UNLV as both recruiting classes were consistently ranked in the west region and in the top five throughout the Mountain West Conference, ranked by Soccer Buzz Magazine."I have had the opportunity to work with two great collegiate coaches and athletic departments over the past four seasons," Needham added. "The experience I have gained has prepared me to build a championship culture at NMSU."

Preceding UNLV, Needham was an assistant for three seasons at Drury University, in Springfield, Mo. He also spent two seasons as an assistant at Rhode Island and one year as a volunteer assistant at Connecticut College working with the men's soccer team.

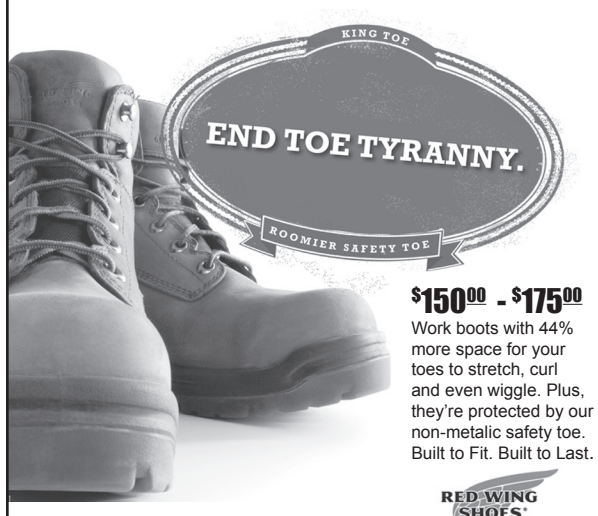
Needham also has extensive experience coaching outside the collegiate ranks. He worked with the Region IV Olympic Development Program as a staff coach and prior to that he was with the Nevada Olympic Development Program head coach.

He also worked with the Nuesport football club in Las Vegas and spent time at the United Soccer Academy in Delray Beach, Fla., as the director of coaching.

In addition, he was Director of Player Development for Lake Country Soccer in Springfield, Mo., the senior coach/supervisor at the Goal 4Rams Soccer Camp in Kingston, R.I., and a high school coach for boy's soccer in Boca Raton, Fla.

Needham has obtained his United States Soccer Federation National "A" License, a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) "Premier Diploma" in addition to an NSCAA- Advanced National Diploma with Distinction and an United States Soccer Federation National Youth Licensure.

He earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Rhode Island and a master's degree in physical education from Drury. Needham played professionally with the Municipal Goecechea, for the Costa Rican Premier League in San Jose, Costa Rica. At the collegiate level, Needham was a defender on the Rhode Island men's soccer team, which was a NCAA top-25 program.



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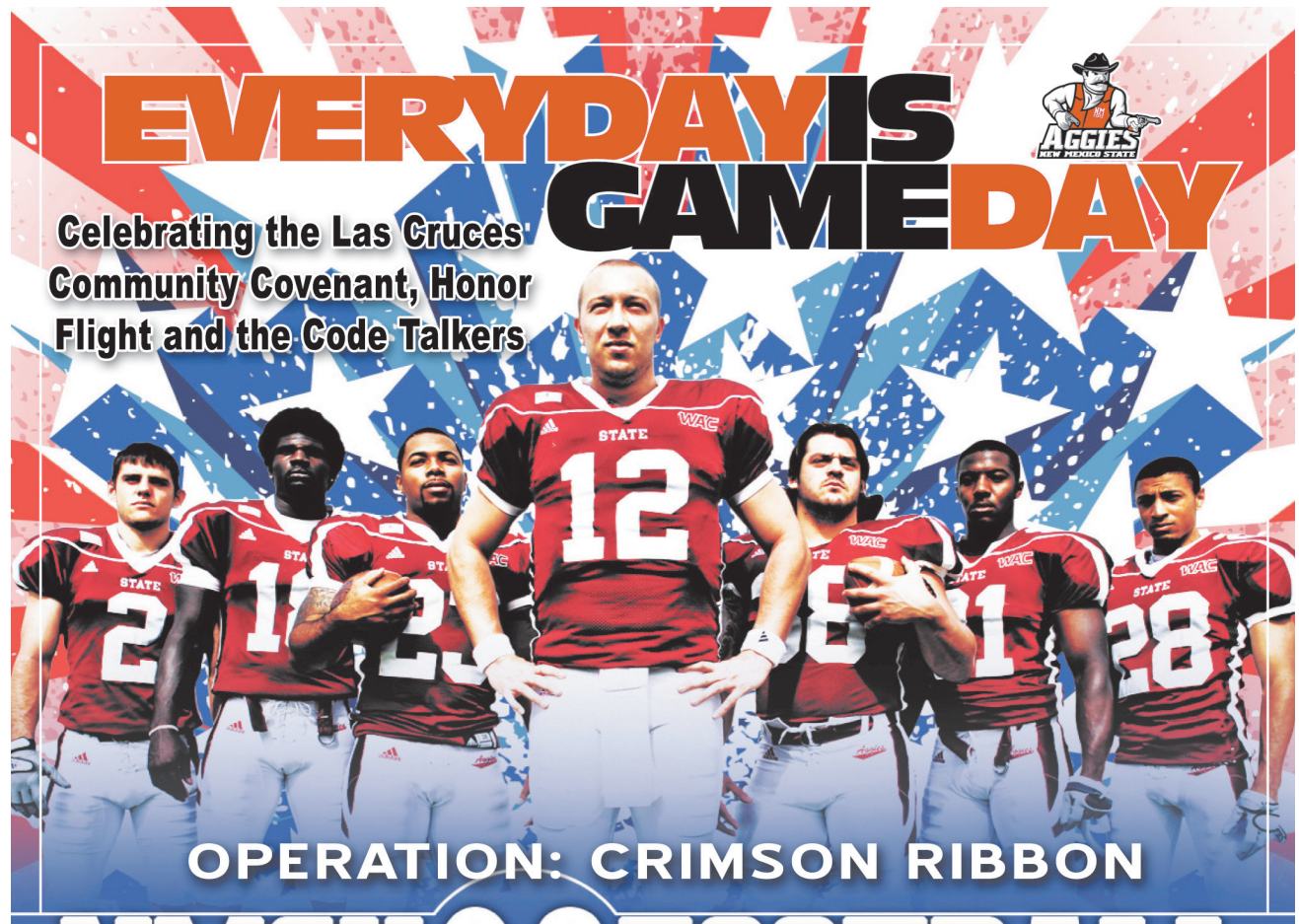

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At the Aggie 6th Man Club Banquet

New Mexico State University head basketball coach Marvin Menzies, left, of New Mexico State University, and Rick Pitino share a laugh at the Aggie 6th Man Club Banquet Tuesday night at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

Louisville head basketball coach Rick Pitino and NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado enjoy a moment.

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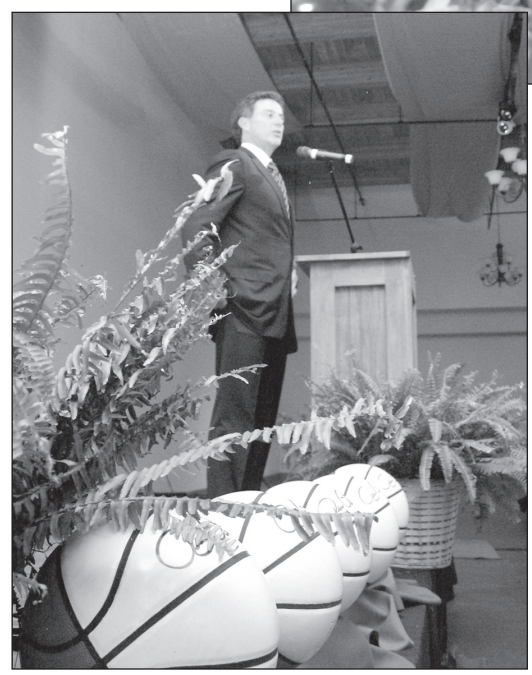
Lou and Pat Sisbarro with Rick Pitino.

Pitino has guided his teams to the NCAA Final Four on four occasions and has also coached in the NBA.



Below: Legendary NMSU coach Lou Henson and his wife Mary

Aggie basketball fans enjoy Pitino's sense of humor.

Kevin McGrath of Burger Time

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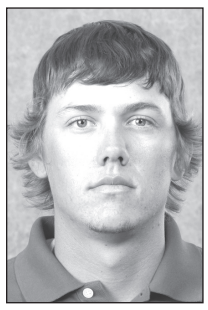
Reid WAC Golfer of the Month

NMSU star wins Wimberly Tournament



REID

New Mexico State senior Travis Reid was named the WAC Golfer of the Month for October by the conference office.

Reid, a senior from Clovis, N.M. (Clovis HS), won the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate and finished in a tie for 13th at the Wolf Pack Classic in the month of October. He began the month at the Wolf Pack Classic Oct. 6-7 with a one-under-par 215 (74-70-71) to help the Aggies win the team title.

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Simpson

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think she was a very good player.

"But the DVD showed her stretching before a match and a loose volleyball rolled past her. She reached down and palmed it with one hand and threw it aside. I thought, wow, with hands that big she must have potential.

"Later, I watched her play in a club tournament in Bloomington, Ill. I was impressed."

When Simpson visited NMSU on a recruiting trip, she liked it. "I thought it was pretty nice," she said. "Especially the green chile. I fell in love with green chile." She also liked Jordan's coaching style, the campus and the climate.

The Aggies, tied with Hawaii for first place in the WAC standings, took a 17-7 overall record to Nevada. They'll finish the road trip Saturday at Fresno State.

Simpson believes her team has finally jelled after an unsettled beginning this season. "We had too many new players early on," she said. "Tough schedule. We're a whole different team now."

Ag runner makes all-WAC

Aggies finish fourth in conference meet

New Mexico State sophomore Brandi Gutierrez earned first team All-WAC honors after her fourth-place individual finish at last week's WAC Cross Country Championships Saturday.

Junior Ingrid Flores and freshman Ian Ruybalid both earned second team All-WAC honors. Flores crossed the finish line 13th overall for the women, while Ruybalid was 14th overall for the men.

The women's team had four runners place in the top 20, which panned out to a fourth-place team finish, while the men had a sixth-place team finish.

"We were hoping for a little more on the women's side, but we still improved two whole spots from last season and with almost the same athletes," said coach Paul Hakines. "I think that says a lot about the improvement of the women's team."

"Even though the men's team finished in the same place as last season, we are all-around better," Harkins added.

Ags close equestrian season

NMSU, Texas Tech meet in exhibition

The New Mexico State equestrian team rounded out its fall season last weekend, competing against Texas Tech in an exhibition match-up.

"I'm extremely pleased with the way we finished out the fall season," said coach Andrea Hanson. "I felt this was an important competition for us to work out the kinks and use this as momentum going into the spring season."

On the Western side, the Aggies defeated Texas Tech 7-1, winning the Horsemanship competition 3-1 and the Reining event 4-0. In the Horsemanship competition, Caitlin Adams was the Aggies' high-scorer with a 74.5 to 69 win over Jessica Jarvis. Rachael Krause beat Amanda Cage 73.5 to 67.5, while Codi Binkerd grabbed the final Aggie point with a 70.5 to 70 victory over Chelsea Campbell.

In the Reining competition, Tonna Brooks led the Aggies with a victory over Krystal Towle 73.5 to 66. Breanne Bertrand defeated Chelsea Campbell 71.5 to 0, while Kate Goodwin beat Kelsey Lieuarnce 72 to 68.5. Ashley Dietz finished out the Reining competition with a 67.5 to 62.5 win over Amanda Cage.

In the Hunter Seat, the Aggies faced one rider from Texas Tech. In the Equitation over Fences competition Beth Robinson defeated Tech's Chelsea Hosmer 82 to 70. Amy Lang also faced Hosmer in the Fences competition, winning 84 to 77. Other winners in the Fences competition included Marisa Bernal as she defeated teammate Catie Helmuth while Meg Kelley beat fellow Aggie Krystal Doganay.

In the Flat competition, Hosmer faced off against NMSU's Marisa Bernal and Erica Daniels. Bernal beat Hosmer 71 to 42, while Daniels beat Hosmer 63 to 54. Teammates Lang and Doganay faced off with Lang coming out victorious, while Jen Friend beat fellow Aggie Laura Mantell.

The Aggies will be back in action after the New Year when they host Kansas State on Jan. 31.

Battle

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for LCHS in the offensive backfield where quarterback Dante Caro operates a version of the Urban Meyer offense. Caro is a threat to run or throw and he is joined in the backfield by James Hall Jr. and Will Bruce.

"Every other time those guys (Caro and Hall) touch the ball, it's a touchdown," said Bradley. "They have speed, moves and patience. Their offensive line is playing well. They're extremely hard to stop and it will be a big challenge for our defense.

"They had a lot of juniors last year and now they're ready to go for it," Bradley added. "Experience is a huge factor in this game."

Bradley's Trojans are a physical team that leans on its defense and has a power running attack on offense. Junior quarterback Austin Hooker runs the show, but it is speedy running back Jacob Ceniceros who usually provides the big play.

While the Bulldawgs have a very similar look from last year, the Trojans' offense is more of a blast from the past. After offensive coordinator Gary Bradley left to take over the head coaching job at Farmington, Michael Bradley turned to his most experienced and most well-known assistant coach to run the offense.

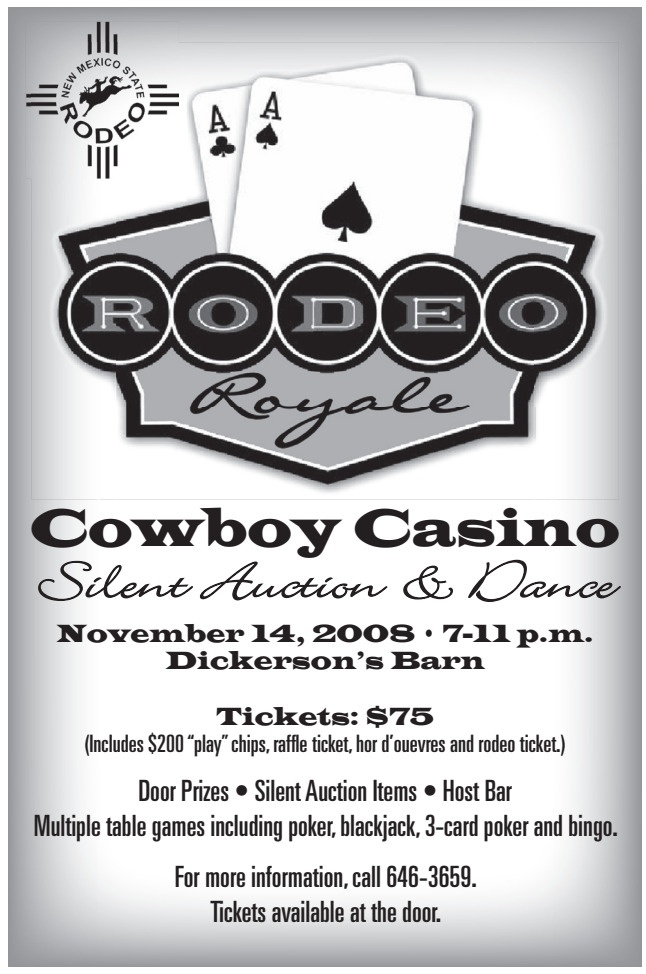
Miller said that with Jim Bradley having a larger say in the offense this year, the Trojans resemble Mayfield teams from the 1990s.

"Jim Sr. is running the offense again and there's more power-I and wishbone," Miller said. "It's a smash-mouth type of football … a little bit different than what they were doing."

"We can't be one-dimensional," said Bradley. "We've got to be able to pass and run. The strongest part of our team is our offensive and defensive lines."

The key matchup could be how well Mayfield's defense can handle the Bulldawg offense. Miller said Mayfield is always a difficult chore.

"They just reload every year," Miller said. "They always rely on their defense and their front seven has done a good job."



Mayfield vs. Las Cruces

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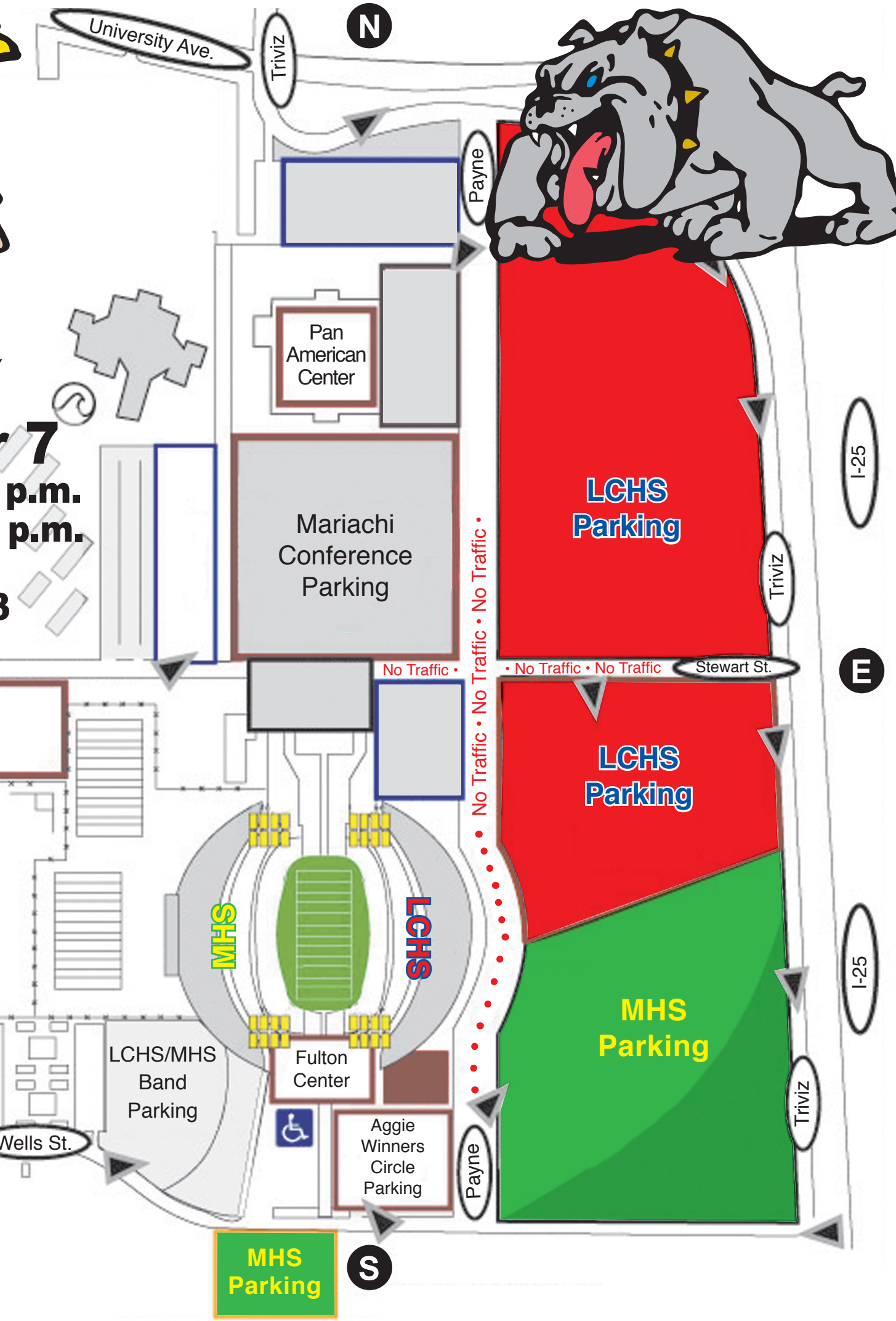
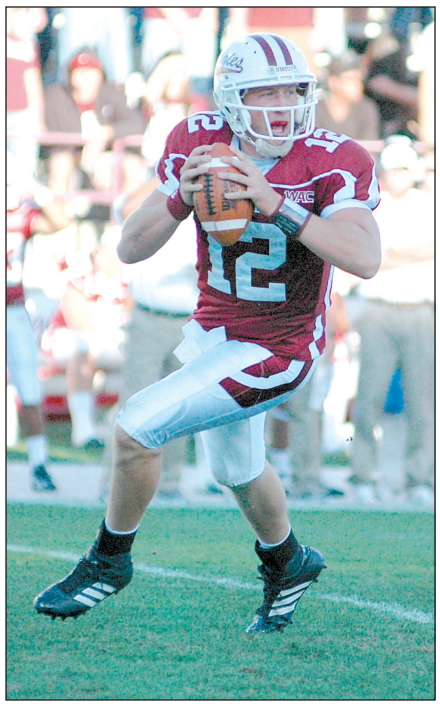


Aggies fall to Boise State, 49-0

NMSU hosts Hawaii in crucial game Saturday



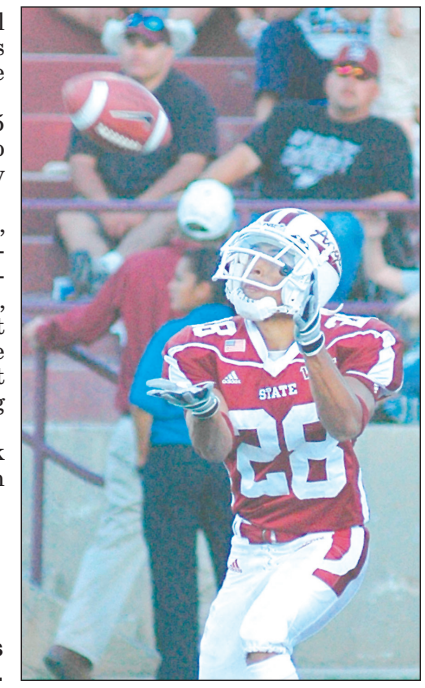
New Mexico State's football team will be trying to keep its bowl hopes alive in a 2 p.m. game against Hawaii here Saturday.

The Rainbow Warriors, 4-5 and 3-3 in WAC standings, also face a must-win situation if they hope to gain bowl eligibility.

Coach Hal Mumme's Aggies, led by quarterback Chase Holbrook, must shake off consecutive losses to San Jose State, Idaho and Boise State that left them at 3-5 overall, 1-3 in the WAC standings. NMSU must win three of its five remaining games to become bowl eligible.

Defensively, safety Derrick Richardson still leads the nation in tackles with 95.

Aggie quarterback Chase Holbrook looks for an open receiver.

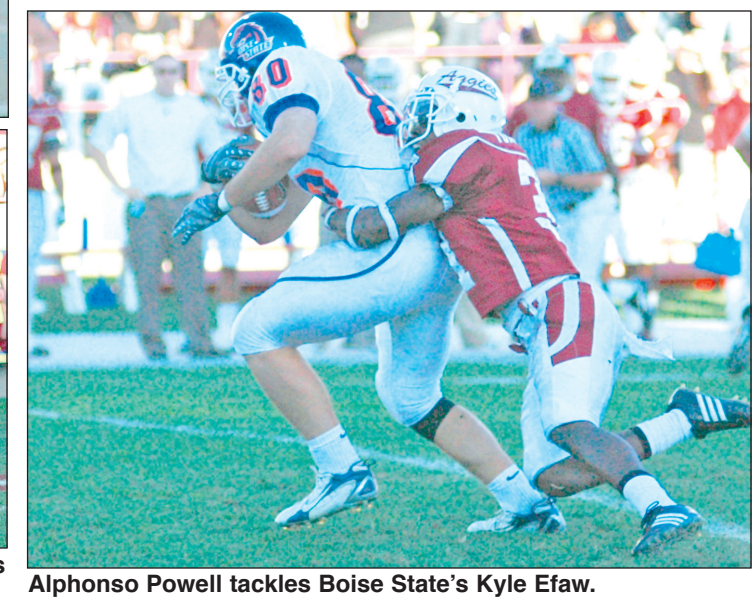


Chris Williams waits for the ball.

Holbrook hands off to A.J. Harris on an end-around.

Brennan Baiamonte grabs Boise State's Ian Johnson.

NMSU's Devon House breaks up a Bronco pass.



Alphonso Powell tackles Boise State's Kyle Efaw.

Honored at halftime of the Aggie-Boise State football game last Saturday were Homecoming Queen Kayla Reed and her escort Homecoming King Nickolaus Wiegel.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1813

ARCH BAY HOLDINGS, LLC - SERIES 2008A FOR CITI-52603, Plaintiff,

vs.

MIKE KELLER, aka MICHAEL A. KELLER, and if married, JANE DOE KELLER (true name unknown), his spouse; NEW MEXICO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 12, 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 1889 San Fernando Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 28 in Block C of El Presidio - Phase 4A, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 30, 2004 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 654-655, 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 October 10, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $363,556.04 and the same bears interest at 8.5% per annum from October 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $3,640.54. 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.

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Pamela A Carmody,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1734
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIBEL MATKIN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on November 20, 2008, at 10:20 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 25, Block F, Dale Bellamah Addition, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 396A, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on November 3, 1952, and recorded in Book 7, page(s) 21, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real estate is 1937 Bellamah Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 6, 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 $64,521.77 (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.

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DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on October 15, 2008.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2303
Judge: Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

WILLIAM A. PATTEN, AND HIS HEIRS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, and 1995 Yamaha XV MC, Black; VIN: JYA3JCEOXSA041183; New Mexico License Plate No. P01133, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: William A. Patten, and his Heirs Known or Unknown, 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: 1995 Yamaha XV MC, Black; VIN: JYA3JCEOXSA041183; New Mexico License Plate No. P01133.

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
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2166
Judge: Robert Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

ALLEN MAPLES, AND 1994 FORD F-150, Blue/White; VIN: 1FTEF14N3RLA54954; New Mexico License Plate No. JJD 841, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Allen Maples, the above named Respondent.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2232
Judge: Robert Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

LEROY COLLINS, RAYMOND PEREA, AND 1989 CHEVROLET CELEBRITY, White; VIN: 1G1AW51R7K6243942; New Mexico License Plate No. 863 XLW, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Leroy Collins, the above named Respondent.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2165
Judge Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

JULIO DELATORRE, ALICIA DELATORRE, ALBERT M. AVALOS, AND 1984 TOYOTA XCB, Rust; VIN: JT4RN56D5E5021873; New Mexico License Plate No. HPP 958, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Albert M. Avalos, the above named Respondent.

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CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

No. D0307CV200801807

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE ABEL GALLEGOS; MARIA DEL CARMEN GALLEGOS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SECURITY FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Jose Abel Gallegos and Maria Del Carmen Gallegos.

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 103 Watson Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: See Exhibit "A" Exhibit "A" Lot 1, Watson Court Subdivision, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 20, 1999, in Book 19 Page(s) 356 of Plat Records. Exhibit A Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before December 8, 2008, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,

CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla

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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable ROBERT E. ROBLES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 10th day of October 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Maggie O Madrid
Deputy

08-1200/Gallegos, Jose Abel; P481932

Pub #8243
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1770

BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWMBS Series 2004-R1, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAMON FLORES, III; VANESSA LARRIVA FLORES; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 144 Casas Lindas Lane, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 4 in Block 1 of Desert Shadow Subdivision-Phase 1, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 21, 1998 and recorded in Book 19 at Pages 143-144, 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 October 9, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $108,662.61 and the same bears interest at 6.670% per annum from September 19, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,231.13. 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
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169

Pub #8244
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2171
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

JACOB PADILLA, ALAMO AREA AUTO SALES, AND 2000 HYUNDAI ACCENT, Red; VIN: KMHCG45G6YU059933; New Mexico License Plate No. GZG 772, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Jacob Padilla, 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: 2000 Hyundai Accent, Red; VIN: KMHCG45G6YU059933; New Mexico Fictitious License Plate No. GZG 772.

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.

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CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
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Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8246
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1781
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

JOHNNY BACA, RONNIE CHARLIE, AND 1992 TOYOTA COROLLA, Tan; VIN: 1NXAE94A1NZ353730; New Mexico License Plate No. HSL 884, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Johnny Baca and Ronnie Charlie, 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: 1992 Toyota Corolla, Tan; VIN: 1NXAE94A1NZ353730; New Mexico Plate No. HSL 884.

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
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575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8247
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 15, 2008, B.W. Fancher, 1008 Afton Road #3, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-1336 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-1366, as recorded and on file with the State Engineer and located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 1 East NMPM, and drilling replacement well LRG-1366 POD3 to a depth of 450 feet with 5 inch casing to be located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 18 at approximately X=1,447,732 Y=383,295 feet (N.M.S.P.) Central Zone, NAD83), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic and livestock purposes. Old well LRG-1366 and the site for proposed well LRG-1366 POD3 are located southeast of Afton, NM, approximately 2 miles east of the intersection of CR B-002 and CR B-004 in Doña Ana County. Old well LRG-1366 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #8248
Dates 10//24, 10/31, 11/7, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 26, 2008, Robert C. Woody, 671 Tumbleweed Road, Chaparral, NM 88081-7428, filed application numbered HU-288, HU-294 and HU-306 with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine and Commingle Underground Water within the Hueco Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by combining water rights permitted under HU-288, HU-294 and HU-306 for the combined diversion of 111.70 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from wells HU-288 located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 16, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, and well HU-306 located in the W1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 16 for the irrigation of 12.5 acres permitted under BU-288 located in the SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 16, 10.0 acres permitted under HU-306 located in the W1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 16 and 5.0 acres under HU-294 located in the SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 16.

Wells HU-288 and HU-306 and the combined 27.5 acres of land are owned by the applicant and are located just north of Lisa Drive approximately 1.3 miles east of Highway 213 in Chaparral.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #8251
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-1226
Judge Robert E. Robles

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIELLE C. DURAN AND CHARLIE R. DELGADO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 4, 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 35L in Block 11 of Elephant Butte Land & Trust Co. Subdivision "C" Amendment No. One of Part of Block Eleven, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 6, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Pages 97, Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 5230 Creek Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 10, 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 $112,477.22 (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 October 21, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
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Submitted by:
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Pub #8254
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-952

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

CURTIS L. WILSON; DELLA L. WILSON; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 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 3012 Escencio Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 42, SANDHILL VILLAGE PHASE #2, 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, 2004, in Book 20 Page(s) 533-536 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 October 10, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $308,508.87 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from June 15, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $9,181.31. 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 #8265
Dates 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 14, 2008, David A. Ramirez, P.O. Box 1132, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-3170-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-3170-S, as recorded and on file with the State Engineer, and located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, and drilling a new well at approximately X = 1,457,370 Y = 462,503 of the New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD 1983, on land owned by the applicant for domestic purposes and the continued irrigation of 2.5 acres of land in the NE1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 23 South, Range 1 East; also identified in the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey as LRN-280120094. Existing well LRG-3170-S will be plugged. Well and land will be located at the physical location of 1655 Camino De Pavos.

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 impaimlent, 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 postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Pub #8266
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 10, 2008, James E. Harrison, St Rt BOX 35, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-14070 POD1 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-14517 POD1 located within the SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 24 South, Range 2 East NMPM at approximately X=1,494,578 Y=439,079 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) and instead to use existing well LRG-14070 POD1, located within the SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 22 at approximately 32 degrees, 12.95 minutes N latitude, 106 degrees, 43.271 minutes W longitude, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic and livestock use at the applicant's residence located within the SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 22. Old well LRG-14517 POD1 and existing well LRG-14070 POD1 are located at the physical address of 8151 South Main St. Space #4, south of Mesilla Park, NM in Doña Ana County. Old well LRG-14517 POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #8267
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA DARLENE HARPER STEPHENSON, Deceased.

No. PB-08-109 (Valentine)

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

To: DONALD RAY STEPHENSON, DALE LEE HARPER, DANIEL REEVES HARPER and JOHN JOSEPH STEPHENSON
and

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARTHA DARLENE HARPER STEPHENSON, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARTHA DARLENE HARPER STEPHENSON, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Dale Lee Harper, brother of deceased, has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, in which Dale Lee Harper seeks to be named Personal Representative. Hearing on the Petition will be held before The Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge, Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of heating on said Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

WITNESS our hand and seal of this Court.

DATED: October 23,2008

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
575-524-0833

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8268
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD MACK BAKER, Deceased.

NO. PB-2008-36
JUDGE ROBLES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FORECLOSURE SALE

15790 B St., Organ, NM • 3BR, 1 Bath, 1040 Sq. Ft.

Government Bid: $40,965 • As-is appraisal value: $50,200

DATE: December 5, 2008 TIME: 1:50 P.M.

Sale Location: Main Entrance, 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM

Legal: Lot 19 & 20. Block 33, Organ Townsite, Doña Ana Co., NM.

Property is not available for normal inspection as they are still owned by private individuals. However, if the property is abandoned, interested parties can contact the local Rural Development office to see if an inspection of the property can be made. Foreclosure is still pending in the NM District Court. Under some circumstances the sale may be canceled. Rural Development will not pay brokers or finders commission for successful bidders. Terms Of Sale: Bid amount to be paid by the end of the day of sale payable to the Public Trustee. Payment must be made in U.S. currency by cashiers check or certified check. All Taxes plus interest due are the responsibility of the Buyer.

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

FOR MORE INFO: 505-761-4944, or visit www.resales.usda.gov

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MARJORIE STAGES BAKER has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Mack Baker, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months of the first publication of any notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of Holt Babington Mynatt P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED this 23rd day of October 2008.

HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C.
By: /s/Catherine S. Ness
CATHERINE S. NESS
Post Office Box 2699
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004
Telephone: (575) 524-8812
Attorneys for the Personal Representative

Pub #8269
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2314
Judge: Robert Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

BARBARA HOLGUIN, LILIA HOLGUIN, GREGORY C. FERNANDEZ, CENTRAL LOAN CO., AND 1996 CHEVROLET CAVALIER, White; VIN: 1G1JC5243T7130464; New Mexico License Plate No. BN689, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Barbara Holguin and Lilia Holguin, 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: 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier, White; VIN: 1G1JC5243T7130464; New Mexico License Plate No. DTD 123.

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
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575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8270
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2314
Judge: Robert Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

NICHOLAS SALINAS, MATTHEW MCWILLIAMS AND 1989 JEEP CHEROKEE RED; VIN: 1J4FJ38LXKL593241; New Mexico License Plate No. KKT 106, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Matthew McWilliams, 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: 1989 Jeep Cherokee, Red; VIN: 1J4FJ38LXKL593241; New Mexico Fictitious License Plate No. KKT 106.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
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575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8271
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2315
Judge: Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

RAY GONZALES, MARIO GONZALEZ, AND 1984 OLDSMOBILE CBR, Gray; VIN: 1G3AM47Y0ER399667; New Mexico Fictitious License Plate No. FDG 469, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Ray Gonzales, 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: 1984 Oldsmobile CBR, Gray; VIN: 1G3AM47Y0ER399667; New Mexico Fictitious License Plate No. FDG 469.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8272
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2316
Judge: Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

CARMEN PADILLA, JUAN T. MADRID, AND 1991 HONDA PRELULDE, Red; VIN: JHMBA4157MC012687; New Mexico License Plate No. 550 PAS, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Carmen Padilla, 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: 1991 Honda Prelude, Red; VIN: JHMBA4157MC012687; New Mexico License Plate No. 550 PAS.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8273
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 2008

NOTICE OF AUCTION BY SEALED BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE OF STATE TRUST LAND

Doña Ana County,
New Mexico
State Land Office

The Commissioner of Public Lands is offering to lease, for plant water conservation, 1,158.65 acres in Doña Ana County. Sealed bids, marked "BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE", should be submitted on or before the time and date and to the place stated below in paragraph A. The sealed bid is for a Forty (40) year lease of the lands described below in paragraph B. The most important terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C. The requirements and qualifications of any and all bidders in this sealed bid are stated in paragraph D. If you would like a draft of the lease being offered for bid, or if you require any further information, please address your request as described in paragraph E. The Commissioner has set a minimum bid of $1,000.00 for the lease, over and above the first year's base rent, and the other required deposits set out in paragraph E below. Bidders are, of course, encouraged to offer additional bonus amounts over the minimum bid. The Lease will be awarded to the qualified bidder successfully bidding the highest bonus. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel this auction. In the event that the auction is cancelled, interested parties will be notified.

A) Sealed Bid:
Date: January 5, 2009
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: New Mexico State Land Office
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

B) Description of the property to be leased:
Lot 3, Lot 4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 2; NE1/4, SW/4, SE1/4 of Section 10; E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 1158.65 acres, more or less.

C) Summary of the Lease:
The term of this lease shall be for Forty (40) years. The State Land Office has received an application for a long-term lease of the lands proposing to use 798.65 acres for the purpose of growing forage for livestock, using discharged water from a nearby cheese plant, and any necessarily related agricultural activities, including but not limited to, grazing livestock; The remaining 360.00 acres will be held for future development subject to Lessor's right to withdraw the non-productive land at any time that Lessor can demonstrate a higher and better use.

D) Rental Rate:
Minimum base rent has been established at $8,706.50 per year with annual adjustments upward by two percent (2%).

E) Bidder Qualifications.
In order to qualify as a bidder, interested parties must (a) comply with the applicable lease auction requirements, (b) can demonstrate at least 20 years of experience in the successful management of a cheese plant with discharge facility that can have an agricultural component; (c) are creditworthy; (d) are authorized to do business in New Mexico, and, (e) can and will comply with all Lease terms.

Further, prospective bidders must include in their bid a deposit of $37,256.21in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bank money order, made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands. This amount represents:

1. Application Fee
$ 50.00

2. First year's base rent
$ 8,706.50

3. Advertising Cost
$ 2,943.56

4. Engineering Costs
$ 15,593.52

5. Survey Costs
$ 9,962.63

Total Costs
$ 37,256.21

The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

F) How to Obtain a Copy of the Lease, or Other Information:
Please contact: Dell Bearden, Management Analyst, NM State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 505-827-3827.

Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the long-term business lease sealed bid may call 505-827-5768; or Fax 505-827-6157, and/or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, any relevant documents may be available in alternative formats.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved and no lease shall become effective unless and until approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Dated in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 28th day of October, 2008.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Pub # 8274
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Colleen Antone
2462 El Dorado Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0263 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $426.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: tires, boxes, clothes

Date of Auction:
November 24, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8276
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Melinda Montoya
1955 S. Telshor #55
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0758 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $401.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: futon, dresser, ladders, misc.

Date of Auction:
November 24, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8279
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Bernadette Ontiveros
462 Purdue Ct. #D
Las Cruces, NM 88005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0596 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $372.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: 2 refrigerators, bed frames, boxes, misc.

Date of Auction:
November 24, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8280
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To: Rey Ramirez
2800 Carretas
Las Cruces, NM 88005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0603 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $396.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: couch, desk, mattress, misc.

Date of Auction:
November 24, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub #8281
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CECILIA PEREZ, Deceased.

No. PB-2008-105 (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: October 29, 2008.

/s/Juan Perez
Juan Perez
Personal Representative of the Estate of Cecilia Perez, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTTED 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 #8283
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 2008

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

In the Matter of the Estate of RUTH STEGEMAN, Deceased.

No. PB 2008-69
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that First National Bank Trust Department of Las Cruces 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., P.O. Box 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837.

DATED this 30th day of October, 2008.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK TRUST DEPARTMENT OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/Robert W. Francis, CPA, CTFA
Robert W. Francis,
Trust Officer
1553 Avenida de Mesilla
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

Pub #8286
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO: Joe Williams
dba M & J Detail
2001 E. Lohman 110-331
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #C 1 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $420.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: dresser, guitar, foot locker, boxes, misc.

Date of public disposal:
November 15, 2008
Time: 10:00 am
Place: AAA Affordable Self Storage, 5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #8287
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO: Andrea Grill
2010 S. Telshor
Las Cruces, NM 88011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #A 9 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $455.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: bed frame, mattress, dresser, 2 night stands, 4-wheeler, metal couch frame, chairs, toys, boxes, misc.

Date of public disposal:
November 15, 2008
Time: 10:00 am
Place: AAA Affordable Self Storage, 5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #8288
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO: Forrest McDaniel
P.O. Box 1956
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit #A 5 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of $270.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: old engine, metal chairs, boxes, misc.

Date of public disposal:
November 15, 2008
Time: 10:00 am
Place: AAA Affordable Self Storage, 5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub #8289
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

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

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

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:

A tract of land situate within the City limits of Sunland Park, being part of Lot 7, Block 6, Meadow Vista Subdivision Plat 1, filed April 16, 1958, in Book 8 Page 15, Doña Ana County Records.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance in the said case on or before the 5th day of January, 2009, 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 Plaintiffs is shown below.

JOHN E. KEITHLY,
P. O. Drawer 1329,
Anthony, NM 88021

Pub #8290
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 2008

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

JACK E. BONHAM AND CHARLENE S. BONHAM, Petitioners,

v.

CHRISTA LYNN BONHAM and LEE MARTIN FERGUSON, Respondents,

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING FOR LEE MARTIN FERGUSON, JR.

No. DM-08-1335
Judge James T. Martin

NOTICE OF ACTION PENDING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO LEE MARTIN FERGUSON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Order Appointing Kinship Guardian in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico seeking kinship guardian of Lee Martin Ferguson, Jr.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing has been set for December 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable James T. Martin, Judge of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Petitioner's attorney is John A. Darden, The Darden Law Firm, P.A. whose mailing address is Post Office Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578.

WITNESSETH the Honorable James T. Martin, Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, in the State of New Mexico and the seal of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County this 28 day of October, 2008.

THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT CLERK
By /s/Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

Pub #8291
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LEAH ANN PUTMAN FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NO. CV-208-2038
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leah Ann Putman, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, an over the age of fourteen (14) years, by and through her attorneys of record, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico wherein she seeks to change her name from Leah Ann Putman to Leah Ann McCowen, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Judge Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge, on the 5TH day of December 2008, at the hour of 8:30 A.M., at the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

THE DARDEN LAW
FIRM, P.A.
By /s/John A. Darden
John A. Darden
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub #8292
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAYDEN LEE EVANS, DECEASED.

No. 08-0125
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2008.

/s/Frances A. Evans
Frances A. Evans,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW
FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub # 8293
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELSIE V. HAMILTON, Deceased.

Cause No. 08-0094
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated this 18th day of July, 2008.

/s/Donald A. Hamilton
Donald A. Hamilton,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW
FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub # 8294
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED A. BAKER, DECEASED.

Cause No. 08-124
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated this 30th day of September, 2008.

/s/Elsie Saturday
Elsie Saturday,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW
FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub # 8295
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 2008

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.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Michael L. Apodaca, 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 Geo Metro, Blue; VIN: 2C1MR5291S6729051; New Mexico Fictitious License Plate No. HDJ 962.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8296
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 2008

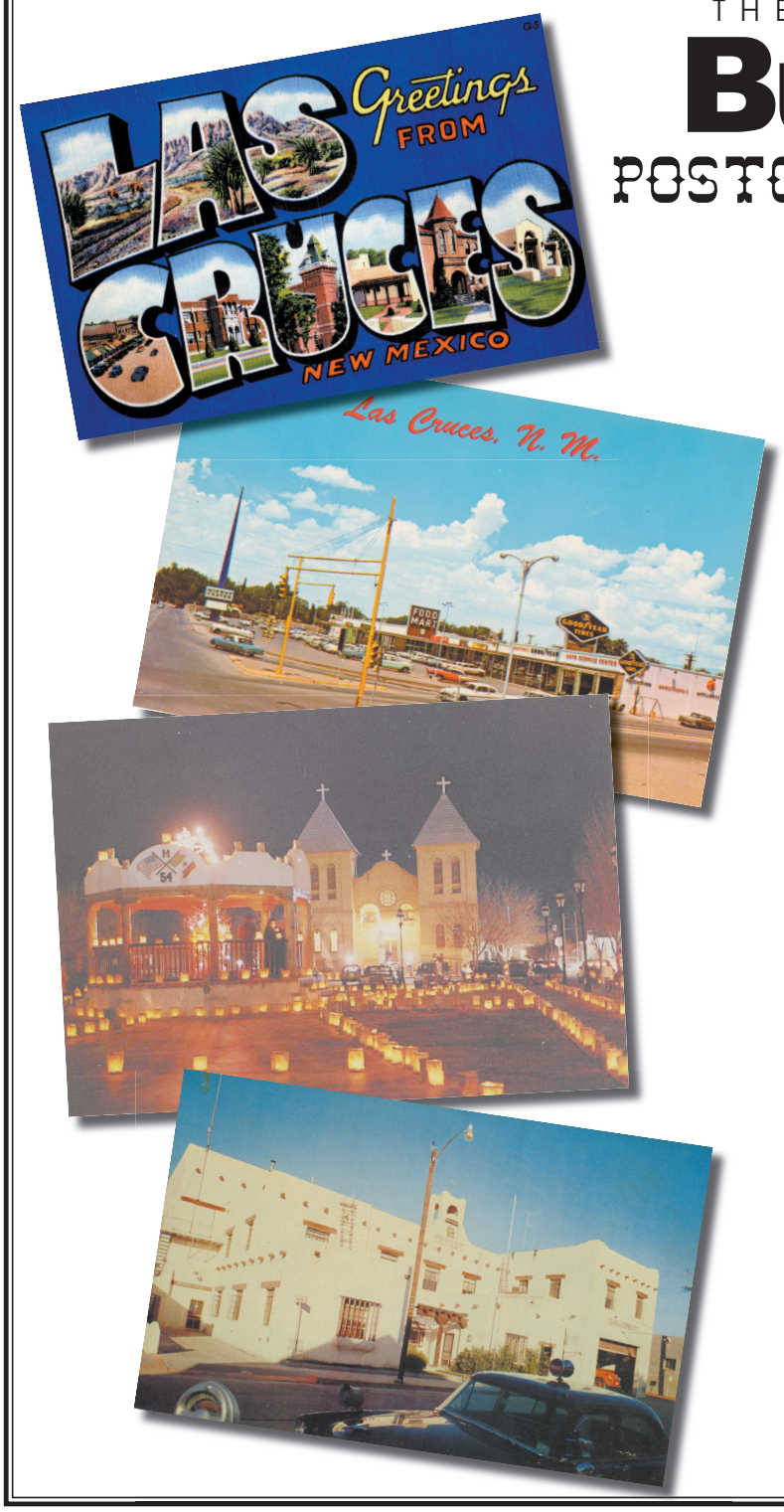
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

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 1, 2008:

1. Council Bill No. 09-025; Ordinance No. 2488: An Ordinance Repealing LCMC Section 28-186 through Section 28-265 Commonly Referred to as the Industrial Liquid Waste Disposal Ordinance, Repealing LCMC Section 28-266 through Section 28-300 Commonly Referred to as the West Mesa Industrial Liquid Waste Disposal Ordinance, and Enacting a New Liquid Waste Disposal Ordinance to be Codified as LCMC Section 28-186 et seq.

2. Council Bill No. 09-026; Ordinance No. 2489: An Ordinance Enacting an Interceptor and Grease Trap Ordinance to be Codified as LCMC Section 28-220 et seq.

3. Council Bill No. 09-027; Ordinance No. 2490: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico Taxable Variable Rate Demand Industrial Revenue Bonds (F&A Dairy Products, Inc. Project), Series 2008 in Two Series in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed $19,500,000 to Refund and Redeem the City's Prior Bonds and to Finance the Costs of Construction, Acquisition and Installation of Certain Equipment and Related Real Estate Improvements for the Manufacture of Cheese to Be Located in the City; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents in Connection with the Bonds; Providing the Terms, Sale Price and Other Matters Relating to the Bonds; and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds Solely from Certain Revenues and Other Funds and Assets of F&A Dairy Products, Inc. and with Respect to the Series 2008A Bonds, from a Letter of Credit Issued by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association for the Account of F&A Dairy



THE LAS CRUCES
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POSTCARDS FROM 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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LEGAL NOTICES

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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 4th day of November 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8297
Dates 11/7, 2008

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 MARNA 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
Sharon Hankla

Karen Howden Weaver
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorney for Plaintiff
WITNESS the Honorable 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

ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC SALE

At 7:00am on 5 December, 2008, to satisfy an Abandoned Vehicle Lien, a 1965 Chevrolet Sport 10 pickup will be placed at public auction. The auction will take place at 1695 W. Picacho St. #D, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The amount due at the time of auction will be $442.00. This vehicle is in poor condition; it appears that it has been involved in a roll-over accident. The interior is bad, and one front fender, both doors, and the engine are missing.

ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC SALE

At 7:00am on 5 December, 2008, to satisfy an Abandoned Vehicle Lien, a 1979 Chevrolet crew cab, 1-ton dually pickup will be placed at public auction. The auction will take place at 1695 W. Picacho St. #D, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The amount due at the time of auction will be $400.00. This vehicle is in poor condition; the interior has been partially stripped, the rear fenders are badly damaged, and it does not have an engine or radiator.

Pub #8300
Dates 11/7, 11/14, 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 the 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 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 412; and

Parcel No. 5: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in Warranty Deed 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, at Page 467;

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, at 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 Fernandez 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

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	LRO06-0003
	LRG-4648
	LRO08-0002
	LRO10-0003
	LRO10-0002
	LRG-6228
	LRG-6227
	LRO10-0006
	LRG-7291
	LRO10-0009
	LRO11-0001
	LRG-6224
Lewis Cain Ranch	LRG-7299
	LRG-7301
	LRO10-0008
	LRG-7298
	LRG-7303

at the Bar Cross Ranch and the Lewis Cain Ranch or on federal or state land leased by the stated ranch corporations, as applicable, within the following place of use:

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

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 having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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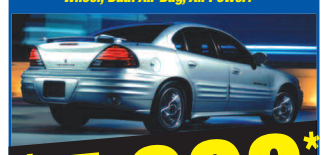

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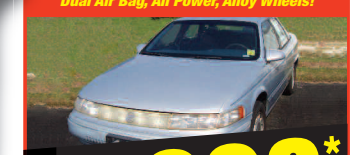

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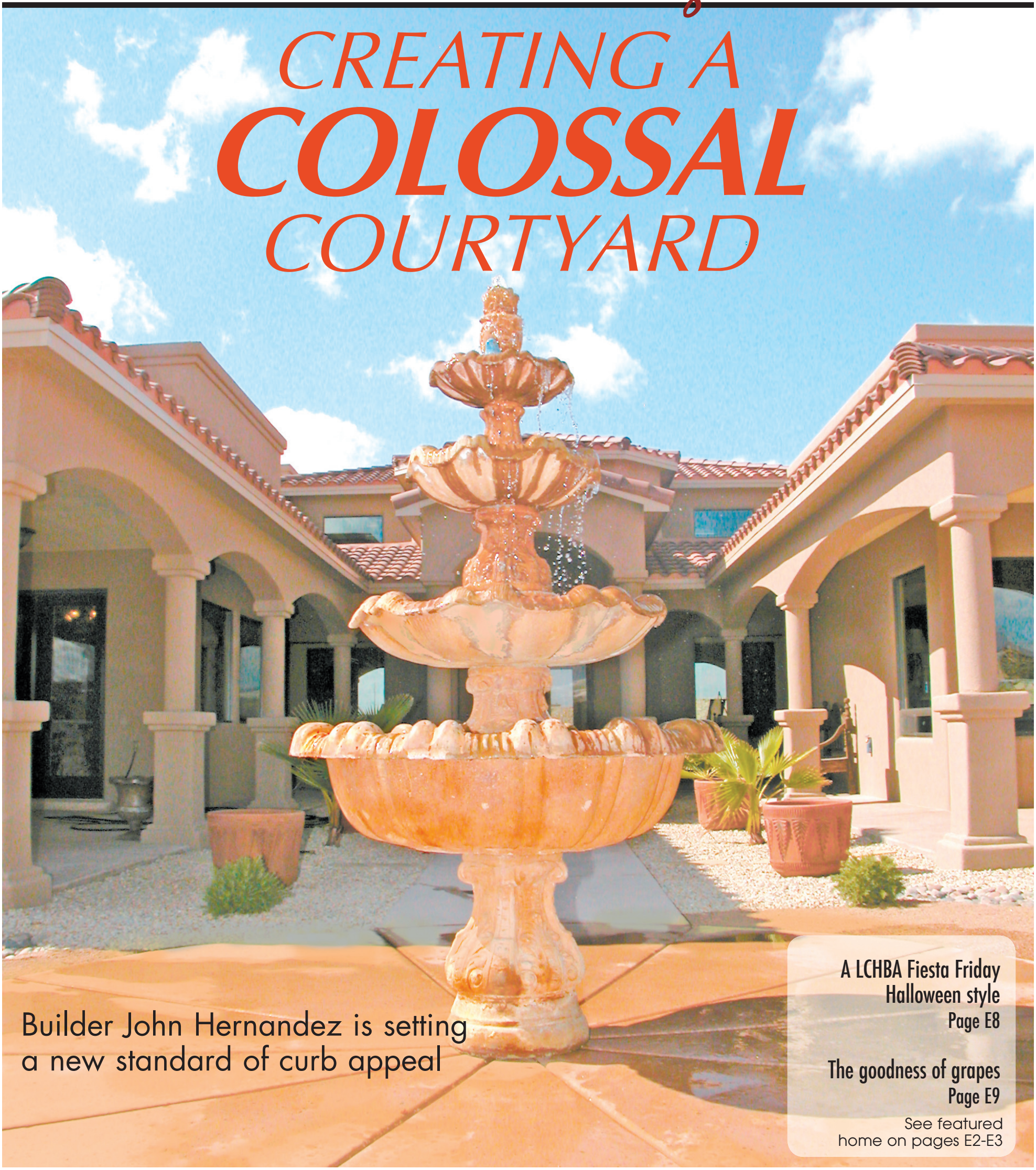

Builder John Hernandez is setting a new standard of curb appeal

A LCHBA Fiesta Friday Halloween style
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See featured home on pages E2-E3

Featured Home: 4301 Venetian Loop

Details

Address
4301 Venetian Loop

Square footage
4,400

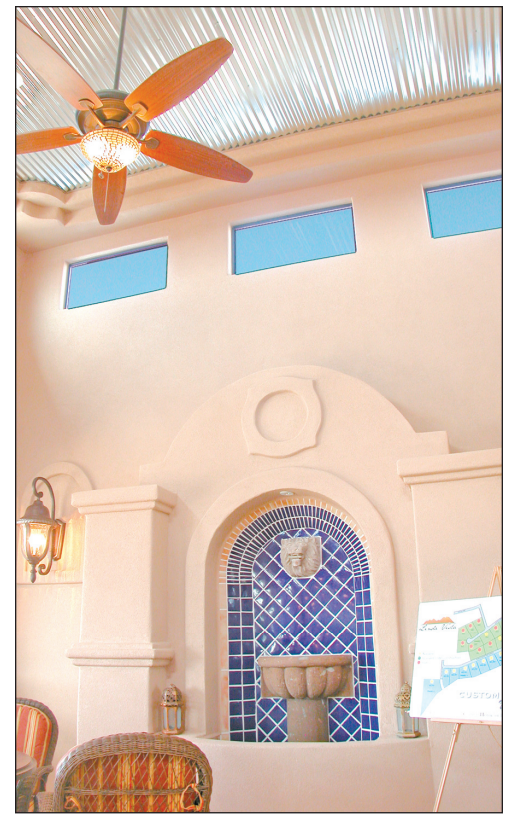
Bathrooms
Two full baths, two half baths

Fireplaces
Three

Price
$969,000

Special Features: Along with an expansive front courtyard, this house includes a unique indoor room that surprised many attendees during the Fall Parade of Homes.

For more information about this home, call Ginger Moore at 496-1105.



Below: Made to look like an outdoor room, this center living space has a tin ceiling, stuccoed walls, a fountain and outdoor-style light fixtures.

With tons of counter space, a large skylight accented in a gold hue and a variety of lighting, the kitchen presents the perfect space for setting out that party spread.

Above: When building his first showcase entry, John Hernandez wanted to make a courtyard that could serve as one of the home's greatest living spaces.

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A favorite place for those attending the Fall Parade of Homes, the media room provides an attractive place to enjoy the latest flick.

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Also found in the living space made to look like an outdoor room is a large fireplace offering a more informal space to lounge than the great room.

A brilliant new idea in courtyard design

This fall showcase entry features an outdoor living space of vast proportions

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While most homeowners enjoy outdoor meals and gatherings from the privacy of their backyard, one entry in this year's Fall Parade of Homes proved that this is not necessarily the only place to play.

In his first-ever showcase entry at 4301 Venetian Loop, builder John R. Hernandez demonstrated the possibilities with a front courtyard of unbelievable magnitude.

Built as a custom home in the prestigious Sonoma Ranch Estates, this dwelling was designed to take advantage of the views while providing comfort and privacy.

Hernandez, owner of JR Hernandez Custom Homes, said he knew a great front courtyard was the best option for this east-facing residence, and after visiting the lot, he began to formulate the perfect plan.

"When we came out here and took a look at the lot, the main thing that we liked were the views," Hernandez said.

Creating privacy with the surrounding walls and comfort with several covered patios, he designed a stunning space that brought surprise and delight to paradegoers.

"People really liked the courtyard because of the privacy," he said. "The road sets down, so when cars drive by they really can't see."

Privacy was essential, considering that the courtyard also includes a Jacuzzi and outdoor shower for rinsing off before heading into the house.

When it came to the home's indoor spaces, Hernandez said that for his client, it was about "the bigger the better." Designed on a split floor plan, every room is large with tall ceilings, extensive use of large windows and even large double doors.

With a central hallway dividing the home in two, Hernandez set the most eclectic room in the middle, which was originally going to be an enclosed patio.

"We had an idea that it would be kind of like an enclosed porch," he said. As the plan evolved, they decided to make it an indoor room, but used lots of windows for light, stucco on the walls, covered the ceiling in tin and included a huge fountain and fireplace.

"A lot of people liked that room and the tin ceiling because it was something different than what they had seen," said Ginger Moore with EXIT Realty Horizons.

Hernandez even used fixtures that would normally be found outdoors.

"I thought, if it was going to be like an enclosed porch, it should have lights inside that make it look like you are outside," he said.

While the home's other main living areas, including the kitchen, great room, dining room and media room, are located south of this outdoor-style area, the master bedroom is located on the north side and is actually found at the front of the home to take advantage of the views.

"I was trying to centralize everything, make everything even," Hernandez said.

The home's main living spaces are elegant, but they still hold onto that feeling of comfort.

Hernandez and his client actually hosted a party at the home the first day of showcase, which gave Hernandez an opportunity to see how well traffic flows.

"It was a lot of fun," he said.

It also gave them a chance to see the home's possibilities for entertaining, and they found that the kitchen's expansive counter space really came in handy.

"If you are going to have a party, you can lay out everything here," he said of its gleaming granite countertops. The kitchen, which is Moore's favorite room in the house, also includes a double oven, microwave drawer and a large skylight, which keeps the room light and bright.

Working with his clients on all of the interior design accents, Hernandez used several contrasting colors, including those found on the walls of the home's media room, where paradegoers could be found relaxing and watching the movie "Iron Man" on both weekends.

According to both Moore and Hernandez, the buzz about this custom home reached others within the building community who came by to see what the fuss was about.

"We had one builder who said he had to come over here and see it because people kept talking about it," he said.

Roman columns with a Venetian-plaster finish surround the master bedroom's jetted tub.

The master bedroom, located in the front of the house, has easy access to the large courtyard and views of the Organ Mountains.

The large great room includes a dominant fireplace accented with inlaid stone, heavy wooden beams and two sets of double doors leading to the courtyard.

Want to go tankless?

Tankless water heater is an efficient option

MARIANN NOVACK
Design Styles

How popular is the tankless water heater? According to Google, there were 201,000 queries on "tankless water heater" performed in August.

It might be a surprise, but tankless water heaters are not new. They have not been popular in American homes, but are common almost everywhere else in the world.

To learn more about the Rinnai tankless hot water heater, I asked Bruce Rowden at Ferguson Plumbing in Las Cruces to answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

Style Tip OF THE WEEK

Housing is moving toward creating an eco-friendly environment, and energy efficiency within the home can start with a tankless hot water heater.

Q: How much will a tankless water heater save a typical family of four on energy bills?

A: For most families, installing a tankless water heater will result in substantial savings on utility bills. Plus some gas/propane models qualify for a $300 energy-tax credit. The average annual operating costs are about $165 to $170. Much of the cost of heating water with a standard tank-type water heater results from heat being lost through the walls and top of the tank. With the tankless system, you only draw water as you need it. If you do not use hot water, the unit does not come on, saving you money.

Q: How does the Rinnai work?

A: A typical hot-water heater holds only so many gallons of water and the tank maintains a constant-heat temperature. The Rinnai has a Continuum system that quickly heats water. The water flows through the heat exchanger giving consistent water temperature for as long as needed. For example, when the faucet is turned on, the water flows through the heat exchanger, and when the faucet is turned off, the Continuum shuts off until needed again.

Q: What are the drawbacks to a tankless water heater?

A: The tankless water heater is instantaneous hot water and is limited by the heating capacity of the unit. Depending upon the heating capacity or size of the unit, you may not be able to take two showers while running the clothes washer. However, the tankless water heater can supply enough hot water for endless showers. Whereas, with the old technology, a tank-type water heater can run out of water due to the size of the tank.

Q: Is the tankless water heater expensive to install?

A: In new construction, the cost to install is about the same as conventional tank install. Replacing a tank water heater in an existing home with an indoor tankless hot water heater takes a few extra steps, and you'll need additional circuits and wiring to a tankless unit. Because tankless water heaters house more powerful burners than their conventional tank counterparts, they require larger gas lines.

Q: What is the difference in size and space requirements for a Rinnai?

A: About the size of a medicine cabinet. The Rinnai tankless water heaters are 24 inches by 14 inches with a depth of 9 inches. It can be installed inside or outside and weighs 48 pounds and is approved for natural as well as propane gas. The life expectancy is 20 years compared to the water heater of 10 years.

Thanks Bruce for your insight. For more information on the tankless hot water heaters, contact Bruce Rowden of Ferguson Plumbing Supply, 139 Wyatt Drive, at 523-8606 or www.rinnai.us.

Unlike traditional water heaters, Rinnai tankless water heaters only draw water as the homeowner needs it. If they do not use hot water, the unit does not come on, which in turn saves them money.

Mariann Novack is a design consultant and welcomes your comments at 541-9484 or marnvck@aol.com. Building a home, remodeling or considering interior decorating? Give Novack a call.

New to the Market
November 7, 2008

$500,000 and above

$1,200,000 - Mesilla Area - 3011 Mesilla Verde Terrace, Spectacular Southwestern pueblo home includes 4 bedrooms, hobby room plus a theater room. This home is nestled among producing pecan trees in the lush Mesilla Valley just minutes past historic Old Mesilla. This is truly a must-see property. MLS# 804872 Billie Haynie 635-8921 or Thelma Veloz 640-5621, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$400,000 - $499,999

$459,900 - La Union - 33 Cielo Dorado, Enchanting Santa Fe home includes 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, great room and music room. Large kitchen with tile counter tops, full stainless appliances and breakfast bar. The association fee covers access to the community lighted runway and taxiways, tennis courts, handball court, horse arena and private children's play park. MLS# 804899 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$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 over an acre with 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

$200,000 - $299,999

$299,900 – Jornada/Las Colinas - 3105 Rio Arriza 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

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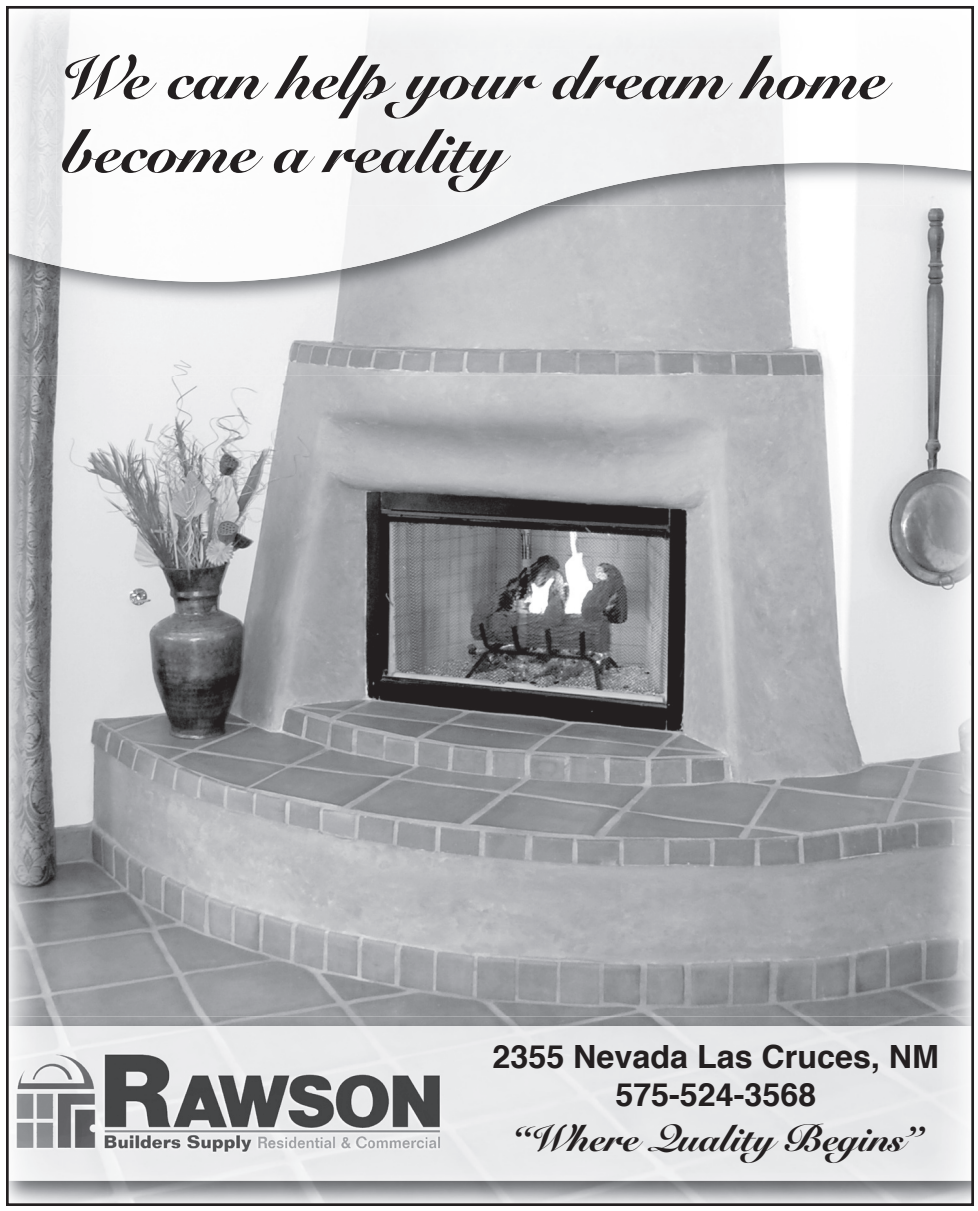
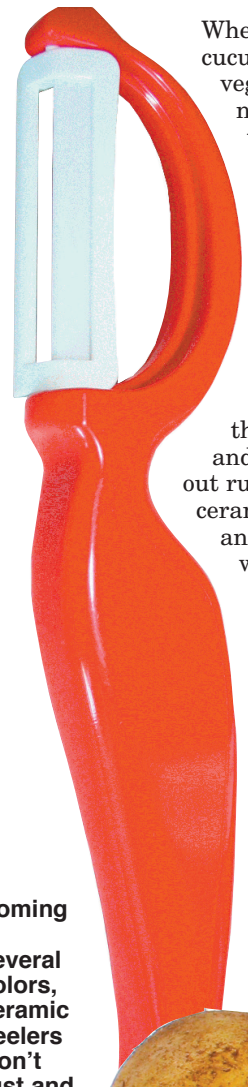


The benefits of ceramic blades

Don't let pesky potatoes give you a hard time in the kitchen

Featured kitchen gadget: ceramic peeler

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin



When it comes to peeling potatoes, cucumbers and other fruits and veggies, old, rusty peeler designs never seem to do the trick. Sometimes, the frustration makes the impatient chef turn to sharper options such as knives, and this can be dangerous. Plus, these old peelers have never been attractive additions in the kitchen. Remember the old slinky peelers that actually had to take up counter space in the kitchen just to operate?

Imagine if there was a peeler that was attractive, easy to use and could stay sharp for years without rusting. The latest line of unique, ceramic-bladed peelers does just that and also conquers peeling tasks with ease.

What is it?

Using an ultra-sharp, advanced-ceramic blade that won't rust, pit or corrode and will remain sharp for years, new ceramic vertical peelers are designed to be fast and ergonomic. Renowned for their exceptional technical characteristics, these "ultra blades" are made of ceramic material that is ground into a micro-fine powder, made into slurry and poured into a machine where it is subjected to 100 tons of pressure and molded.

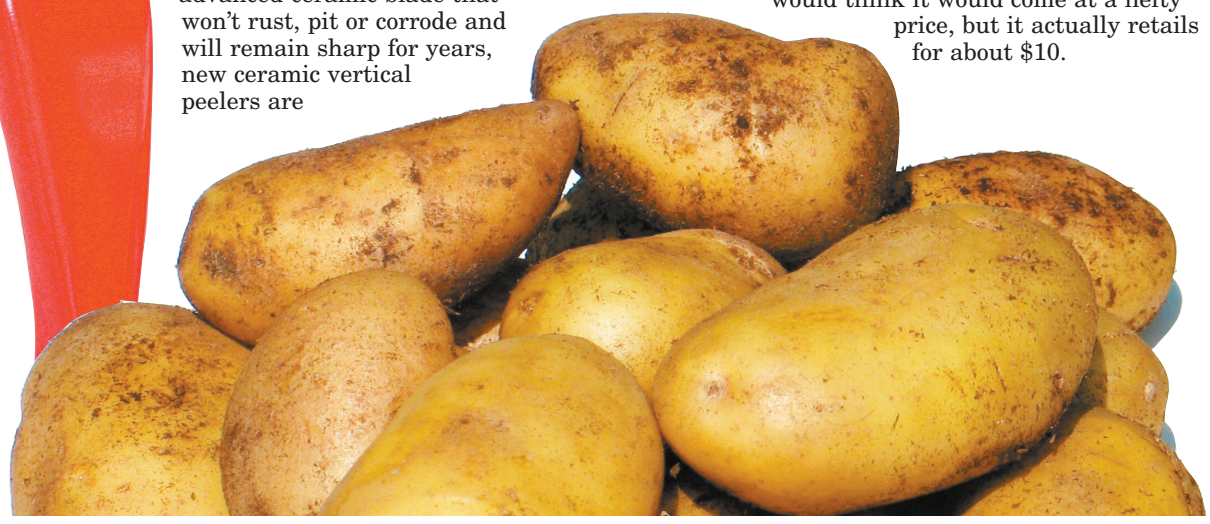
Following the molding process, the blades are heated at a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees, surface finished and buffed. The blades are then precision-polished, honed and sharpened using diamond wheels to create the cutting edge. The result is a zirconium oxide blade that is extremely sharp, durable and close to diamond in hardness.

How does it work?

Like any sharp kitchen gadget, the ceramic peeler should be used carefully. For safety reasons, when peeling an item that is being held in the hands, the blade should be kept still, and the item should be pushed against it. If a potato is grasped in the left hand and the peeler in the right, the thumb of the right hand is used to push the potato backwards against the blade, turning it slightly so that it digs in and removes the potato skin.

How much does it cost?

For the technical nature of this little gadget, one would think it would come at a hefty price, but it actually retails for about $10.



Coming in several colors, ceramic peelers won't rust and will stay sharp for years.

Where can it be found?

Because this product is a new idea in kitchen gadgets, it is only available through a small number of sources. One good source for ceramic products is Kyocera. Visit their website at www.kyoceraadvancedceramics.com.

Helpful hint:

Ceramic peelers are only the beginning. These efficient, rust-free blades are now available in peelers, slicers, graters and grinders to help with numerous preparation tasks within the kitchen. There are even ceramic scissors.

Sweet Potato Bake

3 cups cold mashed sweet potatoes (without added milk and butter)
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
3 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping:
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cold butter or margarine

In a mixing bowl, beat sweet potatoes, sugar, milk, butter, eggs, salt and vanilla until smooth. Transfer to a greased 2-quart baking dish. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, pecans and flour; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over potato mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until golden brown.

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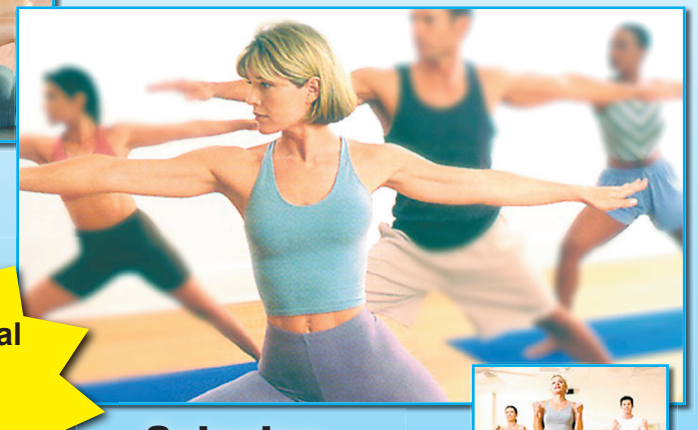

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Featured builder: *Saguaro Homes Building and Development*

Bringing new meaning to the phrase 'multitasker'

Saguaro's female builder team breaks ground on their first custom home

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With a goal of providing the best possible customer service, Polly Benavidez, Rochelle Miller-Hernandez and Cilicia Villegas have created the first female building team in Las Cruces in Saguaro Homes Building and Development.

With Benavidez handling all the architectural design and building aspects, Miller-Hernandez in charge of all the interior design and marketing and Villegas serving as production manager, these three ladies are ready to show all of Las Cruces just what a group of talented females can accomplish in an industry heavily dominated by men.

With each woman bringing her own unique skills and expertise to the table, they find strength in each other and work together to produce a quality product.

After receiving her general contractor's license in early 2008, Benavidez and her two good friends opened their company in April, celebrating the ground breaking of their first home on Sept. 24.

From the beginning of her building career, Benavidez said she knew that female builders were few and far between.

"At the PSI office where you get your license in Albuquerque, I was very surprised to see people taking extra pictures of me and putting them up on the wall like, 'Oh my gosh it's a girl,'" she said.

Drafting is something that always came naturally to Benavidez, who designed her parents' home when she was only 19 and received her degree in architectural drafting from New Mexico State University shortly after. After designing floor plans for local builders through her long-standing business Elite Home Design, Benavidez isn't afraid to admit that working in the field has required some adjustments.

"There is a big difference between designing a home in the office and actually coming out here to the field and making it work," she said. "I am going to be quite honest, there are no girls out here except for me."

> "We want to be known as a company that cares about our customers."
>
> ROCHELLE MILLER-HERNANDEZ, interior designer

Still, she finds that she has fit in well on the job site and isn't afraid to do the hard labor.

"I am a very down-to-Earth person. I don't mind digging or getting dirty," she said. "Being bilingual is a blessing. It has opened me many doors because most of the crews out here are Spanish speaking."

While Benavidez juggles her days between Saguaro and Elite Home Designs, Miller-Hernandez has her hands full as well working as a Realtor with Century 21 Drue Self Real Estate and her interior design company, RMH Interior Designs.

"We are all multitaskers," said Miller-Hernandez. "I think we all three are fortunate that we have huge family support."

Working with the client, as well as her team, on the interior design of every home, Miller-Hernandez said she is always open for suggestions.

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Friends Cilicia Villegas, Polly Benavidez and Rochelle Miller-Hernandez work together for the success of their company Saguaro Homes Building and Development.

"I always like everyone's opinion," she said.

As Saguaro's production manager, Villegas also wears several hats and works as an accounting tech supervisor at NMSU.

"I have about eight years experience in construction accounting," Villegas said. While working for a builders supply store, she was able to get to know many of the city's subcontractors, which gave them an advantage when it came to choosing their own.

"We had already chosen who we were going to go with before we even started building our first house," Villegas said.

Putting their minds together on each house, the three women call and text each other hundreds of times a day, working together on every aspect.

"I am very open to new designs and ideas, and that is where they come in," Benavidez said. "It's a great

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satisfaction to be doing this and have the team behind me. Without them, it would not be possible."

As women with families of their own, they know just how important traffic flow is in a home and think about many minor details that their male counterparts might miss.

"We think about things like Christmas trees and having beautiful windows to put them in front of. We think about having cool kitchens where, during Christmas and Thanksgiving, people will not be bumping into each other," Benavidez said. "We think about all these little things."

While she is open to any opportunities that come her way, Benavidez said she prefers custom homes so she can work one-on-one with her clients.

"It's about sitting down with a person and really getting to know what they need," Benavidez said. "A home is a place where you are going to be cherishing those good moments and bringing your family. If we don't have the client's input, how can we get to what they are looking for?"

Along with the input of their clients, the team is also open to suggestions from their subcontractors.

"These guys know what they are doing, and they also give us ideas. We work together," Villegas said.

"We've learned a lot from all our subs, and we are very thankful," Benavidez added. "I love to interact with them, they are the people putting it all together for us."

All three women are excited to see where their business takes them and are hoping to build all over Las Cruces.

"I think even going out of town would be something interesting," Benavidez said. "We are not here to explode in the market. We want to take our time, take care of our customers and have customers that are happy and satisfied. That is our goal as a team."

According to Miller-Hernandez, the best marketing tool her team has is word-of-mouth from satisfied customers.

"We want to be known as a company that cares about our customers," Miller-Hernandez said. "We've all been in environments where that was not necessarily true and want to see our customers walk away happy."

The team goes over tile samples in their first home, which is located in Mesa Grande Estates.

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Saguaro Homes Building and Development celebrated their first ground breaking in September with a bottle of champagne.

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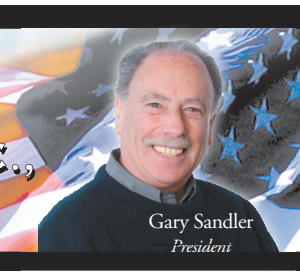

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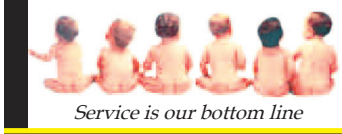

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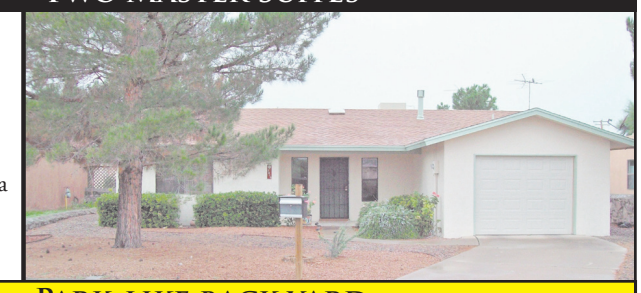

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At LCHBA's Fiesta Friday

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Members of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association staff Elena Wood, Rebeca Cogdill, Gricel Mendoza and Michael Garcia display their Halloween spirit with full costumes at the organization's Fiesta Friday on Oct. 31.

Cindy Jeter took on the role of professional golfer for the day.

Pirates David and Laurie Haluska

Below, Alyssa, 6, Trevan, 1, and Cody, 5, came decked out in their costumes with dad, builder Kyle Green.

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Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$221,825 - Mesilla Area - 1320 Avenida de Mesilla Unit 121D, Beautiful condominium community designed by architect Steve Newby. Located at the entry to historic Mesilla Plaza! Corner unit with gated security. Wood beamed ceilings, all appliances stay (stainless steel) to include stackable washer/dryer. Heated in-ground pool; exercise room with top-of-the-line equipment. Granite counters in kitchen and baths. MLS# 804917 Ronald Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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$199,000 – Jornada/Las Colinas - 3172 Rio Arriza Loop, This home offers granite counter tops, accent lighting, wood doors and stone accents. The living room ceiling is wood plank, with recessed lighting. The builder will include a 42-inch plasma television if the home is under contract on a full price offer before completion! Projected completion before Christmas 2008. MLS# 804916 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	7	4	7
Homes Sold Existing	18	12	11
Pending Home Sales (All)	127	144	249
Median Price New	$210,120	$219,000	$195,635
Median Price Existing	$221,500	$138,750	$187,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,467	1,500	1,745
Average Days on Market (All)	151	162	135
Real Estate Agents	613	613	639

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 10/28/08 - 11/03/08
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The goodness of grapes

Spring is not the only time to enjoy this flavorful fruit

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Grapes, one of the oldest cultivated fruits, can be a flavorful option in the kitchen. Coming in numerous varieties, these little berries are best known as an essential element used in the creation of one of the most historic substances known to man – wine. Just like the ancient Greeks and the Romans, people throughout the world, including those at the local wine festivals, still enjoy stomping grapes with their feet.

Growing in large bunches, grapes are classified in two ways: table or wine grapes. In general, wine grapes are seeded and are not considered good substitutes for table grapes. Virtually all wine grapes provide tastes similar to the wines they make. For table grapes, one has more than 50 varieties from which to choose, but seedless grapes tend to be preferred.

While grapes are a poor source of vitamin C, they are a great source of acid derivatives known as nonbioflavonoids. One important nonbioflavonoid in grape skin is called resveratrol.

Though the name is long, the explanation is quite simple. Resveratrol is a plant-specific enzyme that exists in 72 plant species, such as grapes, peanuts and pine trees. Grapes are the most abundant source of this health-promoting enzyme.

In clinical studies, this ingredient has proved to provide better anti-inflammatory effects than well-established anti-inflammatory drugs. Grape skin extracts are even reported to inhibit cell growth of certain cancers.

Grapes have been used for treating metabolism disorders, liver, kidney and lung disorders and cardiovascular problems. Grapes are also reported to improve metabolism and have diuretic and light laxative effect.

Used in face creams and skin treatments, grape skin also has tannic substances and essential oils. One company in France actually uses surplus grapes from champagne vineyards to create a skin cream that retails at $130 a jar.

Perhaps the easiest way to take in the goodness of grapes is with a glass of grape juice every day, which over time is reported to lower high blood pressure.

Along with serving a healthy snack of cheese, grapes and crackers, here are some suggestions on how to use this vine-grown fruit around the house.

1. Make a centerpiece: Using fresh, oversized grapes and fall foliage, one can create a centerpiece reminiscent of ancient Rome but perfect for a last-minute gathering. Begin by gathering bunches of grapes like red globe and autumn royal, two widely available varieties known for their large size. Arrange the grapes as desired on a large dish, allowing a few to drape over the side, then add the fall foliage to give the piece contrast.

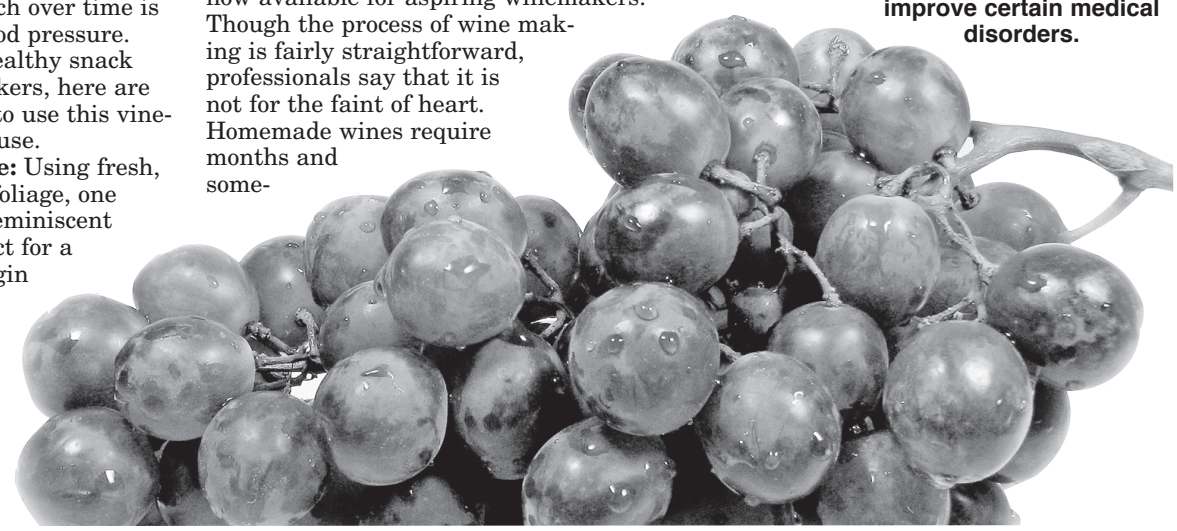
2. Make raisins: Essential in trail mixes, salads and muffins, dried fruits are made using one of the oldest methods of preserving food, whether it's turning grapes into raisins or fresh figs, dates, apricots and plums into their dried counterparts. In order to create raisins, set freshly washed grapes on a tray covered with paper towel or cheesecloth and cover them with another layer of paper towel or cheesecloth to protect them from birds and bugs. Set the tray outside in the sun and let nature go to work.

The whole tray may need to be covered with a strainer or a screen to prevent flies from landing on the grapes. They dry up more each day, increasing in sweetness. The process should take about one week depending on the sunlight and heat.

3. Make homemade wine: Anyone who has attended a wine tasting or appreciated a good glass of wine has entertained the notion of creating their own special reserve. Fortunately, with the increased interest in everything related to wine, home winemaking has become a very popular hobby. New stores and online retailers specializing in home winemaking and home brewing supplies are increasingly common, and there are many books, periodicals and websites now available for aspiring winemakers. Though the process of wine making is fairly straightforward, professionals say that it is not for the faint of heart. Homemade wines require months and sometimes years to reach their full drinking potential.

4. Plant grapes in the garden: To add a new element to the garden, try planting a batch of grapes that can live in the Southwest environment. Grapes need full sunlight and high temperatures to ripen, so plant on southern slopes, the south side of windbreaks or the south sides of buildings. Avoid northern slopes and low ground since these will be cooler throughout the growing season, delaying ripening of the fruit. Choose deep, well-drained soils to avoid standing water in the spring and encourage early growth. Grapes should be planted in the spring and approximately 6 to 8 feet apart. Dig a hole large enough to spread the root system out without bending the roots. Do not plant too deeply. Spread the roots and cover them completely with soil.

Around-the-house item: grapes



An easy and healthy snack, grapes contain ingredients reported to improve certain medical disorders.

Best Grape Salad

2 pounds green seedless grapes
2 pounds red seedless grapes
8 ounces sour cream
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract, to taste

Topping ingredients
1 cup brown sugar, packed, to taste
1 cup crushed pecans, to taste

Wash and stem grapes. Set aside. Mix sour cream, cream cheese, white sugar and vanilla by hand until blended. Stir grapes into mixture, and pour in large serving bowl.

For topping: Combine brown sugar, and crushed pecans. Sprinkle over top of grapes to cover completely. Chill overnight.

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$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

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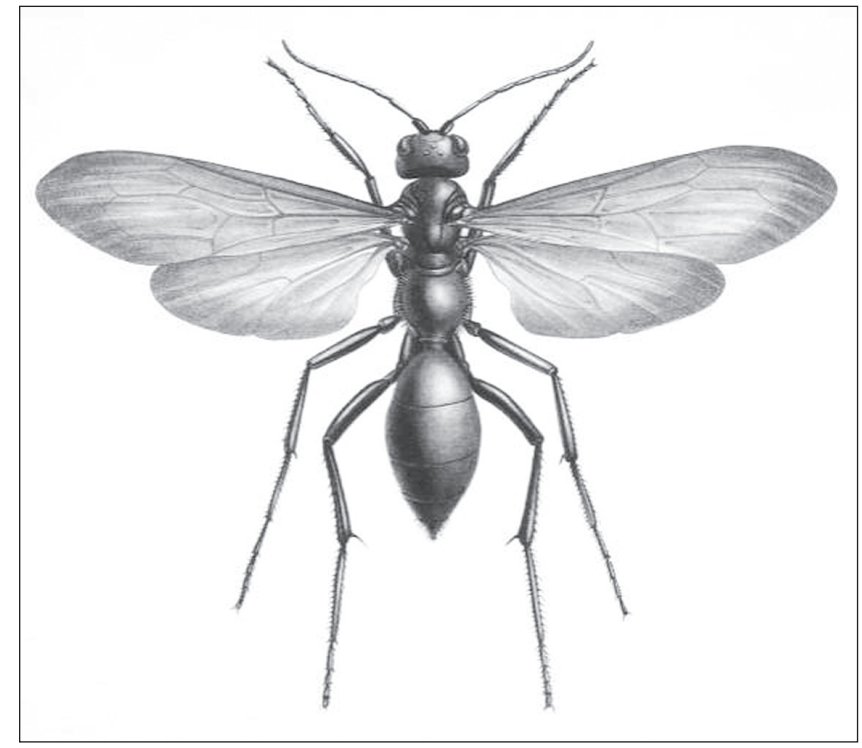

The tarantula hawk wasp, the state insect of New Mexico, gets its name from its hawk-like hunting process.

State insect was chosen through democratic process

Elementary school in New Mexico led the charge in 1989

For this week's column, with Election Day earlier this week and the selection of a new President of the United States, I stumbled across the story of the tarantula hawk wasp and how a similar democratic process led to its rise as the state insect of New Mexico.

Prior to this week, I was unaware that New Mexico chose this unusual insect in 1989 to become the state's official insect. The insect's selection was prompted by a group of sixth-graders from Edgewood, N.M., who were doing some research on states that had adopted state insects.

Seeing that the state did not have one, they decided to select three insects as candidates and went so far as to mail ballots to all schools in New Mexico for a statewide election. After the tarantula hawk wasp won, elected state officials honored what the children did by officially adopting the insect statewide.

> "Despite being a beautiful insect, this powerful and deadly turantula should be observed from afar."

Despite being a beautiful insect, this powerful and deadly tarantula should be observed from afar. Named for its hawk-like hunting process, this wasp can be up to two-inches long, which makes it one of the world's largest wasps. When this wasp flies, its unique long legs hover underneath a gorgeous metallic blue-black body and deep orange wings.

Male adult tarantula hawks have no stinger and eat only nectar, pollen and fruit while females will hunt tarantulas to feed their young. Amazingly enough, despite its beauty, the female's sting is considered the most painful of any North American insect; however, they tend to sting only when provoked or handled.

Early fall is when females begin hunting their prey. They gaze over the desert floor, tapping their antennae on the ground in an attempt to pick up a tarantula's scent. Upon finding a tarantula in an underground den, the wasp will either drum the ground in an attempt to entice the spider out, or enter the den to flush out the occupant. The wasp must then overcome its enormous prey by stinging the tarantula on the underside, where the legs join the body.

Instead of killing the tarantula, the venom only causes paralysis. The wasp then drags the tarantula to a burrow, stuffs it down the hole, and then lays her eggs on top of the paralyzed spider. Several days later the eggs hatch, and the larvae feed on the still-living tarantula. When the larvae mature, they metamorphose into adult wasps to complete the cycle.

As far as I know, no recount is needed 19 years later – the tarantula hawk wasp is truly one of a kind.

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Chile Knights

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Finally! A pod for Pepper

Celebratory recipes of the baby variety

Pepper's pod finally arrived! Seventeen days ago, my daughter Heather gave birth to a healthy baby girl, whom I nicknamed – nine months ago – "Pod." We agreed that Pod would call Grandma (that's me!) "Pepper." I haven't held her yet but hopefully soon.

My daughter, who lives in England, and I have kept in close contact throughout these long months. I asked the "royal" family to call – day or night – when Pod arrived. Around mid-morning on Oct. 21, I received the news: "Pod's here!"

"A girl pod or a boy pod?" I asked. "Elsie." Photos soon flooded my email inbox.

On the chile heat scale of one to 10, I'd say Pod is already a 10. She's absolutely adorable – gorgeous – a knockout. I bestowed Elsie with the highest pepper honor: "Pod Elsie." Pod Elsie weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces – now that's a heavy pod for a pepper. In celebration of Pepper's first pod, recipes of the tiny bite variety are in order.

Pancakes Fit for a Pod

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup (6-ounces) semi-sweet chocolate mini morsels
1 teaspoon ancho powder
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-3/4 cups milk
2 large eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup powdered sugar, for sprinkling
2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced

Combine flour, morsels, ancho powder, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Combine milk, eggs, vegetable oil and brown sugar in a medium bowl; add to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened; batter may be lumpy.

Heat griddle or skillet over medium heat; brush lightly with vegetable oil. Pour 1/4 cup of batter onto hot griddle; cook until bubbles begin to burst. Turn and cook about 1 minute longer or until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar; top with strawberries. (Adapted from razzledazzle.com)

Pod-a-Cado Dip

3 ripe avocados
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup sour cream
1 package taco seasoning mix
2 (15-ounce) cans fat-free refried beans
1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chiles or 4 fresh green chiles roasted, peeled, seeded and chopped
3 ripe plum tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup scallions, chopped
1-1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese
Plain or flavored tortilla chips

Cut the avocados in half lengthwise and remove the pits. Using a spoon, remove the "meat" and place in a small bowl. Mash avocados with a fork. Stir in the lemon juice; add salt and pepper to taste.

In another small bowl, combine the sour cream and taco seasoning mix. Stir to blend well.

Spread the refried beans in an even layer on a large round platter. Spread the mashed avocado on top of the beans. Cover with the sour cream. Scatter the chopped olives, chiles, tomatoes, and scallions over the sour cream. Top with the grated cheese.

Pepper's Sour Cream Cheddar Cheese Dip

1-1/2 cup sour cream
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped onions
3 tablespoons minced jalapeño peppers
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon red pepper sauce (more to preference)
1 tablespoon milk

Blend all ingredients. If necessary, add another tablespoon of milk for a smoother consistency. Cover, refrigerate at least 1 hour. Makes 2 cups.

Tiny Bite Salsa Dip

1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
Juice of 3 limes
4 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1-1/2 cups fresh cilantro, finely chopped
1 (6-ounce) can pitted and chopped black olives, drained
1-1/2 cups scallions, finely chopped
Hot pepper sauce or to taste
Salt and white pepper to taste

In a medium bowl, combine mayonnaise and sour cream. Add lime juice, garlic, cilantro, black olives, scallions, hot pepper sauce, salt and pepper. Taste and adjust seasonings if desired. Chill until ready to serve. Serve with blue corn tortilla chips.

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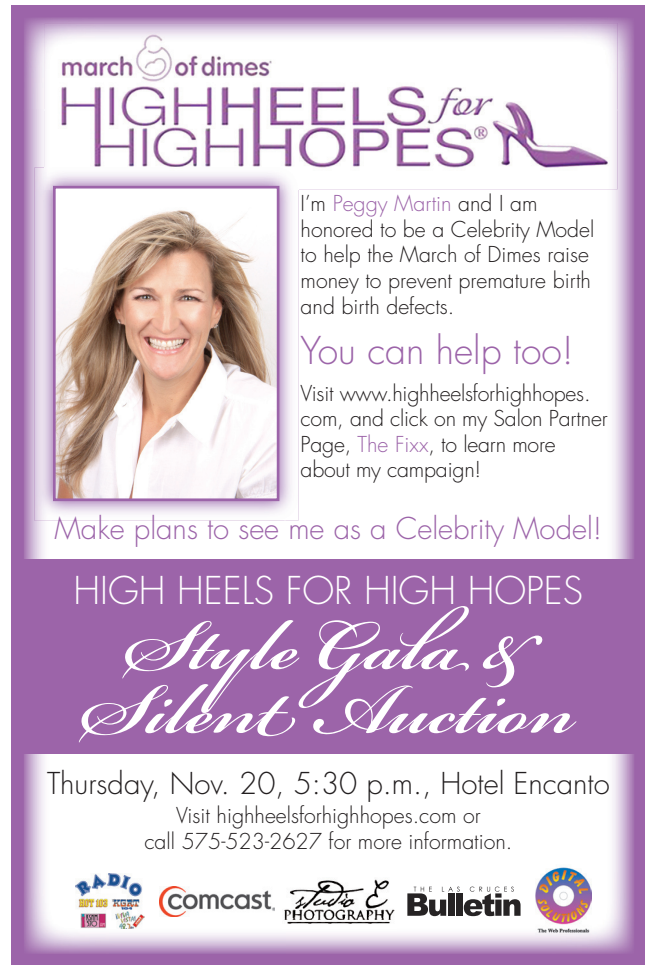
For chileheads, the birth of a baby pod can take on a whole new meaning.



Chile Knights

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Royally Spiked Pudding

1/2 pint milk
1/2 pint breadcrumbs
2 eggs
2 or 3 tablespoons raspberry jam
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or to baby bite taste
6 teaspoons butter
1 lemon
1/4 cup baker's sugar

Boil the milk with the butter and pour over breadcrumbs. Let it soak for a few minutes, and then add the yolks of the eggs, the grated rind of the lemon and the sugar. Pour into a buttered baking dish or casserole and bake until set. Then take out of the oven and cover with the jam mixed with cayenne pepper. Make a meringue of the whites of the eggs and spread over the top. Bake in oven until top is a pale brown

Elsie's First Bite of Sweet Pod

This recipe calls for petit four molds or individual baking tins.

2 sticks butter
7 ounces good-quality dark chocolate
1-1/4 cup sugar
5 eggs
1 rounded tablespoon all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoon ground chile, New Mexico red to taste and desired heat level

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt the butter with the chocolate in a small saucepan or in a bowl in the microwave. If using the microwave, melt in 10-second intervals to avoid burning. Stir frequently.

Transfer chocolate-butter mix into a bowl, add sugar and mix with a wooden spoon. Cool slightly. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add flour and chile powder and mix well.

Pour mixture in petit four molds. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. The top should look set, but the inside should still be on the soft side. (To check doneness, insert toothpick. If it comes out "clean," it's done.)

Let the mini bites cool slightly and then turn them out on a rack to cool completely. Continue baking the other batches and repeat cooling steps. Store in a plastic container and refrigerate overnight. Prior to serving, let bites stand at room temperature for about an hour. Yields about 70 tiny bites.

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