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## Thomas wins District 6 vote

Election victory signals city council change of direction

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The same voters of District 6 who elected Ken Miyagishima mayor returned to polls on Tuesday, Jan. 15, to give Sharon Thomas a strong victory to be his replacement as their new city councillor.



THOMAS

Karen Trujillo was the only other candidate who came close out of a field of five running for the vacancy resulting from Miyagishima's ascendancy, but she lost by slightly more than a 2-1 ratio.

Thomas took 54 percent with 1,322 votes to Trujillo's 578 votes, which amounted to a little more than 23 percent.

The other candidates trailed much further behind – Lawrence N. Joy with 240 votes at 9.8 percent, Berchard Ray Shipley with 207 votes at 8.46 percent and Patrick J. Curran with 101 votes at 4.13 percent.

Thomas, who headed the Quality Growth Alliance in the group's fight against the Vistas at Presidio annexation, becomes a critical swing vote about the city's approach to development with the elections of Miyagishima and new councillors Nathan Small, who works for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, and Miguel Silva, formerly a board member of the Quality Growth Alliance.

This shift on the council will mean a more deliberate approach to growth and development with greater expectations from developers to shoulder more of the cost of the demands on city services brought on by growth.

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## Animal shelter hits 'impasse'

Burden of running shelter too much for humane society

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

City and county officials next week will begin discussions to find a different way to operate its Las Cruces animal shelter rather than having the local humane society run it.

At the end of this month the city and county will end its contract with the Doña Ana County Humane Society to run the shelter. The nonprofit group had been managing the shelter's operation on a month-to-month basis since an evaluation of its services by the National Humane Society organization.

Concerns about conditions at the city-county shelter became publicized over the last several years in the debate about how to best control the animal overpopulation problem. To illustrate the problem – sometimes graphically – animal advocates cited the shelter's crowded conditions from handling around 18,000 animals each year and how a high percentage of the animals were euthanized. They estimated that 100 tons of dead animals from the shelter are dumped in the landfill annually.

That "extreme burden" that shelter personnel operate under was noted in the 180-page report released last March by the Humane Society. The report praised most of the staff, but also criticized some of its cleaning and euthanasia practices.

Since then, the Doña Ana County Humane Society's contract with the city and county has been on a monthly status. A meeting last week between City Manager Terrence Moore and the society's leadership resulted in Moore's decision that it was "time to consider other options" after the nonprofit group requested a "significant" increase in



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Deanise Marta, left, interim director of the Doña Ana County Animal Shelter, and Laura Bosh, right, volunteer marketing coordinator, look on as Consuelo Flores and her 5-year-old twin daughters Isabella, left, and Ariela get acquainted with the labrador retriever-mix puppy they are adopting Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16, at the shelter. Flores said the twins already have decided that the puppy's name will be Annie after the Little Orphan Annie comic character.

financial support, Moore said.

In his weekly informational newsletter to the city councillors and members of the public, Moore wrote that he would be making recommendations to the council about steps to be taken to reorganize the shelter's management at its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22.

That reference spurred a flurry of communications in the local animal care community about whether a deci-

sion would be made without the public providing input – and in some cases expertise.

In an interview with the Bulletin this week, Moore emphasized there would be "ample opportunity for input" before any kind of decision would be made. Moore said he is seriously considering the possibility of setting up some kind of city-county joint authority to run the shelter

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## New spaceport director at the controls

Spaceport America's executive director tackling licensing obstacles

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Spaceport America's new executive director, Steven Landeene, in his first week on the job said completing the spaceport's Environmental Impact Statement process is his first priority.

Contrary to recent news reports, work on the Spaceport America EIS has been progressing the past year under an independent contractor, Tetra Tech.

While some parts of the EIS data is being reviewed by the Federal Aviation Administration, other parts – mainly completed survey data – are awaiting responses from a variety of cooperating agencies.

Landeene said one of his primary tasks is to make sure those agencies are actually cooperating in terms of timely review and feedback so that mitigation responses can be prepared and put into a draft EIS for the public to then review.



LANDEENE

America's executive director was shortened when he left to work on a rubber recycling venture near Gallup.

"The EIS is a very important, very critical part of the spaceport," he said.

FAA won't issue a spaceport license to Spaceport America until a "record of decision" is rendered in the EIS process, and construction can't begin in earnest on the project until the FAA spaceport license is issued.

Landeene's arrival this week fills a void left in spaceport operations and communications since last year's departure of Rick Homans, the former state economic development secretary whose stint at Spaceport

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# Richardson adds health care to agenda for 30-day session

Gov. Bill Richardson opened the 30-day legislative session with a state address on Tuesday calling for action on health care, ethics reform, domestic partners rights and domestic violence, along with the usual setting of the state budget.

Richardson said his main state budget would meet the needs of education, transportation and economic development, but added that he felt these other items could be addressed without a great deal of other legislation.

"Like many other states, we struggle with the skyrocketing price of health care and health insurance premiums," Richardson said. "Twenty percent of New Mexicans go without health insurance coverage.

"We're talking about our neighbors, our colleagues, our friends and our relatives — real people who are choosing between paying the mortgage or paying for health care. Even worse, too many New Mexicans don't even have the option of health insurance. This burdens our hospitals and providers with the cost of uncompensated care."

Richardson said his "Health Solutions New Mexico Plan" will make coverage more affordable, care more accessible and the system more accountable through insurance reform, such as not allowing carriers to deny coverage for pre-existing health conditions.

Richardson's plan also mandates that all employers and individuals have health insurance, and he noted the state already is requiring businesses to insure their employees if they want a government contract.

By shifting to electronic medical records and transactions, the plan will use that data to improve the quality of care, control costs and reduce errors, he said. Overseeing all of this is a new Health Coverage Authority with the mission to cut costs and bureaucracy.

"Some may say we cannot afford to take on this task in a 30-day session," Richardson said. "I ask how can we afford not to? The time for universal health-care coverage is now."

Many lawmakers instead favor the Health Security Act, which Richardson described as an "unacceptable" approach because it would place health care under government control. He also described the status quo as unacceptable.

"I believe my plan offers the fairest and most pragmatic approach," he said. "We will transform the system, not dismantle it. My plan will allow choice. Those who are satisfied with their current health insurance plan can keep it."

Richardson also is calling for more energy conservation through tax incentives, low-interest loans and mandating more investment in energy-efficiency programs by utilities.

As for domestic violence, Richardson wants legislation to give courts more flexibility to send offenders to treatment and increase penalties for repeat offenders.

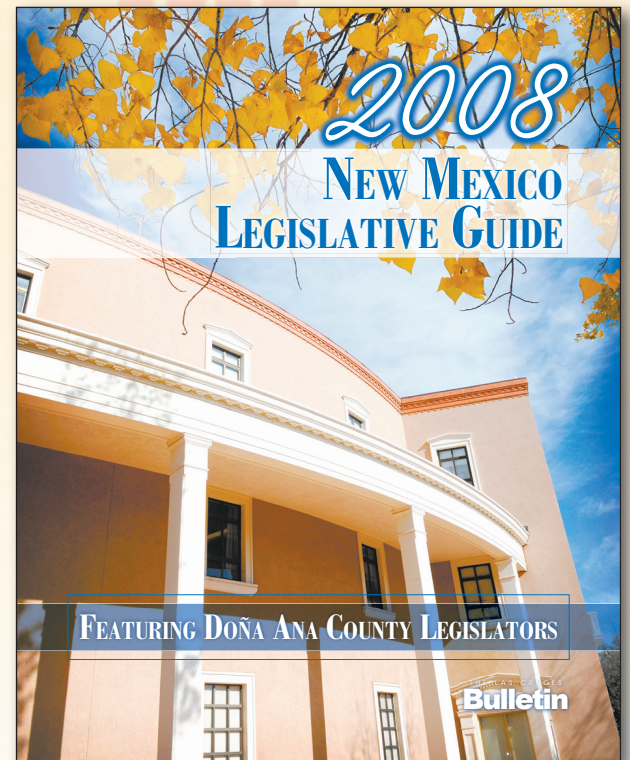
The governor called on lawmakers to take another look at ethics recommendations from his task force and to "extend domestic partnership rights."

Richardson is asking lawmakers to approve \$60 million earmarked to increase teacher and educational employee salaries and to spend more than \$360 million to modernize schools, universities and colleges.

At the start of his speech, Richardson acknowledged the passing of Senate Pro Tem Ben Altamirano and Rep. Manuel Herrera. He asked that the first bill to arrive on his desk would be to rename a new long-term care facility in Silver City after Altamirano.

As a first order of business, the Senate confirmed Tim Jennings as its new pro tem.

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# Spaceport

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Landeene was hired by the New Mexico Spaceport Authority after an extensive search. His experience in aerospace-related fields includes 20 years with Honeywell Aerospace and three years with Landmark Aviation. At Honeywell International, Landeene served as the global marketing and sales support leader for the company's aftermarket services. Most recently, he served as the director of strategy and planning for sales and marketing of Landmark Aviation out of Phoenix, Ariz.

Although he hadn't previously been intently watching the world of entrepreneurial spaceflight, his marketing side became intrigued when he was approached about the opening because of the branding strength in the spaceport's name, Landeene told the Bulletin during an interview this week.

While there are other spaceports, they are named after their immediate location – like the Oklahoma Spaceport – and are very limited in the offerings of their facilities. New Mexico's Spaceport America will be built from scratch and operations will be added to meet the needs of its customers, making it the central location for the new industry.

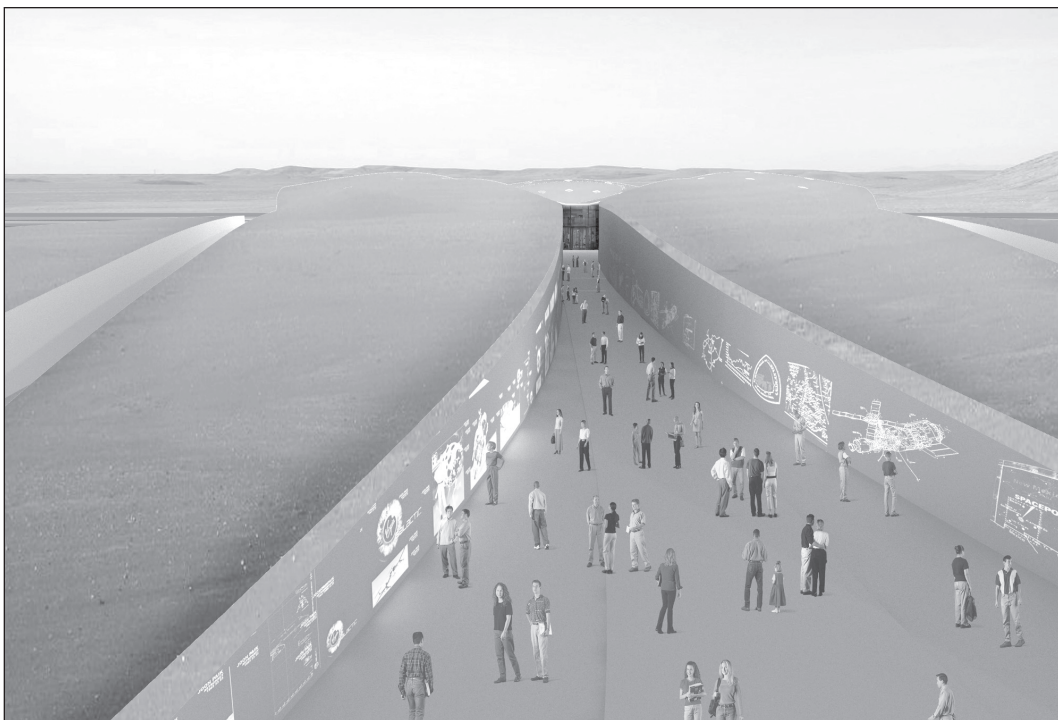
"The name Spaceport America provides global branding power," Landeene said.

With Virgin Galactic – Richard Branson's company offering the first regular flights into space for \$200,000 a ride – being Spaceport America's anchor tenant, that global recognition for New Mexico is even greater, he said, and will attract other customers, supporting industries and the brightest young minds interested in studying aerospace engineering.

Because private spaceflight entrepreneurs operate under the philosophy of "simpler is safer," the fuels used aren't as toxic as the more-complex fuels used in government-sponsored rockets, making the traditional environmental side of the EIS relatively simple. Likewise, the water needs of the spaceport aren't great, so water supply in the dry desert 45 miles north of Las Cruces shouldn't be a great issue with the EIS. Most of the 27 square miles of the spaceport is to provide a buffer zone and the actual operations will be centered around an area that has been previously operating as a ranch.

One concern that has been raised in the EIS is the location of the Virgin Galactic hangar-terminal and runway in proximity to the nearby Camino Real trail, a trading route from the Spanish colonial period of history. The hangar-terminal's design resembles desert terrain and plans to run utilities underground through sections visible to the trail should mitigate that concern, Landeene said. Proposed visitor centers, increased tourism and improved roads should actually help the trail be better appreciated by people, he said.

"This is one of those cases where one plus one equals three," Landeene said. "This is something that can be done in a way in which everybody benefits."



This image depicts an artist's concept of how the southern entrance to the Virgin Galactic hangar-terminal would look. The design by Foster + Partners of England has the building resemble desert hills to blend into the surrounding landscape.

The spaceport and related activities – like the Rocket Racing League in Las Cruces (see related story in the Business Section) – will not only generate many direct and spin-off jobs, it will inspire local students to study science and math for pursuing future careers closer to home, he said.

"New Mexico will ultimately be harvesting its own crop," Landeene said. "Currently, New Mexico's greatest export is its young people who leave because there are no jobs here in the technology sector. Spaceport America will attract those businesses to New Mexico, and those are the right kind of jobs we need to be attracting."

Many people don't realize the kind of money being invested into private spaceflight ventures, he noted. Besides Branson, private spaceflight ventures are being bankrolled by the likes of Paypal's Elon Musk, Amazon's Jeff Bezos, hotel baron Robert Bigelow and popular computer game creator John Carmack.

Landeene said he still anticipates completing the EIS and FAA licensing processes, along with construction of Virgin Galactic's 100,000-square-foot hangar-terminal and 10,000-foot runway in time to meet its target of regularly flying people into suborbital space by 2010.

"But this isn't about just sending rich people into space, like some people say," Landeene said. "There will

be all sorts of subsequent investments related to the spaceport that we can't even start to imagine.

"This is just the beginning."

An example of more affordable spaceflight opportunities was the recent UP Aerospace launches, which included payloads such as sending tokens and the ashes of space enthusiasts for keepsake.

Another major task facing Landeene will be educating the public about the spaceport's economic potential as Sierra County prepares to vote on a local gross receipts tax increase to help pay for spaceport construction. Last April, Doña Ana County passed a similar GRT increase of .25 percent in which three-fourths of the money collected will go to helping build Spaceport America with the local government getting 25 percent of the taxes for spaceport-related projects.

Along with an eighth-percent increase in Otero County, the spaceport GRT is expected to generate about \$58 million, which is critical to

Spaceport America's \$198 million construction budget. The state is committed to providing \$100 million over three years in industrial bonds once the FAA issues a spaceport license.

“ This is one of those cases where one plus one equals three. ”

STEVEN LANDEENE,  
Spaceport America  
Executive Director

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# Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

## Welcome back Gov., Congratulations Sharon, Nice shot, #\*!\*@\*#!

By DAVID E. MCCOLLUM  
The Las Cruces Bulletin



MCCOLLUM

The new year typically brings a flurry of activities to Las Cruces and New Mexico. This year is no exception. First, we welcome back our illustrious governor, fresh from his presidential bid, as the 2008 30-day legislative session gets under way. In the governor's state of the state speech, he outlined a broad agenda of initiatives that he would like to see passed. Perhaps the most aggressive item on the list is a comprehensive health care plan. His goal is to require that every New Mexican has some type of health care coverage. The idea is incredibly ambitious when you reflect on the fact that on a national level (where this initiative should ideally be developed) not even Hillary Clinton could make much headway and eventually gave up

her efforts during her husband's presidency.

The item on the governor's health care agenda that has the best chance of being approved this year is the establishment of a new Health Care Authority to develop, oversee and police the future health care mandates. It appears that the new agency will be funded in part through a new tax on the business community. Health care reform is certainly a noble ideal. However, as any business owner knows, health care insurance is very expensive and extremely complex. It will be interesting to see how much the Legislature can accomplish as they work to meet the governor's expectations.

Speaking of the legislative session, this week's home-delivered issue of the Bulletin includes a colorful 76-page guide to the 2008 Legislature. The magazine will also be available throughout Las Cruces at more than 300 single-copy outlets including the Bulletin's office at 840 N. Telshor Blvd. The guide includes profiles on all the five senators and seven representatives whose districts include residents in Doña Ana County. The guide also features photos of all our lawmakers and provides readers with an insight in to the socio-economics of our region, including New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, education, agriculture, Spaceport America, White Sands Missile Range, Downtown Las Cruces, growth and real estate. This is a "must read" for anyone interested in the future of our county.

On the local political front, our city council became complete when District 6 voters selected former educator Sharon Thomas as their new councillor. The vote had been expected to be closely contested between Thomas and local businesswoman Karen Trujillo. Some politicians had predicted that neither Thomas nor Trujillo would garner the required 40 percent of the vote and that there would have to be a runoff election. However, Thomas pulled in a whopping 54 percent of the votes. Unfortunately, once again the voter turnout was disappointing with only about one in five registered voters choosing to participate in the election. Thomas is expected to participate in her first council meeting on Jan. 22. It will be interesting to see how her presence along with the two other newcomers – Nathan Small and Miguel Silva – will affect the dynamics of our city council and the future of Las Cruces.

Then there is the ongoing saga of Aggie basketball. Heralded freshman Herb Pope has finally been cleared to play and should make his much-awaited debut against Louisiana Tech. Also, Brazilian center Hatila Passos has emerged from his suspension in the academic doghouse and has rejoined the team just in time for the heart of the Western Athletic Conference schedule. The only additional item that needs to be dealt with is the infamous Aggie "Nice shot #\*!\*@\*#!" chant. The WAC has mandated that the vulgar chant must end. If students persist in what they claim to be their "right of free speech," the referees have been instructed by the WAC to penalize the Aggies with a technical foul each time the chant is heard. Let's hope the Aggie students are wise and creative enough to find an alternative way to support their team.

And let's hope and pray that our elected officials will also be wise as they plan our city and our state's future.

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The Supreme Court Considers Lethal Injection

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Death should be noted

One story that was not on your list for the biggies of 2007 was the killing of the schizophrenic man by city police.

This one has lasting effects. Mental illness is not that rare, most families have an affected person. Someone in this boat is now in the position of fearing to call the police when a deranged family member acts up, for fear of the fatal outcome.

Did this tip the recent city elections?

The victim in the local shooting was shot through the windshield. A policeman who positions himself in front of a vehicle is setting up a situation where a deranged, drunk, drugged, panicked or just confused driver can easily cause a shooting situation, an injured policeman, or a questionable attempted murder charge. None of this occurs if the policeman approaches the vehicle from the side.

GEORGE HAERING

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Our annual Christmas event would not have been possible without your support and contributions. Again, thank you for your generosity and God bless you.

PHILLIP M. ARCHULETA  
President, LULAC Council 120

#### Many contribute at shelter

I am responding to the article by Natisha Hales in the week of 12/21/07 Bulletin about Pamela Angell and the Community of Hope. I am writing mostly to encourage Ms. Hales to tell a bigger story, to write about the Community of Hope in its fullness, which really needs the inclusion of many more humanitarians, in addition to Pamela Angell.

Also, when you talk about the Community of Hope, you need to make the distinction between the agency called the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and the entire campus, which includes other agencies. The other agencies, under different boards and directors, are St. Luke's (health clinic), Casa de Peregrinos (food bank) and El Caldito (soup kitchen).

If we are only looking at the agency called the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, in addition to Pamela, it makes sense to applaud the current direct service staff, which includes at least two formerly homeless (homeless for a year or more) people, and others who have lived in financial poverty, or near poverty, for long periods.

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# Richardson comes home



Gov. Bill Richardson answered a number of questions when he withdrew from the presidential race.

Among them were whether he would be around to address the opening of the 2008 Legislature, whether he would be spending much time with the 30-day session and whether he might still be considering a run for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the retirement of Sen. Pete Domenici.

On the night of the New Hampshire primary election, Richardson told supporters he would head out West to continue the fight. But within the hour he was on his way back to New Mexico and the following afternoon the Associated Press announced Richardson would be withdrawing.

That answered the question about whether Richardson would be present to address the Legislature on opening day. But what about the rest of the session? Would the governor endorse another candidate and be out stumping for him or her?

At his Thursday withdrawal rally in the rotunda of the state Capitol, Richardson announced he would not endorse anyone at that time. He urged his supporters to independently choose another candidate to back.

And the question of whether he would jump into the Senate contest alongside Rep. Tom Udall was answered when Udall stepped to the podium to introduce Richardson. Udall's remarks centered around their joint experiences as he accompanied Richardson on the campaign trail.

That should put aside the ceaseless speculation that Richardson would decide before the Feb. 12 filing deadline to run for the U.S. Senate. It should also be noted that Richardson's deputy presidential campaign manager is Udall's daughter, Amanda Cooper.

Other questions remain unanswered. Richardson will remain on the New Mexico Democratic caucus' Feb. 5 ballot. It is too late to withdraw. Will he run as a favorite son? Will he throw his support to another candidate? Or will he let politics take its course? It's hard to imagine that Richardson would not want to gain whatever bar-

gaining advantage he can with the other candidates.

What sort of a mood will Richardson be in after seeing a year of tough campaigning go down the drain? He has always had the presidency to work toward as his ultimate goal. Will he be demoralized now that his dream has been dashed?

Several of the hundreds of Richardson appointees to top government posts have complained to me about how demanding he has been about them taking leave to campaign for him in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Their worries are summed up in the phrase "Bill's coming back. And he's mad." The concern is strengthened by reports that Richardson chewed out his staff and volunteers the night of the New Hampshire election.

The upcoming legislative session may not make Richardson any happier. He still has his good friend Rep. Ben Lujan running the House, but Senate majority leader Michael Sanchez has always been a thorn in his side, and now Sen. Tim Jennings of Roswell appears to be the new Senate president pro tem, replacing Sen. Ben Altamirano, who died recently.

Even with that battle setting up, the session should run more smoothly than if the governor was not present. Lawmakers have been basically understanding about Richardson's long absence. But that absence began before the end of the 2007 Legislature when several lawmakers known for their opposition to Richardson's initiatives, complained that Richardson wasn't present to provide them guidance.

In his withdrawal speech, Richardson pledged to return with an optimistic spirit and devote his full efforts to the 2008 Legislature. He has to be hurting from his losses, but there are big issues here in New Mexico to face.

He fought a good fight and brought attention to our state. It is unfortunate that his claim to being the most experienced of the candidates was trumped by calls for change. You can bet that with Big Bill in the White House, there would have been plenty of changes, also.

# Things I count on

As I weave my way through life there are things that I count on. They are stepping stones in my path that I don't worry about, like:

1. Where I am going to spend eternity.
2. That my wife will always love me.
3. That the airplane pilots know what they are doing. I get on an average of 175 flights a year.



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But if I had any concern about whether the pilots stayed up all night partying or were visiting on their cell phone while we were trying to land, I think I'd start packing a parachute!

I have a friend in the entertainment business who could fly commercial, but doesn't. He's not comfortable putting his life in their hands, I guess. I'm philosophical about his fears. Then again, I don't eat Italian food. I'm not sure if that's a phobia or a preference. Maybe some Dramamine would help us both!

4. I count on my best horse being steady on the course. He's good around cows, cars, cameras, kids, corrals, dogs and wire. Though I follow the admonition to "always be ridin' your horse," 'cause rattlesnake "shys" and backfire "bolts" can happen to even the best of horses.

5. I count on certain politicians, broadcasters and public figures to be there to lend continuity, whether I agree with them or not ... Barbara Walters, Ralph Nader, Orion Samuelson, Mayor Daly, Sean Connery, Cotton Rosser, Bennie Butler, Wayne Vold, Tony Bennett, Fidel Castro, Elmer Kelton, Wally McRae, Paul Harvey.

6. I count on America's resilience. If I ever doubted that the United States has been the greatest contributor to the cause of good (as in Good vs. Evil) on Earth for the last 100 years, I would move ... but where would I go?

7. I even count on the stupefying, partisan political process to continue governing us. As an old cab driver in Washington, D.C., told me once, "I voted for Reagan. Next time I vote for Mondale." I asked why. "Never let 'em get a foothold, son, never let 'em get a foothold."

In contrast, there are some things I don't count on:

1. Rain
2. Bureaucratic efficiency. From the local Motor Vehicle Office to the F.D.A. If you ever get your question answered or your problem solved on the first phone call, you should bronze your speed dial!

3. My dog. He's trained about as well as I was when I was three, and he has the attention span of a Bartlett pear!

4. My vehicles. I've got a '47, '69, '74, and '05. I always buy used cars so I expect them to break down. I never leave home without checking the spare, and throwing in my jumper cables, flashlight and tool box.

Oh, one other thing I count on.

8. You. The readers of this column. To keep me honest, to hold me responsible for stepping out of line, when I need it. And to continue sending me stories about your wrecks and near disasters that compose the content of my cowboy ramblings. I couldn't do it without you.

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# Newman running for Congress

## Hobbs mayor in race to be GOP's 2nd District nominee

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With a strong emphasis on finding free-market solutions the nation's problem, Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman has entered the race to become the Republican nominee for the Second Congressional District.

Steve Pearce, a Republican from the Roswell region of the district, is vacating his seat to run for the Senate opening resulting from Pete Domenici's decision to retire.

Other Republicans running for the Congressional seat include retired banker

and rancher Aubrey Dunn Jr., Bob Cornelius of Bernallilo County, C. Earl Greer of Sierra County, restaurant chain owner and rancher Ed Tinsley and Las Cruces day care center owner Greg Sowards.

During a visit this week with the Bulletin, Newman said state Rep. Joseph Cervantes' exit from the crowded Democrat field did not play into his decision to run. Instead, Newman said, he was busy with a number of personal, political and professional tasks that had to be put in order before committing himself to a Congressional campaign.

"I'm entering this race because I really do see an opportunity to be

successful," the Realtor said.

Though relatively new to the race, Newman said predominate issues for voters remain concern about border security and immigration, health care and the war. But he also is hearing from voters more concerns about the economy.



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Key to creating jobs is strong support for the district's universities and colleges – especially New Mexico State University, he said.

Newman is running on his three decades of experience in the private and public sectors.

"As a business owner, I understand the challenge of creating and keeping jobs, of growing a business and of contributing to a vibrant community," Newman said in his official announcement. "We are in a period of great economic uncertainty.

"I will work every day to enact policies that allow small businesses, and the families they support, to succeed: limited government, less hard-earned money going to Washington and a pro-growth, free-market economic policy.

"I also understand the economic implications of national security. Tougher measures must be taken to secure our borders while, at the same time, enforcing the laws already on the books."

Since being elected mayor of

Hobbs in 2004, economic renewal and infrastructure revitalization have been his hallmarks, according to his announcement.

Putting his results-driven, business experience to work, Newman partnered with city commissioners to preserve and extend the city's parks and to strengthen Hobbs' utilities infrastructure. Delivering on a key campaign pledge to improve water quality, Newman oversaw the construction of a \$35 million waste water treatment plant that is due to come online late this year or early next year.

Understanding that economic growth is directly linked to the health and vitality of community centers, Newman's administration was able to secure grant funding of \$15 million in a unique public-private partnership.

Recognizing that Hobbs is a regional medical and retail center, Newman focused efforts on revitalizing the downtown and the three-mile Lovington Highway corridor that welcomes visitors to the city.

"But revitalization does not survive without growth," Newman said, "so I'm very proud to have completed the work started by Mayor Bobby Wallach in bringing the National Enrichment Facility to Lea County. The facility will provide more than 300 good-paying, permanent jobs to southeastern New Mexico."

Besides city government, Newman also has served as chairman of the New Mexico Junior College Board.

Newman resides in Hobbs with his wife of 33 years, Vicki. They have two grown sons.

## Government offices closed for MLK Day

The public schools and most government offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday holiday on Monday, Jan. 21.

Most City of Las Cruces offices will be closed.

City operations remaining open include:

- Emergency services such as fire and police
- Solid Waste Section (trash will be picked up as scheduled) and the Recycling Center
- RoadRUNNER Transit and Dial-A-Ride services
- East Mesa, Mesilla Park and Meerscheidt recreation centers, Club Fusion, Henry Benavidez Community Center and The ARC (Therapeutic Program) will open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Frenger Pool will be open according to the posted schedule. The administration office inside the Meerscheidt Recreation Center will be closed.

The Monday closures will result in the city council meeting being held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22. The holiday also pushes the Doña Ana County Commission meeting to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Most county offices will be closed Monday. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

The holiday closures also affect the county's solid-waste convenience stations in Anthony, La Mesa, Hill, Butterfield, Mesquite, La Union, Hatch and Garfield, all of which will close Monday. The transfer stations will reopen Friday, Jan. 25.

Because MLK Day is a federal holiday, the Post Office will be closed Monday, as well as banks.

## Biology team places third

The New Mexico State University Linnaean team placed third at the National Linnaean Games Competition held in San Diego, Calif.

The contest is held during the national Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting. Each team must answer 16 questions related to entomology, including questions about taxonomy, ecology and biological control.

NMSU's team consisted of Jorge Achata, Howard Beuhler, Eric Knutson and Joyce Parker. Achata, Knutson and Parker are master's students in agricultural biology. Beuhler is a doctoral student in animal and range sciences.

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# Animal shelter

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with a hired professional administrator.

Moore said the city is putting together a presentation that will be given to the council on Tuesday. The presentation will also be given to the county commission when it meets the next morning on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Deanise Marta, who was hired by the local humane society as the animal shelter's interim director, confirmed that contract negotiations did hit an "impasse" resulting in the society's contract expiring at the end of this month. The shelter's staff can continue to work at the shelter for another 90 days to continue providing services while the city and county work out what they want to do.

The cost of running the shelter is becoming more expensive to meet higher standards along with an increased workload caused by several recent large animal hoarding cases, Marta said. These factors resulted in the local humane society "bailing out" the shelter at a cost of about \$30,000 a month, she said.

"There are a lot of obstacles about this place that any director would have to deal with," said shelter volunteer coordinator Laura Bosh. "We get 30 to 50 animals a day."

Besides being the place where most found animals are taken, any animal involved in a criminal case – such as a hoarding case – is taken to the shelter where they must be kept and cared for during the duration of the criminal proceedings, she said.

Meanwhile, the shelter doesn't have enough room to quarantine an ill animal brought in, so often these animals are euthanized, she said.

But there has been progress, Bosh said. The shelter has been able to increase animal adoption by lowering the price, for example.

"We've made tremendous improvements," Bosh said. Both Marta and Bosh say they hope this issue will result in a community dialogue to gain a better understanding of what is required to run an animal shelter and the need for stricter enforcement of ordinances, such as licensing requirements.

"We can't accept the status quo, and it's going to require everybody stepping up and the community backing up the need for better owner responsibility," Bosh said.

Hopefully, the debate won't get sidetracked on accusations against the employees, Marta added. "These people have been through hell."

Actually, worker morale had been improving because of the successes in some of the shelter's new programs, Bosh noted, and then the news of the contract negotiation breakdown came. "It was a real blow."

The emotional response from some in the animal advocacy community has led to some other rumors, such as a grand jury inquiry into the shelter. Marta disputed the account that there is a large, systemic investigation into the shelter, such as animal theft or drug use. Marta did acknowledge a grand jury writ involving two presumably isolated cases.

Curtis Childress, county animal control director, confirmed that the grand jury order revolves around two incidents – one a criminal case – in which three dogs are missing from the shelter and unaccounted for. "We just don't know what happened," he said, "and we just want to make sure that nothing illegal was done."



Deanise Marta, left, interim director of the Doña Ana County Animal Shelter, looks on as Lisa Martinez and her sons Emilio, 5, left, and Kiki, 2, play with a 4-month-old terrier-mix puppy they are thinking of adopting.

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# A principal makeover for reading

Vista Middle School principal Dan Davis, right, made a deal with his students. Read at least 1 million minutes between Oct. 15 and Jan. 9, and he would have his head and beard shaved inside the gymnasium in front of the entire student body.



A. KURZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Assistant principal Ralph Ramos, above, also received a new hair cut and nice blue hairstyle. As part of the deal with his students, Davis spent the night on top of the roof of his school during a very chilly night on Jan. 10.

# Middle schools set open houses

Las Cruces middle schools will hold open houses for fifth-grade students on the following dates:

- Sierra, Tuesday, Jan. 22; media and science magnet programs
- Picacho, Wednesday, Jan. 23; piano, dance and theater magnet programs
- Zia, Thursday, Jan. 24
- Vista, Monday, Jan. 28; music technology, technology and enriched sciences magnet programs
- Camino Real, Tuesday, Jan. 29.

All open houses are 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For any fifth grader wishing to enroll in a particular magnet program, the deadline for all magnet program applications is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, in the Instruction Department. For more information, call 527-5922.

# WSMR Hall of Fame nominations sought

White Sands Missile Range is now accepting nominations until the end of March for its Hall of Fame, which honors former personnel who made lasting contributions of an outstanding nature. Past honorees include such individuals as Werner von Braun, the famous German rocket scientist and Clyde Tombaugh, the astronomer who discovered Pluto.

For information on nominating an individual, contact Terry Garcia at the Missile Range's Incentive Awards Office at 678-3221 or email her at terry.garcia@us.army.mil and request the White Sands Hall of Fame pamphlet, which will provide guidelines and procedures for the honor. It also is available at [www.wsmr.army.mil/pao/FactSheets/hfame.htm](http://www.wsmr.army.mil/pao/FactSheets/hfame.htm).

A nominee must have been responsible for significant and lasting deeds or achievements in support of the range's mission in areas such as research, cost savings, technological advances, safety, public relations, equal opportunity or heroic deeds.

Last year, Joaquin "Jake" Provencio, a major contributor to the early Signal Intelligence and OPSEC programs, was inducted. There are now 43 individuals in the White Sands Hall of Fame, which is located inside the main museum building just inside the Las Cruces gate off of U.S. Highway 70.

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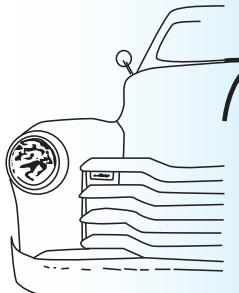
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008	
Live Announcement from the Stage by KVLC 101 Gold throughout the Rally. Food vendors will be on the field Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning.	
6:30 a.m.	Greeting by the Balloonmeister; Pilot Briefing at the Stage
7:00 a.m.	Mayor's Proclamation and Official Opening of LAS CRUCES HOT AIR BALLOON WEEKEND
7:10 a.m.	Memorial Mass Pi-Ball (helium balloon) release. In memory of balloonists and all fun-loving souls who have left this earth in body, but whose spirits continue to soar, pilots and public will release helium balloons as "Amazing Grace" is sung by local artist Naomi Vega
7:20 a.m.	Presentation of the Stars and Stripes from the hot air balloon "Cool Beans II" as the National Anthem is sung by Naomi Vega and presentation of Colors by NMSU Air Force ROTC
7:30 a.m.	<b>Mass Ascension</b> Over 65 hot air balloons will ascend from the launch field in two waves. The public will be allowed on the field to interact with and be a part of the launch. The launch is directed by the Balloonmeister (in a white tuxedo), and the Penguins (the Launch Officer, and a group of Launch Directors all in black tuxedos) and will feature the Wells Fargo Stage Coach hot air balloon and Smokey Bear special shape balloons. <b>Hot Air Balloon Competition</b> The pilots will have the option of participating in hot air balloon competition, which tests their flying skills by the proximity that they get a bean bag dropped onto a large X on the ground. At least two Targets will be set up around Las Cruces depending on the wind directions on the morning of the flight. The actual target location is announced at the Pilot Briefing at 6:30 a.m. at the field.
8:00 a.m.	<b>Tethered Rides for the public!</b> A tethered balloon ride involves a hot air balloon which is tethered (or secured with long ropes) to the ground. The balloon then lifts off the ground to the elevation allowed by the length of the ropes, giving passengers in the balloon basket a unique and breathtaking view of the Mesilla Valley, while the balloon remains at its tethered location. Tethered rides for the MVBR are donated by Wells Fargo Bank. The MVBR requests a nominal \$1.00 donation for each person for a tethered ride, proceeds of which traditionally go to local charitable causes.
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Rides begin between and will continue until the fuel is gone or the weather is un-agreeable for safe tethering
3:00 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Fun Launch</b> 20-40 balloons will launch, if the weather cooperates! Just for fun! <b>British Motor Club</b> (of Southern New Mexico and West Texas) will display their vintage and unique motor coaches on the Launch Field.
5:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>WELLS FARGO BANK BALLOON GLOW</b>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008	
6:30 a.m.	Pilot Briefing at the Stage
7:30 a.m.	MASS ASCENSION in TWO WAVES Featuring the Wells Fargo Stage Coach COMPETITION "HARE & HOUND" or "JUDGE DECLARED GOAL"
<b>Additional Information</b> • All flying and tether events will occur at the Launch Field located at Brown Farm Field, east of El Camino Real and south of Armstrong Rd. in Doña Ana County. • All events will occur weather permitting. Be at the field by 6:30 a.m. to catch the excitement! Dress warmly, in layers. For more useful hot air balloon event. • Food and souvenir VENDORS will be on the Launch Field all day Saturday and on Sunday morning, including Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally Souvenir merchandise.	



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- From I-25:**
- Take the N. Main St. (U.S. Hwy 70) exit and head west.
  - Stay in the middle lane and go through the first traffic light at the Elks Dr./Triviz intersection.
  - The middle lane will now turn into the right-hand lane. The next intersection will be El Camino Real. Turn right.
  - Go through the 4-way stop and continue traveling down El Camino Real for about 1.2 miles. The field will be on the right-hand side of the street.
- From Downtown Las Cruces / I-10:**
- Head northeast on N. Main St. toward the Las Cruces Country Club Golf Course.
  - At the El Camino Real intersection, turn left.
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**PETS** — Please do not bring pets to the launch field. This is for everyone's (including the pets) safety and comfort. Balloons and pets often do not mix well (due to the noise of the burners, the care that must be taken around the balloon, and the general nature of this sport).

**WEATHER** is a big factor in the flying of hot air balloons. Not only are the winds used to "steer" the balloon, but the winds must be calm (below 10 knots) for balloons to launch at all. The fact that the winds are usually calmest in the morning is the reason that most balloon launches occur at such early hours, just after sunrise (7:30 a.m.). All flying and tether events will occur weather permitting. It is advisable to dress warmly and in layers when attending the morning launches.

**PARKING** — The main field entrance for the public will be at the southwest side of the field just off of El Camino Real. Look for signs.

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| Sue Terebenetz, <i>Assistant Pilot Coordinator, Volunteer Crew Coordinator</i>  | Rick Altamirano • Michelle Miranda                          |

## Rules of the Launch

- No smoking on the field.
- No balloon launches without the thumbs up from a penguin (or other member of the official launch team).
- The balloonmeister is the first officer in charge of the launch and will make the final decision for a launch to take place, or be canceled or delayed.



# Role of the Penguins

Launch Directors (Penguins) serve several purposes, all directed toward the safety of the balloon launch. Penguins, with the assistance of the Launch Officer and the Balloonmeister, determine and direct balloons as to when and where they may launch. They use a standard set of hand signals to communicate with pilots.

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Sponsor	Pilot	Balloon Name
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# Coming Up

## White Sands marks 75 years

White Sands National Monument will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 19. Superintendent Cliff Spencer will host a public reception at the White Sands Visitor Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and exhibits will include photographs from the early years of the park and paintings by award-winning artist Dan Stouffer. Stouffer's paintings of the white sands have won four medals in the national Arts in the Parks competition. Reproductions of one of Stouffer's paintings will be on sale, and the artist will be present to sign them.

Other activities include the introduction of the park's new Junior Ranger program and the kick-off of a children's art contest. The park gift shop and bookstore will have items on sale throughout the weekend in honor of this event.

White Sands National Monument was created and added to the National Park system on Jan. 18, 1933, by President Herbert Hoover in order to protect the superlative scenery of the world's largest gypsum dune field. This unique environment attracts more than 400,000 visitors a year from all over the world.

## Nutrition workshops offered

Doña Ana County Extension Service Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition (ICAN) program is offering free workshops in preparing and cooking quick, nutritious meals, food and kitchen safety, food budgeting, nutrition, portion size and weight control.

The workshops will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the resource room at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave., for six consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 22. The other workshop dates are Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, 13, 19 and 26. The workshops are free and open to the public. Each person will receive a certificate for completing the program.

To pre-register, contact Kelly Clayton, MVCH resource

room coordinator, by calling 523-2219 ext. 117, or emailing her at kclayton999@gmail.com.

## Republican women meet

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The program will include a visit from U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, and presentations by Pamela Angell, director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, and Daphne O'Hair, victim assistance coordinator for the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 526-2022.

## Network promotes businesses

The Synergy Network will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Planet, 2293 Divot Drive. At the meeting, business owners will get an opportunity to introduce their business. For more information, call 640-0979.

## Crime Stoppers: Strong-armed robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a strong-armed robbery that occurred Saturday morning at the Lopez Grocery Store in Anthony, N.M.


Doña Ana County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the business shortly before 8 a.m. on Jan. 12 and discovered that the store owner had been robbed at gunpoint and struck on the back of the head by a Hispanic man. The suspect then left the store in a small, dark blue, two-door vehicle with New Mexico license plates.

The suspect is described as Hispanic, 5-feet-8-inches to 5-feet-9-inches tall and weighing approximately 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing dark blue jeans, a black sweater with a hood and an open-faced ski mask.

If you have any information regarding this crime, or any other crimes, you can call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 1 (800) 897-2746.

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# At the Quarter Horse Association

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J.D. Younker of Las Cruces, aboard Tenders Two Step, moves in to rope the hind legs of a steer whose horns have been roped by Younker's partner, Ned Kiehne of Portales, riding Kiehne's Topless Bar during the Open Dally Team Roping-Heeling event Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13, during the Southwest Quarter Horse Association Show at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds Arena. Younker finished fourth in the event. The association's next shows will be Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10.



Kelli Younker, of Las Cruces, and her horse Lovin Jose ride to a first-place finish in the Open Working Cow Horse event.



Las Cruces Audra Powell, on You Misbehavin, chases a cow in the Amateur Breakaway.



El Pasoan Max Quintana, on Sure Tuff Gold, rides to a third-place finish in the Open Working Cow Horse event.

## New Mexico State recognizes faculty

New Mexico State University celebrated the beginning of the spring 2008 semester by recognizing award-winning faculty and staff members.

Ricardo B. Jacquez, an NMSU civil engineering professor, is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. He was honored at the White House last fall.

Eleven faculty members from the main campus and the NMSU community colleges were recognized for winning the Donald C. Roush Excellence in Teaching Award. Named for a former NMSU executive vice president in recognition of his 35 years of teaching improvement in New Mexico, the annual Roush award recognizes NMSU faculty for teaching excellence.

Roush award winners are Priscilla Bloomquist, hotel, restaurant and tourism management; Cynthia Bejarano, criminal justice; John B. White, geography; Mary Jo Billiot, accounting and information systems; Joseph M. Berning, human performance, dance and recreation; J. Phillip King, civil engineering; Robert G. Blair, social work; Steve Holmes, engineering technology, NMSU Alamogordo; Carolyn Rayroux, nursing, NMSU Carlsbad; David Burleson, history, NMSU Doña Ana Community College; and Stan Carlson, natural sciences, NMSU Grants.

The university also recognized four staff members with the FirstLight Federal Credit Union Staff Achievement Awards. These are presented to both exempt and non-exempt employees based on exceptional service to their "clients."

FirstLight award winners include John Taylor, athletics; Patrick Torres, Santa Fe County Extension Office; Alma Meza, education management and development; and Dana Wiebe, animal and range sciences.



Roush Award winners from left to right, Priscilla Bloomquist, Steve Holmes, J. Phillip King, Robert G. Blair, Joseph M. Berning, Carolyn Rayroux, John B. Wright, Mary Jo Billiot, Stan Carlson, Cynthia Bejarano and David Burleson.



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# LOOKING BACK

This week in the history  
of the Mesilla Valley

**75**  
years ago  
**1933**

• Many farmers in the Mesilla and Rincon valleys were delinquent in repaying their National Farm Loan Association loans. The loans totaled \$1,305,100, and 366 farmer delinquencies had reached \$23,144.

• Property owners petitioned the county commission to reduce assessed evaluation by 50 percent because they were having difficulty meeting tax payments.

• Teachers recommended a 2 percent sales tax to reduce "oppressive ad valorem property taxes" to help maintain public schools.

**50**  
years ago  
**1958**

• New Mexico A&M demolished Hadley Hall, which was declared unsafe for continued use.

• NMA&M biology professors M.G. Anderson, W.A. Dick-Peddie and Richard F. Johns were studying a mastodon brain case and lower jaw that had been found near Anapra.

• The cotton production in Doña Ana and Luna counties was 92,188 bales, 5,000 less than the initial estimate. Leading area gin numbers were, Harvey, 5,197, and the farmer co-operatives, Mesilla Park, 9,075; Santa Tomas, 7,668; Chamberino, 6,234;



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Garfield, 7,493, and Hatch 6,823.

• Mary Dale Jones, Flying Fingers, and Arthur Alvillar, Valle Verde, were named the Outstanding Junior Girl and Boy during the Doña Ana County Awards Program.

• Picacho Avenue was reopened from Third and Armijo streets following removal of the viaduct over the railway tracks.

• Plaza Cine was featuring Pedro Infante and Jorge Negrete in "Dos Tipos de Cuidado."

**25**  
years ago  
**1983**

• U.S. District Judge Howard Bratton ruled that New Mexico's ban on the export of underground water violated the Commerce Clause in the U.S. Constitution. He wrote in a 36-page decision that

El Paso was the region's industrial and trade center, and the ban would interfere with interstate trade. He also wrote that "what was good for El Paso is good for the entire region, including southern New Mexico" and New Mexico's claim that it needed to conserve water for the future was unjustified. El Paso started the court battle in September 1980 when it filed a petition with the state engineer to drill 266 wells in southern Doña Ana County to pump and transport 246,000 acre feet a year for municipal and industrial use. William Stahmann, who was active in



The Commercial Hotel on Las Cruces' Main Street was a busy place in 1924.

the litigation, charged that the ruling would cause water rights to go to the highest bidders and that farmers would not be able to compete.

• Gov. Toney Anaya appointed Irma Maynez Glover of Las Cruces and David W. King of Moriarty to the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

• Francisco C. Holguin was named 4-H agent.

**10**  
years ago  
**1998**

• The County Commission received a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant to install wastewater treatment

systems for colonias between Anthony and Berino.

• Gilbert Apodaca was named County Commission chairman.

• Mesilla received a \$160,000 Community Development Block Grant to renovate its community center.

• Las Cruces High School's basketball team built a 41-38 halftime lead to a 91-63 victory over El Paso Del Valle.

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# Religious Services

for the week of January 20, 2008

## CHURCH NEWS

### UNITY CHURCH HOSTS RABBI KANE

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will host Rabbi Gerald Kane as guest speaker at the Sunday morning service, Jan. 20. This continues the church's exploring of the similarities between religions and is Rabbi Kane's second appearance at Unity Church. The service will be at 10:30 a.m. The church's book study continues at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. The current book is "The Sermon on the Mount" by Emmet Fox. All are cordially invited to join this study and discussion group. For further information on church activities and events, visit [www.UnityofLasCruces.org](http://www.UnityofLasCruces.org) or call 523-5592.

### KAREN WEST AT UU CHURCH

On Sunday, Jan. 20, Karen West will speak on "From Dream to Action" at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. West will speak about Eboo Patel, a young Muslim living in Chicago, who holds that during the 20th century the "color line" provoked deep conflict and change while this new century will be marked by conflict and change associated with what he calls the "faith line." Patel is a member of the Interfaith Youth Core. This service, an homage to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will explore how one man has taken King's inspiration to a new level of work for peace on earth. Sunday services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. with children's religious education at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces at 522-7281 or visit [www.uuchurchlc.org](http://www.uuchurchlc.org).

### DAUGHTERS OF TZION CONCERT

The Daughters of Zion will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Las Cruces Dream Center, 1400 N. 6th St. The group, composed of Laurel Hofeldt and Sunnie Bell, will be singing original gospel songs, along with some old favorites, that are on their newly released CD "This Only Road." CDs will be available for purchase, with 25 percent of the proceeds to be donated to support the faith-based facility of the Las Cruces Dream Center. Come and enjoy an evening of music ministry. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 522-4309 or visit [www.hishandsresources.com](http://www.hishandsresources.com).

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Sunday bible study 9 a.m.  
Sunday worship 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
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## Bible

**Grace Bible Church**  
Pastor Tom Morrison 532-1234  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
...  
Sunday Evening Fellowship 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
...  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
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## St. James' Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sun. School 9:15 a.m.  
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Sunday school & Fellowship 9:30  
New Day Worship Service 9:30  
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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Wednesday:  
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523-7850

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For An Ever Changing World  
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Sun. School & Bible Study: 10:15 a.m.  
Spanish Service: 11:30 a.m.  
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## Christian astrophysicist coming to Las Cruces

Rev. David Wilkinson set for weekend of presentations

By JOEL COURTNEY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For those who think science and Christian thinking are mutually exclusive, Rev. David Wilkinson is prepared to explain the fallacy of that thought in series of presentations he will hold in Las Cruces Friday, Jan. 25, through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Wilkinson's first talk, "Science and Christian Faith," will be held at the Corbett Center Auditorium on Friday, Jan. 25.

"Science and Christianity are not in conflict," said Rev. David Jones, pastor of University United Methodist Church. "Science is nothing but us coming to discover how we were created."

At 6:15 p.m., University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St., will host a variety music concert featuring singer Chris Sanders and members of the Hard Road band. Immediately following the concert at 7 p.m., Wilkinson will hold a presentation titled "Left Behind: Frozen or Fried," which will cover the book of Revelation and the possible end of life on Earth.

On Saturday, Wilkinson will be one of the featured speakers at the Equipping Disciples for Excellence (EDE) conference at Trinity-First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Mesa St. in El Paso. Wilkinson's workshop at the EDE is "God Becoming Real Through Us," in which he will teach others to take complicated Christian beliefs and make them understandable to secular people.

EDE is a regional training conference for incoming church leadership, but is open to anyone is interested in learning more about Christian philosophy. The conference will feature more than 20 workshops and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$27 at the door and includes lunch.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, Wilkinson will host a daylong series of presentations at University United Methodist Church. At 8:30 a.m., he will lead the church's morning service. At 11 a.m., Wilkinson will lead a discussion in the church's sanctuary.

In a special presentation at 5 p.m., Wilkinson will meet with youth groups from around the state in the fellowship hall. Jones said any church youth group of any denomination is welcome to participate in the presentation. Refreshments and snacks will be served by the church. Interested parties should contact Jones at 522-8220 or univumc@zianet.com.

Wilkinson will present a talk on his book "Alone in the Universe" in the UUMC sanctuary at 6 p.m., discussing the possibility of other life in the universe.

All Friday and Sunday presentations are free and open to the public, although a love offering will be accepted at UUMC during the Sunday presentations.

Wilkinson is currently the principal at St. John's College, a branch of Durham University that provides undergraduate and graduate education and training for those in the Anglican and Methodist church.

In addition to a degree in Physics from Durham and a degree in Theology from Cambridge, Wilkinson holds two doctoral degrees – one in theoretical astrophysics and the other in systematic theology. He is also an ordained Methodist minister and has served on the Royal Astronomical Society, tasked by the queen of England with finding the edge of the universe.

Wilkinson is a noted lecturer and author who has written or co-written 11 books, including the noted "God, Time and Stephen Hawking" and "The Power of the Force (The Spirituality of the Star Wars Films)."

"He (Wilkinson) is quietly charismatic and commonly brilliant," Jones said. "He's able to translate those complex ideas (of astrophysics) so you can understand them."

# Rekindling romance is key to the success of long-term relationships

## ADHD children have unique disciplinary needs

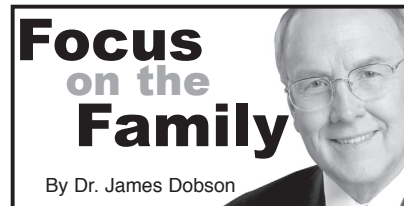
**My wife and I love each other very much, but we're going through a time of apathy. We just don't feel close to each other. Is this normal, and is there a way to bring back the fire?**

This happens sooner or later in every marriage. A man and woman just seem to lose the wind in their romantic sails for a period of time.

Their plight reminds me of seamen back in the days of wooden vessels. Sailors in that era had much to fear, including pirates, storms and diseases. But their greatest fear was that the ship might encounter the doldrums. The doldrums were an area of the ocean near the equator characterized by calm and very light shifting winds. It could mean certain death for the entire crew. The ship's food and water supply would be exhausted as they drifted for days, or even weeks, waiting for a breeze to put them back on course.

Well, marriages that were once exciting and loving can also get caught in the romantic doldrums, causing a slow and painful death to the relationship. Author Doug Fields, in his book "Creative Romance," writes: "Dating and romancing your spouse can change those patterns, and it can be a lot of fun. There's no quick fix to a stagnant marriage, of course, but you can lay aside the excuses and begin to date your sweetheart." In fact, you might want to try thinking like a teenager again. Let me explain.

Recall for a moment the craziness of your dating days – the coy attitudes, the flirting, the fantasies, the chasing after the prize. As we moved from courtship into marriage,



By Dr. James Dobson

most of us felt we should grow up and leave the game-playing behind. But we may not have matured as much as we'd like to think. In some ways, our romantic relationships will always bear some characteristics of adolescent sexuality. Adults still love the thrill of the chase, the lure of the unattainable, excitement of the new and boredom with the old. Immature impulses are controlled and minimized in a committed relationship, of course, but they never fully disappear.

This could help you keep vitality in your marriage. When things have grown stale between you and your spouse, maybe you should remember some old tricks. How about breakfast in bed? A kiss in the rain? Or re-reading those old love letters together? A night in a nearby hotel? Roasting marshmallows by an open fire? A phone call in the middle of the day? A long-stemmed red rose and a love note? There are dozens of ways to fill the sails with wind once more.

If it all sounds a little immature to act like a teenager again, just keep this in mind: In the best marriages, the chase is never really over.

**We have a 5-year-old son who has been diagnosed with ADHD. He is really difficult to handle, and I have no idea how to manage him. I know he has a neuro-**

**logical problem; I don't feel right about making him obey like we do our other children. It is a big problem for us. What do you suggest?**

I understand your dilemma, but I urge you to discipline your son. Every youngster needs the security of defined limits, and the ADHD boy or girl is no exception. Such a child should be held responsible for his behavior, although the approach may be a little different. For example, most children can be required to sit on a chair for disciplinary reasons, whereas some very hyperactive children would not be able to remain there. Similarly, corporal punishment is sometimes ineffective with a highly excitable little bundle of electricity. As with every aspect of parenthood, disciplinary measures for the ADHD child must be suited to his or her unique characteristics and needs. Vince Foster's words now echo back to us from eternity. While you're climbing the ladder of success, don't forget your own family. Those years with your children at home will be gone in a heartbeat. Do whatever is necessary to grab those precious moments, whether it requires changing jobs, getting a smaller house or turning down lucrative and exciting opportunities. Nothing is worth losing your kids. Nothing!

*Dr. Dobson is founder and chairman of the board of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or [www.family.org](http://www.family.org). Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.*



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## "WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE REBELS"

BY RUBEN ORTEGA

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**TEXT: (LUKE 15:11-32)**

**BACKGROUND COMMENTS:**

Jesus told the story of a father and his two sons in order to illustrate the nature of God's love. The younger brother demanded his share of the inheritance and left home to waste it in foolish living. When he returned destitute, he threw himself on his father's mercy. The older brother, however, was jealous and unsympathetic. In the entire situation, the father taught both his sons that he would liberally shower love on those who realized they could not earn it.

**OPEN:**

1. What person or incident illustrates for you an exemplary fatherly love?

**EXPLORE:**

2. What series of decisions did the younger

son make after receiving his inheritance? (15:13-20)

3. What did the father do in response to his son's return? (15:20-24)

4. What was the older son's perspective on his father's mercy? (15:28-30)

5. How did the father defend his actions? (15:31-32)

**GET IT:**

6. Why do you think we tend to become obsessed with fairness?

7. When have you experienced God's unmerited favor and blessing?

**APPLY:**

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Depression, Bipolar Support Group meets twice weekly, on Mondays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The meetings are open to the public and for anyone wanting to know more about depression and bipolar disorder. For more information,

call 523-9096 or 522-0517.

## ■ NEW MEXICO YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

## ■ BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at various locations 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. in the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.; and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is requested. For more

information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

## ■ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

A multiple sclerosis support group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the third Thursday of each month, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

## ■ CAREGIVER WORKSHOP ON COLLAGE COMMUNICATION

A Caregiver Workshop on Collage Communication will be held at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Bueno Vida Circle, Saturday, Jan. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Social Center. Attendees will have the chance to improve communication with a loved one or patient with Alzheimer's/dementia even in the non-verbal stages. The cost is \$25 per family or \$35 per professional. For reserva-

tions, call Katya De Luisa at 405-8308.

## ■ MESILLA VALLEY HOSPICE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Mesilla Valley Hospice is conducting training for its Reflections Program. Reflection volunteers work one on one with hospice clients helping them to write their life story and they are especially in need of bilingual volunteers. Training will be on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave. The two-part training will cover basics of interviewing and writing, as well as an opportunity to try the techniques through a hands-on exercise. Those who have attended the class really enjoy it, proof that story can foster community. Those interested in attending should RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 24, by contacting Elizabeth Vega at evega@mvhospice.org or Nina Salmon at 523-4700.

## ■ MOUNTAIN VIEW MARKET DIABETES PRESENTATION

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will host "I Have Diabetes, Now What Do I Eat?" on Saturday, Jan. 19. Rosa Lopez, nutritionist with the Department of Health, will share information on cooking and living with diabetes from 1 to 2 p.m. and June Donohue from Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will provide free diabetes screening between 2 and 4 p.m. Snacks will be provided and screening supplies are provided by the Health Care Foundation of Southern New Mexico. A Spanish interpreter will be available. Class attendance is on a first-come, first served basis, so arrive a little early to get a good seat. Call 523-0436 for more information.

## ■ ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

A new Arthritis Support Group with Stella will begin Feb. 4 at Munson Senior Center and will meet every Monday for six weeks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sign up with Angelica at the front desk.

## ■ LA LECHE LEAGUE

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



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# HEALTH NEWS

## Relay organizers search for cancer survivors

### NMSU students find creative ways to raise money for a cause

By **BETHANY CONWAY**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Preparing to hold its second ever New Mexico State University Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society NMSU chapter is looking for cancer survivors to participate.

Annette Granillo, survivorship and team recruiting chair for the student organization, said the hardest part the first time around was getting survivors to take part in the event.

"The hardest part about the relay is the survivors just because it is a sensitive issue, and a lot of people who have dealt with it want to forget the experience," Granillo said. "But they can help to enlighten someone else. People at the relay could be battling with it and it is encouraging for them. There is a hope that you can offer to one another."

Scheduled to take place from 6 p.m. on

Friday, April 4, to 8 a.m. Saturday, April 5, the relay will be held at the practice field next to Aggie Memorial Stadium and participants are encouraged to pull an all-nighter.

"There are people who will stay all night. At NMSU we are trying to get the whole Greek community involved, and they are really competitive," she said.

Games, food and music are provided throughout the relay along with spirit contests among teams. The organization will be holding a kick-off this month in which teams can register for the event, and teams are encouraged to start raising money immediately.

"They can do different things to raise money. They find their own ways whether it is a car wash or a bake sale. Students are pretty creative about coming up with random ideas," she said.

While the organization does not have a set goal, at this point their main motivation

is beating the University of New Mexico.

"All we know is that we want to beat UNM. When we went up to Albuquerque we made a bet that the loser has to dress up the opposite, so if UNM wins, our director has to dress up in a Lobo spirit outfit and if we win their director has to dress up as Pistol Pete," she said.

Still, the organization's main goal is to reach out to cancer survivors and get them involved in the festivities.

"The backbone of it is the survivors, these are the people we are fighting for, and it is really hard to have a good relay with only two survivors," Granillo said of last year's event.

Each year the students hold a dinner for the survivors prior to the relay, and then transport them to the field to run the first lap, which is reserved for survivors and caregivers.

The chapter's "Hope Model" for the relay is based on four tiers – honor, opportunity, engage, provide – which focus on honoring and empowering survivors and giving them ways to share their story.

In order to register as a survivor with the American Cancer Society, individuals need only to fill out an application and provide some personal information.

Granillo said her organization keeps the survivors updated throughout the year on events and information from the American Cancer Society.

"We try to keep them updated on recent developments and ways that they can help. A lot of times they will have events where they want to have someone speak. A lot of support groups go on in the community, and they need survivors to talk and give support. It is a whole year around thing," she said.

Everyone in Las Cruces is invited to participate in the relay, and those who come can give a donation of any amount and walk or simply enjoy the festivities. Granillo said that the relay is a great way to honor those who have fought this devastating disease.

"They have a story, they have an experience that can help someone else, whether it be through advice or support. We want to encourage others that are battling this. It is not just a person, it is the doctors who fight for these people everyday, it is the family that is fighting against something that takes lives away," she said.

For information on the relay or to register as a cancer survivor, email Granillo at agrano6@nmsu.edu.

## Memorial Medical Center welcomes George Harrington, M.D.

MMC and Dr. Donald Watson are pleased to welcome Dr. George Harrington. Dr. Harrington is a board certified orthopaedic surgeon, who specializes in general and pediatric orthopaedics, in practice at the Bone and Joint Center of Southern New Mexico.

Dr. Harrington, a West Point graduate, earned his medical degree from the University of New Mexico's School of Medicine in Albuquerque. After finishing his orthopaedic residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Dr. Harrington completed a fellowship at the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He was also an Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Texas Tech Medical Center in El Paso.

Dr. Harrington is welcoming new patients and referrals at the Bone and Joint Center. **Please call 556-6440 to schedule an appointment or consultation.**



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## LCHS' Julia Silva selected for Senate Youth Program

U.S. Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman recently congratulated Nicholas Quintero of Albuquerque and Julia Silva of Las Cruces who have been chosen to represent New Mexico at the 46th Annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Washington, D.C.

The students were among 104 individuals selected from across the country to participate in the program, held March 1-8. Student delegates will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and will travel to Washington, D.C., for a week-long study of the federal government and its leaders.

"Our country needs smart and engaged young people who will one day become effective leaders," Domenici said. "I'm proud of the achievements of both of these students,

and I hope their experience in the Senate Youth Program will encourage their leadership and civic involvement."

"Nicholas Quintero and Julia Silva represent two of New Mexico's finest young people, and I have no doubt they will be future leaders in our state. I send them my congratulations and hope that this will be a great experience for them," Bingaman said. Nicholas Quintero is a senior at Jesse Tree School and is involved in multiple activities, including Teen Pact, AWANA Clubs International, and the New Mexico Wing Cadet Advisory Council. He holds his private pilot's license.

Julia Silva is a senior at Las Cruces High School, and has served in leadership with MESA, Peace Jam, Key

Club, National Honor Society and her church youth group. She plans to be a medical doctor.

In addition to touring the city's national monuments, students will attend meetings and briefings with Senate leadership, other Senators and Congressional staff, as well as the President, a Supreme Court Justice, government agency leaders, an ambassador and members of the national media.

The senators also congratulated Jacob Wellman of Cibola High School and Mallory Markham of Hope Christian School, who were chosen as alternates for the program.

Delegates for the program rank academically in the top 1 percent of their states and display exceptional leadership abilities. Students were selected following nomination by teachers and principals.

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# SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Senior Programs will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs such as walking groups, chess, canasta, pinochle, bridge, beginning line dancing, beginning crochet, zipper art sand painting, the crafters and the Munson quilters.

## ■ CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

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

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

## ■ AQUATICS, SENIOR WATER EXERCISE CLASS

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

## ■ AEROBICS

Aerobics class with Ra Williams is temporarily suspended, for more information call Munson Center, 524-3000.

## ■ YOGA CLASS

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

## ■ SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

## ■ TAI CHI WITH CHER

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

## ■ BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at all centers on the following schedule. There is a 25-cent suggested donation.

- Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road, Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon
- Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon
- Munson Senior Center, Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon

## ■ DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Defensive Driving class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7 and 8, at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Attendees must attend both days to receive their certificate. Class size is limited and payment of \$10 is due at the door. No pre-registration required.

## ■ MESILLA PARK EXERCISE

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

## ■ CANASTA

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

## ■ BEGINNING LINE DANCING

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

## ■ BEGINNING SQUARE DANCING

Beginning square dancing classes with caller Art Harvey are held on Tuesday evenings at the Munson Senior Center at 7 p.m. The free classes are open to ages 50 and over and guests. Partners are not necessary.

## ■ BINGO MANIA

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

## ■ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

## ■ CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

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

## ■ WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

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

## ■ BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a continental breakfast in the Cantina at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., 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.

## ■ 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. 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 the disabled on Medicare/Medicaid; etc. Counseling, information and assistance are available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 528-3301 or 528-3307 for more information.
- Representatives of the State Agency on Aging: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 541-2451.
- Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Call 541-2451 for more information.

The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services. Assistance is available for Medicare, Medicaid and other programs. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 1-800-432-2080.

## ■ LEARN ABOUT GADGETS

Did you get a new gadget for Christmas or looking to buy one but not quite sure if it's what you need? The Geek Squad can help. Munson Senior Center staff will take trips to Best Buy once a week throughout the month of January to visit with store associates and learn the what and how of your new gadget. Sign up at the Munson Senior Center's front desk.

## ■ ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

A new Arthritis Support Group with Stella will begin Feb. 4 at Munson Senior Center and will meet every Monday for six weeks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sign up with Angelica at the front desk.

## ■ YOUR HEARING AIDS AND YOU!

Get help with hearing aids from Sally Schwartz from NM Relay Network and All Things Said, Assistive Listening Devices and More. Schwartz will be available on Monday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 a.m. at Munson Senior Center in the Mesilla Room. Sign up by calling 222-0608 or TTY 866-801-9127.

## ■ BEGINNING WINDOWS WITH PAUL HARDY

This class is limited to eight people and will cover the basics of computer operation. A home computer is not necessary. Cost for this six-week session is \$6. Class begins Wednesday, Jan. 16. Sign up is the same day at 1 p.m. Please bring your blue or yellow Senior Program Card.

## ■ HANDS ON COOKING AND NUTRITION CLASSES

Cooperative Extension is back with more ideas for cooking and nutrition. Kim Laddish, nutrition educator, will host six consecutive classes at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Feb. 12. Learn about the food pyramid, serving sizes, reading labels, fruits and vegetables, food safety, meal planning and stretching food dollars. Sign up for these free classes by calling 525-6649.



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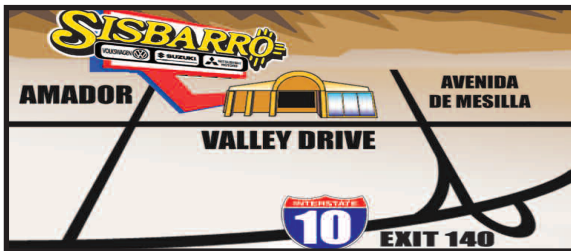


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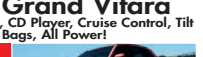
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## Convergys brings 500 jobs Call center is now hiring

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Planning to employ approximately 500 employees, a call center is set to open on Del Rey Boulevard.

Convergys Corp. is currently hiring management and customer service positions. The majority of the new jobs created in Las Cruces are for customer service associates – with at least a high school diploma or equivalent, computer skills and customer service experience – who will “handle telephone inquiries and manage customer relationships,” according to a press release. Wages will start at \$9.50, with the potential to earn \$12 per hour.

According to the release, Convergys added the location, in the 45,000-square-foot former Keytronics building on Del Rey, because of “continued growth in the market for outsourced customer care services from an existing client in the wireless industry.”

“We look forward to working with the City of Las Cruces and our community partners for the quick start-up time we need to meet the expanding needs of our global customer care client,” said Marty DeGhetto, Convergys senior vice president of operations.

The Convergys call center is one of three that have recently made a home in Las Cruces.

Allstate announced last year that it would open a claims-handling center at 170 Roadrunner Parkway. The insurance company announced an expansion of its “Express” claims-handling model, and the Las Cruces office will be one of nine Express offices in the country.

VMC/Volt, which will provide technical support for Apple, also announced it will open its headquarters in Las Cruces and will hire several hundred employees.

Convergys Corp. has approximately 75,000 employees in 82 customer contact centers and other facilities in the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. Its global headquarters are in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Racing League begins hangar work

‘NASCAR of the sky’ breaks ground for Las Cruces operations

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Rocket Racing League President-CEO Granger Whitelaw said the effort to create a “NASCAR of the sky” has “not slowed down by any means,” at a ground breaking ceremony Monday, Jan 14, at the Las Cruces International Airport for two of the league’s hangars a year later than originally planned.

The hangars will house aircraft, teams and related operations. The hangars are part of the Rocket Racing League’s 20-year lease with the city for six 100,000-square-foot parcels at the airport.

Whitelaw said the primary reason for the league falling behind the schedule in its original business plan was the development of the league’s new flyer, based on XCOR’s EZ Rocket. The flyer is a small, light-weight aircraft similar to those seen in the “experimental” class of airplane, but with a high-powered rocket engine that propels the racers faster than 300 mph.

Teams will fly their racers in the league through a “virtual” racetrack in the sky with cameras mounted around the vehicle to give viewers – and gamers – experiences that put them in the driver’s seat.

Developing the new vehicle, as well as negotiating a television deal and other issues, turned out to be more difficult and time-consuming than originally anticipated, but successful test flights of the new racer last October has reinvigorated the project.

“This ground breaking is the first step in making the next great racing industry cluster,” Whitelaw said. “I believe that in this 21st century, we will see an explosion in aviation technology and Las Cruces is going to be at the center.”

The RRL Aerospace Business Park, which will be located adjacent to the airport’s southern end, will be the league’s headquarters and provide facilities for associated aerospace- and aviation-related industries. Besides having space for everything from material and parts manufacturing to marketing and merchandising, plans for the park include a museum, a hall of fame, an educational center and other attractions.

The idea, according to Whitelaw, is that if RRL is to be the “NASCAR of the sky,” then Las



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Breaking ground Monday, Jan. 14, for two of the Rocket Racing League’s hangars at the Las Cruces International Airport, from left, are: RRL’s Chief Operating Officer Tim Gormley, city councillor Dolores Connor, city councillor Nathan Small, City Manager Terrence Moore, RRL President-CEO Granger Whitelaw and Rocket Racing Composites Corp. Board Chairman Robert Hariri.

Cruces will be to the league what Charlotte, N.C., is as the home of NASCAR racing.

Whitelaw’s background comes from being a partner in a racing team that has won the Indianapolis 500 twice. He conceived the RRL with X PRIZE Cup visionary Peter Diamandis. Whitelaw made his money through venture consulting and business development services, such as the next generations of systems for Amber Alert and global positioning technology.

RRL plans to use video game, Internet and other technologies to make it more accessible to audiences around the world, but will mainly fly races in Las Cruces and Reno, Nev.

City Councillor Nathan Small, whose district includes the West Mesa Industrial Park – which will include an RRL component – and

the airport, said at the ground breaking he was in favor of this kind of future-thinking investment into new economic opportunities for Las Cruces.

After the ground breaking, Rocket Racing Composites Corp. Board Chairman Robert Hariri talked with Small about the variety of fuels and materials that are being looked at in the industry, which is close to the “experimental” class of aircraft that already has a presence at the Las Cruces airport.

The airport will not only be home to the league’s racing, but Hariri said it also would be home for testing and development of materials, fuels and systems for these types of aircraft that are focused on achieving goals of “faster-lighter-stronger.”

## Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe approaching

Just 10 slots left to attend event

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, an opportunity for Las Cruces to showcase its achievements to the New Mexico Legislature and lend community support for local legislators, is scheduled for Jan. 26-28.

Registration for the three-day event will be accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 23, and there’s room for about 10 more people to attend the event as of Monday, according to Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Committee Co-Chair Terra Van Dyke.

Each registration provides admission for the entire event, including a reception at the Governor’s Mansion.

Van Dyke said 220 are expect-

ed to attend the event.

All registrants get to attend the House and Senate openings in addition to networking opportunities and breakfast and lunch with state representatives. The host hotel is The Lodge at Santa Fe, a Heritage Hotel and sister property of the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

A Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Business Expo will be held in the rotunda of the State Capitol on Monday, Jan. 28. The expo, held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., will promote Las Cruces businesses.

Those interested in attending the event may register online at [www.lcdsf.com](http://www.lcdsf.com) or in person at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 760 W. Picacho Ave. The cost to register is \$125.

### Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe events

#### Saturday, Jan. 26

10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Legislative networking suite  
Kiva Suite, The Lodge

This hosted hospitality lounge is open for all legislators, attendees and their guests.

#### Sunday, Jan. 27

10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Legislative networking suite

4 to 6 p.m.

Reception at the Governor’s Mansion  
Catered reception for registered attendees over 18, Cabinet members, other elected officials and all Southwest New Mexico legislators.

#### Monday, Jan. 28

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

American breakfast buffet  
featuring Economic Development  
Secretary Fred Mondragon

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Expo  
Rotunda of the Capitol  
Greater Las Cruces area expo with participation from area businesses

12:30 to 2 p.m.

Lunch with the Legislators  
featuring Rep. Joni Gutierrez  
Buffet luncheon with an informal program by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.



# Salopeks win NMDA marketing award

## Partnership negotiates Chinese exports

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Greg Salopek is marketing New Mexico pecans he knows that he has a lot working for him when he contracts for the export of New Mexico pecans to China.

"New Mexico pecans have the highest quality in the nation," he said.

Buyers are listening. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture has named the New Mexico Pecan Co. 2007 Marketer of the Year.

The company is a partnership run by Frank, Paul, Greg and Sam Salopek, sons of the late and popular Frank "Pancho" Salopek, farmer and former county commissioner and state legislator.

The Salopeks have 500 acres producing pecans and, with the help of eight employees, run their own cleaning and bagging plant off Snow Road, southwest of Mesilla.

Last year, New Mexico Pecans

exported its entire production – 800,000 pounds – to China. The Salopeks still are shaking trees and harvesting, but they expect a 2008 production of 1.3 million to 1.5 million pecans.

Greg Salopek said he has a contract pending to export pecans to China for the Salopek farm and four other producers, and he expects the 2008 region export to reach 3 million pounds.

"We're still talking," he said while discussing how he was selected for the job of working out pecan export contracts.

The New Mexico Pecan Co. expanded marketing opportunities after attending both domestic and international trade shows, according to an NMDA news release.

"It was at these trade shows meeting with foreign buyers where New Mexico Pecan Co. developed an innovative approach to sell in-shell pecans to the Chinese market," the release stated.

"The New Mexico Department

of Agriculture had asked the New Mexico Pecan Growers Association if it would be interested in marketing pecans in the global market," Salopek said. "They asked me if I'd be interested in contracting pecans, and I jumped at the opportunity to represent New Mexico pecan growers as well as our own company.

"Marketing specialist James Ditmore, working through the New Mexico Agricultural Department, was very important in establishing an international pecan market."

Salopek works with the Cal-Agrex foreign trade association to work out pecan exports to China. He ships the New Mexico pecans in 50-pound sacks by railroad or high tractor-trailers to San Diego, where they are loaded on ocean freight ships that are bound for Hong Kong.

"The Chinese say that they like the high quality of New Mexico pecans and the consistency in sizes," he said. "It's a matter of



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**Greg Salopek checks out 50-pound sacks of freshly cleaned in-shell pecans that are bound for China. The pecans have been certified by the USDA and will be transported by railroad or tractor-trailers to the Long Beach port.**

supply and demand, and there's a rising demand in the global market for pecans. And I'd like to thank the New Mexico Pecan Growers Association for backing us in this international market promotion."

Last year, New Mexico Pecan Co. sold its entire harvest of 800,000 pounds to China, "making it the largest documented sales of New Mexico pecans to China. The success of this initial sale opened the door for other New Mexico producers to explore this exciting market with confidence and long-term commitments," an NMDA news release said.

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture I. Miley Gonzalez said the Salopeks' business was selected as Marketer of the Year because of its creative, innovative and successful marketing strategies.

"New Mexico Pecan Co. has established national recognition for shelled and flavored pecans

and expanded its market share throughout the region," Gonzalez said.

Frank "Pancho" Salopek started his own farm in 1950, developing open land and growing vegetables and cotton. In 1970, he began replacing those crops with pecan trees.

In 1982, Pancho and his sons formed a partnership, Frank Salopek and Sons Farms.

He served on the county commission and in the State House of Representatives in the 1970s.

Greg Salopek graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1984. He earned a degree in business administration in 1989 from NMSU.

He started his own company, Going Nuts in Mesilla, in 1990, a pecan retail outlet. He changed the name to New Mexico Pecan Co. and later joined his brothers to form the partnership.

**A forklift operated by Brian Lyes dumps a load of freshly graded and cleaned pecans at the New Mexico Pecan Co. plant to be loaded into 50-pound sacks. The weight is controlled by computer.**

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## PROFILE

# Gabe Sandoval: Builder strives to change lives

## LCHBA President builds quality homes and relationships

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At this year's first membership luncheon for the Las Cruces Home Builders Association on Jan. 10, newly elected LCHBA President Gabe Sandoval handed out an envelope to all 130 members of the audience. Inside each envelope was a \$10 bill and a letter challenging the recipient to "touch someone's life" by thinking of the most creative way to use the money to help someone in need.

Sandoval said his motivation was that at one point in his life, when he needed help the most, a simple gesture saved his life.

He is a builder not afraid to confess that he has seen his ups and downs. In his acceptance speech, in which he was moved to tears at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association installation banquet in December, he spoke of how the obstacles he has faced as a builder have humbled his approach to the construction business and life in general.

Originally from Albuquerque, Sandoval worked for the New Mexico Department of Transportation after graduating from New Mexico State University with a degree in civil engineering doing his favorite type of construction – building the state's roads.

In 1997 he opened his own company, Gabe Sandoval Construction, and began building everything from roads to housing to commercial projects.

A turning point in Sandoval's career came three years ago when his company took on more than they could handle building 130 houses in northern New Mexico.

"What it did is it made me set my priorities straight and humbled me to the point where I was able to look at life and my business in a different way," he said. "It wasn't so much about the success of the dollar, but the success of people. We start-

ed in a different direction after that."

Since then, Sandoval said his company, which now has 30 employees, has had continued success. So much, in fact, that he has now taken on an important position within the building community as president of the LCHBA.

While he said that he had his doubts when it came to his ability to properly fill such a central position within the association, at the annual luncheon, members could see his confidence was growing.



As president, Sandoval said his job is to coordinate LCHBA events, attend city meetings that are of concern to the association – such as those on land use and wilderness establishment – and basically act as a spokesperson for the association.

"I think it is an honor and a privilege to be president of the home builders association. We are over 660 members strong. I have been a part of the home builders now for about eight years and active on the board for four years now," he said. "I think that Las Cruces is a great community and one of the strongest in revenue when it comes to the building industry, and to be a part of that is awesome."

With their new headquarters at 2825 S. Main St. recently completed, the association has much in store for its members in the coming year, and Sandoval has some plans of his own.

He said he would like to see the association working closely with local government officials to keep LCHBA members informed on the city's plans for growth.

He also said he plans to offer more continuing education for members, while bringing together contractors and sub-contractors in cooperation with builders.

"It is always a big thing to get some of the smaller construction companies involved and offering training seminars," he said. "The networking that you get through home builders is unbelievable. Through the home builders association you are able to bounce off ideas. Some of the other builders, like Eddie Binns and the Currys, have been in the industry for such a long time that they have that wisdom and knowledge and are willing to help."

Sandoval added that hopefully, as his own business grows over the years, he will be able to start helping some of the newcomers as well. With all of the obstacles that he has overcome as a builder, including working out of his car for many years, he can inspire younger builders not to give up when times are slow.

"We have grown our business steadily over the past 10 years," he said. "I used to work out of my truck, and I did that for the first five years. So I guess one of the things I have accomplished is having an office and being blessed with the work that we have."

"About 70 percent of my employees have been here a minimum of five years. We don't have a big turn around, and we are very diverse as a construction company."

Sandoval said their signature when building houses is found in their use of Venetian plaster.

"I always want to wow the customer. If the customer isn't wowed, then we aren't doing our job, and there is no reason this can't be done with a \$150,000 house," he said.

Sandoval's most recent projects include building in his own subdivision off of Stern Drive, which includes 24 lots and homes ranging from \$160,000 to \$400,000.

"We are trying to develop our own lands and build on our own subdivisions," he said.

With his background in civil engineering, Sandoval said he enjoys road construction and infrastructure the most.

"We do a lot of concrete work and work with the (City of Las Cruces) on road repair. We do a lot of ADA (American Disabilities Act) concrete construction and a lot of road repair in the surrounding areas of Doña Ana County," he said. "The city has been a great customer of ours for the last eight years, and a lot of our work is done in parts of town that really need it."

Sandoval's advice to those in the building business is to create and grow relationships in all areas of life. When times are tough, Sandoval said "it is the relationships that you build that get you through those times."

He said one way for builders in Las Cruces to create these relationships is through the LCHBA.

"The staff is all so great to work with. They are a little family over there and they take great pride in the home builders. It is a lot of work, you have a lot of different personalities among members and builders and Michele (Marshall) has done an excellent job of coordinating it all so that everybody feels like a part of it," he said. "The more involved you get at the home builders, the more you will get out of it."

## Gabe Sandoval

President, Las Cruces Home Builders Association  
Owner, Gabe Sandoval Construction

### Family

- Wife, Minerva, school teacher
- Daughter, Gabriela, 9
- Son, Nicholas, 8

### Education

- Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NMSU

“It wasn't so much about the success of the dollar, but the success of people.”



# New technology allows electronic deposits

## Local banks offer service to meet busy customer needs

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Advances in technology have continued to make life easier, and now banks are utilizing a new service to accommodate their extra-busy commercial customers.

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces in March 2007 introduced its business customers to Merchant Deposit Capture, a new product that electronically scans checks and uploads them through a secure website for deposit.

"It helps solve the problem of needing to get the deposit to bank but being short on time," said Mark Beer, data processing manager of Citizens Bank. "This new service helps businesses deposit today's checks today."

With the Merchant Deposit Capture system, Beer said customers are able to electronically deposit "as many checks as they want as many times as they want" during the day. Because the system is accessed through the Internet, deposits can be uploaded 24 hours a day.

Through the website, Beer said the system even verifies the legal amount on the check through optical character recognition.

"If you deposit through the bank and if something is not added up correctly, you get a notice a week later," he said. "This corrects the deposit right then, and you get an email confirmation telling you if it was OK or had to be corrected."

First Community Bank has offered its version of the system, digiPost, since it

**Mark Beer, data processing manager for Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, demonstrates how the Merchant Deposit Capture system works. Using a scanner and a secure website, customers are able to electronically upload deposits into their bank accounts without leaving the office.**

NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin



opened in Las Cruces two years ago, said Christine Carnathan, bank branch manager. Before the bank introduced the product to the public, she said the bank used the system internally for its remote branch locations in Colorado and Utah, and now she has about six local customers.

"Mainly it works for customers who take in a lot of checks, and it's hard for them to get to the bank," she said. "It kind of brings the bank to their place of business."

Even though there isn't just one type of business that the system is especially useful for, Carnathan said the bank has found a niche for real estate companies as well as lawyers' and doctors' offices. When she offers the product to customers, no matter what business they are in, they jump at the chance to enjoy the "extra convenience."

"We haven't seen a whole lot of hesitation,"

Carnathan said. "It just depends on how the business operates, and we do run into those customers who just really enjoy coming to the bank. A lot of customers prefer to come inside with commercial deposits."

For those customers who do enjoy the convenience, electronic deposits seem to be a good idea.

Kevin Davis, president and owner of Southwestern Abstract and Title Co., has been a Merchant Deposit Capture customer at Citizens Bank for three months.

"I was sold on the very first demo," he said. "It saves us labor in sending our runners to the bank and standing in line. We're able to make deposits right from our office."

"We take advantage of the extra time, and it allows us to process recordings for real estate transactions quicker."

Davis said that much of the money the company deposits is not company money, but are funds that belong to his customers who need to complete transactions.

"It definitely streamlines the funding and recording process for real estate transactions," he said. "And it's very user-friendly. Technology is now making every-

## ON THE AGENDA

### SCORE 'Eye Opener' seminar

The SCORE Association office in Las Cruces will continue its new series of free seminars designed for the small business owner and manager with "Financial Management Part Two" at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the SCORE office in the Loretto Town Center, 500 S. Main St.

Marion Adkisson, a retired accountant, auditor and bank officer will address asset control during the seminar.

Because space is limited, call the SCORE office at 523-5627 for reservations. If there is sufficient demand for these free seminars, they will be repeated the following Thursday morning.

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 29  
**Time:** 7 a.m.  
**Location:** SCORE office  
505 S. Main St.  
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# Iraq ag officials visit NMSU

## Visitors learn how Cooperative Extension Service programs operate in New Mexico

Iraq Agricultural Extension officials visited New Mexico during November to learn how the United States' land-grant university Cooperative Extension Service programs operate.

"They came to develop an understanding of our Extension system. The two systems are total opposites, but they want to see how our system is implemented," said Egyptian native Hamdy Oushy, NMSU Extension specialist and Iraq Agricultural Extension training program coordinator, who helped write and presented the methodology curriculum by delivering it in Arabic to the participants.

The visitors began their training by visiting the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services offices at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

After arriving in Las Cruces they participated in a week of classes on Extension methodology that included presentations from the various NMSU Extension departments. The visitors learned how the Extension system is divided into agriculture, home economics, 4-H youth, and community and economic development.

The Iraq delegates were surprised that the

Extension Service included consumer education, home management, family life, personal growth and development and youth development. They stated that in Iraq, Extension is a branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and only addresses agriculture.

"They are also amazed that our system is driven from citizen advisory groups determining what the needs are in their community, county and region," said Jeff Bader, Bernalillo County Extension director who joined Oushy in writing and presenting the Extension methodology curriculum. "In their country, everything has been directed by the government down to the people. They are trying to learn how to turn that around."

During the on-campus presentations, the Iraqi delegates were introduced to all of the Extension departments and specialists who operate from the campus and toured the various agricultural research facilities.

"One of the goals of our work in that country is to develop cooperation between Iraq's agricultural colleges and governmental agricultural and Extension agencies," said Oushy. "Visiting NMSU allows them to see how Extension functions as an integral part of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics."



NMSU Extension specialist Hamdy Oushy explains the operation of an organic lettuce farm to visiting Iraq Agricultural Extension officials during their tour of New Mexico farms. The officials learned how U.S. land-grant university's Cooperative Extension Service programs operate during a USDA-FAS Cochran Fellowship Program training at NMSU. The delegates' faces in this photo have been blurred to protect their identities.

NMSU

After the week on campus, the delegates visited NMSU Agricultural Science Centers in Las Cruces, Los Lunas and Alcalde and toured farm operations ranging from organic production in Española to an apple orchard in Nambe. They also visited a cattle ranch in the Estancia Valley, an Acoma sheep herding camp and a dairy in Doña Ana County, as well as chile, pecan and cotton processing plants in Doña Ana County and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District irrigation system.

During their stay in Las Cruces, the delegates met with NMSU President Michael Martin; Miley Gonzales, Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture; Lowell Catlett, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics; and Octavio Ramirez, department head of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business.

"We hope that this is the first of a series of training visits from select agriculturalists from a variety of countries to be sponsored by the Cochran Fellowship program," Ramirez said. "These types of programs provide a wonderful opportunity for them to learn from us, not only about technical, scientific and institutional issues,

but in regard to the openness, tolerance and fairness of our society."

This project was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service Cochran Fellowship Training program. Since 1984, the U.S. Congress has made funds available for training agriculturalists from middle-income countries, emerging markets and emerging democracies.

Training opportunities are for senior- and mid-level specialists and administrators, from the public and private sectors, concerned with agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy, marketing and technology transfer. All training occurs in the United States.

The Cochran Fellowship Program has provided U.S.-based, non-academic training for almost 7,600 international participants from 81 countries worldwide.

Through this and other programs and projects, USDA hopes to assist Iraq in developing strategies to rebuild and revitalize its agriculture and agribusiness sector, which will include an effective Extension Service based on education and research. Iraq's agricultural sector is the second largest contributor to the national economy and employs one-quarter of its workforce.

# D.A. Inc. brings 42 jobs to Santa Teresa industrial park

## Automotive parts manufacturer signs lease

D.A. Inc., a custom injection-molding parts manufacturer specializing in automotive parts, has signed a lease on a 67,000-square-foot facility located in the Verde Logistics Park in Santa Teresa. The New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD), the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), NMEDD's Office of Mexican Affairs (OMA) and the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership have worked closely D.A. Inc. executives on this project over the last nine months.

Steve Vierck, MVEDA president and CEO, said: "It is very exciting any time a well-established manufacturing firm like D.A. Inc. chooses to expand its operations to New Mexico, especially when it happens to be the company's first out-of-state venture.

Manufacturing operations at the Santa Teresa facility are expected to begin later this month.

D.A. Inc. Plant Manager Jeff Smith said, "D.A. Inc. is excited about our expansion to Santa Teresa. We believe the area will offer an enthusiastic workforce with innovative ideas. We would like to thank Fred Shepherd with Mesilla Valley Economic Alliance, Brett Preston with R/JL Real Estate and Dave Majors with The Verde Group for their assistance in our site selection."

"D.A. Inc. represents a variety of

benefits to the community," said Jerry Pacheco, executive director of the International Business Accelerator. "This development will not only create 42 jobs initially, but will also add another core tenant to the Verde Logistics Park. We welcome D.A. Inc. to our community."

"One of my top priorities as Commissioner for this district is to approach development responsibly; fostering companies involved in manufacturing and production that have the desire and ability to meld with our existing infrastructure. D.A. Inc. is one such company," said Doña Ana County Commissioner Dolores Saldaña-Caviness.

D.A. Inc. began its operations in Charleston, Ind., in 1989 and has since become one of the most highly recognized, environmentally sound manufacturers in the plastics industry. The company manufactures quality injection molded automotive parts including covers and housings designed to protect vital components, as well as internal dashboard components such as center panels and vents.

In 1995, D.A. Inc. became a Toyota Tier 1 parts supplier. In 2000, the company built a brand new facility in Charleston, Ind., which it then expanded just five years later. The expansion to Santa Teresa is the first out-of-state operation for D.A. Inc.

### Project Information

- Direct Jobs: 42 new jobs initially, expanding to 50 within three years
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- Economic Development Department Incentives Utilized: Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP), Rural Jobs Tax Credit, High Wage Jobs Tax Credit, Manufacturer's Investment Tax Credit

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# IN GOOD COMPANY: DUNCAN NOBLE REJUVENATING SPA

## Get the royal treatment Duncan Noble rejuvenates skin, hair and body

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With several full-service salons in Las Cruces, customer service and experience is key to a day spa's success.

Recognizing this, Duncan Noble Rejuvenating Spa gives each client the royal treatment, and services are complemented with subtle highlights, such as small candles, twinkle lights, relaxing music and comfortable furniture.

The Duncan Noble team of cosmetologists, massage therapists, aestheticians and nail technicians has years of combined experience, especially owner Carol Duncan Brietag.

Before starting Duncan Noble in Las Cruces, Brietag traveled all over the Northwestern United States with world-renowned esthetician Linda Chaé – she was once named Esthetician of the Year three years in a row in Europe, and her line of organic skincare products, Chaé Organics, was featured at a 2006 Emmy Awards pre-party.

As a master esthetician, Brietag assisted Chaé and hair stylist Paul Mitchell from 1975 to 1979 in establishing skincare and hair care lines in 17 spas and several department stores, including Nordstrom.

When Mount St. Helens erupted in Washington, Brietag and her daughter, Beth Duncan, moved to Las Cruces.

"We had to leave town," she said.

She came to Las Cruces and fulfilled a dream of opening her own salon in the Lohman Atrium Suites 18 years ago.

Starting with one suite, Brietag said the salon only offered hair care services at first, although her specialty was in skin.

"When I came down here, I realized people here just were not into skincare or makeup," she said.

Building her clientele, Brietag opened another suite a little more than three years later, which included day spa services. Several years later, Duncan Noble was expanded to include a skincare clinic.

"It seems like every three years we expand," she said.

The suites, which now house special services, provide their own atmospheres.

"Every building offers special services, and with those services, a certain ambiance is created," she said.

Her daughter Beth, now a registered nurse and esthetician, is part of the Duncan Noble team and is the salon's on-site nurse practitioner. Brietag also returned to school and now, in addition to being a master esthetician, she has a cosmetology license and an instructor's license. She also is licensed in New Mexico to provide advanced education for estheticians to renew their licenses.

"That's what I do for fun," she said.

Her passion also inspired her sister, Liz Walker, to open her own spa, Noble Spa, in Alamogordo.

Now, after 18 years of success, Duncan Noble is a full-service salon that specializes in organic care and medical services.

"We do everything," she said. "People of any age can come here and leave feeling good, beautiful and spoiled. And these services are affordable."

"I was a single mom for 21 years. To me, (a day spa) was so far removed from my existence. These things can be affordable."

In skincare therapies, Duncan Noble offers facials ranging from signature facials and acne-problem facials to enzyme or chemical resurfacing peels and the lam probe, which removes moles, warts, skin tags and sun-damaged skin.

The studio salon features cuts, updos, perms, conditioning treatments and color. Hand and foot care at Duncan Noble includes the traditional manicure and pedicure with the option to include paraffin infusion for the hands and feet and hot stones on the feet and legs.

Day spa packages also are available, and Brietag has aptly dubbed ready-made packages as Royal Treatments. Her most popular, she said is Royal Treatment No. 2, which includes a signature facial, one-hour Swedish massage, a manicure and pedicure.

According to its service menu, Duncan Noble's day spa packages come with an organic lunch.

Clients can customize their own royal treatment packages with any of the treatments offered at Duncan Noble.

Infra-red sauna services are available to detoxify the muscular and lymphatic systems, and Duncan Noble also offers body waxing and hair removal, photo-light hair reduction and massage services.

"When people come here, they can feel like they're having a mini vacation," she said.

And if clients would like to come in a group or just with



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Carol Duncan Brietag opened Duncan Noble Rejuvenating Spa 18 years ago. In addition to traditional day spa services, the spa specializes in rejuvenation, Brietag said, and bringing skin "back to the way it used to look."

a companion, Brietag said the spa can accommodate up to five services done at one time.

It's not just affordable services that contribute to the rejuvenating spa's success.

"We treat everyone like they're family," Brietag said. "We have some of the same clients that were with us from the very beginning. We are really into our clients."

The Duncan Noble team is also really into the community.

"We probably give away \$10,000 a year in sponsorships and (donating services for) auctions," Brietag said. "I'm really proud to call Las Cruces my home. I came as a stranger, and the community was so welcoming."

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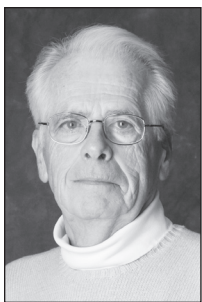






## BRIEFS

### NAI 1st Valley adds business broker



SMITH

Randy McMillan, president and founder of NAI 1st Valley Realty, announced the addition of Larry Smith as a business broker. He comes to the firm with more than 30 years experience as a real estate agent and broker specializing in commercial sales, business brokerage and commercial leasing. Smith is a skilled negotiator, and he is keenly aware of the needs of both the buyer and seller during the sales cycle.

Smith owned and sold various businesses during the last 30 years, including firms in the retail, distribution and manufacturing industries. His experience includes work on both coasts – in some of the largest markets. NAI 1st Valley is very pleased to expand its professional capability and offer this specific expertise to clients who want to sell or buy a business.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Rutgers University and is a licensed pilot. In addition, he served in the U.S. Army and obtained the rank of captain. Smith and his wife Lynda reside in Sonoma Ranch.

NAI Global is the world's leading managed network of more than 300 commercial real estate firms spanning the globe. NAI 1st Valley's clients are now networked with more commercial brokers in more offices in more countries than any other Commercial Network in the world.

### Sierra Title welcomes Hammond

Sierra Title Co. of New Mexico welcomed the newest member of its family, Elizabeth Hammond, as the company's new escrow officer.

Hammond comes into the title industry after working in commercial lending at a local bank. She also is on the Board of Directors for Jardin de los Niños (a local nonprofit organization that benefits homeless and near homeless children in Las Cruces), as well as being involved in Optimists International.

Hammond was born and raised in Las Cruces. After graduating from Las Cruces High School, she went to New Mexico State University and became a member of the Delta Zeta sorority. Deciding to pursue interests outside of the academic realm, Hammond moved to Phoenix, Ariz., and Austin, Texas, where she worked for several years in retail management. Upon returning to Las Cruces, Hammond went back to NMSU and became a meritorious graduate with degrees in business and fashion merchandising and design.

### Armstrong joins RE/MAX Classic Realty

Mike Armstrong, former general manager for Bravo Chevrolet Cadillac, has joined RE/MAX Classic Realty as a sales associate.

"I am proud to be part of the RE/MAX Classic Realty team and affiliated with RE/MAX International, which is the number-one real estate organization in the world," Armstrong said. "Connecting with RE/MAX will be a significant benefit to my clients because it has the most powerful and efficient referral system in the business."

RE/MAX Classic Realty is located at 1005 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite B. Armstrong can be reached at 524-8788.

### Arts complex architect selected

Holzman Moss Architecture of New York has been selected to design New Mexico State University's new arts complex.

ASA Architects of Las Cruces will serve as the local liaison, bringing their in-depth knowledge of New Mexico State University to the project.

A series of workshops to discuss the new arts complex will begin Jan. 24 and 25. The Jan. 24 session will include a public forum, which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lobby area on the second floor of Corbett Center. Other workshops are planned for March 19 and 20, April 16 and 17, and May 21.

Some of Holzman Moss Architecture's accomplishments include arts centers at Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi, Middlebury College in Vermont, Ramapo College of New Jersey, the University of North Texas, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Creighton University, also in Omaha.

The firm is currently working on a new 6,000-seat auditorium in Moscow, a Performing Arts Center at Francis Marion University in South Carolina, the Center for Contemporary Arts at Shepherd University in West Virginia, the Community Performing Arts Center at George Mason University in Virginia, and the Roe Green Center at Kent State University in Ohio.

### Steinborn Realtors complete training

Steinborn GMAC Real Estate recently sponsored and conducted business planning/goal-setting workshops for its team of Realtors. The Steinborn Inc. Realtors facilitators for this course were John L. Hummer, owner/partner, and Joe Martin-Howell, associate Realtor and training instructor.

Participants submitted year-to-date and goal data for 2008 in advance of the planning sessions, which were held Dec. 11 and 13 at the company's training center. Each Realtor's data was entered into a customized and metric-driven program to produce participant-specific workbooks that were used in the planning session and will also be utilized and updated throughout 2008. At the conclusion of the workshop, each agent successfully completed a personal business plan that addressed the following goals: customer service, sales, expense management, marketing, professional development and personal development. As a result of its commitment to training and premier customer service, Steinborn GMAC Real Estate has consistently captured the largest share of the Las Cruces real estate market among all real estate brokerage firms.

The following Realtors voluntarily and successfully completed the business planning workshop: Todd Albrecht, Tom Bartley, Caye Blick, Elsie Bonfantini, Don Brown, Evelyn Bruder, Ron Bruder, Ryan Burkett, Bill Carpenter, Barbara Cosimati, Elizabeth Crow, Sharon DeBraal, Lila Ferrill, Sherrell Grimes, Frank Gutierrez, Monica Guzman, Christina Hernandez, Eileen Hernandez, Mary Holliday, Anthony Linus, Sandy Lumeyer, Joe and Donna Martin-Howell, Mark McFarland, CJ Pierce, Kathy Precoda, Laura Reynolds, Minnette Rich, Bonny Siebold, Joanie Simon, Dora Tafoya, Tobe Turpen, Melissa Vick, Tom Whatley and Kevin Wilson.

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## Ribbon cutting Pro Tax Service of Las Cruces



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Among Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces board members and company staff members, Pro Tax Service LLC of Las Cruces celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Friday, Jan. 11. Holding the proclamation are Pro Tax staff members Virginia Sifuentes, Hispano Chamber President Karen Trujillo, center, and Carrie Ingram. Pro Tax Service, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 133, offers tax preparation services with free electronic filing.



# Professional equity: Difficult to obtain, worth pursuing

## Investors provide industry expertise to businesses

By PAUL GOBELT

Financial Advisor, New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation

*Editor's Note: This article is part of a series of articles promoting a statewide initiative by the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC), in collaboration with its lending, investment and education partners, to provide and distribute articles that aid small business owners and entrepreneurs in obtaining investment funds available through the State of New Mexico. Designed as a financial literacy program, the idea focuses on educating readers about basic business preparation concepts, the funds and services that may be available to readers and the means to access them.*

The best source of business capital often comes from friends or family. They know you, they like you, and they trust you enough to provide equity for – and receive part ownership in – your firm. But sometimes a company enjoys greater success than its ability to finance its own growth via family and friends. That's when you need to go to an outsider for additional equity.

The availability of private equity capital has changed fairly dramatically over the last five years. The common complaint was that you had to go to California or New York to get equity. But thanks to the New Mexico State Investment Council, several funds have now started and are headquartered in New Mexico, and there are now fifteen to twenty funds with offices in the state. While we may not have a huge track record of companies attract-

ing equity, the number of funds and investments in local businesses has consistently grown since 2001. Most of these funds target technology, and most of the investments have been made in technology-related companies.

The process of obtaining equity capital can seem daunting. Without knowing the investors, you may find it difficult to trust them. The dollar value you place on your company may be different than the amount the investors believe it's worth. You also may be afraid they will take over your company, leaving you with little control.

These impediments are easily overcome through referrals, advice and education. The real challenge, however, comes in convincing venture capitalists to invest in your firm.

While a private equity or venture capital investor may receive a stock certificate and a small dividend, there is little or no historical revenue or income to analyze. He is betting on your future success because the investor only gets a return if the company is successful. Equity capital is typically spent on things like marketing, product development, office equipment and new employees – and then it is gone. Investors have to be very confident that the business, the product or potential product, the management and the timing are all perfect or as close to perfect as possible. Things rarely go perfectly, so they are taking on very high risk. That is why due diligence is painstaking, the process is time consuming and the likelihood of getting a yes is fairly small. If you need equity, and you need it right now, don't bother with professional equity!

Venture capital is disciplined because investors often get it wrong. Since they are typically very early-stage investors, things don't always go as anticipated and they lose money. Therefore, professional investors typically invest only in areas in which they have a great deal of experience.

If you are a software firm, find funds whose managers really understand and have invested in software deals. Those funds usually won't be provided to a local manufacturing company, so if you are in manufacturing, find a fund that specializes in that.

If approached correctly, professional equity can bring far more than just capital. Equity investors provide industry expertise, assist in attracting board members and key staff, help obtain bank financing, test and expand your business or marketing plan, bring corporate governance and are a true partner.

Obtaining professional equity is a process that demands forethought, preliminary education and a proper introduction. There are resources like Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) whose folks know every source of equity capital in the state. Get an introduction. Don't just make a cold call and say you are looking for money!

While professional investors aren't perfect for every company, they are often the critical missing piece of capital on the balance sheet.

Use the search tool at [FinanceNewMexico.org](http://FinanceNewMexico.org) to help find the most appropriate source of equity for your firm.

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# Local youth programs gain national perspective

## Post-secondary education more important than ever



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Taking a national perspective on providing Youth Services through the Workforce Investment Act and applying them on a local level, Family and Youth Inc. (FYI)'s Anthony Rodriguez attended the national Youth Services Summit in September in Arlington, Va.

Also serving as a member of the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board (SAWDB)'s Youth Council, Rodriguez reported on his trip during the Youth Council's most recent meeting, noting that while not everything being accomplished in Washington, D.C., can be implemented in New Mexico, the goals for these programs are the same nationwide.

"They emphasized accountability, emphasized the work that we are doing and provided information on the guideposts for success," Rodriguez said. "They provided clear guidance on job coaching, working within the schools, along with training to work with those with disabilities."

More than 75 percent of new jobs will require post-secondary education or training, said Mala B. Thakur, who leads the National Youth Employment Coalition's more than 250-member network in 40 states. It's more important than ever to get our youth into higher levels of education, she told participants. Thakur outlined the "supply, demand and gaps" of employment in the 21st century and how this affects our youth. She said according to the Alliance for Excellent Education, American businesses currently spend more than \$60 billion each year on training, much of that on remedial reading, writing and mathematics. She said in many urban districts and among

minority populations – which will make up more than one-third of the labor force by 2014 – only 50 percent or less of youth complete high school.

"Nearly one-third of all public high school students are failing to graduate," Thakur told participants, echoing forecasts made by New Mexico's Department of Education. She added, however, that employers report that many of our nation's youth with high school diplomas are ill equipped to fill the jobs being created by the 21st-century economy.

Some of Thakur's recommendations for countering these challenges are already being implemented in our Southwestern Region, including youth programs that offer workshops and courses covering job readiness topics, along with the use of a nationally recognized tool, such as WorkKeys, to document competencies. Workforce Investment officials need to work to organize awareness, planning and readiness activities in a clearly designed sequential structure, and provide opportunities for youth to assess and identify career interests.

Stephanie Donaldson, director of the Center for Social and Health Policy, noted during the summit that WIA's main objectives are to create youth development programs that achieve positive outcomes, provide opportunities for youth leadership and employment, enhance performance in youth workforce initiatives and services and target the hardest-to-reach youth.

The advantages of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in regards to youth, according to Stacy E. Holland, co-president and COO of the Philadelphia Youth Network, Inc., are that WIA targets and serves the hardest-to-reach youth with the least amount of resources.

The challenges, however, include restrictive eligibility requirements that provide administrative and programmatic challenges. "Proof of income and family size presents particular challenges for (out-of-school youth), given the transient nature of its population," she told summit participants. Holland outlined ways local youth providers could evaluate what works for our Southwestern Region in New Mexico.

Rodriguez brought these recommendations to the Youth Council, who made immediate strides for improvement by setting up a special committee to identify our region's needs and evaluate what has worked in the past. Already the Youth Services Summit is having an impact

on our region, for the improvement and development of our youth and their future.

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# Cashing in on builder incentives a challenge

## Steer clear of harmful 'bait-and-switch,' 'tie-in' practices

The following is a true story.

It was a beautiful November weekend in Las Cruces. My first-time buyer clients and I were out shopping for their new home. After zigging and zagging between the various builders' directional signs, we chose to stop at Builder A's sales office. During the sales pitch that preceded our tour, the new-home representative mentioned that Builder A "was offering up to \$2,500 toward closing costs." Sound familiar? It should, because builders routinely offer incentives to help move their inventories. What wasn't routine, however, is what took place after the buyers decided to take Builder A up on his offer.

The first order of business was to obtain a list of the builder's allowable closing costs. After all, it's impossible to know how much money the buyer will have to work with in relation to the \$2,500 credit from the builder without first knowing the amount of the actual hard costs. We received a written list of allowable costs, but the aggregate value of the charges totaled only about \$400 on the "open market." When asked how the buyer could spend the remaining \$2,100, the salesperson made it clear that the builder would not allow the buyer to utilize any of the remaining funds.

After some discussion, Builder A agreed to add in another \$1,000 or so of additional "allowable" costs, but still refused to allow the buyer to utilize the full \$2,500. Is it legal, ethical or morally acceptable for a builder to offer a particular dollar amount and then limit the amount of the payout to a fraction of the total originally offered? Frankly, Scarlet, I don't think so. Neither did the buyers, who quickly abandoned the builder due to what they referred to as the builder's "bait-and-switch" scenario. By the way, the builder in question is alive and well and doing business in Las Cruces as we "speak."

Amazed? Try this true story on for size.

It was a beautiful January weekend in Las Cruces and, yes, I was again helping buyers locate and purchase a new home.

These buyers were in a different price range than were the November buyers, so we followed the directional signs to the sales office of Builder B. During Builder B's presentation, the sales representative mentioned that the builder was offering a \$5,000 cash bonus – to be used as the buyers saw fit. Included in the allowable uses were closing costs, upgrades, buy-downs and mortgage insurance. The catch? The buyers had to obtain their mortgage loan from the builder's wholly owned lending subsidiary. No loan from the wholly owned lending subsidiary – no \$5,000 incentive.

As a mortgage broker licensed to work with in-house clients, I took a loan application from the buyers and submitted copies to Builder B's lender as well as to a local bank. Each lender agreed to review the buyers' income and credit and to provide a Good Faith Estimate (GFE) of the best rates and fees they're able to offer. In a nutshell, the rate and terms offered by the local bank simply blew away the rate and terms offered by the builder's lending subsidiary. Now what? Does the buyer have to forego the local bank's superior offer and accept a more expensive mortgage in order to take advantage of the \$5,000 offer? Absolutely not, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

This type of scenario, called a "tie-in" in industry jargon, may violate federal

antitrust laws, according to the Federal Trade Commission's website, [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). According to the site, "the sale of one

product on condition that a customer purchase a second product, which the customer may not want or can buy elsewhere at a lower price, is a tie-in. Requirements such as these are illegal if they harm competition." Additionally, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD), Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act (RESPA) "requires that consumers receive disclosures at various times in the transaction and outlaws kickbacks that increase the cost of settlement services."

How do tie-ins hurt competition? Here's how. When a lender receives a yield on a mortgage that exceeds the yield the lender would have normally received, the lender could well afford to funnel back to the lender's parent company – the builder – a substantial portion of the extra profits derived from charging the additional interest. This practice is illegal because it both increases the buyer's borrowing costs and prevents the buyer from choosing a lower-cost financing alternative – thereby harming competition.

How can new-home buyers protect themselves from falling victim to a "tie-in" scheme? It's easy. You'll know you're in the soup when your builder links an upgrade or closing cost rebate to the required use of his "in-house" lender. At that point, it's time to take a proactive position. First, qualify with both the builder's lender and with a local bank. Ask each lender to provide a GFE so you can compare the rates and fees offered by

“ Builders cannot tempt buyers with misleading benefits ... ”

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You'll know in two shakes of a lamb's tail which lender is offering the better deal. If it's the builder's lender, you need only worry about locking in the better rate and terms. If the bank has the better deal, you need only remind the builder's lender that it is against the law for the builder to require that you forego the superior loan in order to obtain any incentives. In the end, the builder's lender would be wise to match the bank's lower rate.

A buyer can add an additional layer of protection to his or her new-home purchase by enlisting the services of a qualified Realtor. Since, the price of a new home is the same whether or not a buyer's agent is involved, and the buyer's agent is paid from the seller's proceeds, new-home buyers would be foolish overlook the advantage that free representation can bring to the transaction.

In the final analysis, builders cannot tempt buyers with misleading benefits or supposed discounts that they're actually paying for somewhere else in the deal. If they do, they may find that they're the ones who actually end up in the soup.

That's it for now. I'll be back next week with more for your real estate mind. Until then, I hope to ...

See you at closing!

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07-RB1-11813	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes	Res/New	Legends West North	Legends West North	\$119,700	\$1,498
07-RB1-11825	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes	Res/New	3968 Sombra Arbol	Monte Sombra	\$158,760	\$1,838
08-OTC-82	Homeowner	Jeffrey Silva	Res/Add	4752 Salado Creek	N/A	\$2,000	\$40
07-RB1-11812	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes	Res/New	2865 San Lorenzo	Legends West North	\$121,740	\$1,503
08-OTC-127	Farrell Thurston Construction	Farrell Thurston Construction	Res/New	4727 Diamante Court	Los Emorados	\$96,000	\$3,207
08-OTC-156	Reynolds S. Company	Carol & Paul Furth	Res/Alt	3007 Broadmoor Drive	N/A	\$108,000	\$479

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

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33083	Self	Scott Bayles	Res/Add	5320 Shalem Colony Trail	N/A	\$240
33087	Self	Christina & Juan Hernandez	Res/Add	3491 Blackhawk St.	San Juan Tortugas	\$240
33089	Hayner Const.	Jacob Arnold	Res/New	1330 Fox Track Court	Grey Fox Sub.	\$670
33092	Vica One	Eloisa Ramos	Res/New	827 Landers Road	Dos Lagos	\$263
33094	Ned Tutor Bldrs	Christopher Hildebrant	Res/New	8 Las Colmenas	Westbrook Farms Est	\$578
33100	Self	Jose Corona	Res/Add	4975 High Hopes Road	Ermita Mesa	\$80
33102	Self	R & L Run Along Partners LLC	Res/New	2270 Run Along Road	N/A	\$1,140
33103	Self	Hans/Donna Volz	Res/New	1320 Fox Track Court	Greyfox Ph 2-4	\$869
33106	Self	Rick Ortega	Res/Alt	5325 Ortega Road	Ortega Tracts	\$45
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LCCT's  
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Janet Mazdra  
strikes a  
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# Coloring the skies with balloons

## Ideal weather conditions lure 65 entrants to the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally this weekend

By JOEL COURTNEY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Each January the sky over Las Cruces fills with bright colors as the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally (MVBR) brings hot-air balloonists from throughout the Southwest to enjoy the ideal weather of the region.

The 2008 MVBR will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18 and 19, with launches set from Brown Farm Field, on El Camino Real just south of Armstrong Road in Doña Ana.

John Kemp, balloonmeister for the MVBR, said the Mesilla Valley provides a wonderful environment for balloonists because of the cool winter air and mild weather.

"We love it when it's nice and cool. It gives a good performance for the balloon," he said.

Although temperatures for the weekend look to start around 30 degrees early in the morning, Kemp said it should warm to the 60s fairly quickly. Because of the change in temperature, attendees are encouraged to dress warmly, but in layers.

Following the balloonmeister's greeting and the mayor's proclamation Saturday morning, the rally will host the pi-ball (pilot ball) mass ascension that has become a popular tradition in the valley.

According to Kemp, the pi-balls – helium balloons used to test the winds before launch – are launched in memory of those in the ballooning community that were lost in the past year. This year, the balloonists will honor Steve Early, former MVBR safety office who passed away in fall 2006.

Local singer Naomi Vega will perform "Amazing Grace" during the pi-ball mass ascension and the National Anthem while the hot-air balloon Cool Beans II raises the U.S. Garrison Flag above the assembled crowd.

Patti Havstad, one of the MVBR coordinators, said around 65 balloons will be participating in this year's rally.

One of the most anticipated parts of the rally is the special-shape balloons, which this year include the Wells

Fargo Stagecoach and Smokey Bear. The Smokey Bear Balloon was built by a unique public/private partnership of volunteers, private sponsors, the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Forest Service to deliver the message of preventing unwanted wildfires.

Tethered balloon rides, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, will be available on Saturday morning with line up starting at 8 a.m. and rides beginning between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Rides will be held until the fuel is gone or the weather is unagreeable for safe tethering.

A \$1 donation is requested for each ride, and the money raised will be donated to local charities.

Wells Fargo Bank will also sponsor the Saturday evening balloon glow, beginning at sundown.

Special guests the British Motor Club of Southern New Mexico and West Texas will have their unique cars on display on the launch field starting at approximately 3 p.m.

According to Havstad and Kemp, several sponsors have gone out of their way to help make the MVBR possible, including the new sponsor motel Best Western Mission Inn.

"The Mission Inn has put in a tremendous effort to help us coordinate this rally," Havstad said. "And the support from the city, county and other local business has been great."

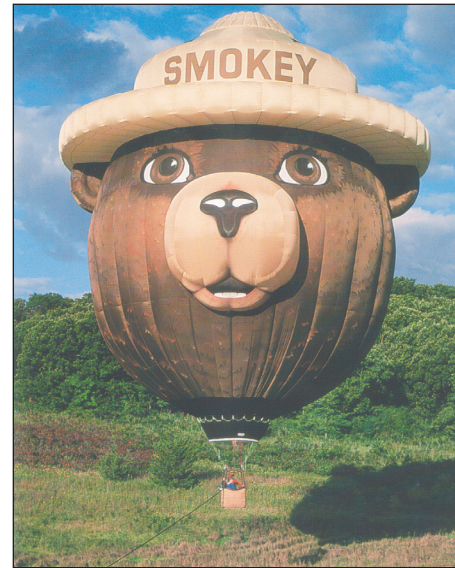
The Greater Mesilla Valley Aerostat Ascension Association (GMVAAA), although not the host of the rally, are great supporters of the event.

"The GMVAAA is open to anybody who is or wants to become a ballooning enthusiast, as well as current owners and crew members," Kemp said. More information on the GMVAAA can be found online at [http://web.nmsu.edu/~briasm/Balloon\\_Club](http://web.nmsu.edu/~briasm/Balloon_Club).

There will be no crew volunteer class for the 2008 MVBR, but those interested in supporting the rally as a crew member should contact crew volunteer coordinator Sue Terebenetz at 373-1409, and she will coordinate training and responsibilities throughout the rally.

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“We love it when it's nice and cool.”  
JOHN KEMP,  
Balloonmeister for the  
Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally



The Smokey Bear Balloon is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service to support wildfire prevention.

## 2008 Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally

### Saturday, Jan. 19

- 6:30 a.m. Greeting by the Balloonmeister
- 7 a.m. Mayor's Proclamation
- 7:10 a.m. Memorial Mass Pi-Ball (helium balloon) release
- 7:20 a.m. Presentation of the Stars and Stripes
- 7:30 a.m. Mass Ascension
- 8:30-9 a.m. Tethered Rides, with line up starting at 8 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Afternoon Fun Launch
- 5:30-8 p.m. Wells Fargo Bank Balloon Glow

The British Motor Club (of Southern New Mexico and West Texas) will display their vintage and unique motor coaches on the Launch Field.

### Sunday, Jan. 20

- 6:30 a.m. Pilot Briefing at the Stage
- 7:30 a.m. Mass Ascension

All events will occur weather permitting.

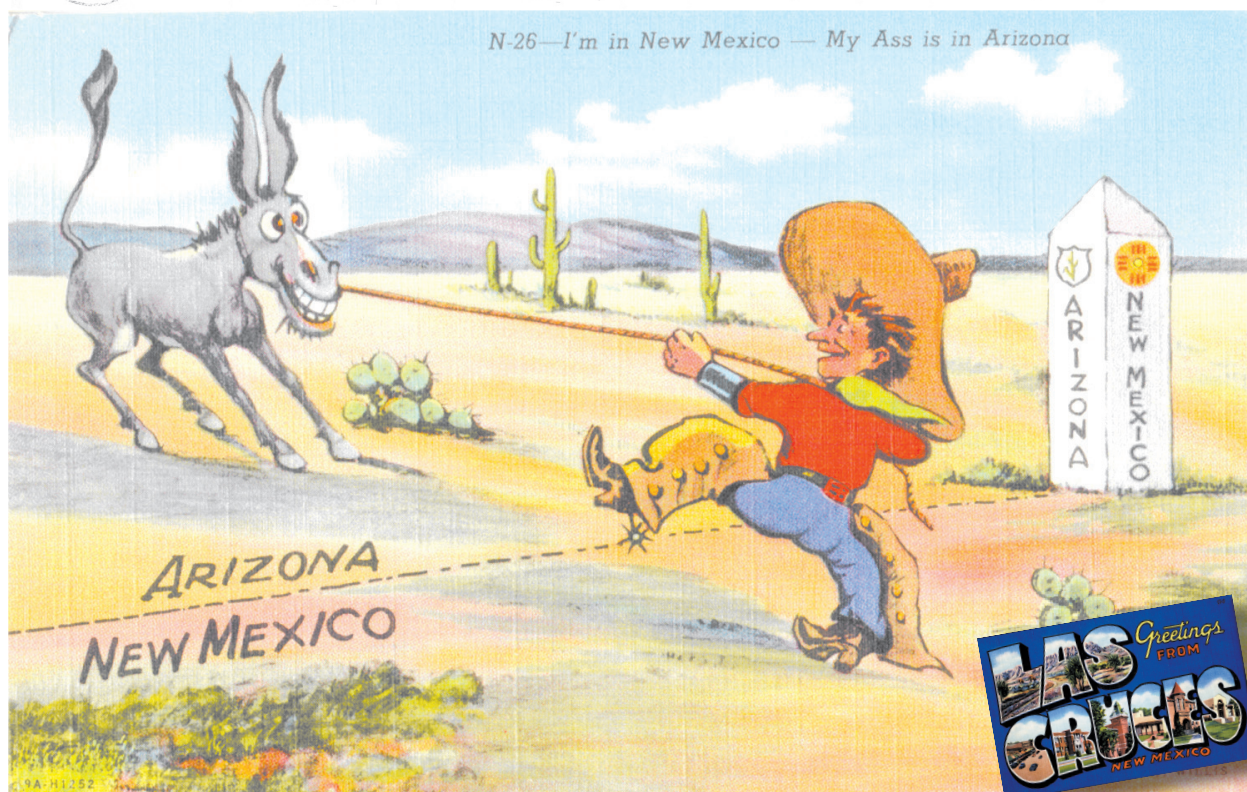
Food and souvenir vendors will be on the Launch Field all day Saturday and on Sunday morning, including special Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally 2008 souvenir merchandise.

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## THEATER

# A sampling of theater styles

## LCCT's One-Act Showcase gives a good taste of our local talent

REVIEW BY JOEL COURTNEY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Another year of superb local theater has begun, and appropriately, it is led off by the Las Cruces Community Theatre's annual One-Act Showcase, which opened Friday, Jan. 11.

LCCT's showcase provides a wonderful opportunity for actors and playwrights to dip into the local scene, but also is a chance for those who haven't visited the theater to see the wide variety of talent available in Las Cruces that they have been missing out on.

This year's showcase features four short pieces, one of which was written by a local author.

"The Ghost of Moonlit Cove" was written by Las Cruces Debra Boyd and directed by Mark Niclas. This piece is substantially longer than the other one-acts and has a much darker tone, but fits well at the beginning of the showcase, allowing for the deep drama to take full effect before comedy has lightened the mood too much.

"Moonlit Cove" tells of Judith (Susie Whelpley) and Warren (Charles Le Cocq), a young couple that just lost their daughter in a car accident. Judith, who was driving during the accident, has spent the last six months "recovering" from her grief in a hospital, and now the two have moved out to a secluded house in the country known to be haunted.

Judith meets the ghost of Sarah (Lanie Whelpley), who died of influenza at a young age around 100 years ago, and the two form an immediate bond. Warren, however, thinks his wife has gone off the deep end as she holds tea parties for "no one" and his frustration at being the stable one grows with each day.

Eventually, it becomes clear that Warren will have Judith locked away for her own safety, and things do not end well for the

couple.

The piece features good dialogue with no lines thrown in to kill time, although it could easily be lengthened to develop the relationships more.

The performances were equally strong, based on the strong foundation of Susie and Lanie Whelpley's real-life bond. Le Cocq manages to tap into the frustrated spouse, at wit's end, while, Susie Whelpley accurately plays a woman who is living in her own world, shut off from the pain of the real one.

Lightening the mood after the deep drama are three short comedies, "Who's On First" by Harry Gilles and directed by Les Boyse, "The Philadelphia" by David Ives and directed by Sandra Bouchie and "Madam President" by Wallace Acton and directed by Deane Bailey.

Most people have at least heard of "Who's On First," made famous by the classic vaudevillians Abbot and Costello. Joe Pfeiffer reprises Bud Abbot's role as the Manager while Shaun Hadfield takes on Lou Costello's part, but modified into a sports reporter looking for a story on an oddly named team.

The original script has been modified slightly, which helps breathe life into the routine for those who are familiar with it. Pfeiffer and Hadfield have a good rhythm and timing, and it's nice that this piece of comedic history can be kept alive for the younger generation.

"The Philadelphia" was really the laugh riot of the evening. The short play has Mark (Pete Medina) stuck in "a Philadelphia" – a unique state of being unable to get anything you want. Mark finds out how to deal with this from his friend Alan (Charles Le Cocq), who is enjoying the carefree life in "a Los Angeles."

There is a sensational sense of timing to the piece, and Medina's misery is a good juxtaposition to Le Cocq's whimsy. Even the



The ghostly Sarah (Lanie Whelpley) dances with the mourning (Susie Whelpley) in "The Ghost of Moonlit Cove" at the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

waitress (Avra Elliott) keeps up the laughs as Medina learns to get what he wants from a world that seems to be against him.

Ending the evening is "Madame President," which stars Susie Whelpley as Victoria and Joshua Jones as Phillip, the husband who must endure her. Victoria has just been elected to the lofty position of president of her women's club with the job of writing a summary of "Hamlet" for their next meeting. Phillip is an author, and naturally, she expects him to use his talent and experience to help her put together the piece. The humor of the piece comes from Phillip's frustration with his obviously dim-witted wife, although after several minutes of torment I began to truly feel sorry for Phillip and developed a loathing for Victoria.

All in all, there was a good blend to the pieces in this year's One-Act Showcase and a nice blend of talent on stage. The showcase always gives regulars to the stage a chance to stretch themselves and gets some new faces on the LCCT stage.

If you want a light evening of theater with a lot of good laughs, the One-Act

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*Gilbert and Sullivan Musical Potpourri*  
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523-1200  
Tickets: \$5  
Through Jan. 20

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Tickets: \$7-\$10  
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Showcase is the show to catch.

LCCT's One-Act Showcase continues through Sunday, Jan.

20, with performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for all ages, and reservations can be made by calling 523-1200 or visiting [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org). Guests are asked to arrive at the theater, 313 N. Downtown Mall, at least 15 minutes prior to performance time.

# Bringing back a musical legend

## Black Box Theatre hosts Janet Mazdra as Patsy Cline

BY MIKE COOK  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Janet Mazdra returns to the stage in No Strings Theatre Company's first production of 2008, "Always ... Patsy Cline," which opens Friday, Jan. 18, and runs through Sunday, Feb. 10, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The musical is based on a true story about the friendship between country music singer Patsy Cline and her friend, Louise Seger, and is filled with Cline's best-known songs. The play is directed by Dale Pawley of Las Cruces. Santa Teresa High School theater teacher and actor/director Rachel Space plays Seger. Tom and Karen Warren are the musicians for this show. Karen, an Advanced Educational Services facilitator at Mayfield High School, will play keyboard, and Tom, a contract computer consultant with the district, is picking the guitar.

Patsy Cline was born Virginia Patterson Hensley on Sept. 8, 1932. She died in a plane crash on March 5, 1963. In 1973,

Cline became the first female solo artist inducted to the Country Music Hall of Fame. "Walkin' After Midnight" was her first big hit, in 1957. "I Fall to Pieces" was her first No. 1 record, in 1961.

"I first got interested in this show when my friend, Rachel Space, first brought this musical to my attention over a year and a half ago. She had always wanted to play Louise in this show, and since I have always wanted to be a country singer at heart, we felt like the role of Patsy Cline would be a perfect fit for me," said Mazdra, who is a speech language pathologist at Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School.

"After reading the script, I was definitely committed to this project. The Black Box agreed to do the show and so began a fun journey to becoming Patsy. I've never played a real person before, let alone someone with the legendary status of Patsy Cline. The musical showcases Patsy's music as well as a fan's view of who the country superstar really was on a more personal level," she said.

"There are 27 Patsy Cline songs in the

show and I'm excited to just get to sing so many great tunes! As well, I have truly enjoyed working on this show with Rachel Space, a very gifted local actress. Our friendship has grown so strong during the course of rehearsing this show – equally as strong as the bonds of friendship between Patsy and Louise in the show. It's been a true blessing to have the opportunity to bring this show to the Las Cruces stage and I'm looking forward to sharing this fun and meaningful show with the community," Mazdra said.

Mazdra was mostly recently seen as Reno Sweeney in Las Cruces Community Theatre's 2007 production of "Anything Goes." She also has appeared for LCCT as Sister Robert Anne in the Nonsense musicals and as Audrey in "Little Shop of Horrors" and Ella in "Bells are Ringing." At the Black Box Theatre, she played Emma in "Tell Me on a Sunday" and led starred in a one-woman March of Dimes fundraising show called "Wine, Woman and Song." She also has appeared in professional theater



Louise Seger (Rachel Space) tells the audience about her good friend Patsy Cline (Janet Mazdra) in "Always ... Patsy Cline" at the Black Box Theatre.



Hundreds turn out each year to Brown Farm Field to fly or just watch as dozens of balloons take to the skies over Las Cruces.



# MVBR

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Although ballooning is a recreational activity, Kemp explained there is an element of danger to it and certain safety guidelines must be observed by all those at the rally.

"An average balloon is about 90,000 cubic feet and around 55 feet tall," Kemp said. "But the air inside that balloon weighs several tons." Because of the size and weight, a balloon landing has a comparable force to a five-story building moving at the same speed as the wind carrying it.

Because of the potential danger involved Kemp has been given strict guidelines for the temporary FAA waiver the rally receives, which allows balloons to fly over the city at 500 feet and close within 200 feet to hit a target. Normally, he said, all aircraft are required to fly at least 1,000 feet over Las Cruces.

Kemp, in his role as balloonmeister, also is directly in control of the FAA waiver, and cannot allow balloonists to take off if the wind gets to greater than 10 miles per hour.

"The whole purpose of the rules are for the safety of

our pilots and audience," Havstad said.

To keep the event safe for everyone, attendees are not allowed to smoke or bring pets onto the field. Sparks from a lit cigarette can cause a fire or explosion from the highly flammable propane balloonists use for fuel.

The MVBR will be a unique opportunity for area residents to interact with the ballooning community and learn first-hand how hot-air balloons work and how they can become involved in the high-flying sport.

For more information on the rally, visit [www.mvbr.com](http://www.mvbr.com).

## El Paso's Gilbert and Sullivan Co. presents a musical potpourri

Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso presents a musical program of entertaining and tune-ful songs on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. The program will include excerpts from "The Zoo" with a narrative to tie the story together, plus a Gilbert and Sullivan tribute to "Love in its Many Guises" and some sing-a-long songs.

"The Zoo" is a one-act comic opera with music by Sullivan and a libretto by B.C. Stephenson (pen name Bolton Rowe) and was originally performed in 1875 before Gilbert and Sullivan officially began their collaboration. It has occasionally been staged as a curtain raiser to the other Gilbert and Sullivan short operetta. The plot contains the usual complications. The male lead is attempting to commit suicide as the play begins. It ends with the lovers united and the chorus singing "Britons never, never will be slaves." The company will perform "The Zoo" in modern dress rather than in the costumes of the period.

"Love in its Many Guises" includes songs from "The Mikado," "HMS Pinafore," "Ruddigore," "The Sorcerer," "Patience," "Iolanthe," "Cox and Box" and "Yeoman of the Guard." The company has performed many of these operettas at the Black Box Theatre since 2004 and will bring a full production of "Patience" in August.

Ticket prices are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. For information and reservations, call the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

# Patsy Cline

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in at Six Flags St. Louis and the Robert E. Lee Showboat Dinner Theatre, also in St. Louis, along with several murder mystery dinner theaters.

Pawley signed on as director of "Always...Patsy Cline" "when Janet Mazdra asked me if I'd come on board to direct the musical sequences since the person who was going to direct the show had no experience with musical direction and needed assistance in that area. Having served as assistant director for 'Oleanna' last year, I had worked with Rachel Space and very much wanted to work with her again. Janet and I already knew that we worked well together - I've directed her in three other shows: 'Crimes of the Heart' (1998) and 'Little Shop of Horrors' (1999) for LCCT and 'Tell Me On a Sunday' (2002) for the Black Box Theatre. So we felt that this would be a great collaboration. This has been one of the most enjoyable theatrical experiences I've ever had, and the perfect show for me to get my feet wet again after a nearly six-year break from directing. Janet and Rachel and I, along with our musicians, Tom and Karen Warren, have a great chemistry together, and the collaborative spirit in this show really shines through, in my opinion," he said.

"The response to this show has been overwhelming,

even though it hasn't opened yet. People seem to be excited to see the play, and I've discovered that nearly everyone I talk to about it seems to connect in some way to Patsy Cline's music. Almost everybody I know has some personal memory or experience that involves a Patsy Cline song, whether it's dancing to 'Crazy' with a girlfriend/boyfriend at a dance, or finding a release of their emotions after a break-up while listening to 'I Fall To Pieces.' I've only met one or two people who have not heard of her, or are unfamiliar with her work, which is something I've never encountered with any other musician or performer," said Pawley. Pawley also directed "Deathtrap" in 1999 and "The Miracle Worker" in 2002 for LCCT, and later this season will be directing "Hello, Dolly!" for LCCT.

Performances of "Always ... Patsy Cline" are at 8 p.m. on Fridays, Jan. 18 and 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, and Saturdays, Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2. Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10. There is a Thursday, Jan. 31, show at 7 p.m. and a Wednesday, Feb. 6, show at 6 p.m. The Feb. 9 show is sold out.

Tickets for "Always ... Patsy Cline" are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Thursday night tickets are \$7. High school student rush tickets are available 10 minutes before all performances for \$7 on a seat-available basis. Reservations are recommended and may be made by phone at 523-1223 or online at [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org).

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## FILM

# A new understanding of loving relationship

## 'Lars and the Real Girl' shows a man and a doll can find happiness

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Not at all tawdry as the core idea sounds, "Lars and the Real Girl" is a gentle parable about acceptance, love and the lack of the same. It avoids every major cliché that it could encounter if the viewer is trying to see this as a "gross-out" comedy. In fact, it is not, and in fact, it steers completely clear of that overworked and tiresome genre of movie.

Ryan Gosling, a truly underrated and underappreciated actor, plays Lars, a quiet techie at an unnamed corporation. Harassed by family and friend alike for his lack of a life, Lars surprises everyone when a large crate arrives at his tiny bungalow, which contains his new "girlfriend," Bianca, who he has "met" online.



Bianca is a lifelike blow-up doll. (Needed interjection — there is no sex in this movie, and we'll never know if "she" is anatomically correct).

Soon, Bianca has a "life" of her own. She is a paraplegic missionary and also a nurse. Not only does she become Lars'

constant companion, but Lars' friends, co-workers and neighbors find themselves taken in with her "charms." Lars explains, at various times, that she has a job, he takes her bowling with some friends, to dinner at the home of his sister and to any amount of other normal typical situations that one would expect a dating couple to encounter.

She even gets her hair done and in a moment of unrealized satire possibilities, is elected to the local school board (Las Cruces school board members — take note — you can be replaced)

This mostly comes about after Lars'



Gus and Karen Lindstrom (Paul Schneider and Emily Mortimer) eat dinner with Lars (Ryan Gosling) and his new girlfriend.

brother, in a pivotal scene, visits the town shrink (a nice co-star bit by Patricia Clarkson) who suggests that Lars needs Bianca and that it might help him settle some of his past emotional issues.

However, like the residents of Lars' unnamed and wintry hometown, I soon found myself in the same situation as they were in — knowing that Lars needs Bianca, in some way, and not wanting to broach the subject of what he is doing with a blow-up doll or what to do to eliminate this need.

Gosling is part of a new wave of young actors whose potential is just now becoming realized. He was most convincing in 2005's sadly underrated "Half Nelson" (those who didn't see that picture made poor assumptions about the plot), and he keeps up that pace with the role of Lars. Director Craig Gillespie does a great job

of keeping everything in balance by not allowing the film to swing off course into parody and any type of real cynicism being bestowed upon Lars and Bianca.

"Lars and the Real Girl" is a sweet and charming little film, but not without a message. It has any amount of dry and gentle humor, coupled with a surprising amount of depth for each character, even some of Lars' co-workers who are only on screen for a couple of minutes (don't miss the parallel analogy of how some of us "achieve" love when Lars "saves" the life of one of his office mates' teddy bears) and gives a side lesson in community.

Perhaps best of all, Bianca never says a word.

If for some reason his current marriage fails, Jeff Berg (jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com) will follow Lars' example.

# The simple life isn't so simple

## 'Pleasantville' shows the other side of easy living

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for Saturday, Jan. 19, will be "Pleasantville" (1998, 120 minutes, rated PG-13).

Gary Ross, Oscar nominated for his "Dave" and "Big" screenplays, made his directorial debut with this comedy.

The cheerful '50s TV sitcom "Pleasantville" is revived in the '90s for a loyal cable audience. One devoted fan is shy suburban teen David Wagner (Tobey Maguire), who has an almost obsessive interest in the series.

Living with his divorced mother, David sometimes has disputes with his ultra-hip twin sister Jennifer (Reese Witherspoon).

She wants to watch MTV just when a "Pleasantville" marathon is about to begin. They struggle over the remote control, and it breaks.

A strange TV repairman (Don Knotts) supplies their new remote, a potent high-tech device which zaps David and Jennifer inside Pleasantville, where their new sitcom parents are businessman George Parker (William H. Macy) and wife Betty (Joan Allen).

As "Bud" and "Mary Sue," the teens take up residence in a black-and-white suburbia where sex does not exist and the temperature is always 72 degrees. Life is always pleasant, books have no words, bathrooms have no toilets, married couples sleep in twin beds, the high school

basketball team always wins and nobody ever questions "the good life."

David revels in Pleasantville's Prozac-styled peacefulness. He fits right in, but Jennifer's 1990s attitude upsets the blandness balance, painting parts of Pleasantville in "living color." Repressed desires surface, cracks appear in the '50s lifestyles, and the Pleasantville populace finds their lives changing in strange, wonderful ways.

It's liberating — but there's also a darker side. It was first shown at the 1998 Toronto Film Festival, and later nominated for three Academy Awards.

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

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

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

The town of Pleasantville seems perfect from the outside, but something is lacking from their "ideal" society.



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## EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

#### ■ HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic will begin its fourth year of operation with a performance on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall. The event is an open mic for acoustic musicians and poets. There is no charge, and the public is invited to attend. Coffee and light snacks are served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and performer sign-up begins at 7 p.m. The "Coyote" features a full stage setting with sounds and lights operated by professional technician Skip Connelley. For more information, call Bob Burns at 525-9333.

#### ■ BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME

Barnes & Noble in the Mesilla Valley Mall will host a children's storytime at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18. Today's storytime is about incredible you. For more information, call 522-4499.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

#### ■ DOÑA ANA MODULAR RAILROAD

The Doña Ana Modular Railroad will be on display and running trains in the lobby at Golden Mesa, 151 Roadrunner Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. The club's modular HO layout will be on display along with N and O displays. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call 644-7758.

#### ■ MEET KAY NATION

"Around the Square," Kay Nations's second book, is sure to please readers. She touches on a haunted house, sisters that are celebrated and small town America. Come meet the author for your signed copy at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Barnes & Noble in the Mesilla Valley Mall. For more information, call 522-4499.

#### ■ MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. Each child will have their own "magic carpet" to sit on during the story. The half-hour program will consist of a story or part of a story read by a local "celebrity" – a public figure from around Las Cruces. The celebrity reader might be a local government official, sports figure, educational administrator, church leader, business leader or someone from the arts field. The stories will be aimed at a second to fifth grade level, with titles varying from children's fiction to biography. They might be a particular favorite of the reader or selected from age-appropriate lists. Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a signed copy of the book read that Saturday. If you are interested in more information about this program or are a "celebrity" willing to be a reader, contact the DAAC office at 523-6403.

#### ■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

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

#### ■ 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. Mark Coker will provide this week's music. Call 528-3000 for more information.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

#### ■ BIG BAND TEA DANCE

The Big Band on the Rio Grande will host their next tea dance from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Home of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 4038, 980 N. 17th St. There is a \$7 cover charge, and subscriptions are available. A cash bar will be available. For more information, call Helen Sachs at 373-2188.

#### ■ LAS CRUCES ARTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Las Cruces Arts Association brings "Glass on Glass Mosaics" with artist Pat Lawrence to its Sunday, Jan. 20, meeting in the Dresp Room of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited. Lawrence, a former Michigan resident, now teaches stained glass technique at the Munson Senior Center. Her art is influenced by her work as a watercolor artist and exhibitor for many years. From a family of artists with skills as diverse as wood carving and painting with pastels, Lawrence enjoys working with clay, wood and gourds as well as glass. She plans to bring samples of her students' artwork to the meeting and show that glass work can be done on a variety of materials, such as wood.

#### ■ FOLK AND BLUEGRASS JAM

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society will sponsor a folk and bluegrass jam session at Doña Ana Community College, room 129, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. All players are welcome. For more information, call Janet at 526-5174.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

#### ■ STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. The group has had folks join who knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. They meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Unravel Yarn Shop, 300 N. Downtown Mall. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

#### ■ SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

The Circle & Square Dance Club will host square dance lessons by instructor Art Harvey each Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Lessons are \$3 each, and the first lesson is free. A partner is helpful, but not necessary. For more information, call 524-2071 or 532-8249.

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### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

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## Upcoming Events

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally	Sat., Jan. 19-Sun., Jan. 20	Brown Farm Field
Davide Cabassi concert	Tue., Jan. 29	Oñate Auditorium
For the Love of Art Month	Fri., Feb. 1-Fri., Feb. 29	Throughout Las Cruces
Jack Ward Invitational Choral Festival	Fri., Mar. 7-Sat., Mar. 8	NMSU Recital Hall
Cowboy Days Festival	Sat., Mar. 8-Sun., Mar. 9	NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

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#### ■ KIDS' OPEN STUDIO

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

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

#### ■ TEA DANCE

Bob Burns and the BurnsLands All-Stars featuring Mike Caranda will present a Tea Dance at Take Five Fitness and Dance Center, 705 N. Main St., from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. Cost is \$10 per person, and the dance will feature all of the ballroom styles. For more information, call Bob Burns at 525-9333.

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FEATURED ARTIST

# A range that spans two worlds

## Janet Mazdra easily transitions from Broadway's big hits to Country classics

By JOEL COURTNEY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Janet Mazdra's rich and belty sound has become a staple in Las Cruces musical theater, and now she is returning to the stage as the legendary Patsy Cline in the musical production of "Always ... Patsy Cline."

Mazdra, who grew up listening to Cline, said this is a wonderful opportunity, and she is excited to perform such a unique piece with her friend Rachel Space, who stars as Cline's friend and fan Louise Seger.

Growing up performing with her family in The Beatty Family Band, Mazdra had performed several of Cline's biggest hits.

"I always thought she was amazing," she said. "When I read the script, I just loved it."

Cline's music has remained popular through today, though much of her work was recorded 40 years or more ago. Mazdra said she hopes the attachment that many people feel to Cline's work will be a big draw.

"I'm really excited about this show bringing a new audience to the theater," she said. "With Patsy, we're really tapping into a market that needs to be tapped into."

Mazdra has studied Cline extensively in the months leading up to the "Always ... Patsy Cline" production, but said she realized she didn't need to know as much about Cline as she now does.

"She is legendary ... bigger than life. Patsy reminded me it can just be about the music rather than being flashy," she said.

Mazdra said she always thought she'd grow up to become a Country musician because of her time in The Beatty Family Band, and now she is living that dream.

She grew up in Alton, Ill., and began her performing career at an early age. Her first time on the theater stage was at the age of 7.

"I came from a very musical family," she said. "Our roots were always in Country music."

Although she loved singing Country music, middle school introduced her to musical theater, and Mazdra performed on stage throughout high school and began voice lessons, which would help hone her voice's quality over those developmental years.

"I realized I had a voice for Broadway, very belty," she said.

Mazdra received bachelor's and master's degrees in speech-language pathology from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, as well as a minor in theater performance.

Originally, she said theater was an easy draw, but during her junior year she realized it wasn't a realistic career choice for her. Her mother suggested speech therapy, and she became "completely hooked" after her first class.

"I had spent the last 15 years learning about my voice, and (in class) I began understanding the physiology of my voice," she said. "I really learned how not to damage

my voice."

In addition to being able to use her knowledge of voice, Mazdra enjoyed that she was able to help people in a social environment.

After graduation, Mazdra and her husband Brad moved to Las Cruces as an adventurous change of pace and chance to enjoy warmer weather than southern Illinois.

"It was really scary to go somewhere else, because I was able to do a lot of theater in Illinois," she said.

Despite her concerns, Mazdra was readily accepted in the Las Cruces theater community, landing the lead role in "Bells Are Ringing" at the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

"I've felt very welcome here ever since I first arrived," she said. "A lot of community theaters (in other cities) are very cliquish, but I didn't feel that here."

Because of the openness of the people in Las Cruces, Mazdra said local actors have the chance to be part of wonderful productions with very talented performers.

"If you want to do theater in any community, outside of professional work, this is the place to do it," she said.

Since relocating to Las Cruces, Mazdra said she tries to limit herself to only one production each year, mostly because of the amount of time a musical production requires in rehearsal in performance, which limits her time with family.

Mazdra's son, who was born prematurely, is a big part of her life, and she works hard to ensure her love of the theater doesn't detract from his needs. Since his birth, she and her husband have become strong supporters of the March of Dimes, and she even sits on the Board of Directors.

"I'm very indebted to the March of Dimes," she said.

After attending a fundraising workshop several years ago, Mazdra was given the opportunity to use her unique talents to raise money for the organization. Since then, she has performed three one-woman music reviews at the three major theater venues in town.

"It's nice to be able to also use my talent for that kind of thing," she said. "I think working for the March of Dimes and performing in community theater, it's all to enhance the community and make it a better place to live."

Though she has no set plans for the future, Mazdra said she is excited for the upcoming auditions for the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Hello Dolly" that opens in June.

"Half the fun to me is going to an audition and earning a role," she said. "We have a lot of talent in town right now for that show."

Janet Mazdra will be performing "Always ... Patsy Cline" at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, through Feb. 10. For more information or reservations, call 523-1223 or visit [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org).



Janet Mazdra performs in the musical review "Wine, Woman and Song" as a fundraiser for the March of Dimes.

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FRIDAY EVENING												JANUARY 18, 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
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal	Minding	News	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Moonlight (N) (cc)	NUMB3RS "Power"	News (N)	Late Show		Late Late			
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	NOW	Group	Writing	Bill Moyers Journal	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)			
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Grey's Anatomy	Housewives	(:02) 20/20 (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (N) (cc)	Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	Bones (cc)	House (cc)			News (N) (cc)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends			
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	1 vs. 100 (N) (cc)	Friday Night Lights	Las Vegas (N)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late				
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Amar sin Limites	Pasión		Familia	Luche	Noticias	Noticiero	Fábrica de Risas			
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	Madre Luna	Victoria		Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones				
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	Boxeo: Boxeadores SA				Asi Es la Vida	Contacto	** "Los Niños del Maíz III"					
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (cc)		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos			
WGN (15)	Home Videos	** "First Comes Love" (1999) (cc)	WGN News at Nine				Scrubs	Scrubs	Chap	Chap	Reno 911	Reno 911		
ESPN (16)	NBA Basketball	Portland Trail Blazers at Miami Heat	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Bulls						SportsCenter (cc)	NFL Live	Fast			
USA (31)	Monk (cc)	Law & Order: SVU	Monk (N) (cc)	Psych (N) (cc)	House "Top Secret"		Monk (cc)		Psych (cc)					
TNT (32)	Law & Order	** "Stealth" (2005)	Josh Lucas. Premiere. (cc)	** "Stealth" (2005)	Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel. (cc)		"Blade: Trinity" (cc)							
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) (cc)	Sex & Sex & (:10) ** "Snow Day" (2000)	Chris Elliott.							
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Shocking Moments	Amazing Video	Disorderly Con.	MXC	MXC	Game	Game					
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	Naked	Matched	Top Party	Party	Will	Will	Naked	Matched	Top Party	Party
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami	"Recoil"	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	The Sopranos (cc)	CSI: Miami "Recoil"	CSI: Miami (cc)					
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Shockwave (cc)	** "Dirty Harry" (1971) (cc)				Modern Marvels	Shockwave (cc)					
TLC (45)	Chef	Chef	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Miss America	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Miss America					
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Survivorman (cc)	Man vs. Wild (cc)	Fight Quest (N)	Fight Quest "Japan"	Survivorman (cc)	Man vs. Wild (cc)						
FAM (51)	** "Bring It On" (2000)	Kirsten Dunst.	** "Bring It On Again" (2004)	Premiere.	The 700 Club (cc)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid						
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	"High School Musical 2" (2007) (In Stereo)	So Raven	Life De					
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Barnyard	Avatar	El Tigre	Tak	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Heartbreak Ridge"	** "Death Wish V: The Face of Death"	** "Death Wish V: The Face of Death"	** "The Dark Half" (1993)	Premiere.									
SCIFI (58)	Haunted (cc)	Flash Gordon (N)	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis (N)	Flash Gordon (cc)	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis	SG-1						
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)				Larry King Live	Cooper 360					
HBO (306)	Robin Hd.	** "A Good Year" (2006)	(In Stereo)	Sweeney	Inside the NFL	The Wire (cc)	"Borat: Cultural Learnings"	Count						
MAX (322)	* "The Haunting"	(:10) * "Epic Movie" (2007)	(:40) ** "The Professional" (1994) (cc)	** "Dead Silence" (2007)	"Three Kings" (cc)									
SHOW (343)	(4:45) "Loverboy"	(:15) *** "District B13"	(:45) * "One Tough Cop" (cc)	(:15) ** "G" (2002)	Richard T. Jones.	The L Word (ITV)								

SATURDAY MORNING												JANUARY 19, 2008	
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Cultivating	Test Kitch	Food	Kitchen	
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Saturday Early Show (N)	(In Stereo) (cc)	Care Bears	Strawberry	Cake	Horseland	Sushi Pack	Dino			
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)		Big World	Clifford	Curious	Dragon	Sewing	Sews	Antiques Roadshow				
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Business	News (N)	Good Morning America	News (N)	Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven				
KFOX (8) 14	Grants	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Grants	Viva Pinata	Viva Pinata	Chaotic	Turtles	Dinosaur	Yu Gi Oh	Adrenaline		
NBC (9) 9	Wine	Old House	Today Andrew Morton; buying a mattress. (N)	Jacob	Dragon	Friend	Penguins	Veggie	Jane				
KINT (10) 26	Desayuno	Desayuno	Ultracham	Pinky Dinky Doo (El)	Donde-Mundo	Bill el Cientifico (SS)	Desayuno	Desayuno					
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Jacob	Dragón	Friend	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Tu Hogar		
KTFN (13) 65	Clase 406	Mónica	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Escuadrón	Escuadrón	El Gran Navegante				
KVIA (14)	(Off Air)		Dewitt	Magi	Shaggy	Tom Jerry	Skunk Fu!	Tn-Titans	Eon Kid (N)				
WGN (15)	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Whittaker	Even	Even			
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter (cc)	SportsCenter (cc)	SportsCenter (cc)	SportsCenter (cc)	SportsCenter (cc)	College GameDay (Live)	College Basketball						
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Monk (cc)	** "Apollo 13" (1995, Historical Drama)	Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton. (cc)	Executive						
TNT (32)	** "The Running Man"	** "The 6th Day" (2000)	Tony Goldwyn (cc)	** "The Peacemaker" (1997)	George Clooney. (cc) (DVS)		Executive						
TBS (33)	(4:15) ** "First Kid"	(:15) *** "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995)	(:15) ** "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004) (cc)	Cheaper									
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Paid Prog.	Work	** "Colors" (1988)	Sean Penn, Robert Duvall. Premiere.	Trucks!	Hrseper	MuscleCar				
LIFE (39)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Last Chance Cafe" (2006)	Kate Vernon. (cc)					
A&E (43)	Biography (cc)	Biography	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House (cc)	Flip This House (cc)					
HIST (44)	The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones (cc)	Wild West Tech (cc)	UFO Files (cc)	Mega Disasters (cc)	Mega Disasters: Freeze								
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Clean Sweep (cc)	Clean Sweep (cc)	Handyman	Handyman	Home Made Simple				
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Work	Man vs. Wild Panama.	Bone Detectives	MythBusters (cc)	Dirty Jobs					
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Sister, Sis.	Sister, Sis.	Full House	Full House	Sabrina	Sabrina	Grounded	Grounded	** "Sleepover" (cc)		
DISN (52)	Maggie	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebob	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey	
NICK (54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Tak, Power	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC (57)	Backlash	(:45) * "Comanche Territory" (1950, Western)	** "Drums Across the River" (1956) (cc)										
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Work	** "Snakehead Terror" (2004)	Carol Alt	"It Waits" (2005, Horror)	Cerina Vincent.					
CNN (62)	CNN Saturday Morning	House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Nevada Caucus					
HBO (306)	G. Lopez	(:45) "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (cc)	(:35) ** "Coupe de Ville" (1990)	(:15) ** "We Are Marshall" (2006) (In Stereo)									
MAX (322)	** "Shadow of the Vampire" (cc)	(:35) ** "Forever Amber" (1947, Drama)	Linda Damell. (cc)	* "Big Daddy" (1999) (In Stereo)	Blues Bros								
SHOW (343)	"Dangerous Game"	(:15) ** "Peaceful Warrior" (2006, Drama)	Nick Nolte. (cc)	** "The Pink Panther" (2006)	(:05) "Last Holiday"								

SATURDAY AFTERNOON												JANUARY 19, 2008	
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	
KRWG (2) 22	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Philosophy	Everyday	Menzies	Desert	
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Pride, Passion	College Basketball USC at UCLA. (Live) (cc)						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
KCOS (5) 13	High Q	Test Kitch	Food	Baking	Lidia's Italy	Garden	Real	Hometime	Workshop	Old House	Ask This	Texas	
ABC (7) 7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	TBA	College Basketball Maryland at North Carolina. (Live) (cc)					Paid Prog.	Ebert	
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Homebuil	Count Out	Girls-Badly	Grants	Faithful	Girls-Badly	Rock Ruts	We Have a Dream				
NBC (9) 9	Animal R.	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Homes	Paid Prog.	Athlete	Paid Prog.	Bull Riding PBR Tour. (Taped) (cc)	Paid Prog.	Lopez			
KINT (10) 26	Besos Robados	Somos Tu y Yo	Descontrol	WWE Raw	** "Armageddon" (1998)	Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler.							
KTDO (11) 48	Nitido	China O'Brien 2" (1991)	Cynthia Rothrock.	** "Desaparecidos en Acción 3" (1988)	** "Revancha"								
KVIA (14)	Legion	Batman	J Hanna	Wild Amer	Beakman's	Beakman's	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADDYA	Exploration	
WGN (15)	Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Soul Train (cc)	** "8 Seconds" (1994)	Luke Perry. (In Stereo)	American Idol Rewind	Funnist Home Videos						
ESPN (16)	College Basketball	College Basketball Illinois at Purdue. (Live) (cc)	College Basketball Texas A&M at Kansas State.	College Basketball									
USA (31)	** "Pitch Black" (2000)	Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel. (cc)	** "Collateral Damage" (2002)	Arnold Schwarzenegger. (cc)	Psych (cc)								
TNT (32)	(10:30) ** "Executive Decision" (1996)	** "Air Force One" (1997, Suspense)	Harrison Ford. (cc)	** "Con Air" (1997)	Nicolas Cage.								
TBS (33)	(10:45) ** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003)	** "The Mask" (1994)	(PA) Jim Carrey. (cc)	Sex & City	Sex & City	Seinfeld	Seinfeld						
SPIKE (34)	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4	UFC 80 Count.	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes						
LIFE (39)	** "Guilt by Association" (2002, Drama)	** "When Innocence Is Lost" (1997)	Jill Clayburgh.	"Mom at Sixteen" (2005)	Mercedes Ruehl. (cc)								
A&E (43)	** "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001) (cc)	** "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000)	Cold Case Files (cc)	Cold Case Files (cc)									
HIST (44)	Mega Disasters (cc)	Shockwave (cc)	Shockwave (cc)	Shockwave (cc)	Mega Disasters "The San Francisco Earthquake"								
TLC (45)	Younger	Younger	What Not to Wear	Miss America	Moving Up (cc)	Flip House	Flip House	Property Ladder (cc)					
DISC (47)	Fight Quest "Mexico"	Fight Quest "China"	Survivorman	Survivorman	Dirty Jobs	Vexcon"	Dirty Jobs						
FAM (51)	(10:00) "Sleepover"	** "Uptown Girls" (2003)	Brittany Murphy. (cc)	** "Bring It On" (2000)	Kirsten Dunst. (cc)	** "Bring It On Again"							
DISN (52)	Einsteins	Handy	Bunnytown	Charlie	"Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off"	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Phil	Cory			
NICK (54)	OddParent	OddParent	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	School	School	Drake	Drake	
AMC (57)	(9:15) "The Searchers"	** "Death Wish" (1974)	Charles Bronson.	* "Death Wish II" (1982)	Charles Bronson.	* "Death Wish 3"							
SCIFI (58)	* "Queen of the Damned" (2002)	Aaliyah	** "Painkiller Jane" (2005)	Tate Donovan	* "BloodRayne" (2005)	Kristanna Loken.							
CNN (62)	CNN Special Coverage of the Nevada Caucus	Special Investigations	Newsroom	Newsroom	Lou Dobbs This Week								
HBO (306)	Marshall	Sweeney	Inside the NFL (cc)	"Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)	(:15) ** "Aquamarine" (2006)	Sara Paxton.							
MAX (322)	(10:45) ** "The Blues Brothers" (1980) (cc)	** "The Good Shepherd" (2006, Drama)	Matt Damon. (In Stereo) (cc)	** "Phat Girlz"									
SHOW (343)	(10:05) "Last Holiday"	** "Aeon Flux" (2005) (cc)	(:45) ** "Deep Impact" (1998, Drama)	Robert Duvall. (cc)	** "Nacho Libre"								

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KRWG (2) 22	Aggie	America	Farmers	News	Lawrence Welk	Vicar	Summer	Fields	Red	Craft in America	Austin City Limits			
CBS (4) 4	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	*** "Runaway Jury" (2003) (In Stereo)			48 Hours	Mystery	News (N)	CSI: Miami (6)		Cold	
KCOS (5) 13	Nature		Lawrence Welk		Antiques Roadshow	Pioneers-Tele		Patsy Cline: Sweet		Austin City Limits	(Off Air)			
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	*** "The Terminal" (2004) Tom Hanks. (In Stereo)					News	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired	
KFOX (8) 14	TMZ (N) (6)		Dead Like Me (6)		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld			Talkshow	King
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order (6)				News (N)	(:34) Saturday Night Live (6)
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Familia	Parodia	Sábado Gigante					Noticias	Noticiero		"La Fuga del Rojo"	
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Rojo Vivo	"Doble Indemnización" (1994, Comedia)		** "Yo Espía" (2002) Eddie Murphy.					Titulares	Pagado		12 Corazones	
KTFN (13) 65	(4:00) "Revancha"		Fútbol Mex		* "Medio Muerto" (2002) Steven Seagal.					Contacto	Videos Asombrosos		Avalan	
KVIA (14)	Movie				Cold Squad (6)					Stone Undercover	Scrubs		My Wife	
WGN (15)	Funnist	Funnist	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls.				News	Reno 911		Reno 911	24 (In Stereo) (6)	Happy TX
ESPN (16)	College Basketball		College GameDay		College Basketball	Kentucky at Florida.			SportsCenter (6)		Midnight	Fast	SportsCenter (6)	
USA (31)	Monk (6)		NCIS "Twilight"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		House "Airborne"				** "Collateral Damage" (2002) (6)	
TNT (32)	(3:30) "Con Air"		** "Stealth" (2005) Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel. (6)		** "Stealth" (2005) Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel. (6)								"Exec. Decision"	
TBS (33)	King	King	"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"		** "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler.								*** "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995)	
SPIKE (34)	Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		TNA IMPACT!			
LIFE (39)	** "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.		** "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.		** "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.				Grey's Anatomy		"More of Me" (2007) Molly Shannon. (6)			
A&E (43)	Cold Case Files		*** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. (6)		*** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. (6)						*** "The Godfather" (1972) (6)			
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest (6)		MonsterQuest (6)		MonsterQuest (6)		MonsterQuest (6)		MonsterQuest (6)		MonsterQuest (6)	
TLC (45)	My First Home		Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Real Estate		Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Real Estate	
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs		Assembly Req.		MythBusters (6)		Smash Lab		Bone Detectives		Assembly Req.		MythBusters (6)	
FAM (51)	"Bring It On Again"		"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006) (6)		"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006) (6)						** "Sugar & Spice" (2001) Premiere.			
DISN (52)	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory			** "Sky High" (2005) (In Stereo) (6)	
NICK (54)	Drake	Drake	iCarly (N)	Jordan	Naked	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im
AMC (57)	* "Death Wish 3"		*** "Troy" (2004, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom. (6)		*** "Troy" (2004, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom. (6)						*** "Top Gun" (1986) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.			
SCIFI (58)	* "Resident Evil" (2002) Milla Jovovich.		** "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004)		* "Resident Evil" (2002) Milla Jovovich.						* "Route 666"			
CNN (62)	Coverage of the South Carolina Republican Primary		Newsroom		Newsroom				Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night	
HBO (306)	** "We Are Marshall" (2006) (In Stereo)		(:15) ** "The Lake House" (2006) (6)		** "Smokin' Aces" (2007) Ben Affleck.								Comedy	X-Men
MAX (322)	Phat	** "Live Wire" (1992) (6)		** "Reno 911: Miami" (6)		*** "Primary Colors" (1998) John Travolta. (6)							"The Fountain" (6)	
SHOW (343)	Nacho	(:35) ** "The Story of Us"		(:15) ** "The Weather Man" (2005) (6)		** "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah.							Original Latin Divas	

**SUNDAY MORNING** **JANUARY 20, 2008**

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Wonder	Word	Signing	Zoofari	Legislators	NOW	Religion	Minding
CBS (4) 4	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Texas	La Plaza	Healthy	Mature
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC (9) 9	Wine	Homes	Today (N) (6)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Hockey
KINT (10) 26	Desayuno	Desayuno	Caliente	Caliente	Tu Desayuno		Al Punto		República Deportiva			
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Penguins	Veggie	Jane	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN (13) 65	Azul		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Problema	La Vida	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal	Super Sensacional	
KVIA (14)	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Health	NASCAR
WGN (15)	Changing	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart (6)		Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Lizzie	Even	Even
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter (6)	NFL	SportsCtr.	Lines		Reporters	SportsCtr.	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) (6)			
USA (31)	Work	Changing	Ed Young	Paid Prog.	Monk (6)		Psych (6)		Becker	*** "Out of Sight" (1998)		
TNT (32)	*** "Air Force One" (1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (6)		** "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. (6)		** "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. (6)						"The Legend of Zorro"	
TBS (33)	(4:30) ** "Blankman" (1994) (PA)		** "Encino Man" (1992) (6)		(:15) ** "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"						*** "The Mask"	
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	Action Sports	Hrseper	MuscleCar		Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Hour of Power (6)	Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	Naked	Matched	Top Party		Party	
A&E (43)	Bio.: Partridge	Bio.: Monkees	Private Sessions (6)		** "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000) (6)				"Bridget Jones's Diary"			
HIST (44)	Scientists	HistoryCTR	Modern Marvels (6)		*** "Dirty Harry" (1971) Clint Eastwood. (6)		Crime Wave: 18 Months of Mayhem (6)					
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Work	While You Were Out		Miss America		Miss America		Miss America	
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	How-Made	How-Made	Smash Lab		MythBusters (6)		Killer Whale	
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Sister, Sis.	Sister, Sis.	Full House	Full House	Sabrina	Sabrina	Grounded	Grounded	** "Uptown Girls"	
DISN (52)	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey
NICK (54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Tak, Power	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC (57)	Nite Rider	*** "The Guns of Navarone" (1961, War) Gregory Peck, David Niven.			Shootout	** "Iron Eagle" (1986) (6)						
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Paid Prog.	"The Crow: Wicked Prayer" (2005, Fantasy)		"Dark Ride" (2006, Horror) Jamie-Lynn DiScala.						
CNN (62)	CNN Sunday Morning		House Call	CNN Sunday Morning	Reliable Sources (6)		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer (6)					
HBO (306)	(3:55) "Smokin' Aces"	DL	Sweeney	(:15) ** "Memoirs of an Invisible Man" (1992)		Inside the NFL (6)	"Harry Potter"					
MAX (322)	(:10) ** "Crackerjack" (1994) (6)		(:45) ** "Alien Nation" (1988) James Caan.		* "The Adventures of Pluto Nash"		"Ice Age: Melt"					
SHOW (343)	(4:55) *** "Homicide" (1991) iTV.		(:40) ** "Aeon Flux" (2005) (6)		(:15) ** "The Rugrats Movie" (6)		(:45) ** "Sister Act" (1992) iTV.					

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON** **JANUARY 20, 2008**

	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG (2) 22	Santa Fe	Business	Aggie Alm	Second	Healthy	Get Carter: From JFK	Pioneers of Television	Antiques Roadshow (N)	Seasoned			
CBS (4) 4	NFL Champ.		NFL Today (Live) (6)		NFL Football AFC Championship -- San Diego Chargers at New England Patriots. (6)				Paid Prog.			
KCOS (5) 13	Globe Trekker (6)		Europe	Travels	Slavery and the Making of America (In Stereo)		Slavery and the Making of America (In Stereo)					
ABC (7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	American Latino		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight			
KFOX (8) 14	* "The In Crowd" (2000) Lori Loughlin. (6)		** "Mr. Nice Guy" (1997) Jackie Chan. (6)				Paid Prog.	Family Guy	NFL Sun	Football		
NBC (9) 9	NHL Hockey: Bruins at Rangers		International Auto Show	Figure Skating	Fashion On Ice. (Taped) (6)			TBA	CorEvolve			
KINT (10) 26	Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana: Clausura		Qué Locura		Los Reyes de la Risa				Primer Impacto			
KTDO (11) 48	Nitido	Titulares	Fútbol Telemundo		Ritmo	** "La Llave Mágica" (1995)			Triunfadores			
KTFN (13) 65	* "La Bomba de Tiempo Humana" (1996)		** "El Vuelo del Phoenix" (2004, Aventura)		Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana	América vs. Puebla.						
KVIA (14)	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	Cinema	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Girlfriends	The Game	
WGN (15)	* "My 5 Wives" (2000) Rodney Dangerfield.		** "Dumb and Dumber" (1994) Jim Carrey.				Sports	Sports	Funnist Home Videos			
ESPN (16)	PBA Bowling: Weber Open		Billiards: Int'l Challenge	Billiards: Int'l Challenge	Billiards		Billiards		Strongest	World's Strongest Man		
USA (31)	(9:30) "Out of Sight"		** "Meet Joe Black" (1998) Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins. (6) (DVS)		** "Bringing Down the House" (2003) (6)							
TNT (32)	(10:00) ** "The Legend of Zorro"		** "Blade II" (2002) Wesley Snipes. (6)		** "Blade: Trinity" (2004) Wesley Snipes. (6)				Underworld			
TBS (33)	(10:00) "The Mask"		** "George of the Jungle" (1997) (6)		** "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler. (6)				"Legally Blonde 2"			
SPIKE (34)	Disorderly Con.		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes			
LIFE (39)	"Her Perfect Spouse" (2004) Tracy Nelson. (6)		"The Perfect Neighbor" (2005) Perry King. (6)		"The Perfect Marriage" (2006) Jamie Luner. (6)							
A&E (43)	"Bridget Jones's Diary"	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Intervention (6)		Intervention "Ryan"	Intervention "Tim"			
HIST (44)	Hillbilly: The Real Story (6)		Jonestown Paradise Lost (6)					The Kennedy Assassination: Beyond Conspiracy				
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear			
DISC (47)	Venom: 9 Ways		Lion Battlefield (6)		Wolf Battlefields (6)		Crocodile Crime		Killer Crows		Killer Ants (6)	
FAM (51)	(10:00) "Uptown Girls"		** "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst. (6)		* "Bring It On Again" (2004) Bree Turner (6)				"Bring It On: All"			
DISN (52)	Einsteins	Handy	Bunnytown	Charlie	** "Sky High" (2005) Michael Angarano. (6)		So Raven	Life Derek	Phil	Cory		
NICK (54)	Barnyard	Barnyard	Drake	Drake	Drake	iCarly		School	School	School	Naked	
AMC (57)	(9:30) "Iron Eagle" (6)		** "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003)		*** "Top Gun" (1986) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.							
SCIFI (58)	"Wicked Little Things" (2006) Lori Loughlin. (6)		"Something Beneath" (2007) Kevin Sorbo.		* "Children of the Corn" (1984) Peter Horton.							
CNN (62)	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money (6)		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO (306)	"Harry Potter-Goblet of Fire"		Conchords	(:15) * "Norbit" (2007) Eddie Murphy. (In Stereo)			Real Time		** "King Kong"			
MAX (322)	Ice Age	** "First Knight" (1995) Sean Connery. (6)		(:45) ** "Domino" (2005) Keira Knightley. (In Stereo) (6)			** "The Hitcher" (2007)					
SHOW (343)	Sister Act	** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993)		"Larry the Cable Guy"		(:15) ** "The Groomsmen" (2006) (6)						

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KRWG (2) 22	Globe Trekker	Nova (N)	Nature	Nature	Masterpiece (N) (DVS)	Encore	Uncorked	Travels	Burt Wolf	(Off Air)					
CBS (4) 4	CBS News (N)	60 Minutes (60)	Amazing Race	Cold Case (60)	Shark (60)	News (N)	CSI: Miami (60)	Cold							
KCOS (5) 13	Sacred Harp	Nova (DVS)	Nature	Masterpiece (N) (DVS)	Gourmet	Globe Trekker	(Off Air)								
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (N)	Brothers & Sisters	News (N)	Ebert	Insider	Latino							
KFOX (8) 14	NFL Football: NFC Championship -- Giants at Packers	NFL	Fam. Guy	News (N) (60)	Seinfeld	Sex & Sex	Chap								
NBC (9) 9	NBC News	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) (60)	** "Runaway Bride" (1999) (In Stereo)		News (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Shield								
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	El Chavo Animado	Los Cinco Magnificos	Noticias	Noticiero	Los Rostros								
KTDO (11) 48	Remix TV	Rojo Vivo	*** "Bob Esponja: La Pelicula" (2004)	** "Nuttty Professor II: The Klumps"	Titulares	Pagado	"Circus Kid" (1994)								
KTFN (13) 65	Videos Asombrosos	"Jackie Chan's First Strike"	** "S.W.A.T." (2003, Accion) Samuel L. Jackson.	Contacto	** "Devorador de Pecados"										
KVIA (14)	One Tree Hill (60)	CW Now	Aliens	Life Is Wild (N)	Crowned-Pageants	Access Hollywood	Movie								
WGN (15)	Funnies	Funnies	Idol Rewind	Home Videos	News	Replay	Scrubs	Corner	Corner	Becker	Ult. Blackjack				
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter (60)	Series of Poker	Series of Poker	SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (Live) (60)	NFL	SportsCenter (60)							
USA (31)	** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey.	** "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.	Law & Order: SVU	** "Meet Joe Black" (1998) Brad Pitt.											
TNT (32)	(4:30) ** "Underworld" (2003) (60)	*** "The Fifth Element" (1997) (60)	(:10) *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) (60)												
TBS (33)	"Legally Blonde 2"	*** "The School of Rock" (2003) (60)	(:15) *** "The School of Rock" (2003) (60)												
SPIKE (34)	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	CSI: Crime Scn	Amazing Video							
LIFE (39)	"The Perfect Assistant" (2008) (60)	"The Perfect Child" (2007, Drama) (60)	Medium (60)	** "Perfect Prey" (1998) Kelly McGillis.											
A&E (43)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The Sopranos (60)	(:19) The First 48	(:19) The First 48	First 48									
HIST (44)	Gangland (60)	The Lost Book of Nostradamus (60)	Last Days on Earth (60)	The Lost Book of Nostradamus (60)											
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	
DISC (47)	Giant Squid: Caught	*** "March of the Penguins" (2005)	Amazon Abyss	Amazon Abyss	*** "March of the Penguins" (2005)										
FAM (51)	"Bring It On: All"	"Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007) (60)	"Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007) (60)												
DISN (52)	Wizards	Montana	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Music	Wizards	** "The Princess Diaries" (2001) (60)					
NICK (54)	Jordan	iCarly	Zoey 101	Unfab	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC (57)	*** "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves. Premiere.	Breaking Bad (60)	Breaking Bad (60)	Mad Men (60)	Breaking Bad (60)										
SCIFI (58)	** "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004)	"Hallowed Ground" (2007, Horror)	"From Dusk Till Dawn 2"	Twilight	Twilight										
CNN (62)	Newsroom	Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom								
HBO (306)	(4:00) *** "King Kong" (2005) (60)	(:15) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) (60)	The Wire (N) (60)	Comedy	The Wire										
MAX (322)	Hitcher	* "The Marine" (2006) (60)	** "Batman Returns" (1992) (In Stereo)	(:15) ** "The Fountain" (2006) (60)	"Big Momma 2"										
SHOW (343)	** "The Confessor" (2004)	(:45) *** "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks. iTV. (In Stereo) (60)	The L Word (iTV) (N)	The L Word (iTV)											

MONDAY EVENING													JANUARY 21, 2008		
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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Antiques Roadshow	American Exp.	American Idealist					News	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS News (N)	Fortune	Mother	Big Bang	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami (60)	News (N)	Late Show	Late Late				
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Antiques Roadshow	Colorblind (60)	American Exp.	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)						
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Entertain	Dance-Bruno vs. Carrie Ann	Under	October Road (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (60)	Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	Prison Break (N)	Sarah Connor	News (N) (60)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends						
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC News (N)	Lopez	American Gladiators	Deal or No Deal	Medium (N) (60)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late						
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasion	Cristina	Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa						
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	Madre Luna	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones						
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	** "Rambo Primera Sangre, Parte 2"	Contacto	** "Rescue Me" (1993, Aventura)										
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	Aliens	Girl	The	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos		
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Home Videos	America's Funniest	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos						
ESPN (16)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
USA (31)	Law & Order	Law & Order: SVU	WWE Monday Night Raw (60)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	
TNT (32)	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Cleveland Cavaliers at Miami Heat.	NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Lakers	Inside the NBA										
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Sex & Sex &	** "Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997) (60)					
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	UFC Best of 2007 (In Stereo)	TNA Wrestling	CSI: Crime Scn										
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Fantasia Barrino: Life Is Not Fairy Tale"	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (N)	Para	Para	Psychic Child	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	Intervention (60)	
HIST (44)	MonsterQuest (60)	Decoding the Past	Life After People (N) (60)	UFO Files (60)	Decoding the Past	Life After People									
TLC (45)	Miss America	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Miss America	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Miss America	Miss America	Miss America	Miss America	
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs (60)	Bone Detectives (N)	MythBusters (60)	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs (60)	
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	Kyle XY (N) (60)	Wildfire (60)	Wildfire (60)	Wildfire (60)	The 700 Club (60)	Kyle XY (60)	His Sight						
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	** "Spy Kids 3: Game Over"	So Raven	So Raven	Life De			
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Naked Brothers	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez		
AMC (57)	(4:00) "Gothika"	* "Catwoman" (2004)	Halle Berry. (60)	Breaking Bad (60)	** "Dante's Peak" (1997) Pierce Brosnan. (60)	Breaking									
SCIFI (58)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Tactics	Tactics	Noein	Noein	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Presidential Debate	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Anderson Cooper 360 (60)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360									
HBO (306)	Man	** "Bird on a Wire" (1990) Mel Gibson.	*** "Over the Hedge" (60)	Real Time	*** "Dreamgirls" (2006) Jamie Foxx.										
MAX (322)	"The Fountain" (60)	(:15) *** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)	(:45) *** "Inside Man" (2006)	Denzel Washington.	"The Fountain" (60)										
SHOW (343)	(4:45) * "Snake Eyes" (1998)	*** "Sophie's Choice" (1982) Meryl Streep. iTV.	(:15) *** "Benny & Joon" (1993) (60)	The L Word (iTV)											

TUESDAY EVENING													JANUARY 22, 2008		
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Nova (60) (DVS)	To Be Announced	Religion	News	Charlie Rose (N)							
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "Ex-File"	The Unit (60)	48 Hours Mystery	News (N)	Late Show	Late Late						
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Nova (60) (DVS)	Crank: Dark	Frontline (N)	Business	Ind Lens	Ind Lens	(Off Air)					
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Entertain	Laughs	Laughs	Jim	Carpool	Boston Legal (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (60)	Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	American Idol (N)	House "Games"	News (N) (60)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends						
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser: Couples (N) (60)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late							
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasion	Aqui y Ahora	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa						
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	Madre Luna	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones						
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	** "Embosscada" (2003) John Travolta.	Así Es la Vida	Contacto	*** "Cowboys de Ciudad"									
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Reaper "Charged"	One Tree Hill (N)	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos				
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Funnies	Funnies	Funnies	Funnies	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos				
ESPN (16)	College Basketball	Michigan at Wisconsin.	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter (60)	NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter (60)					
USA (31)	Law & Order	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	** "50 First Dates" (2004) (60)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	
TNT (32)	Law & Order	Cold Case (60)	Cold Case (60)	Cold Case (60)	Cold Case (60)	Cold Case (60)	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	10 Items	Sex & Sex &	10 Items	Blue Collar Comedy			
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: NY (60)	CSI: Crime Scn	Star Trek: Voyager							
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Forget Me Never" (1999) Mia Farrow.	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	Will	
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	Parking	Parking	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Apocalypse	The Universe (60)	Mega Disasters	Decoding the Past	Apocalypse	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	The Universe (60)	
TLC (45)	Miss America	Miami Ink (60)	Bussey	Bussey											



WEDNESDAY EVENING													JANUARY 23, 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		
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	WWII: Our Stories	To Be Announced						TBA	News	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Power of 10 (N)	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: NY (N) (cc)				News (N)	Late Show	Late Late			
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Pioneers-Tele	The Jewish Americans	"Home" (N)	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)							
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny (N)	Cashmere Mafia (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (cc)		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	American Idol (N)	Moment-Truth	News (N) (cc)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends						
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal	Law Order: CI	Law & Order (N)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late						
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasión	Don Francisco	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa							
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	Madre Luna	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones							
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	*** "Escudo de Cristal" (1994)	Así Es la Vida	Contacto	* "Stroker Ace" (1983)										
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Crowned-Pageants	Gossip Girl (cc)	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos					
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Corner	Corner	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos					
ESPN (16)	College Basketball	Iowa State at Kansas.	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Spurs	SportsCenter (cc)							NFL Live	Fast				
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	NCIS "Sub Rosa"	NCIS (cc)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	"Gangs of NY"									
TNT (32)	Law & Order	*** "We Were Soldiers" (2002)	Mel Gibson. (cc)	*** "We Were Soldiers" (2002)	Mel Gibson. (cc)	Without a Trace										
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Payne	Payne	Payne	Sex & Sex & 10 Items	"What's the Worst"							
SPIKE (34)	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed (N)	UFC Fight Night (N)	(In Stereo)	Pros vs. Joes (N)	UFC Fight Night (N)	(In Stereo)									
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Last Exit" (2006)	Kathleen Robertson.	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden				
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami	"10-7"	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)	CSI: Miami (cc)				
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Life After People (cc)	Shocking Story	Med. Examiner	Big Medicine (N)	Shocking Story	Med. Examiner	Big Medicine								
TLC (45)	15 Children	Shocking Story	Med. Examiner	Big Medicine (N)	Shocking Story	Med. Examiner	Big Medicine									
DISC (47)	Made	Made	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (N)	Smash Lab (N)	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (cc)	MythBusters (cc)				
FAM (51)	(4:00) "Never Been Kissed"	** "Never Been Kissed" (1999)	Drew Barrymore.	The 700 Club (cc)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid									
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	"Up, Up and Away" (2000)	So Raven	So Raven	Life De				
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez		
AMC (57)	(3:00) "Rio Bravo"	*** "The Hunt for Red October" (1990)	Sean Connery.	** "Navy SEALs" (1990, Action)	Charlie Sheen.	Hamburger										
SCIFI (58)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Twilight	Twilight										
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360										
HBO (306)	"The Lake House"	(:15) *** "Superman Returns" (2006)	Brandon Routh. (cc)	** "A Good Year" (2006)	(In Stereo)	Inside the NFL (N)										
MAX (322)	Fountain	* "Big Daddy" (1999) (cc)	(:10) ** "8MM" (1999)	Nicolas Cage.	(:15) ** "Phat Girlz" (2006)	Mo'Nique.	"The Fountain" (cc)									
SHOW (343)	(:15) ** "Return to Paradise" (1998)	(:15) *** "Dick" (1999)	Kirsten Dunst.	The L Word (iTV)	Original Latin Divas	Grooms										

THURSDAY EVENING													JANUARY 24, 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		
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Aggie	South	Globe Trekker	To Be Announced	Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)						
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	CSI: NY (cc)	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News (N)	Late Show	Late Late						
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Guns, Germs	Old House Hr.	Soundstage (N)	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)							
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty (N) (cc)	Grey's Anatomy	(:02) Big Shots (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (cc)		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	You Smarter?	Don't Forget	News (N) (cc)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends						
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck Chuck learns.	Cel. Apprentice	(:01) Chuck (N)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late						
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasión	Amas de Casa	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa							
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	Madre Luna	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Mas Vale Tarde	Decisio							
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	*** "Zatoichi" (2003)	Takeshi Kitano.	Así Es la Vida	Contacto	** "El Memphis Belle"									
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Blue"	Supernatural (cc)	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos					
WGN (15)	America's Funniest	** "Dummy" (2003)	Adrien Brody. (cc)	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos							
ESPN (16)	College Basketball	Duke at Virginia Tech.	Winter X-Games	From Aspen, Colo. (cc)	SportsCenter (cc)	NFL Live	Game	SportsCenter (cc)								
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Psych (cc)									
TNT (32)	NBA Pregame (Live)	NBA Basketball	San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat.	NBA Basketball: Nets at Warriors	Inside the NBA											
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	** "Without a Paddle" (2004) (cc)	Sex & Sex & (:10) ** "Without a Paddle" (2004) (cc)										
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA IMPACT! (N)	(In Stereo)	Pros vs. Joes	MAN	Sports	Action Sports								
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	** "Jersey Girl" (2004)	Ben Affleck.	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden				
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (cc)	The First 48 (cc)	The First 48 (cc)	The First 48 (N)	American Justice	The First 48 (cc)	The First 48 (cc)	The First 48 (cc)								
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Decoding the Past	Gangland (N) (cc)	Gangland (cc)	Man-Machine	Decoding the Past	Gangland (cc)									
TLC (45)	Rides "Bad Check"	Wrecks to Riches	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	Wrecks to Riches									
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Survivorman (cc)	Survivorman (cc)	Survivorman (cc)	Survivorman (cc)	Survivorman (cc)	Survivorman (cc)								
FAM (51)	Grounde	*** "Pleasantville" (1998)	Tobey Maguire. (cc)	Home Videos	The 700 Club (cc)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid								
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	"Jump In!" (2007)	Corbin Bleu.	So Raven	So Raven	Life De			
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez		
AMC (57)	"Hunt-Red-Oct."	** "Sniper" (1993)	Tom Berenger.	Breaking Bad (cc)	** "Shattered" (1991)	Tom Berenger.	Breaking Bad (cc)									
SCIFI (58)	"Tornado: Nature Unleashed" (2004)	** "Atomic Twister" (2002, Suspense)	"Earthquake: Nature Unleashed" (2004)	Twilight	Twilight											
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Out in the Open	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360										
HBO (306)	*** "King Kong" (2005)	Naomi Watts. (In Stereo) (cc)	Leopards/Man.	Inside the NFL	REAL Sports	The Wire (cc)										
MAX (322)	"Get on the Bus"	*** "Exiled" (1998) (cc)	*** "Darkman" (1990) (cc)	(:15) ** "Crackerjack" (1994)	(In Stereo)	"Good Shepherd"										
SHOW (343)	(:15) "The Seat Filler" (2004)	(:45) ** "Last Holiday" (2006) (cc)	"Larry the Cable Guy"	(:15) ** "Clerks II" (2006, Comedy) iTV.												

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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.

**Last week's solutions:**  
BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

**BEGINNER**

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

**CHALLENGER**

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

**EXPERT**

6							3	4
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	4				5	6	1	





THE LAS CRUCES

Bulletin

BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

A CLEAN CUT

Table with 2 columns: ENGLISH and SPANISH. Words include CUT, GASH, GROOVE, HOLE, INCISION, NOTCH, SEPARATED, SLICE, TO CUT PAPER, TO DIVIDE, TO PLOW THROUGH, TO SLICE, CORTE, TAJO, RANURA, AGUJERO, INCISIÓN, MUESCA, SEPARADO, REBANADA, CORTAR PAPEL, DIVIDIR, SURCAR, CORTAR.

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Word search grid with letters arranged in a 15x15 pattern for the 'WORD SALSA' section.

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 "Ragged Dick" author, 6 Brooch, 9 "\_\_\_ My Party", 12 Principal dancer, 14 Leader of the Three Stooges, 15 Investigates, 16 Grain beard, 17 Kreskin's forte?, 18 Carved-pole, 19 Seize forcibly, 21 Meat cut, 23 Tiny amount, 24 Superlatively nimble, 30 Conference site of 1945, 35 Drunkard, 38 Applauder, 39 Swimmer's stroke, 40 Despicable cad, 41 Semisoft cheese, 42 Tramps, 43 Ms. Thurman, 44 PGA peg, 45 Actor Bridges, 47 Propagate, 51 Runs in neutral, 54 Sothern and Sheridan, 55 McQueen movie, 57 Constrict, 58 Formal permission, 62 In good health, 63 Interviewer Couric, 64 Take away, 65 Hawaiian port, 66 Wrath, 67 Team cheer, 68 Set of values, 71 Remove, as cargo, 75 Magician's word, 78 Reluctant, 79 Jimmy of "Yellow CabMan", 80 Move in a gyrating fashion, 81 Dust-up, 82 Even more disgusting, 83 Football score, 84 Deface, 86 Car on the Autobahn, 87 Watercraft, 91 Be beholding to, 94 Chip scoopful, 95 Robot-like, 97 South African golfer Ernie, 98 Germinating, 99 Bread choice, 100 NASA partner, 101 "Beau \_\_\_"
- DOWN: 1 Having the skill, 2 Asian nation, 3 Goopy mass, 4 BPOE member, 5 Breather, 6 Beer quantity, 7 Between clans, 8 Model Campbell, 9 Poet of an early 20th-century movement, 10 Tugboat attachment, 11 Forum honcho, 13 Spanish river, 20 Night flyer, 22 Accidentally, 24 Stage gimmick, 25 Wife of Theseus, 26 Disclosures, 27 Vote for, 28 Goof, 29 Adjust for proper functioning, 31 Awakened, 32 Science rm., 33 Only even prime number, 34 Kaline and Jolson, 35 Count on, 36 Spirited vigor, 37 Extended gaze, 46 Oklahoma city, 48 "Stuart Little" author, 49 Jewish humorist Shalom, 50 Curvaceous cutie, 52 Abu Dhabi or Fujairah, 53 Fast driver, 56 Hematology classifications, 59 Hospital worker, 60 Skeddaddles, 61 Cultural values, 68 Blighted tree, 69 Stocking end, 70 Linden or Roach, 72 Hair of the dog, 73 To and \_\_\_, 74 \_\_\_ Cruces, NM, 75 More haughty, 76 Willingly, 77 Solar event, 80 Org. of Love and Couples, 85 Humble, 88 Gillette razor, 89 In addition, 90 Complacent, 91 Elevator pioneer, 92 Took off, 93 Knife blade, 96 Swallowed

ADDITIONAL TAX

- ACROSS: 1 Divan, 5 Follow, 10 Mine cars, 15 Physical starter?, 19 Devil's doings, 20 Frightening, 21 Captive of Paris, 22 Last bio, 23 Closely confined, 24 Sub detector, 25 Rhone tributary, 26 Ear part, 27 One type of electron tube, 29 Everything-must-go events, 32 Checks ages at the door, 33 MIT part, 35 Actress Lindsay, 36 Singer Travis, 37 Silver salmon, 39 Coming to a point, 42 Rx watchdog, 44 Baking potato, 46 Israeli guns, 47 Like a requiem, 52 Succeeded big, 54 Nasty kid, 55 One of the French, 56 Pea picker, of a sort, 57 Part of the U.K., 58 Kill with a grenade, 60 Shaded walkway, 62 "Paper Lion" star, 63 Negatives, 64 Rims, 66 Musial or Mikita, 67 Photo finish, 69 Reference bk., 70 Clasp tightly, 72 Actor Borgnine, 74 Afore, 76 Hindu loincloth, 78 Southwest art mecca, 80 Valletta's nation, 81 Q-U connection, 82 Neighbor of Vietnam, 83 Crisp or Tarantino, 86 Molten waste, 87 Bus. bigwig, 88 Conceits, 89 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare", 90 Sink stopper, 92 Venetian or Florentine, 94 Early course additive, 96 Old-time newspaper section
- DOWN: 97 tion, 97 Son of Eber in Genesis, 98 "\_\_\_ Poetica", 99 Lethal substances, 101 Climbing plant, 104 Fable's lesson, 108 Crunch of cereals, 109 Architect, 111 Game rm., 112 Donor's offering, 117 Cheerful, 119 Welles role, 120 Muslim prince: var., 121 Actress Lindsay, 123 Bologna eight, 124 Operatic song, 125 Preceding all others, 126 Napped leather, 127 British gun, 128 Desires, 129 Peevish, 130 Wall-hanging in Gertrude's closet, 131 In this place

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points for the 'ADDITIONAL TAX' section.

- 31 Men only, 34 Computer's capacity, 38 Lyric poem, 40 Tavern in Belgravia, 41 Book before Nehemiah, 42 Locate, 43 REM condition, 45 Rum or gin, 47 Chaperones, 48 French state, 49 Tar reduction product, 50 Submarine, 51 Where kine dine, 52 Heredity unit, 53 Member of the Iroquois confederacy, 59 Elegantly stylish, 61 Lady in westerns, 65 Glance over, 68 Riding fast, 71 Item that will sell quickly, 73 Plane curve, 75 Harrow's rival, 77 Greek peak, 79 Garaging, as a missile?, 82 Brown, for one, 84 Author of "Exodus", 85 Loco, 91 Slime, 93 Greeting gift, 95 Spanish Surrealist painter Salvador, 99 Most ashen, 100 Lower or under, 102 More tidy, 103 Play start, 104 "Wide World of Sports" sportscaster, 105 Chicago hub, 106 Took into custody, 107 Vicinities, 108 Talking truckers, often, 110 Mystical characters, 113 Roosevelt's follower, 114 Pierre's girlfriend, 115 Ingrid in "Casablanca", 116 Bridge group, 118 Flapdoodle!, 122 Vladimir Nabokov novel

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS: Word Salsa grid with solutions filled in.

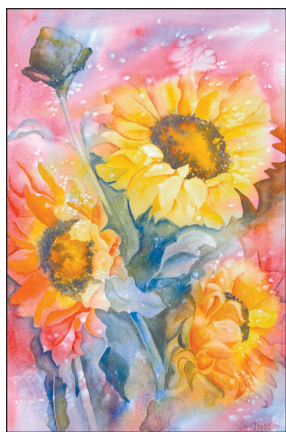
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Squeeze Play crossword puzzle grid with solutions filled in.

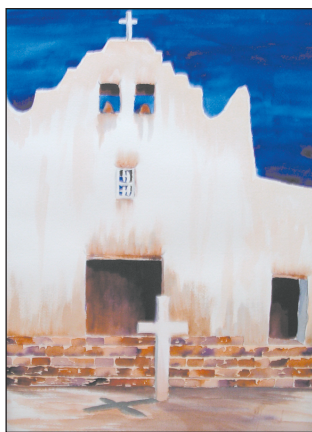
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## GALLERIES &amp; OPENINGS



"Sunflowers" by Jan Addy  
at the Rio Grande Theatre



"Laguna" by Mayanna Howard  
at the Rio Grande Theatre



"Altered Vase" by John  
Northcutt at the Tombaugh  
Gallery

## OPENING THIS WEEK

## ■ IN EFFECT GALLERY

In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., will host an opening/meet-the-artist reception for artist Susan Teague, January Artist of the Month, on Friday, Jan. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. Teague is an accomplished oil painter, among other talents. Magic Monkey will provide refreshments. In Effect Gallery is a lowbrow art space as well as being a destination for fine art. The gallery has large-scale pieces to the whimsical take on life on a small scale. Artist/owner Dennis Lujan has many different veins of fine art/lowbrow works for sale. In Effect Gallery shows more than 20 artists' works. The gallery is the only art space to give 80 percent back to the artist. In Effect now takes Visa and Master Card. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; serious inquiries are welcome 24/7! For more information, call 526-1551.

## CONTINUING THIS WEEK

## ■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Two local watercolorists will display their work during the month of January at the galleries of the Rio Grande Theatre. Mayanna

Howard is currently the director of Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Old Mesilla and secretary of Las Cruces Arts Association. Her palette includes the colors of the Southwest – terracottas accented with blues and greens. Her work is predominately adobe buildings and churches, windows, doors and flowers and is presented in the El Paso Electric Gallery. California-born Jan Addy received her training at the University of Minnesota and with other artists in her home state. Locally she studied water media/collage with Laurel Weathersbee at the Teacup Garden Studio. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Main St., are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

## ■ WHITE RAVEN STUDIOS

"Bawdy Body" will be exhibited at White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave. Featured artists include Marty Semel, John Northcutt, Toby De Boss, Eric Renner, Michael Ponce, Michael Lowery, Jann July, Nancy Spencer, Cindy Wiseman, Christian McKay and Sherry Doil-Carter. For more information, call 525-9543.

## ● ● LAST CHANCE ● ●

## ■ NMSU MUSEUM

The New Mexico State University Museum in Kent Hall will host "Spanish Images: The Photographs of Mary Daniels Taylor" and "Spanish Ceramics: The Frisbie Collection" through Saturday, Jan. 19. Taken in 1984, the photographs in the "Spanish Images" exhibit document some of the village and rural life in Spain. The modern Spanish pieces of "Spanish Ceramics" – collected in the last 25 years by archaeologist Theodore Frisbie – provide a survey of ceramic traditions throughout Spain with a concentration of vessels from Salamanca. For more information, call 646-4056.

## ■ FARM &amp; RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is opening a new temporary exhibit that explores the castas (castes) of New Spain in the form of beautiful prints. "Castas: Emergence of a National Identity" is a collection of 24 framed replicas of portraits painted during the late 1700s in Mexico. The collection depicts the various racial, ethnic and social castas that made up the society of colonial New Spain as the period was coming to an end. The exhibit, organized by the National Hispanic Cultural Center's Research and Literary Arts, will be on dis-

play through Jan. 20. When the Spaniards arrived in the New World, they carried with them a fascination about race. New Spain was home to many different ethnic groups, and the Spaniards developed a complex racial and social class system known as the castas. The paintings produced primarily during the 18th century attempted to show the different combinations made possible by the intermixing of the various ethnic groups. The paintings typically show a couple along with their child (or children), including an inscription that describes the ethno-racial make-up of the family. The paintings illustrate more than a concept of socio-economic structure. They also examine daily, Spanish colonial life – how people dressed, types of occupations performed, what foods were eaten. Moreover, the collection is a tribute to "mestizaje," or the blending of various cultures. The concept of castas was never fully accepted and developed after the Spanish Colonial period, yet its influence can be traced in some of the attitudes and perspectives emerging from that time. The portraits are a celebration of the many groups that have contributed to creating a common heritage. The museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

## Hopper's Southwestern journeys stirred muse

I reached into my basket of painting-postcards the other morning and came up with **11AM** (1926) by Edward Hopper. The figure sits near a window looking out at an apparently empty urban scene. It is morning, the light grazes her body as it streams in the window and the streets below appear untraveled, sidewalks ghostly with the echoes of passers-by gone invisible. I turned to the back of the card and wrote my greeting to my friend, stamped and in the mail before breakfast. The mood of the Hopper painting accompanied me through my early morning rituals.

**Edward Hopper** (1882-1967) was another of those esteemed 20th Century Modernists. We usually associate him with New York, through his sometimes grim and haunting urban narratives. However, he often got away in the summer with his wife Jo, in search of landscapes to paint. When he left his city home, his viewpoint transformed into a hopeful search with poignant expectations of something beyond his experience. As well as the New England coast, Hopper ventured southwest to New Mexico, California and the Rockies and even south into Mexico looking for that resonant motif, in the blanching light.

He chose small town architecture and energizing landscapes that allowed him to forget the pressures of modern urban life. Although his urban narrative work has always been labeled "lonely" and "imbued with anxiety," his plein air subjects were never burdened with sentimentality or psychological subtext in their interpretations. The unpopulated scenes of the desert, vernacular architecture and sun bleached facades and cliff faces were his choices.

Hopper and his wife traveled to Santa Fe in 1925 by train and spent the summer painting in the midst of a colony of artists. In May 1941 they made another trip west driving their own car and spent the summer sightseeing and sketching in Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, pushing into California. Neither the Grand Canyon nor the Tetons tempted Hopper; they even visited Yosemite but for naught.

What moved Hopper was not "renowned monuments or quaint tour-

OUIDA TOUCHON  
Art Talk

ist attractions" (Hopper). He sought the unobtrusive and commonplace and that's what he recorded with his watercolors: the water tanks, the humble churches, the tops of low buildings, the slightly tilted perspectives of ranch houses and sheds, rock solid forms exclusive of fussy detail and imbued with weight and substance.

Now that I have cleared the floor of my new studio of boxes and rolls of canvas, I have taken myself outside to assess my surroundings for motifs of my own. There are wintered trees on the street, tall and linearly diverse, massive trunks. There are old and uncared for buildings, low walls, cluttered yards and deep shadows in the large back lots adjoining mine. I think back to my third-floor studio in my old house in Kansas City and the urban landscapes I painted from that birds' nest perspective. But this time it's a desert town, and my thoughts of Hopper and his southwestern paintings draw a parallel right down the center of this old Las Cruces street.

For a good read on Hopper's work you might consider "Edward Hopper's New York," by **Avis Berman**. (Pomegranate Press, 2005)

As I have written in previous columns, the idea here is to offer foundational thought and to hopefully inspire further reaching in the creative process. On another note, I will be teaching an introductory class on **solarplate etching** at the **White Raven Studio** (info: 525-9543) beginning Friday, Feb. 1. I welcome you to join us, it will be fun and very exploratory and you will end the three day session with a small edition of your own handprints.

I wish you good work.

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# At the 'Bawdy Body' opening reception

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Christian McKay and Mike Phillips look over a piece of McKay's work titled "Circuit" at opening reception for White Raven Studio's "Bawdy Body" exhibit Saturday Jan. 12.



Ron Saltzman and David Rothermel discuss the artwork on display.



Jeanne Gehringer and Barbara Armstrong discuss the upcoming For the Love of Art Month.



Martin Semel looks at a book by Nancy Spencer, right. The book, "On Deaf Ears," contains assemblages and pinhole photography images by Spencer and her husband.

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Successful teams draw. Losers don't, no matter how many free pizzas and T-shirts are tossed to the home crowds.

Before the Aggies beat Utah State in women's basketball here last week to hike their record to 13-3 (3-0 in the WAC) I couldn't find a parking space close to the Pan Am Center. They were occupied. The crowd was announced at 1,092, a healthy increase over the small number of loyalists scattered throughout the arena in past years.

Two nights earlier, more than a 1,000 fans had watched NMSU thrash Boise State.

Should coach Darin Spence's Aggies keep winning, attendance will continue to climb, ala the Aggies' volleyball crowds that have swelled the past several seasons.

"When we turn it up we're a pretty good basketball team," Spence said. "We're athletic, and we play tough. When the other team goes on a run we don't fold. We come right back at 'em."

We're not, in other words, watching the Aggies of years past. Spence has more good players, more depth. He singled out senior forward Sherell Neal, the WAC Player of the Week and guards Tyshae Walton, Monique Bribiescas and Madison Spence. "They've played well for us," he said.

Saturday's road game at Louisiana Tech is next. The Lady Techsters are struggling this season at 7-9 (1-2 WAC). Spence, however, knows their strong tradition that carried them to WAC tournament championships four of the last six years.

"Their streaky," he said. "They can be awfully good at times."

"They're athletic. They play good defense, and they rebound well. They're big. They take up a lot of space on the floor."

NMSU stands 3-2 on the road, and Spence expects a challenge Saturday.

His squad does not return home until Jan. 31 when they host Hawaii. For preferred parking you might get there early.

# Pope to debut Saturday

## Passos also cleared to play against Louisiana Tech



Senior center Hatila Passos will be back in the lineup when the Aggies host Louisiana Tech here Saturday.

By JOHN KEITH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The NCAA has freed Herb Pope, Hatila Passos is out of the doghouse and back in the lineup and the Aggie men's basketball team hosts Louisiana Tech here Saturday.

The well-stocked Aggies, if you will. Only Tyrone Nelson remains missing from the dream lineup that coach Marvin Menzies had expected at the season's beginning.

One more thing. The WAC, in an effort to clean up the language from home crowds, will slap a technical foul on vulgar chant violations.

Menzies was asked about that. "I haven't got time to worry about it," he said. "I have to keep my mind on what's happening on the floor."

NMSU's coach is anxious to see Pope in action. "I'm as excited as anybody to see him play," he said. "I'm more concerned with his conditioning than anything. He's got good basketball instincts. He was a high commodity player in high school."

Passos, Menzies said, has been practicing with the team during his suspension which began before NMSU's game with Louisville Dec. 22. "I'm not worried so much about Hatila's condition," Menzies said. "He finally got his academics straightened out."

Louisiana Tech (3-12, 0-3 in the WAC) might be the ideal opponent for the return of Pope and Passos, Menzies said. "It'll be a good game for them because it will give us a size advantage. Herb's a good rebounder and passer."

Neither Pope nor Passos is expected to be in the starting lineup

Saturday, according to their coach. That could change, however, if senior forward Justin Hawkins, the team's leading scorer and rebounder is still nursing a pulled hamstring. "I tweaked it at Boise State last week," Hawkins said. "I'm not practicing today (Tuesday), and we'll just see how it comes along. Hawkins is averaging 18.0 points and 7.8 boards.

New Mexico State will bring a 9-10 record into Saturday's battle that tips off at 7:05 p.m. But the Aggies are 3-1 in league play, good enough for third place. They've won four of their last five games. With Pope and Passos in the mix, the future looks bright.

Pope's inauguration has been long awaited. "He's showed signs of relief at practice," Menzies said. "Remorse for his latest incident (a recent DUI charge in Pennsylvania). He looks like he's ready to go forward."

"It's been hard emotionally for him." The Aggies have 13 games left in the regular-season schedule before hosting the WAC tournament Mar. 11-15. "I left playing this late in the season up to him (Pope)," Menzies said. "He thought there was enough left (games) to make it worthwhile." Although Menzies remains reluctant to name a starting lineup, a good guess might be Hawkins, guards Jahmar Young (12.3 points, four assists), Fred Peete (12.1 points, 4.5 rebounds, 64 assists) and Jonathan Gibson (13.0 points, 27 assists) and forward Wendell McKines (6.7 points, 7.2 rebounds).

## Dunn says there's hope for NMSU's defense

### Aggies' new assistant football coach is upbeat and confident

By JOHN KEITH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"I think we've got enough good players to do better here," said Joe Lee Dunn, New Mexico State's new defensive coordinator.

Promising words, those. Music to the ears of Aggie football fans whose team was super generous in 2007, surrendering an average of 36.2 points per game en route to a 4-9 season.

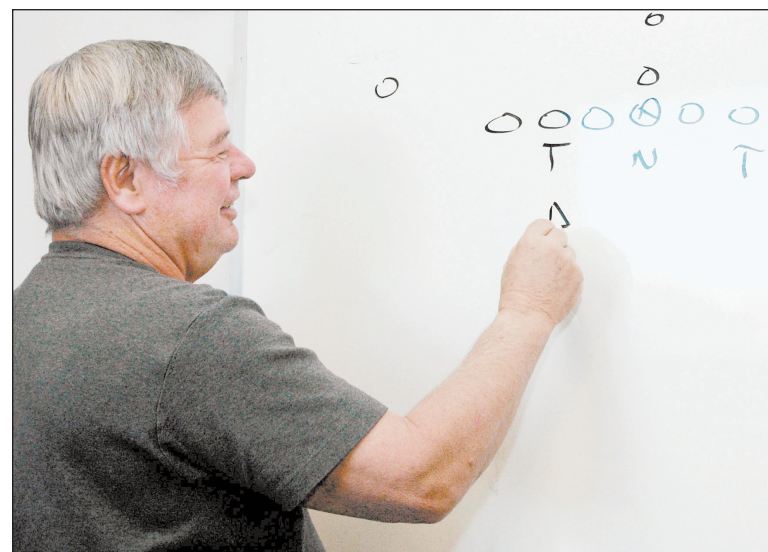
When Dunn arrived on campus Jan. 1, it was destination film room. He examined reel after reel of last year's disaster, a result far below pre-season expectations. Coach Hal Mumme and his team limped through injuries, poor special team play and the absence of a consistent, accurate placekicker.

Woody Widenhofer, Dunn's predecessor at NMSU, retired at season's end after a storied career coaching in the NFL and at the collegiate level.

"I think we're recruiting some good players too," Dunn said. "Yeah, I think we have enough defensive talent to be good if things fall right."

"But let me tell you, it's not like the old days. It's hard to stop people anymore. There's too much speed, too many skilled people playing."

After Widenhofer's retirement, Mumme spared little time in starting his search for a successor. He planned on telephoning Dunn to ask for suggestions. Meanwhile, Bill Sanders, an Albuquerque businessman and Dunn's longtime friend, had read about Widenhofer's exit. He emailed Mumme, suggesting he consider Dunn, who was coaching high school football in Memphis, Tenn. Dunn, Sanders said, hoped to someday jump back into college football. Dunn had a long record of success as defensive coordinator and head coach at both New Mexico and Ole Miss. He worked as the defensive coordinator at South



Joe Lee Dunn, the Aggies' new defensive coordinator, reviews plays on the board in his office.

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High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

### Las Cruces High School



Varsity Boy's Basketball ..... Tue., Jan. 22.....Alamogordo ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Varsity Girl's Basketball ..... Sat., Jan. 19.....Hobbs ..... 2:30 p.m.  
 Tue., Jan. 22.....at Alamogordo ..... 7 p.m.  
 Varsity Wrestling ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....at Joe Vivian Classic... 4 p.m.  
 Tue., Jan. 22.....at Joe Vivian Classic... 9 a.m.  
 Varsity Swimming..... Fri., Jan. 18.....at Academy Invite ..... 4 p.m.  
 Sat., Jan. 19.....at Academy Invite 10:30 a.m.

### Mayfield High School



Varsity Boy's Basketball ..... Tue., Jan. 22.....at Deming ..... 7 p.m.  
 Varsity Girl's Basketball ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....Hobbs ..... 7 p.m.  
 Varsity Wrestling ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....at Joe Vivian Classic... 4 p.m.  
 Tue., Jan. 22.....at Joe Vivian Classic... 9 a.m.

### Oñate High School



Varsity Boy's Basketball ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....Carlsbad..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Tue., Jan. 22.....at Gadsden ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Varsity Girl's Basketball ..... Tue., Jan. 22.....Gadsden ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Varsity Wrestling ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....at Joe Vivian Classic... 4 p.m.  
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### Mesilla Valley Christian Schools



Varsity Boy's Basketball ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....at Dexter Tourn. .... TBA p.m.  
 Sat., Jan. 19.....at Dexter Tourn. .... TBA p.m.  
 Varsity Girl's Basketball ..... Fri., Jan. 18.....Bosque Invite..... 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Jan. 19.....Bosque Invite..... 10:30 a.m.

# NMSU will play six home football games

## Dates to be announced soon

New Mexico State Athletics Director McKinley Boston announced the Aggies' home schedule for the 2008 football season.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, the Aggies will host Wyoming in one of two non-conference home games. The other will be played on Sept. 27 against in-state rival University of New Mexico.

Both opponents belong to the Mountain West Conference.

In addition, four WAC teams will visit NMSU. They include two teams that have played in a BCS bowl game the last two years and have been ranked in the top 10 nationally. This past season, Hawaii was the only team in the country to finish the regular season undefeated and played Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. Last season, Boise State was the only undefeated team in the nation and defeated Big 12 champion Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

The other two WAC opponents that will visit Aggie Memorial Stadium are Louisiana Tech and San Jose State. Louisiana Tech and San Jose State both came within one victory of being bowl eligible last year and

return teams are expected to fight for a WAC championship.

"This is the best home football schedule that we have had in recent history," said Boston. "With four strong WAC opponents and two solid non-conference home games, our fans will have access to six quality games right here in Las Cruces."

The six road games the Aggies will play include non-conference tilts against UTEP and Nebraska and WAC matchups at Fresno State, Idaho, Nevada and Utah State.

The dates for the home games against WAC opponents will be set in late February or early March after ESPN has selected its televised games. At that point, the WAC office will complete the schedule and forward it to the schools.

Season ticket deposits will be accepted starting on Jan. 21. Fans can reserve season tickets for the 2008 season with a \$25 non-refundable deposit per ticket. Seat selection will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Pan American Center ticket office at 646-1420 for more information.

## Dunn

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Carolina, Mississippi State and Memphis.

Dunn is credited with designing the 33 defense - three down linemen, three linebackers and five defensive backs. It is considered one of football's finest innovations.

"Excited at being here?" Dunn said. "You bet. Especially working with Hal Mumme. I consider him one of the great offensive innovators."

Mumme echoed Dunn's flattering remarks. "When Joe Lee and I were coaching against

each other as head coaches and assistants, his teams beat mine seven out of eight times. I'm 1-7 against him. So why not hire him?"

"I've always been a fan of his defensive genius."

Dunn knows the challenge he faces here. "The WAC is an offensive league," he said. "Conference USA is wide open, too."

The Aggies' defensive players, Dunn promises, will be in good physical shape.

"We're not going to lose because we're not in condition," he said. "We're going to play hard. That means in the fourth quarter, too. If a guy doesn't want to work, he won't be playing here. I'll see to that."

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## Sherell Neal

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Senior forward Sherell Neal averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds in two games versus Boise State and Utah State. She shot 50 percent from the field and was 9-of-10 at the charity stripe in the two Aggie victories. Against Boise State, Neal tied her career-high with 18 rebounds in addition to her 14 points and two steals. The double-double against the Broncos was her eighth of the season and 33rd of her career. Neal followed that performance with 18 points, six rebounds and a season-high four assists against Utah State.



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## Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

### Natalie McMillan

Natalie McMillan is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She plays forward on the SonBlazers girl's basketball team. McMillan averages 10 points, 11 rebounds and two assists per game. She is a great team leader, dedicated to her commitments and loyal to her friends.



She maintains a 3.7 GPA, and although homework consumes most of her free time, she enjoys music, skiing and movies.



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## No more obscenities at basketball games WAC lays down the law



**PETE**  
*Pete's Ponderings*

Pete isn't one to tell a neighbor how to behave. But a fellow Aggie, who is determined to hurt the cause, is like a trail hand that has been poisoned by a bite from a rattler.

There comes a time when painful medicine has to be used to heal that wound. I am referring to the student's free-throw chant that has been an ugly part of NMSU basketball lore for way too long. Most don't even remember when it began. The leaders of the Western Athletic Conference have now told all schools that obscene speech is not acceptable and will result in a technical foul being called against the home team. Tough medicine for sure, but that is what it takes to cure a rattler's venom.

Of course, Pete knows that the adults reading this are shaking their head in agreement, but for those who feel it is their right to behave in any way imaginable in the name of free speech, you'd best think again. Someone's right to swing his/her fists around ends at a neighbor's jaw. Those causing a ruckus are removed from restaurants and night spots on a regular basis. You can be tossed from a movie house for talking on your cell phone.

The truth is, NMSU's leaders have tried to be patient and guide students to a better path. This season, student yell lead-

ers provide cue sheets for the night's chants to direct behavior in a positive manner. This is something they do at Duke and now WAC schools are following suit. Student fans love to copy other ideas for their home games when they are clever, fun and help their team win.

Since no one has ever copied the NMSU chant what does that tell you? I have heard some say that any strong moves to stop it will keep some students from attending. If so, what is the loss of a few? That would clear out room for plenty of others fans that stay away because of the minority's gutter language, students included. How many of these chanters would be ejected from any restaurant or social gathering if they pulled a similar stunt?

The schools whose students are revered by national media types like Dick Vitale and Billy Packer are creative and fun loving while trying to create a home court advantage. It takes sterner stuff to be a positive model than one who just wants attention for a lowlife form of speech. From here on in, the chant will bring two shots to the opposition for free, every time it happens. Young people are at NMSU to learn. It shouldn't take long to take this lesson to heart.

**PETE**

## History in the making Aggie women's basketball team is gaining momentum this season



**JACK NIXON**  
*Jack's Corner*

Want to be a part of history? Head to the Pan Am Center Feb. 2, and pack the Pan Am for a front-row seat to watch the best Aggie women's basketball season in two decades. Head coach Darin Spence has assembled a team that has steadily improved on offense after starting out solid on defense.

NMSU is leading the WAC with a 3-0 mark, having handily dispatched Boise State, last year's opponent in the tournament title game. There is no easy road for the Aggies with Nevada and Fresno State, also unbeaten at this point in the season. Thus far, the Aggies have ended their losing streak to New Mexico and have only an overtime loss to UTEP as a blemish on their home slate and a winning record on the road.

Sherell Neal is the WAC Player of the week and is being mentioned in the same category as past top women's stars, Andrea Kabwawsa, Vicki Evans and Anita Maxwell. Like most teams who are having a year that is clearly better than those that preceded, much of the success can be contributed to the five seniors on this year's squad.

Three of them, Monique Bribiescas, Carla Denning and Neal have been through the ringer from the frustration of injuries to the heartbreak of losses in the last two WAC title games. They have ridden out the waves of the

past three years with Spence.

Two other upperclassmen came from junior college with one having an extra year on campus on maternity leave. Mom, Irma Kmitaite-Smith and Anikia Jawara have fit right in and add to that the state's high school player of the year in Madison Spence and the whole thing has finally jelled for Spence.

The vets came in for praise from the head man.

"The biggest thing about those three was their willingness to come in and help us build our program," Spence said. "They knew it would be a tough task, but they really believed in our vision."

Patience by Spence and a consistent approach to his philosophy is sustaining the top season. The program had a signature win over Louisiana Tech in last year's conference tournament. They got the decision when it mattered most, and it was a knock-out punch on an opponent who had never even been in a close game with NMSU in the previous years.

The rematch is Saturday, and the road beckons the following week as well. A two-game home stand at the end of the month brings in Hawaii and San Jose State, the latter game will see the national promotion for Division I schools to set turnstile records on each campus. There also will be a special promotional contest to see which school color is the most popular with fans. The color with the most backing will reward those fans with a prize. It's a win/win for Aggie fans and their home team.

## This Week In Aggie Athletics

**Friday, Jan. 18**

*Women's Track and Field*  
Texas Tech Invitational  
Lubbock, Texas  
All Day

**Saturday, Jan. 19**

*Men's Basketball*  
Louisiana Tech  
Las Cruces  
7 p.m.

*Women's Basketball*  
Louisiana Tech  
Ruston, La.  
6 p.m.

*Swimming and Diving*  
Boise State  
Boise, Idaho  
11:30 a.m.

*Women's Track and Field*  
Texas Tech Invitational  
Lubbock, Texas  
All Day

**Tuesday, Jan. 22**

*Women's Tennis*  
Monterrey Tech  
Las Cruces  
11 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 24**

*Men's Basketball*  
Nevada  
Las Cruces  
7 p.m.

*Women's Basketball*  
Utah State  
Logan, Utah  
7 p.m.



# Aggie student-athlete spotlight



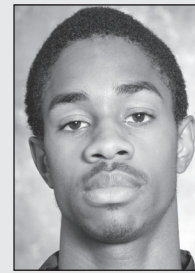
**Monique Bribiescas**  
Senior  
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Monique Bribiescas recorded her first back-to-back double-digit scoring performances of the season in Aggie victories over Boise State and Utah State. Against Boise State, she scored 10 points and had three assists. Then, against Utah State, Bribiescas tied her season-high with 11 points and added four assists. She shot 63.6 percent from the field this past week and made 3-of-6 of her 3-point attempts.



**Kelly Conrad**  
Freshman  
Swimming and Diving

Freshman freestyle sprinter Kelly Conrad led the New Mexico State swimming and diving team to a decisive win over North Texas Jan. 8. The Lake Stevens, Wash., native recorded a pair of wins in the freestyle events. She earned victories in both the 50 and 100 free.



**Jahmar Young**  
Guard  
Men's Basketball

Freshman guard Jahmar Young averaged 18.5 points and 3 rebounds in a pair of WAC games at Boise State and Utah State. Young shot 45.2 percent from the field and 100 percent from the free-throw line. The Baltimore, Md., native had a career-high 33 points in a 76-73 win at Boise State. The last Aggie to score 33 points in a game was Duane John versus New Mexico, Dec. 3, 2003.



# On the green

## Keep your eyes on the prize

Read the Golf Doctor's goals for better play

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*Golf Doctor*



I'm a big believer in setting goals. I'm a bigger believer in achieving goals. It probably started when I was about 5 years old and dove off the starting blocks into the pool, with the full intention of winning the race. Some kids are raised in families who value success and achievement, and some are not. I was fortunate enough to grow up in a home where a high value was placed on "achievement orientation;" that is, doing something special and living up to your potential. Both my parents were educators, and my father was a coach. There was encouragement and incentive to achieve, but not to pressure. Before my wife and I moved out here to wonderful New Mexico, I had committed to my goal of being competitive in the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. I trained hard, competed in smaller events and achieved my primary goal – finishing four times. Plus I won two Masters Division Ironman Championships, which was icing on the cake. I only mention these things so folks know where I'm coming from as we deal with the whole area of personal goals and purpose.

Here it is mid-January, and you're looking forward to a successful personal golf season. Hopefully you are not going about the beginning of the season "by default." Playing by default means that you are going to do exactly the same thing you did last year, but hope for better results. As they say in the military, "hope is not a

strategy." You have to have goals and a way of achieving them. Perhaps taking your game to the next level is your ambition. Maybe playing the best golf of your life. For nearly all of us such aspirations are possible, regardless of age. That's one of the beautiful things about golf. Golf is a lifelong sport – one that we can keep getting better at. And as appealing as that sounds it can't happen unless we dial in our mental, emotional and physical energy. It requires being disciplined with setting goals and going about the business of making them happen.

As I continue working with one of my golf students, a first-year Futures Tour competitor, we are focusing on establishing her short-medium-and long-term goals. Our short-term goals take us out six months, up to mid-2008. Mid-range goals are for the whole year. The long range really concerns a five-year plan and even career goals. Here's an example of one key near-term goal: make all tournament cuts, while winning once. I think that is a realistic aspiration and one that is within the possibility of this young golfer. Good reality testing is one attribute of a solid goal, incidentally.

Even though deciding on your goals is critical, that is just the first step in your success progression. The real secret to accomplishing your goals is to commit to a specific timeline while formulating a


detailed action plan. It works like this. Let's say you want to be the top sales producer in your company. You need a 12-month goal in dollars and then quarterly sub-goals. But the key is HOW – how you're actually going to do it. You need a detailed action plan that you write down and revise weekly. This means more daily sales calls, probably a lot more cold calls. It means better presentations. It means more prospects. It will mean closing some of the most challenging prospects, more business from existing clients and getting referrals from and expanding network for more customers. What about getting more organized and using your time better? Perhaps new computer software, and as Southwest Airlines suggests, "productivity enhancers." Write it all down. Make it specific. Commit to the plan and keep track of it every day. That's how winners win sales awards. The point is your Top Sales Producer championship won't happen unless you put together a great plan and then work that plan every day. It's the same with golf or any other endeavor, if you want to be the best. Goals. Plans. Action. Progress. Success. Then do it all again. Like Tiger.

When I talk with junior golfers about goals they are always willing to set their sights high and establish goals. But the process is far more subtle and sophisticated than just making up a goal. And so it should be with you and I. One college player told me at the beginning of the season that he had one big goal. His goal was "to win every tournament." He had not made a road trip in two years and had a partial scholarship as a walk-on. I was stunned by how out of touch with reality he was. What happened is that he mistook goal setting with daydreaming. We then set about to look at week-to-week performance, with scoring average, greens-in-regulation, putting stats, practice time, lesson time,

reading books on performance and then setting realistic targets for qualifying for certain tournaments and finally making the traveling team. Once he went through the disciplined process of identifying appropriate, achievable goals and realistic targets, and then crafting a detailed action plan with time deadlines and measurable numbers, good things began to happen with his game. He could see that his previous approach to success had been haphazard and a dismal, delusional failure. He eventually did travel and made a contribution to several team victories.

What all this means for us is that we are wise to set our sights high, establish challenging, highly specific goals that are exacting and measurable and then make an action plan which will get us there. Goals have to be measurable, mainly because we need hard, cold numbers to answer one decisive question: "How will I know when I have achieved my goal?" I recommend that you write everything down. Then update it often, and revise it often. If your goal is to win the club championship this year, write it on a three-by-five card and tape it to your bathroom mirror so you see it every day. Identify those people who will help you do it: your spouse, your swing teacher, your physical therapist, your playing partners and others on your success team. You won't do it alone. Trust me; I'm a doctor.

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## NMSU on a roll

Freshman guard Madison Spence will help lead the 13-3 Aggies against Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., Saturday.

NIKI RHYNES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin





# A tale of two sisters

## LCHS leans on Fratzolas for success on basketball court

By CRAIG MASSEY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Most of the time, the chemistry between players on a team has to be developed over a period of time. But in the case of Amanda and Amy Fratzola, it's built in.

The sisters are members of the Las Cruces High School basketball team, and their individual talents, combined with their ability to play well together, have been an important element in the team's success this season.

Amanda is a year older, but with Amy doing everything with her sister, it was just a matter of time before they ended up in the same grade. They're both now seniors for the 7-7 Bulldogs, who host Hobbs on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

"I went from sixth grade to eighth grade," said Amy. "All of my classes were too easy and in sports, I played up a level so I could be with my sister. It was an easy transition for me."

The girls have been playing basketball together since

Amanda was in fifth grade and Amy was in fourth. They first played in city leagues at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, then began playing on traveling teams when they were in middle school.

While they both gave cross country a shot early on at LCHS, basketball had always been their favorite sport.

And what is it like to play on a team with your sister? Interviewed separately, they both gave remarkably similar answers to the question.

Said Amanda: "It's fun. We get mad at each other sometimes, but I'm comfortable with her, and she's comfortable with me."

Said Amy: "It's fun. We are comfortable with each other. We always know what each other is going to do and know what each other is capable of doing."

Both of the girls are outstanding students (3.75 and 3.4 grade-point averages), and when asked to comment on each other's talents on the basketball court, they each pointed to the mental aspects of the game.

"Amy is a good thinker," said Amanda. "She thinks things through and knows what's going to happen before it happens."

Said Amy: "Mentally, on offense, she knows everything. If the first option isn't there, then she goes to the next option. She leads us all."

Amanda tore the anterior cruciate ligament in one of her knees during a tournament last June and has made a remarkable physical recovery. She missed only the first two games of the season and has been running the team from her point guard position ever since.

"Amanda brings a lot of energy," said LCHS coach Matt Abney. "She works extremely hard and worked hard to



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Amy Fratzola, left, and her sister Amanda Fratzola in action during the Holiday Hoop-La against Sandia High School.

recover from the ACL injury. She was playing lights out during the summer. Not only was she our point guard, but she was a leading scorer."

Amanda admittedly has had trouble recapturing that shooting touch since the injury, but she and her coach are encouraged that it will return.

"Every shot she makes, her confidence comes back a little bit," Abney said. "We need her to do well."

Abney calls Amy the most improved player he's had in his three seasons at LCHS. She is the team's second leading scorer behind Domonique Rivera and has taken 19 of the team's 22 charges on defense.

"She plays great defense and is a total all-around player," Abney said. "It's amazing what Amy has done since last year when she was on the JV. She's a team leader."

Abney has only one complaint about Amy. He wishes she wouldn't have moved up a grade.

"They're both great kids ... special kids," he said.

The sisters hope to continue their special athletic bond after this year. They share the goal of playing college basketball and realize they might not be able to do that together.

"We would like to stay together," said Amanda. "It just depends on if we get scholarships. We just take it one day at a time."

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST, Plaintiff,**

**MELECIO BARRERA and NORMA VAQUERA, Defendants.**

Case No. 2007-1166 Judge Robles

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 25th day of January 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court Judicial Complex at 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named plaintiff and defendants in and to the following described real estate located in that County and State: A tract of land situate in Rincon, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being Lot 1A Block 7, McClintock's Addition to the Town of Rincon, filed October 13, 1881, in plat book 2, page 24, Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described in the description of a 0.482-acre tract filed with the Doña Ana County Clerk's office on September 6, 2005 in Book 641 at Page

1264, with a street address of 180 Cactus St, Rincon, New Mexico 88005.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Application for Foreclosure, entered on November 13, 2007, as well as the Default Judgment, entered August 28, 2007 in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and some or all of the defendants, and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the aboves-described real estate in the sum of \$25,751.52, plus interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum, \$8,819 per diem from August 28, 2007, until the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. 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 at the sale.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2007-2246

**COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,**

**GENEVIEVE G. GONZALES, and if married, JOHN DOE A, (true name unknown), her spouse; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on January 30, 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 631 Esperanza Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:  
Lot numbered 22, 23, 24, & 25 in Block numbered 17 of Grandview Subdivision, Las Cruces, New Mexico as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 7, 1945 in Plat Book 6, Folio 30.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 18, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$77,187.32 and the same bears interest at 8.375% per annum from November 20, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,275.18. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing.

The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

Pub #6817  
Date 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**In the Matter of The Estate of HENRY B. CHAVEZ,**

PB 2007-127  
JUDGE: Valentine

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IRENE R. CHAVEZ has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of HENRY B. CHAVEZ, deceased. All persons have 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 Personal Representative, IRENE R. CHAVEZ c/o Jose Luis Arrieta, Esq., Post Office Drawer 69, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0069, or filed with the Court Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 West Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE ARRIETA LAW FIRM, P.C.  
/s/ Jose Luis Arrieta  
Jose Luis Arrieta, Esquire

1065 South Main Street, Bldg. D, Suite H  
Post Office Drawer 69  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0069  
(505) 523-4567

Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Pub #6819  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200701630  
**PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION AKA PHH MORTGAGE SERVICES, Plaintiff,**

vs.  
**ERNESTO F. VALLES; TERESA G. VALLES; CHARTER BANK FOR SAVINGS, FSB; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 13, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and



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interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 8, Block 2, VALLE DEL RIO SUBDIVISION NO. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat Thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 3, 1984, in Book 13 Pages 304-305 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 6510 Valle del Rio, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 19, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$79,839.67, plus interest from September 4, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: January 7, 2008.

Pamela Carmody  
Special Master  
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski  
13725 Struthers Road,  
Suite 201  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
(800) 286-0013  
(719) 634-4868  
07-0939/Valles, Ernesto F and  
Teresa G.; P354290

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA  
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200601985

**BANK OF NEW YORK  
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE  
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS  
OF CWABS 2005-AB1,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SHANE A. SOMMERS;  
KIMBERLY A. SOMMERS;  
AMERICA'S WHOLESALE  
LENDER, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY**

**GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 13, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREED SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREED SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 3544 Cave Creek Maner, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4016. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 25, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$222,128.32, plus interest from December 29, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.95% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: January 7, 2008.

Pamela Carmody  
Special Master  
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski  
13725 Struthers Road,  
Suite 201  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
(800) 286-0013  
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06-3084/Sommers, Shane A.

& Kimberly A.; P354285

Pub #6821  
Dates 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1,  
2008

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on September 18, 2007, Bridget Burris, 4771 Quail Run, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011 filed application numbered LRG-1873-A with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Place and Purpose of Use of Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by changing the place and purpose of use of 23.0 acre-feet per annum of water, diverted from well LRG-1873-A located in the NW1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM located on land owned by the applicant, currently used for irrigation, domestic, commercial, industrial, mobile home park water supply and related residential purposes on 10.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, within Lots 3, 4 and 12 of Block 28 of the Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "A", and located in the NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, to be changed to domestic, commercial, mobile home park water supply and related purposes within Blocks 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Elephant Butte Land and Trust Subdivision "A" located in projected Section 18, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and projected Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM by diverting said 23.0 acre-feet per annum from said well LRG-1873-A through infrastructure owned by Moongate Water Company, Inc. Well LRG-1873-A is located southeast of Doña Ana, New Mexico and may be found at the physical address of 4511 Weaver Trail.

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 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

No. D0307CV200702274

**WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A., Plaintiff,**  
vs.

**THE ESTATE OF  
LUTHER W. PURCELLA,  
DECEASED; THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TAXATION & REVENUE;  
OCCUPANT'S, WHOSE  
TRUE NAMES ARE  
UNKNOWN; THE  
UNKNOWN SURVIVING  
SPOUSE OF LUTHER  
W. PURCELLA, IF ANY,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT STATE  
OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendant: The Unknown Surviving Spouse of Luther W. Purcella, if any.

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5120 Del Rey Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 16A, REPLAT OF LOT 16, BLK 21, E.B.L. & T. CO. SUB. A, IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 28, 1985, IN BOOK 14 PAGE 36 OF PLAT RECORDS. Unless you serve a pleading or motion

ed approximately 2,915 feet northwest of the old well on land owned by the applicant and within the SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 4 at approximately Latitude: 32° 04' 20.00" Longitude: 106° 38' 56.74" (NAD 1983) for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater supplemental to surface water rights on record with the EBD for the irrigation of 248.52 acres of land owned by the applicant located in Pt. of the W1/2 of said Section 4.

The proposed location for replacement well LRG-1559-POD 3 is located approximately 1,515 feet north of the intersection W. Berino Road and Three Saints Road, at physical address 300 W. Berino Road, Berino, NM 88024. Old well LRG-1559 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 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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in response to the complaint in said cause on or before March 3, 2008, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE MEINHOLD &  
STAWIARSKI  
By: Sharon Hankla  
Sharon Hankla  
Karen Howden Weaver 13725  
Struthers Road,  
Suite 201  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
800-286-0013;  
(719) 634-4868  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable  
JERALD A. VALENTINE,  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,  
of the Third Judicial District  
Of New Mexico Judicial  
District Court, Dona Ana  
County, New Mexico, this  
10th day of January, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT  
By: Peggy Brock Deputy  
07-1431/Purcella, Estate of;  
P357749

Pub #6824  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE COURT  
DONAANA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF HELEN E.  
STAFFELDT, DECEASED.**

NO. C7-0210  
Judge Alice M. Salcido

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives 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 Dona Ana County Probate Court.

Dated this 20th day of  
December, 2007.

/s/Ross E. Staffeldt  
Ross E. Staffeldt,  
Co-Personal Representative

/s/R. Eric Staffeldt  
R. Eric Staffeldt,  
Co-Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW  
FIRM, P.A.  
Attorneys for Personal  
Representative  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88004-0578  
(505) 541-6655 (telephone)  
(505) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub #6825  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DONAANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. CV-2007-2202

**WMC MORTGAGE CORP.,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOAQUIN ESCOBAR;  
NANETTE ESCOBAR;  
AMERICAN GENERAL  
FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
INC.; PEOPLES BANK;  
and JOHN DOE and  
JANE DOE, (true names  
unknown), tenants,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 13, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main

entrance of the Dona 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 1903 San Fernando Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 27, Block C, EL PRESIDIO PHASE 4A, in the County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 3938 on April 30, 2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 654-655 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 9, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$323,174.64 and the same bears interest at 9.57% per annum from December 7, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,846.63. 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 #6826  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8,  
2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DONA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. PB-2007-114

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF ROMUALDO  
APODACA, SR.,  
DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned

personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 29, 2007

/s/ Margarita Apodaca  
Margarita Apodaca  
Personal Representative  
PO Box 274  
Anthony, NM 88021  
Phone: (915) 276-7758

Pub #6827  
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DONA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

NO. CV-2007-2790

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION OF KRISTA JO  
KNUDSON FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME NOTICE OF  
PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Krista Jo Knudson, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Krista Jo Knudson to Christa Jo Ikard, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Jereld A. Valentine, District Judge, on the 12th day of February 2008, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Krista Jo Knudson  
Krista Jo Knudson  
Petitioner, pro se  
4226 Wildcat Canyon Road  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011  
Telephone: (575) 521-1688

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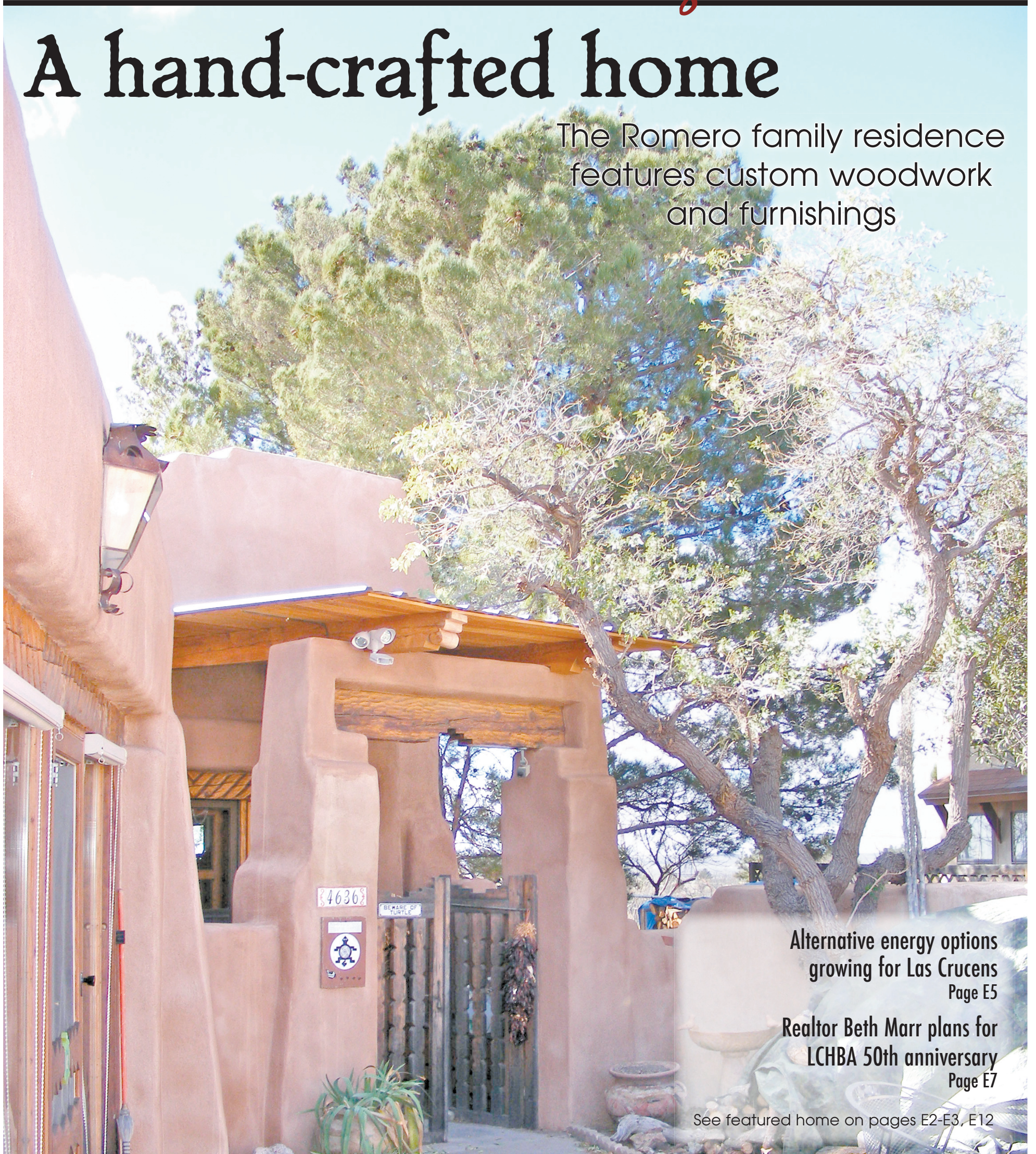
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## A hand-crafted home

The Romero family residence features custom woodwork and furnishings



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# Featured Home: 4636 Maxim Court

**Address**  
4636 Maxim Court

**Bedrooms**  
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**Fireplace**  
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**Special features**  
Owned by Alfonso and Virginia Romero, this home is filled with the couples art and homemade furniture.

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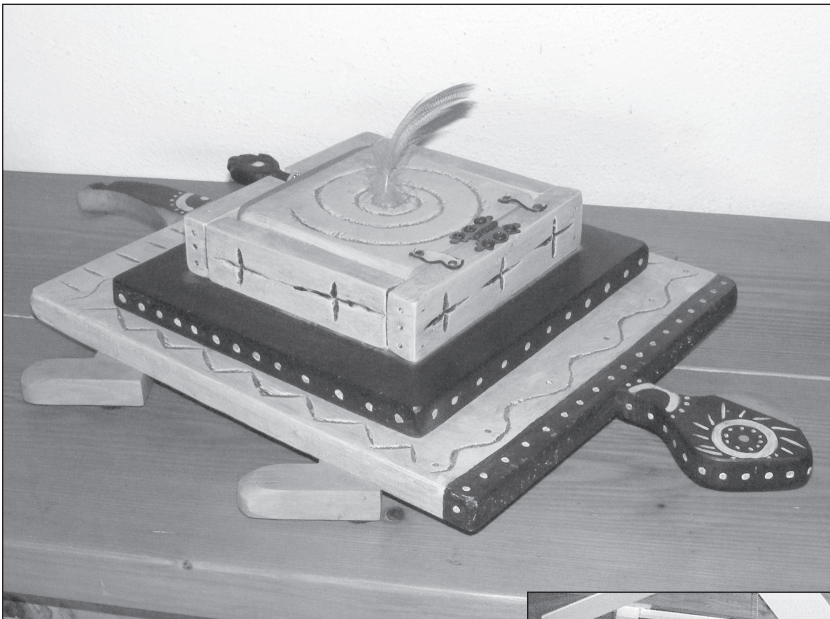
Not only did builder Hector Telles hand craft all of the window frames, he also sand-blasted these windows to look like the inside of a yucca plant.

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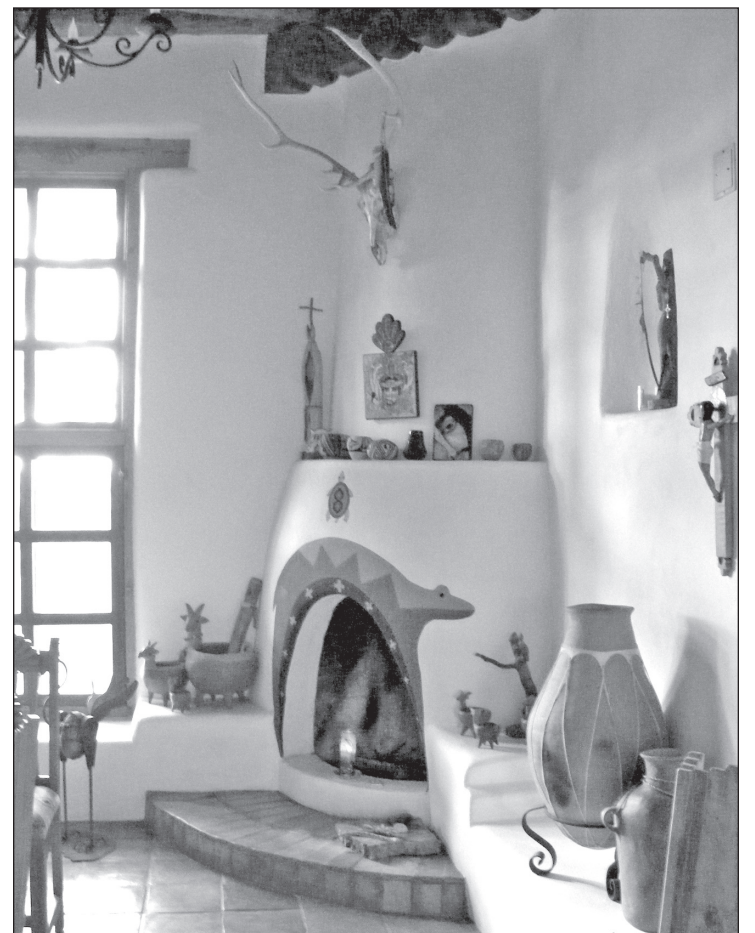


This table was made by Alfonso and Virginia Maria Romero. Behind it is one of the many hand-carved wooden columns in the home.

Below: The Romeros also built their own bedframe. The headboard is decorated with the hide of an elk killed by Virginia Maria Romero's father.



Above: This interesting piece by Virginia Maria Romero called "Desert Box Turtle" will be featured this summer on "That's Clever" on HGTV.



One of the home's two fireplaces painted by owner Virginia Maria Romero. Above the fireplace is one of her signature retablos.



The hallway also features hand-carved, heavy wooden beams.



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# An organic style home makes for cozy living

For Romeros, a trip to the furniture store is a rarity

By **BETHANY CONWAY**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Virginia Maria Romero, best known for her retablos, bultos, altars and crosses, is an artist that prefers working with hand-collected, natural materials such as black walnut, cochineal, ochre and other water-soluble pigments like homemade gesso, homemade Piñon sap varnish and wax. With this in mind, it is easy to understand why she describes her home as an "organic" mix of materials.

For Virginia and her husband Alfonso, the idea of going to a furniture store for a table, cabinet or a number of other furnishings is unheard of. Instead they simply build their own.

Living for 18 years in a home constructed by builder Hector Telles, the Romeros' residence is constructed in the traditional adobe style, with hand-carved woodwork by both the couple and Telles found in every room.

"Everything in the home is hand carved. This is before the person that built it even had a lot of the electric tools," Virginia said of Telles, who not only hand-carved the home's wooden columns, archways, corbels and cabinets, but also built some of the home's furniture, including all of the free-standing closets.

The furniture in the home that the Romeros themselves built include a cabinet Alfonso made for Virginia on her birthday, a table the couple made together and their bed frame, which is constructed of heavy wood with a headboard made from the hide of an elk that her father and husband hunted.

Along with the great deal of wooden furniture they

have built, the couple's artwork graces numerous walls and shelves in the house.

One of her recent pieces found in the home, which she calls "Desert Box Turtle," will be featured this summer on "That's Clever," on HGTV.

Virginia's newest business, Arte de Romero Tile, is one in which she takes her paintings and has them made into tiles that can be used for a number of decorative purposes. She demonstrates these uses in a variety of ways throughout her own home.

"My artwork is photographed and then it is done on these tiles, so we have about 50 to 60 images right now," she said. Any of the images can be made into murals, or put on one tile and used for decoration or as a coaster.

Adding to the organic feel of the home, the Romeros only heat their residence using wood-burning stoves, which manage to keep the entire home warm and cozy.

"We have three wood-burning stoves in the home and they are all yodels," she said. "Nowadays with everything that is happening it has become very beneficial. At some point we got a little tired of

it, because for 18 years I have been hauling wood in and keeping the fire going, but I think it is worth it."

The most personal space in the home for Romero is her studio, which her family built together. Telles even returned to the home to give his input and help with the project.

"I think this is the most personal space in the house because my father had passed away right around the time when we built it. So I kind of feel that this was dedicated to him," she said.

The studio includes a loft for relaxing or taking a break from painting, and Romero decorated the space with some of her favorite pieces and created a "studio cross."

Originally, the doors leading to the studio led outside, and Romero used her creativity to add light and beauty with painted green glass.

"When we bought the home, this was the exterior door, and this is the original brick," she said of the doors and wall of her studio, which now have new life, thanks to her renovations. "They look like the green glass bottles. When I was in Ohio visiting my cousins, we went to Lake Erie and found a lot of lake glass, and it is usually green."

In the Romero's back yard, among the still-quiet wilderness of Las Alturas, Alfonso also built Virginia an horno, or bread oven, for their anniversary.

"We have everyone bring recipes that are ready to put in the oven, and then the guests come and put it in there and then we eat. We have had like 50 people, and it was really fun."

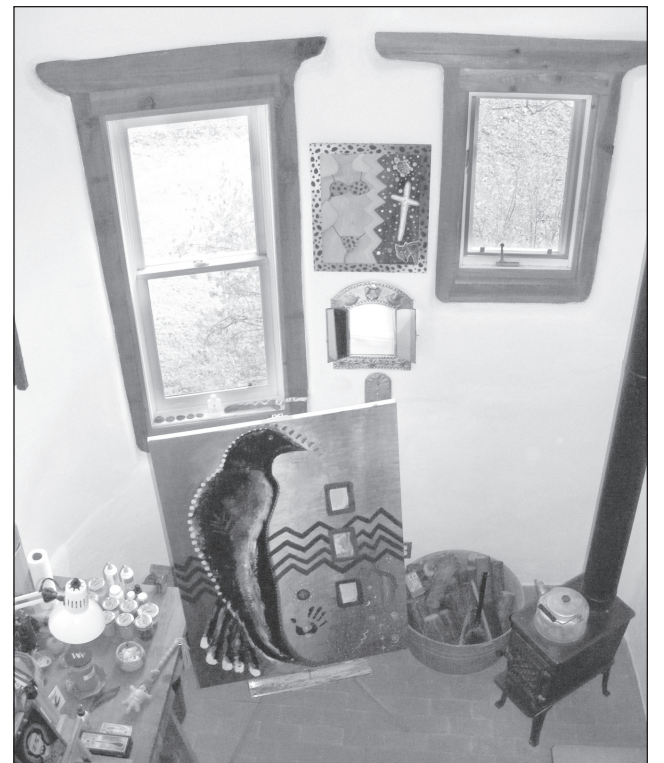
Living in the house for 18 years, the Romeros have watched the Las Alturas area grow significantly, but Virginia said she and her family still enjoy the peace and quiet of the neighborhood in their cozy adobe.



An example of the tiles that can be purchased from Arte de Romero, Virginia Maria Romero's newest business.



Virginia Maria Romero stands in her studio which, she and her family constructed themselves with builder Hector Telles. Erected shortly after the death of her father, she considers the studio a dedication to his memory.



The view of the loft in Virginia Maria Romero's studio

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Filled with familiar objects and art, Virginia describes her studio as the most personal space in her home.

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# What is building green?

## Modern guidelines hard to define



It's a question Las Cruces builders and home buyers are asking. What is green? Not that long ago, green building meant energy-efficient building. Over time, the term has expanded its scope to include the use of sustainable materials and construction practices that create a healthy indoor environment. This means the transportation of products, lifecycle costs of the building and the ultimate recycling of used materials back into the building stream.

Actually, this is all pretty confusing, even overwhelming, to anyone who doesn't have a Ph.D. in green. Most builders don't have enough information about green building products and practices. I can only assume that home buyers are even more confused.

Well, the truth is, according to the MasterClass Conference hosted by the National Kitchen & Bath Association, "there is no one correct approach to green design. Basically, people are concerned about the health of their families and incorporating safer, more natural products in their homes. It's not about doing the right thing, it is using materials that are going to last a little longer, so less frequent replacement is needed." This is a good sign as we have become the throw-away generation.

As this green movement becomes more established in Las Cruces, what small changes can we make that will make a significant difference in the environment and provide a healthier home?

Ask questions when specifying products that will be used in a home's construction. Where are they made? What are the material contents? What happens

to by-products? How do the manufacturers use water and energy efficiency, and how are they packaged, shipped and recycled?

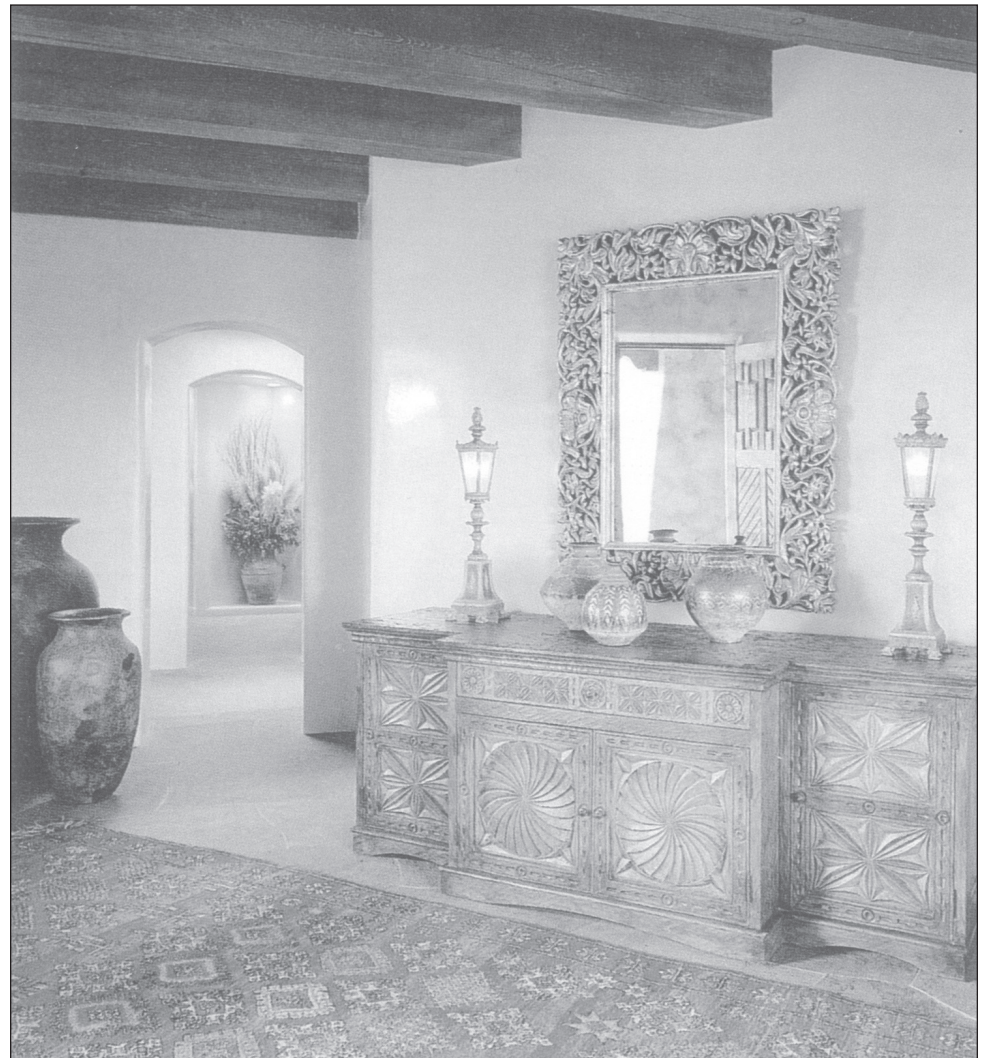
Check the product for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Indoor air quality is one of the most critical issues to address when building green.

When remodeling or designing a new home, think of ways to use free energy, such as daylight and solar power, and getting natural light to penetrate into spaces. One-third of electricity is used for lighting. A new product is sensors on lighting fixtures that can shut off the lights when no one is using the space. We can all save energy by using more efficient light bulbs like compact fluorescents.

Energy saving in green design also embraces the idea of building smaller rooms to reduce energy needs. A small, more efficient kitchen, where less is more, might include Energy Star-rated appliances.

The green story isn't necessarily all about materials. It's more about the big picture. Think about efficiency and what works for the climate in which you live. The idea of using local resources, products and materials instead of having the product shipped across the country can be considered an environment-friendly approach.

If you are interested in more information on green, fortunately, there's a growing cadre of organizations that certify products' greenness. The U.S. Green Building Council has extended LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) in the home. LEED is a rating system for high-performance green building. The National Association of Home Builders has announced a National Green Housing Program that will be an online clearing house for dozens of state and local green building programs and



Environment friendly products include rugs made of natural fibers, hand-made pots, dried natural flowers and natural stone floors.

a new Certified Green Professional Designation, both to commence in February 2008.

Building a durable, high-performance, low-maintenance, healthy house requires an intimate understanding of building as a system, the environment in which it operates, the principles that underlie that operation and the human interactions that influence it. It's becoming a building science. When embracing green

designing it is important to remember that there is no ultimate answer or perfect product – no perfect solution. Every small step is a good step.

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From left, Mark Westbrock from Positive Energy, stands with District 1 City Councillor Miguel Silva and David Chavez from La Esperanza. The owners of 742 E. Hadley, invited several city residents to come and see Positive Energy install solar panels in their home.

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# Las Cruces are looking to alternative energy sources

## Solar power benefits homeowners, electric companies

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If there is one resource that Las Cruces possess in abundance it's the sunshine. And recently Bobbie and Wilma Hutson decided it was time to take advantage of this alternative source of energy.

With snacks and refreshments, the couple invited anyone interested in solar power to visit their home at 742 E. Hadley Ave., as Positive Energy, a company that installs renewable energy systems, installed a 4.2-kilowatt system of solar panels.

"The way that it works is that this feeds into their current electric service. They still have a connection with El Paso Electric," said Mark Westbrock, system designer for Positive Energy.

During the daytime, Westbrock said the energy produced by the panels first goes to power anything that is on in their house and any excess goes out through their utility meter. The excess spins the meter backward and El Paso Electric then credits the Hutsons' account, instead of charging them.

"Then at night these things aren't producing anything, so they are pulling from El Paso Electric," Westbrock said. The way Positive Energy sizes the system of solar panels is by balancing the electricity used with any excess. At the end of the month the Hutsons will literally end up with a zero bill.

On a clear winter day he said the solar panels actually put out more power at a given instant than on a summer day because they work best when they are cold.

According to Westbrock, the angle of the solar panels has to do with the angle of the latitude of Las Cruces.

"They are at 30 degrees, which is optimal for Las Cruces to maximize year-round production. You go farther north and you want it to be a little steeper," he said.

With no companies in Las Cruces installing renewable energy systems, the Hutsons were forced to look north for help. Positive Energy, based in Santa Fe, came down to set up the system, which is the third they have installed in Las Cruces in a week.

"We've got more work than we can handle up there (northern New Mexico), as opposed to down here where we are trying to get people interested," Westbrock said. "Albuquerque is about 25 percent of our business, and we install in Taos and all around Santa Fe."

The Hutsons took it upon themselves to

get the word out about alternative sources of energy and believe the idea is becoming more important as time goes on.

"Alternative energy is something that is important to us. The writing is on the wall; we are going to have to do something. I can't expect other people to do it if I don't do it," Wilma said.

"They invited quite a number of people to come, and these are the kinds of efforts that I really support," said District 1 City Councillor Miguel Silva, who came to observe the installation. "As we talk about revitalizing Downtown, as we talk about redefining our community, it is these types of efforts that will really define Las Cruces."

Costing the Hutsons \$34,500 with a tax credit that will cover one-third of the cost, the couple said that the expense to install the system is well worth the benefits.

While some might think that electric companies are getting antsy over the idea of alternative energy, Westbrock said they actually benefit from renewable energy systems.

"It helps them out in a few different ways," Westbrock said. "First of all, these panels are putting out their peak production in the middle of the day, which is close to the demand peak for the utilities because that is when industry is using electricity. So this helps offset what they have to produce. Second and most importantly, the utilities are required by state law to produce a certain amount of their electricity from renewable sources."

Throughout each year the Hutsons will be awarded Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), which are tradable environmental commodities that represent proof that one megawatt-hour of electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy resource.

"The utility can purchase those certificates from Bobbie and Wilma for the energy this produces, and it is cheaper than the utility putting up their own solar. So it helps the homeowner pay for their system, and it helps the utility meet their state requirements," Westbrock said.

The catch, he added, is that El Paso Electric has yet to institute a program like this, and therefore does not purchase RECs, whereas Power New Mexico (PNM) does.

"We have installed in this house, and in all the houses that we do in Las Cruces, an REC meter so that we are ready when El Paso Electric finally institutes this program. In the meantime, it will keep track of the energy that this system produces," he said. "I have spoken with the person at PNM who is in charge of the program, and he said it definitely saves them money."

Though Positive Energy operates out of Santa Fe, they now have an office in Las Cruces, 441 El Molina Blvd. and can be reached at 524-2030 or www.positivener-gysolar.com.

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# Fix up the focus of a bathroom for less

Many homes in America have a dirty little secret – a dated, dingy, dark and dysfunctional bathroom. While the average return on investment of a bathroom remodel is 80 to 90 percent, the average cost – \$10,000 to \$12,000 – can easily put the brakes on the project before it's even started.

The largest focal point in most bathrooms is the bathtub or shower. Sprucing up the main focus freshens up the entire bathroom for a fraction of the price of a full remodel.

### Glaze Over the Problem

One popular option is to re-glaze, or repaint, an existing bathtub. This

is one way to cover up chips or cracks. However, the results are usually temporary and may only last until it is time to re-do the entire bathroom.

### Cover it Up

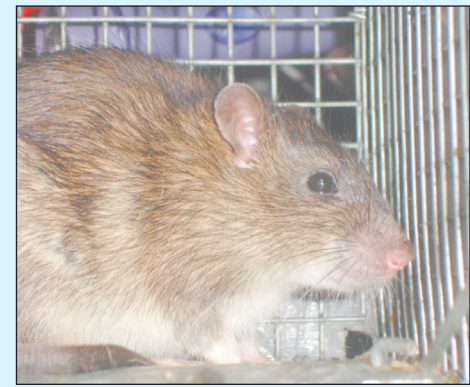
A more permanent option is to install an acrylic bathtub liner right over an existing bathtub or shower surround. Manufacturers can build a custom acrylic liner to go over the bathtub, shower and wall for much less than it would cost to rip out and replace the existing fixtures. The high-quality material is easy to clean, has a lifetime warranty and is a permanent fix, unlike re-glazing. The process takes about a day so the

bathroom won't be out of commission for weeks.

### Start from Scratch

Embrace a funky colored bathtub and re-tile in a complementary color. Tiling can be tedious, but if Art Deco is the wanted style, find tiles that fit with the bathroom's existing color style and color scheme. Be careful when removing old tiles so as not to damage the wall underneath. Hiring a professional may cost a bit more up front, but can pay off.

Remember it is always possible to update or change the look of a bathroom with a gallon of paint and some decorative accessories.



Cleanliness is essential to prevent illnesses spread by common rats and mice.

# Climate change increases pests, disease outbreaks

## Avian Flu and West Nile carried by pests



**BARRY MURRAY**  
*The Bug Guy*

Global climate changes may lead to outbreaks of diseases carried by insects and rodents, and humans will have to increase pest control efforts to stave off serious health issues.

With the arrival of West Nile in the United States, we've seen the tip of the iceberg with this issue. In fact, there were 60 reported cases of West Nile Virus in New Mexico in 2007, according to the Center for Disease Control. Warmer winters will only intensify the problem. It means people will have to pay attention to controlling mosquitoes and other insects that transmit these diseases.

Avian flu is another threat that can hitch a ride with insect and rodent pests, as well as birds.

It's important, especially in winter, that homeowners take precaution to keep rats and insect pests out of their homes. Even if rats aren't trying to escape cooler temperatures, they will be seeking water, food and protection from predators, and houses are an ideal place for a rodent hide-out.

Common rodent pests homeowners can expect include:

- The Norway rat, which is also known as the house rat and is the most widely distributed rat in the United States. Like its cousin the roof rat, it spreads disease through droppings and urine, but it is stronger, more aggressive and bigger, weighing between 12 and 16 ounces. These rats prefer meats and proteins to fruits and vegetables, and they have adapted to cooler climates better than any other rat species.
- House mice can contaminate food and carry disease such as salmonellosis, rickettsial pox, lymphocytic choriomeningitis, leptospirosis, ratbite fever, tularemia and dermatitis.

Some simple steps to follow to help prevent rodent infestations include:

- Seal all food tightly and never allow food to accumulate in open containers.
- If rodent droppings are found, they should be immediately cleaned.
- Check for torn screens and loose vents. Seemingly insignificant openings can give rodents access to your home or business.
- Be certain that garbage can lids fit securely.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective pest problems of the 21st century. For more information visit [www.trulynolen.com](http://www.trulynolen.com).

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# Beth Marr: Realtor, Harley Davidson enthusiast

## Realtor sees bright future for housing market in Las Cruces

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For some Las Cruces the ideal way to spend a beautiful Southwest day could be a morning hike in the Organ Mountain Foothills or an afternoon at the park or golf course. But for Beth Marr, Realtor for Emerick Real Estate Inc., nothing beats a day's ride on her cobalt blue Harley Davidson Heritage Softail.

As secretary for the Southern New Mexico Hogs, Marr spends a

great deal of her free time taking advantage of what the Southwest landscape has to offer, participating on rides and events with her fellow bikers.

Unfortunately, life is not all fun and games, but for Marr real estate has some perks of its own.

"I love to do the tours of Las Cruces. I give them (clients) information about Las Cruces, and I take them pretty much to the four corners to show them what is out there, and they are always amazed at the different things

there are to do in Las Cruces."

Working as a real estate agent since 1995, Marr said the best part of her job is helping people find a home that is just right for them.

"You can't force somebody to buy a house. You just show them what is available and let them see if a home fits their needs. That is what's fun about it - finding the perfect match for the perfect person."

She said one of the ways she finds that perfect fit is showing clients the "big picture," and educating them on the many sides of Las Cruces before they decide on a home.

"If they like golf courses, there are so many different choices. If they like the valley there is green valley. If they like the desert there is desert. There are just so many different options here, and a lot of people don't realize that," she said.

When Marr first began selling real estate, she said Las Cruces had yet to receive all of the accolades that it has now and the relocation requests were maybe 20 to 25 a week. As the city received numerous good reviews nationally, from great place to retire to great place for small businesses, Marr remembers relocation requests jumping up to 75 to 100 a week.

"It was like a switch was turned on and we weren't a secret any more," she said.

According to Marr, the number of homes bought and sold in

2007 was similar to that of 2006, and Las Cruces hasn't seen the downward trends that California, Nevada and Las Vegas have.

Still, she has a hard time with homes that just won't sell.

"I have worked mostly with sellers. There have been a lot of homes on the market this year, and it has been a bit slower. The hardest part is I feel responsible when the homes don't sell even though I know I have done all I can," she said. "It's priced right, it is a great home, but for whatever reason it hasn't sold, and I take a lot of that on myself."

With all the new businesses relocating to Las Cruces, and with the constant traffic at White Sands Missile Range and the coming Spaceport America, Marr said the city has a promising future.

"I think we have a lot to look forward to - it has been a great year. There are a lot of homes on the market, but four or five years ago we did as well. It fluctuates between a buyers market and a sellers market, and right now it seems to be more of a buyers market," she said.

As co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, Marr is preparing for a yearlong gala to celebrate the organization's success in 2009.

"Every month we plan to have a different event. We are planning the event this year and promoting it in '09," she said.

Marr said that real estate agents will remain an important part of the business community in Las Cruces, and she will continue



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**Participating in several community organizations and continuing education opportunities, Beth Marr of Emerick Real Estate keeps herself busy in and outside the office.**

to better herself and her selling techniques for that reason.

"I think we have a pretty good strong role in the community. Whether you're coming in from out of state or you're local, the real estate agents are the ones who know the market," she said. "We are all really good friends even though we are in competition with each other. Some of the best friends I have are Realtors."

After working with several companies in the city, Marr said she has found her fit with Emerick and looks forward to growing with the company.

"I think that Anna (Emerick) thinks outside of the box a lot. It is incredible what she has accomplished at her young age. I think it is her creative thinking," she said.

“You can't force somebody to buy a house. You just show them what is available and let them see if a home fits their needs.”

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# Steaming the way to good veggies

## Double, triple deck steamers a good investment

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Steaming is often the best way to enjoy the natural flavor of cooked foods while preserving vitamins and other nutrients. For proper steaming, the water should never touch the food, and this is where the steamer comes into play. Most people have seen these strange-looking gadgets with folding leaves of perforated metal that may resemble a medieval torture device, but this item is one that helps retain the natural flavor of some of the most nutritious vegetables.

Today, the steamer not only comes in the classic stainless steel, but there are also microwave steamers, electric steamers and double- and triple-deck vegetable steamers. In order to buy the right kind of steamer, it is important to look at how much food will be cooked and how often.

### What is it?

A vegetable steamer is a kitchen utensil designed to cook vegetables and other foods with steam. There are three types of vegetable steamers that are extremely popular right now: steamer baskets, microwave steamers and electric steamers.

Along with the classic steamer basket's folding metal leaves, it has little stubby legs that keep it above the steaming water source. Because steamer baskets contain "plates" that fold outward, they fit nicely in a variety of pot sizes, making them very versatile.

A microwave vegetable steamer works differently, because it relies on a different heat source. Most microwave steamers are plastic (resembling the shape of a cake pan) and contain a lid.

An electric vegetable steamer is just as simple to use as either a steamer basket or a microwave steamer. Electric steamers, which look similar to crock pots, come with a removable pot or bowl for vegetables.

If steaming numerous vegetables or other foods at one time, consider a double or triple-decker vegetable steamer. This is an all-inclusive unit with two or three baskets stacked above the base. Different food can be placed in each of the baskets in order to steam them all at the same time. When selecting a double- or triple-decker vegetable steamer, it is best to purchase one that allows the removal of each dish individually during the steaming process.



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The classic vegetable steamer is still a popular option when it comes to preserving the flavor of nutritious vegetables.

This is important since different foods require different steaming times.

### How does it work?

To steam vegetables in a classic stainless steel basket, follow these steps: First, boil water in the pot with steamer basket. Once the water is rapidly boiling, add veggies lower the temperature. Place a tight-fitting lid on the pot. Smaller veggies, such as asparagus, should be cooked within 4-6 minutes, while larger, denser vegetables, such as sweet potatoes, may take 12-18 minutes to cook.

To steam vegetables in the microwave, place both water and veggies in the microwave tray. Veggies should sit up out of the water on a platform (make sure they aren't submerged in water). Secure the lid, which circulates steam and allows for ventilation. Cooking time will vary depending on the size, quantity and type of vegetable.

To steam vegetables in an electric steamer, place them in the pot, add water (once again, the vegetables shouldn't be submerged), place the lid on securely and turn the steamer on. Set the timer accord-

ing to the instruction manual. Time will vary according to type and quantity of vegetable being steamed.

### Where can it be found?

A steamer basket can be found at local grocery stores and specialty stores. Electric steamers and microwave steamers can be found at kitchen specialty stores or online.

### How much does it cost?

The cost depends on the type of steamer needed. The first thing to consider when buying a vegetable steamer is how much food will be steamed at one time. If only one dish will normally be prepared, such as a side dish of steamed vegetables, all that is needed is a single vegetable steamer that is designed to fit inside a saucepan or pot. A single-dish vegetable steamer is the least-expensive option available and can be found for around \$10. Microwave steamers cost about the same and are a good idea for someone who is pressed for time.

If the plan is to steam multiple vegetables then consider a double-decker vegetable steamer or an electric steamer. Double-decker steamers are about \$20 by themselves, but require a large pot to fit

### Italian Potato Salad

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon rind, finely grated
- 2 pounds new potatoes, preferably red-skinned (about 20), well scrubbed & cut into quarters or eighths
- 1/2 pound young carrots (about 12), cut into coins
- 1/2 pound snap beans, ends removed, & cut into 1-inch lengths
- 2 small zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 crookneck or summer squash, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 bunch green onions, including tops, chopped
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar, diluted with 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 6 leaves radicchio, butterhead lettuce or ruffled kale

In a measuring cup, combine oil, garlic and lemon rind; set aside. Arrange potatoes in a steamer basket. Add carrots and steam for 6 to 8 minutes. Add beans, zucchini and squash, and steam for 3 to 5 minutes longer, or just until tender-crisp. Do not overcook. Lift out steamer and transfer vegetables to a large bowl. Add green onions and splash vegetables with 2 tablespoons of the vinegar mixture. Toss gently, and let sit until cooled, about 15 minutes. Combine remaining vinegar mixture with olive oil mixture and drizzle over salad. Season with salt and pepper and serve on lettuce leaves.

in and therefore a new pot may be needed as well. A set with the pot and the steamer starts at around \$50 and ranges up to \$100 depending on the quality. Electric steamers start at \$30 and can also range up to more than \$100.

### Helpful hints:

The most common error that occurs while steaming vegetables is overcooking them. This is more likely to happen with a steamer basket, because both microwave and electric steamers are time controlled. To avoid soggy, overdone veggies, check them often and follow time guidelines carefully.

If you need help keeping track of steaming times, it might be best to purchase a programmable electric vegetable steamer with a timer. Be sure the timer display is easy to read from various angles.

## Featured Kitchen Gadget: Steamer

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**\$329,000 - Doña Ana South** - 162 Red Deer Court, Located on the back of a cul-de-sac this

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well designed home is spacious and private on a full 1 acre lot. Granite throughout, courtyard entrance, custom tile, great view and oversized backyard. MLS# 784839 Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575)523-2850

**\$309,900 - High Range -** 2026 El Presidio Drive, This beautiful 3 bedroom home has many extras including a bonus room, carved wood beams, nichos, hardwood doors, granite countertops, rich alder wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances, outdoor fireplace and very delicate tile accents. MLS#785177 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575) 523-2850

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**\$232,000 - High Range** - 5022 Sun Shadow Circle in the Shadow Run Subdivision: This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great kitchen, living room with fireplace, plus a self contained office/studio which can be used as in-law/guest quarters. Lots of tile, light and bright, high ceilings, roomy Master Bedroom with tub and shower low maintenance landscaping, approx 2022 square feet. Nellie Bunch at RE/MAX Infinity 524-8202 or 644-2715. MLIS # 800206.

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**\$225,000 - Mesilla Area** - 1320 Avenida de Mesilla #123 Building 1, This stunning 2 bedroom, 2 bath custom condo is in a gated community located at the entrance to historical Mesilla. This new unit is two stories and has many upgrades. MLS# 800162 Ron Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575)523-2850

**\$214,900 - Elks Club** - 244 Fireweed, This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath custom home has lots of upgrades. Features include open floor plan, kitchen with marble countertops, tile throughout the living areas, large master suite, decorative tile and plenty more. MLS# 800092 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575)523-2850

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**\$194,900 - Crescent Park Area** - 831 Chile Lane, This beautiful home has a large family room with fireplace, high ceilings, large master suite, spacious kitchen, and more. Home will be painted inside and carpet replaced by Jan. 2008. MLS# 785048 Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575)523-2850

**\$189,900 - La Mesa** - 18201 S Highway 28, Wonderful country property with adobe main house and detached casita. Lots of outdoor living with over 900 SF of covered and open patios. Recent upgrades include refrig-

erated air, remodeled kitchen and bath. MLS# 785158 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575) 523-2850

**\$179,900 - Jornada-Las Colinas** - 4988 Jaradite Drive, This charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has a split floor plan that is open, spacious and bright. This home has fresh paint, new carpet and lots of room. A must see! MLS# 800071 Brenda Allen 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575) 523-2850

**\$169,900 - High Range** - 3901 Sonoma Springs, Very nice condo unit has been upgraded extensively to include wood floors, tile counters in the kitchen and both baths plus accent paint colors throughout. Nice view of the Organ Mountains. What a value. MLS# 785042 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575) 523-2850

**\$159,900 - East Mesa** - 4057 Calle de Luna, This is a beautiful home in a lovely neighborhood. This 3 bedroom 2 bath home was built in 2006 and has a two car garage. Charming fireplace with much more. MLS# 785066 Kameron Johnson 993-0318, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. (575) 523-2850

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# 12 reasons to opt for plastic

## Put an oversupply of bags to good use

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Are plastic grocery bags piling up around the home? Every visit to the grocery store adds more bags to the already-overflowing supply. Don't fret because there are many ways that this around-the-house item can be put to use. If they are not returned to the grocery store to be recycled, recycle them around the home to prevent messes and protect belongings.

**1. Line a litter box:** Instead of dealing with the mess of a litter box, line the box with a plastic grocery bag. Then, once the box is dirty, just tie the bag up and place it in the garbage can.

**2. Line trash cans:** This one is a no-brainer. Who doesn't line their trash cans with plastic bags? The bags make it easier than ever to keep small trash cans clean, like those in the bathroom. Keep extra bags in the bottoms of all trash cans so there's always a replacement handy.

**3. Shipping and wrapping:** Instead of spending money on bubble wrap, crumple up several plastic grocery bags to cushion fragile items that need to be shipped.

**4. Keep clothes looking new:** Cut a slit in the top of a plastic grocery bag and slip it over a hanger full of clothing. The bag keeps dust off the clothing, especially the shoulders.

**5. Store blankets:** Add a cedar block or a few moth balls to the inside of a plastic bag, then tie it up and store it with blankets or other fabrics to be stored. The

smell will deter pesky moths and help to make the closet smell fresh.

**6. Use them as gloves:** Plastic bags can be used as gloves. Slip a bag over each hand before cleaning up a mess or tackling a sloppy project.

**7. Prevent messes when cooking:** Place a bag on the counter before cutting up messy fruits and vegetables. Then just tie the bag together and discard it.

**8. Protection from the rain:** Though there is not much rain in the Southwest, keeping a couple of plastic bags handy in the car for a rainy day is always a good idea. A plastic bag can protect hair and clothing from getting wet.

**9. Protect shoes:** Plastic bags make great shoe or boot covers for a quick trip to the garden or on a rainy day. When returning home, just remove the bags and discard them.

**10. Cover a cast:** Whether a cast arm or leg needs covering or a foot or hand cannot get wet for medical reasons, plastic grocery bags can help. Slip a plastic grocery bag over the area that needs to stay dry and tie the top shut. Then, bathe or shower as usual.

**11. Make a parachute:** A fun activity to do with the kids is making toy parachutes. Cut the handles off a bag. Then, poke some holes around its perimeter and tie a piece of string in each hole. Tie the string ends together and tie a large washer or other weight on the end. Now the bag is a toy parachute.

**12. Clean up after Fido:** Carry an extra plastic bag while walking the dog to clean up any messes he leaves behind.

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Homes Sold Existing	13	3	17
Pending Home Sales (All)	198	193	263
Average Days on Market (All)	138	107	115
Median Price New	\$328,450	\$261,750	\$175,400
Median Price Existing	\$220,000	\$151,900	\$162,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,666	1,652	1,207
Real Estate Agents	623	642	N/A

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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# Solar tax credit application deadline extended

## State law changes help citizens go solar

New Mexico homeowners and businesses that installed solar energy systems during the year will have an additional month to submit applications for 2007 state tax credits. The Jan. 15, deadline will be changed to Feb. 15. This deadline change also applies to subsequent years.

"Filing for the New Mexico tax credit requires first that the solar system be certified by the state's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department," said Fernando Martinez, director of the Department's Energy Conservation and Management Division. "Our staff stands ready to help anyone who has installed a solar energy system with the certification process."

The certification process supports quality assurance of solar systems and includes requirements for permitting, licensed contractors and code-compliant equipment. Many solar system installers will assist with documenting the solar system's operation and the certification process.

The Energy Conservation and Management Division encourages those who have not yet applied for the state tax credits for their systems to get their paperwork in order and submitted. For assistance, call the Division at (505) 476-3310.

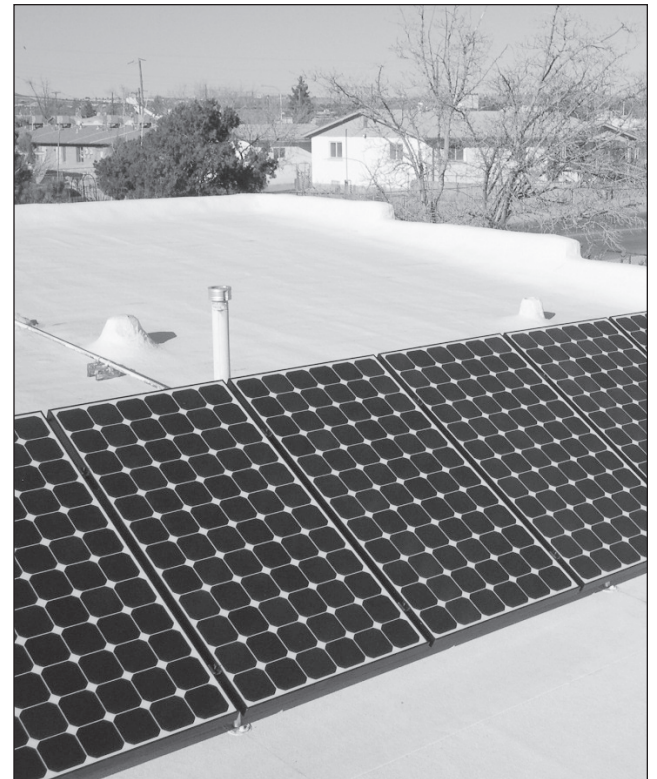
New Mexico provides a tax credit of up to \$9,000 for a solar energy system installed between Jan. 1, 2006, and Dec. 31, 2015, in addition to the federal tax credit of up to \$2,000. If two separate systems are installed, such as solar photovoltaic electric and solar thermal heating, state tax credits can be claimed for both systems, up to a total of \$18,000.

Thanks to action last year by Gov. Richardson and the New Mexico Legislature, two additional solar incentives are available to make it easier to utilize solar energy. The Solar Gross Receipts Tax Exemption is now in effect, which can help reduce the upfront cost at the time of purchase. New Mexico's long-standing Solar Rights Act, which established the right to use solar energy as a property right, has been strengthened. Retroactive to 1978, it is prohibited for cities and homeowners' associations to establish covenants, codes, or restrictions that forbid solar installations (with the exception of historic districts). More homeowners can now utilize their right to an unobstructed line-of-sight path to the sun.

For more information about New Mexico's solar energy incentives, visit [www.CleanEnergyNM.org](http://www.CleanEnergyNM.org)

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Recent laws passed in New Mexico help those who install solar panels in their home and business gain tax credit.

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**\$119,900 - High Range** - 3650 Morning Star Drive Unit 1802, This 1 bedroom condo has been gently lived in for only 6 months. Condo has an

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There's nothing like a bowl of sizzling chili for chilly nights! Curl up next to a roaring fire and indulge. Some chili recipes demand meat (chili con carne) and/or beans, but chili isn't chili without chile peppers – whether fresh, dried, ground or powdered. Chili powder, commonly used in chili recipes, is a mixture of dried chile, cumin, oregano, garlic, coriander and cloves. The medley is a taste bud and olfactory pleaser!

Famouschilirecipes.com offers 10 healthful motives for eating the hearty concoction:

1. Chili boasts an abundance of protein with or without meat. Chili is often prepared with beans – a second good source of protein.
2. Chili is high in fiber thanks to the chile and beans.
3. Chili contains vitamin C.
4. Chili – both the meat and vegetarian versions – contains iron, an essential mineral.
5. Chili can help you lose weight. Eating chile pepper increases metabolism.
6. Chili can make you happy. "Chiles promote endorphin and serotonin release, both of which inflate your mood."
7. Chili, which contains varying degrees of pepper heat, can curb your cravings for sweet and fatty foods. The hotter the better!
8. Chili contains vitamin A which can help boost your immune system.
9. Chili may help regulate blood sugar after eating. According to a recent study, "the amount of insulin needed to lower patients' blood sugar is reduced if the meal contains chile peppers."
10. Chili can help clear congestion. The capsaicin in chile stimulates mucous secretions.

Will Rogers (1879-1935), popular actor, cattleman, banker and journalist, called chili a "bowl of blessedness." Amen.

## 1882 Chili

This recipe is served at Sleder's Family Tavern in Traverse City, Mich. It is one of a handful of Michigan's oldest operating taverns.

**2 pounds ground beef (may substitute with ground moose or buffalo)**  
**1/2 cup onion, diced**  
**1/2 cup green pepper, diced**  
**2 cups tomatoes, diced**  
**3 cups tomato sauce**  
**1 can chili beans**  
**1 can kidney beans**  
**6 cups water**  
**6 tablespoons chili powder**  
**1 tablespoon granulated garlic**  
**1 tablespoon salt**  
**1 tablespoon black pepper**  
**1 tablespoon cumin**

Brown ground beef with onion and

green pepper, then drain grease. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 1 hour. Yield: Approximately 1 gallon.

## Old-Fashioned Chili for the Microwave

Interesting tidbit: The first commercial countertop microwave oven was introduced in 1954 by Raytheon Corporation and cost nearly \$2,000.

This recipe dates back nearly 26 years ago and appears in "Microwave Cookbook: The Complete Guide" by Pat Jester (Creative Foods, Ltd, 1982). Jester, now retired, is a former food editor with Better Homes and Gardens.

**1 pound ground beef chuck**  
**1/2 cup chopped onion**  
**1/4 cup chopped green pepper**  
**1 (16-ounce) can tomatoes, cut up**  
**1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce**  
**1 teaspoon dried leaf oregano**  
**1 large bay leaf**  
**1 teaspoon chili powder**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1 (16-ounce) can kidney beans, drained, rinsed**  
**Garnish: Shredded cheddar cheese**

Baking Dish: Deep 3-quart casserole  
Time at high (meat) 5 minutes  
Time at high (beans added) 7 minutes  
Time at 30 percent: 25 to 30 minutes  
NOTE: Times will vary according to individual microwaves.

Crumble meat into a casserole. Add onion and green pepper. Cover with waxed paper. Microwave at full power (HIGH) for time in above chart or until meat is browned, stirring twice. Pour off juices. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, oregano, bay leaf, chili powder and salt. Mix well. Gently fold in beans. Cover. Microwave at full power (HIGH) for time in above chart or until mixture is boiling. Stir well. Cover. Microwave at 30 percent (MEDIUM LOW) for time in above chart or until vegetables are tender and flavors blended, stirring once. Serve in bowls and garnish with shredded cheddar cheese. Serves 4.

## Midwest-Southwest Chili

Not too hot, not too spicy. Add a dash or two of chili powder for bonus zing.

**2 pounds chuck, boneless**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**1/4 teaspoon garlic powder**  
**1 1/3 cups onion, chopped**  
**1 (1 pound, 12 ounce) can whole tomatoes with juice, chopped**  
**1 cup ketchup**  
**1 garlic clove, finely chopped**  
**1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar**  
**1 large green bell pepper, thinly sliced**  
**1/4 cup canned jalapeño chiles, seeded (more or less), thinly sliced**  
**1 bay leaf**

Bake boneless chuck, covered, in 3 cups of water with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, for 2 to 3 hours or



Spicy-hot peppers and tomatoes are essential to the spirit of savory chili.

until very tender. Add tomato, ketchup, vinegar and bay leaf.

Combine meat, beef broth, vegetables and tomato sauce. Add jalapeños and 1 tablespoon jalapeño juice; adjust this seasoning to taste. Simmer over low heat 30 minutes or longer.

Chili can be served several different ways – in bowls as a thick soup, over rice as a main dish, or with corn or flour tortillas as an appetizer. Serves 8. (From Pride of Northern Michigan, Creative Characters, Inc., 1995, 1997)

## Dare You! Hot and Spicy Chili Recipe

(adapted from famouschilirecipes.com)

Warning: This recipe is spicy hot and is guaranteed to twirl taste buds!

**1 (12-ounce) can tomato paste**  
**1 (16-ounce) tomato sauce**  
**3 (24-ounce) cans red kidney beans (drained)**  
**6 tablespoons garlic powder**  
**3 tablespoons onion powder**  
**2 tablespoons ground cumin**  
**2 tablespoons parsley**  
**2 teaspoons oregano**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper**  
**1 tablespoon chipotle powder**  
**1 teaspoon habanero chile powder**  
**1 medium onion, chopped**

**4 whole red or orange habaneros (deveined, deseeded and minced)**  
**6 jalapeños (deveined, deseeded and chopped)**  
**2 New Mexican fresh green chiles (deveined, deseeded and chopped)**  
**1/2 pound elbow macaroni**  
**1 pound steak of choice**  
**1 pound ground beef**  
**1 pound ground pork**  
**6 ounces of beer (1/2 can)**

In a large pot, sauté the onion in a small amount of olive oil until translucent. Bring to a simmer the tomato paste, tomato sauce, kidney beans, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, chili powder, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper, chipotle powder, habanero powder, habaneros, jalapeños, New Mexican chiles and dry pasta. While this is simmering, grill steak and brown beef and pork in a large skillet. Drain the meat, and season with salt and pepper. Cut steak into very small pieces and add steak, beef and pork to sauce along with beer. Cook for 30 minutes. Serve with grated cheese and chopped onions. Serves 8-12.

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Right: This horno, or bread oven, is a gift that Alfonso Romero made for his wife Virginia.



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# Featured Home: 4636 Maxim Court

Left: Instead of built-in closets, the home's builder, Hector Telles, constructed several cabinets like these for almost every room.

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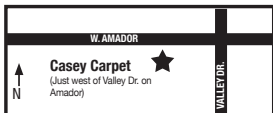
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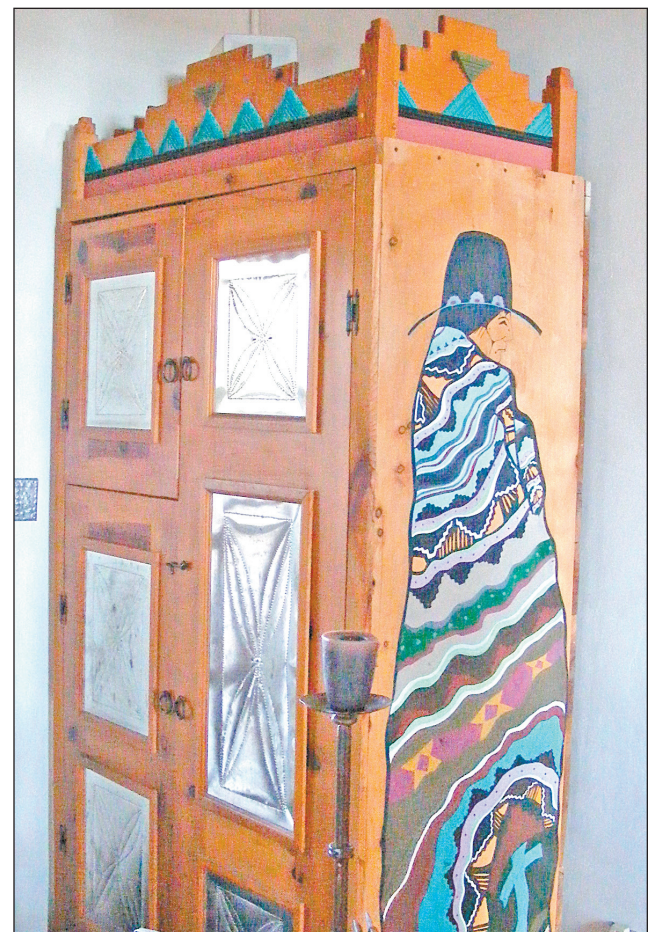
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